



## ELM FARM E-Bulletin No. 46, April 2016

### **ORC 2014/2015 Review of Activities**

This review of ORC's activities covers two years, 2014 and 2015. We are pleased that this period saw improvement in the recognition given to organic/agroecological approaches by practitioners, the food industry, citizens and policy makers. [More...](#)

### **Organic farm incomes up in 2015**

A new financial report published today shows organic farm profits increasing, with organic dairy farming outperforming conventional dairy farming in England and Wales. [More...](#)

### **We are recruiting!**

We are looking to appoint a full-time Finance Officer to be responsible for our financial administration and accounting. Deadline Monday 25th April. [More](#)

## **News**

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### **New staff at ORC!**

We welcome [Dr. Stefano Orsini](#) who joins us Senior Researcher, Organic Business & Markets; [Samantha Mullender](#) joins us as Sustainability Researcher; [Oliver Rubinstein](#) is our Organic Business and Markets Researcher, and [Atul Srivastava](#) joins us as Major Donor Officer.

### **New resources on organic protected cropping:**

Biogreenhouse project suite of publications [More...](#)

### **Farmer bursaries for European Agroforestry Conference:**

Grants available for 2 farmers to attend Montpellier conference [More...](#)

### **Sustainability assessment:**

Further development of methodologies for sustainability assessment and monitoring in organic/ecological agriculture. Final project report. [More...](#)

### **The 'Real Farming' Movement:**

Permaculture Magazine podcast from the Organic Producers' Conference [More...](#)

### **Cymru Organig Newsletter:**

The Spring issue of the Organic Centre Wales newsletter is out [More...](#)

### **Diversifood Newsletter:**

Second newsletter of the Diversifood project. Embedding crop diversity and networking for local high quality food systems [More...](#)

### Welsh Organic Producer Survey 2015:

Latest survey published by Organic Centre Wales [More...](#)

### Box scheme consumer survey:

Consumer food choices and organic food. Please help by completing and/or distributing this survey, which is open to the 9<sup>th</sup> May [More...](#)

## From Agrigology

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The latest news and features from [Agrigology](#) includes:

### Agrigology Open Day 28th June: a farm tour and gathering of partners and experts

Richard Smith blogs on the first Agrigology Open Day, which will on Tuesday 28th June with an exploration of agriculture, horticulture and farmshop enterprises at Daylesford. [More...](#)

### farmhealthonline.com

This knowledge hub for livestock farmers and advisors will enable proactive animal health and welfare planning and help with decision-making. [More...](#)

### Introducing The LegumePlus Project: Sainfoin, Birdsfoot Trefoil & Red Clover

This Cotswold Seeds video introduces LegumePlus; an EU-funded project which researched how legumes, particularly sainfoin and birdsfoot trefoil, can improve ruminant nutrition, milk and meat quality and cheese production, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and control parasitic worms. [More...](#)

### Hedgerows, Lleyns & lambing:

In our March video blog Richard Smith introduces us to the commercial flock of Lleyn ewes he manages at Daylesford Organic Farm [More](#)

### Bridge that gap: Stewardship grants for hedges & stone walls:

Martin Froment of Natural England on the new opportunities now available for farmers to get grant funding through Countryside Stewardship. [More](#)

## Upcoming events

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**28 June 2016:** [Agrigology Open Day at Daylesford](#)

a farm tour and gathering of partners and experts

**7 July 2016:** [National Organic Combinable Crops 2016](#)

Wimpole Hall, Cambs

## More about us

### Join the Organic Research Centre's Farmer and Business Supporters' Group

As a farmer and/or business operator, we hope you will have benefited, directly or indirectly, from the work we have undertaken, including our work to help ensure fair support payments for organic producers. To help us be more effective we would like to invite you to join our newly established [Farmer and Business Supporters' Group](#). In return for a commitment to a regular donation to

support our work, the new Group provides an opportunity for us to say thank you for your support and to give you something back, including an opportunity to have a say in, and get involved with, our future activities [More...](#)

### Subscribe to the ORC printed Bulletin

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### 2014 Organic Farm Management Handbook

This is a 'must have' publication for everyone interested in the business of organic farming and growing. Now at half price! [More](#)

### Other publications available

A wide range of our research and other publications can be accessed via our website, and some printed versions are available to order. [More...](#)

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