



Organic Producer Conference programme is online!

The latest full programme is now online. See our exciting line-up of speakers and workshops [here](#). Book early for best prices! The 11th Organic Producers' Conference **Rising to the challenge: Practical organic farming solutions for an uncertain future** will be held on Wednesday 1st February and Thursday 2nd February 2017 at Conference Aston, Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET [More...](#)

News

Transitions to agroecological systems: farmers' viewpoints:

New study on the transition process to agroecological systems on farms [More...](#)

Easier access to information on pesticides and their effects:

Important Decision from the EU Court of Justice [More...](#)

New project at ORC - CEReal RENaissance in Rural Europe: Embedding diversity in organic and low-input food systems

CERERE is a new 3-year Horizon 2020 project. The project will promote innovation through diversity-based 'alternative' cereal food systems in Europe through knowledge exchange and communities of practice adopting a bottom-up approach. [More...](#)

Organic leaders call for a regulation that supports development:

Market growth needs to be supported through better implementation of the organic regulation [More...](#)

Call for sheep and goat farmers:

Sustainability assessments, case studies and to test innovative farm practices [More...](#)

Progress in organic plant breeding:

Main achievements from the COBRA project. See project coordinator, Bruce Pearce's video [More...](#)

No patent on seeds!

EU Commission says plants and animals derived from conventional breeding should be regarded as non-patentable [More...](#)

Final report from OSCAR project published:

Optimising Subsidiary Crop Applications in Rotations [More...](#)

Organic crop area on the rise in the EU:

Organic land area up in all Member States, except the United Kingdom and the Netherlands [More...](#)

From Agricolgy

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

Practical organic farming solutions for an uncertain future

Phil Sumption blogs about the Organic Producers' Conference. [More...](#)

Rearing turkeys for Christmas

Richard Smith from Daylesford's vlog. [More...](#)

Farmer profile:

Andrew Burgess of Taylorgrown in Norfolk. Using field margins to increase the immediacy of predatory insects and help control aphids. [More...](#)

The future for insect bioconversion products in poultry feed

This Nuffield Report by Dr Aidan Leek, a poultry nutritionist and technical specialist in the industry, is the result of a worldwide study to better understand the production and use of insects in feed and the opportunities for the farming industry. [More...](#)

Use of diverse swards and 'mob grazing' for forage production

SOLID Farmer Handbook: Technical Note 3 [More...](#)

Upcoming events

2 December 2016: [Assessing the health of your soil](#)

GREATsoils Trial Demo at Valefresco, Warks.

13 December 2016: [Looking at soil life](#)

An introductory workshop on microbial life: If you can measure it, you can manage it

15 December 2016: [Focus group on sheep meat](#)

Call for lamb and mutton eaters in Newbury!

4-5 January 2017: [The Oxford Real Farming Conference 2017](#)

Gathering of the UK's sustainable and organic food and farming movements

10 January 2017: [Looking at soil life](#)

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1-2 February 2017: [11th Organic Producers' Conference](#)

Rising to the challenge: Practical organic farming solutions for an uncertain future

22 June 2017: [Agroforestry 2017](#)

Improving productivity for farmers and foresters

[Innovative Farmers Field labs and Webinars](#)

Photo albums

GREATsoils field day at Tolhurst Organic

The trial compared two different sowing times for green manures (between early potatoes in July 2016 and brassica in spring 2017) [See photos](#)

Earthworm Assessment at JEPCO for GREATsoils

The trial is looking at the effects on soil of including a short term summer green manure (buckwheat) between lettuce crops. [See photos](#)

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