

# The Organic Producers' Conference proceedings are online

The 11th Organic Producers' Conference **Rising to the challenge: Practical organic farming solutions for an uncertain future** was held on Wednesday 1st February and Thursday 2nd February 2017 at Conference Aston, Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET. Videos, presentations and abstracts are now online. <u>More...</u>

## **News**

## Multi-agency GM potato objection:

ORC joins with others to express concerns over GM potato trial More...

#### **Countryside Stewardship opens for 2017:**

The third year of the Countryside Stewardship scheme is open for applications More...

## **Consultation on breeding techniques:**

IFOAM seeks comments on position paper More...

## **UK organic market tops £2 billion:**

Soil Association's 2017 Organic Market Report is out More...

## Challenges of organic arable farming:

Call for applications for online course More...

#### The future of UK organic support:

Defra minister announces continued support post-Brexit More...

### The 2017 Organic Farm Management Handbook is published:

The Organic Farm Management Handbook is the only source of up-to-date information on the costs and performance of organic farming. More...

# **From Agricology**

The latest news and features from Agricology includes:

#### Tillage & undersowing effects on organic wheat yield components & yield

Findings from trials at RAU into the effects of different forms of tillage and undersowing on the performance of organic winter and spring wheat. <u>More...</u>

## Red clover varietal response to cutting

RAU trials into different responses of six varieties of red clover (*Trifolium pratense*, L.) to cutting More...

#### **Cover crop crossroads**

Phil Jarvis of the Allerton Project blogs on the challenges of integrating cover crops into an arable and livestock business. More...

#### Companion crops are a farmer's friend

Blog by Ian Wilkinson of Cotswold Seeds. More...

#### Agroforestry - it's just trees on farms!

Stuart Holm of the Woodland Trust demystifies agroforestry. More...

## **Rearing beef cattle**

Richard Smith vlogs about the beef cattle at Daylesford, giving a few pointers on feeding regimes and calving management. More...

### **Farmer profile: Christine Page**

Smiling Tree Farm in South Shropshire is a 70 acre pastoral farm that focuses on regenerating soil health through the use of mob-grazed ruminants raised exclusively on diverse permanent pastures, wildflower meadows, special fields of herbs, and browsing trees. More...

# **Upcoming events**

## **22 June 2017:** Agroforestry 2017

Improving productivity for farmers and foresters

## **23 June 2017:** Practical Agroforestry in the British Isles

Farm Woodland Forum annual meeting

### 6 July 2017: National Organic Combinable Crops (NOCC) 2017

ORC are active partners in OF&G's flagship event, which will will be held in Hampshire.

## **Innovative Farmers Field labs and Webinars**

## Photo albums

## **David Rose Agroforestry**

David Rose's agroforestry system in Nottinghamshire, UK. We are collecting data from the farm for modelling agroforestry systems in the SustainFARM project. <a href="Photos...">Photos...</a>

## **Tim Downes agroforestry**

We visited Tim Downes in March - interviewing him for iSAGE and Transitioning to Agroecology projects - and seeing his agroforestry and calf-feeding systems. <a href="Photos...">Photos...</a>

#### **Buckwheat/couch field lab**

First meeting of the OGA/LWA Innovative Farmers field lab on using buckwheat for couch control, was held on Friday 24th February at Abbey Home Farm, near Cirencester. Photos...

### Planting new agroforestry system at Eastbrook Farm

On Monday 27th February, ORC staff helped out Ben Raskin in planting trees in a field at Eastbrook Farm, nr Swindon. Photos...

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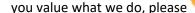
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