

# One-day Seminars on Organic Food Production and Supply Chains

For farmers/farm managers, advisers/land agents, researchers, young people including students/apprentices, and others involved in the food supply chain.

## 1. Introduction to organic farming and food supply chains - principles and practice

**Date:** Wednesday, 28 January 2015, 10 am – 4pm

**Venue:** Organic Research Centre, Elm Farm, Hamstead Marshall, Newbury, RG20 0HR

## 2. Introduction to the Business of Organic Food Production

**Date:** Thursday, 29 January 2015, 10 am – 4pm

**Venue:** Organic Research Centre, Elm Farm, Hamstead Marshall, Newbury, RG20 0HR

## 3. Introduction to Organic Arable and Horticultural Production Systems and Markets

**Date:** Wednesday, 4 February 2015, 10 am – 4pm

**Venue:** Wimpole Estate, Arrington, Royston, Cambridgeshire, SG8 0BW

## 4. Introduction to organic livestock husbandry and markets

**Date:** Thursday, 12 February 2015, 10 am – 4pm

**Venue:** Abbey Home Farm, Burford Road, Cirencester, GL7 5HF

## 5. Organic Food Supply Chains and the Environment

**Date:** Wednesday, 25 February 2015, 10 am – 4pm

**Venue:** Organic Research Centre, Elm Farm, Hamstead Marshall, Newbury, RG20 0HR

## 6. Farm sustainability assessment for improved performance and customer guarantee

**Date:** Thursday, 26 February 2015, 10 am – 4pm

**Venue:** Duchy Home Farm, Broadfield Farm, Tetbury GL8 8SE

The seminars will be run as a class, and use inter-active methods of teaching, icebreakers, and other techniques of working in small groups, to involve participants. A farm walk, where applicable, will help see some of the theory points, in practice.

## Course cost (local and organic lunch & refreshments included):

- Reduced price for eligible participants (see below) £50 + VAT
- Full price for participants not-eligible for funding £100 + VAT

On-line booking is available at [www.organicresearchcentre.com](http://www.organicresearchcentre.com). Alternatively, you can register directly and pay by cheque, BACS or credit card by contacting Gillian Woodward at ORC (below).

### RDPE support available:

50% fee reduction for English producers and others obtaining a living from agriculture or agricultural products. Eligibility includes producers and employees of producer groups, supply chain businesses, direct retailers, small consultancy businesses, but not multiple retailers, government departments, agencies or public bodies including universities. Participants must be living/working in England. To benefit please complete and sign the form overleaf and bring along to the event. You can still register and pay on line using the ORC website.

### Bursaries available:

We have funds from various sources, including the **Ernest Cook Trust** (nationwide), the **Gordon Palmer Memorial Trust** (Berkshire residents only), and the **Greenham Common Trust** (West Berkshire residents only) to enable young people (students/apprentices/new entrants) with limited means to attend the seminars. If you think you may qualify, for any of the above bursaries please contact Gillian Woodward with details of your address, age and circumstances to check eligibility.



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