New Organic Farming grants now available

The Countryside Stewardship scheme is open for applications until 30th September 2015, with 16 options available for organic farming. However, a wide range of organic organisations meeting as part of the English Organic Forum at ORC on July 10th have raised some serious concerns with Defra about the administrative implementation of the CS organic options, and are seeking a meeting to resolve these as soon as possible. For further information on these issues, please contact Nic Lampkin at ORC. More...

First meeting of ORC’s Farmer and Business Supporters’ Group

The first meeting of ORC’s Farmer and Business Supporters’ Group meeting will take place at Elm Farm on Tuesday 22nd September 2015, which will primarily provide a forum to identify and discuss topics of interest to members and to meet and network with other members of the group. Why not join up and join us? More

ORC at National Organic Combinable Crops 2015

See reports, videos, photos and presentations from ORC at NOCC15, the largest on-farm gathering for the UK organic sector, held at John Pawsey’s Shimpling Park Farms in Suffolk on 7 July. Launch of ORC Wakelyns Population wheat, cover crop trials and more! More

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22 September 2015: ORC’s Farmer and Business Supporters Group
First meeting at Elm Farm

23-25 November 2015: Oats2020
Oats conference in Solihull

26 January 2016: Sustainability of organic/low-input dairy
Challenges and solutions

27-28 January 2016: 10th Organic Producers’ Conference
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ORC @ NOCC15 Photos

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