We are recruiting!
We are looking to appoint an intern to assist with the production of the 2017 Edition of the Organic Farm Management Handbook. More...

News

Atul is running the Bournemouth Half Marathon:
Our Major Donor Officer gets his trainers on to raise funds for the Organic Research Centre. More..

Comings and goings at ORC:
In July we said goodbye to Beth Cullen who worked tirelessly to get Agricology up and running, and also on OK-NET Arable. See photos. Beth takes up a position as a Research Fellow at the University of Westminster. We welcome Rachel Lewis to the team, working as Communications Assistant on the Agricology project. See her blog. Later this month we will be joined by Katie Bliss, a farmer’s daughter from Cambridgeshire, who will replace Beth.

Countryside Stewardship applications to be honoured:
Organic conversion and maintenance application this September safe More...

Antibiotic-resistant E. coli on supermarket meat:
Shocking levels of antibiotic-resistant E.coli bacteria found in UK supermarket meat More...

From Agricology

The latest news and features from Agricology includes:

Benefits of growing red clover and the use of FECPAK to reduce reliance on anthelmintic drugs
Richard Smith vlog. More...

The role of livestock in meeting emissions targets and keeping carbon in the soil
Liz Bowles from the Soil Association blogs. More...

Farmer profile:
Tim May, Pitt Hall Farm, Kingsclere Estates Ltd. 2,500ac of Regenerative Agriculture. Sheep re-introduced to arable system. More...

Increasing the value of hedges for wildlife with relaxed cutting regimes
Centre for Ecology & Hydrology resource. More...

Illustrated guide to hedgerow network restoration
This Natural England Technical Information Note provides some practical pointers to help you restore hedges and maximise the benefits More...

Upcoming events

14 September 2016: Growing Innovation Day
Rijk Zwaan and Soil Association event in Somerset

29 September 2016: Farmer Innovation Day
Innovative Farmers' networking day at Sheepdrove Organic Farm

21 November 2016: Holistic Management®
An Introduction to Holistic Management with specific focus on financial and grazing planning

4-5 January 2017: The Oxford Real Farming Conference 2017
Gathering of the UK's sustainable and organic food and farming movements

1-2 February 2017: 11th Organic Producers' Conference
Rising to the challenge: Practical organic farming solutions for an uncertain future

Innovative Farmers Field labs and Webinars

Photo albums

Ancient wheat trials – Diversifood
Gallery of Emmer, Rivet and Einkorn from the trials at Doves Farm. See photos

GREATsoils field day at Loddington Orchard on 30 August
GREATsoils project second field trial demonstration day at Loddington Farm in Kent, hosted by Paul Smith in his newly planted apple orchard; as well as from a couple of weeks before in early August, showing the different green manure mixes in the apple alleys. More...

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