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Red clover varietal response to cutting
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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

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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. Photos...

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. Photos...

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
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