

5th Organic Producers' Conference 17-18th January 2011

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Fresh ideas to improve the technical, financial and environmental performance of your farm and business

The last two years have been particularly challenging for producers of organic food. Market conditions have been mixed, with some sectors holding up, others suffering reduced demand, and yet others where prices have held up, despite large increases in supply, but at the expense of a disappearing premium. At the same time, public expenditure cuts pose a real threat to future support payments. Environmental sustainability comes at a price.

If you are concerned about how to cope with these challenges, perhaps even thinking about giving up, or still convinced and looking for new ways forward, then this conference is for you. This event is where producers meet with each other and with advisers and researchers to debate ideas and be inspired.

Jointly organised with:



Organic Growers Alliance



Soil Association
healthy soil, healthy people, healthy planet



2011 Organic Producers' Conference: Outline Programme (13/10/10)

Monday 17th January

<i>Time</i>	<i>Session 1 (Institute of Organic Training & Advice)</i>	<i>Session 2 (Organic Growers Alliance)</i>	<i>Session 3 (Livestock: OMSCo & Graig Producers)</i>	<i>Session 4 (Organic research & wider issues)</i>
09.30-11.00	IOTA internal meeting (advisory tools & techniques)	Opportunity for producer and other groups to hold internal/ fringe meetings		
10.30-11.30	Arrival, registration and refreshments			
11.30-13.00	Opening plenary: The changing policy environment and impacts on organic producers			
13.00-14.30	Lunch and networking time			
14.30-16.00 Workshops 1	Arable and horticulture: Soil structure, biological activity and management		Ruminants: feeding for health and profit?	Climate change and sustainability: tools to improve farm performance
16.00-16.30	Refreshments			
16.30-18.00 Workshops 2	Arable and field veg: closing the yield gap, maintaining fertility, improving rotations	Horticulture: Protected cropping and related topics	Non-ruminants: feeding from the range and other alternatives	Communicating organic values to consumers
18:00-19.30	Participants at leisure - producer groups' reception			
19.30-24.00	Conference dinner and party			

Tuesday 18th January

<i>Time</i>	<i>Session 1: (Organic Arable)</i>	<i>Session 2 (Organic Growers Alliance)</i>	<i>Session 3 (Livestock: OMSCo & Graig Producers)</i>	<i>Session 4 (Organic research & wider issues)</i>
08.00-09.00	Breakfast			
09.00-10.30 Workshops 3	Reduced tillage systems and energy use	Novel horticultural crops and genetic resources	The Soil Association's animal welfare project	Closing cycles: revisiting the case for sewage sludge and green waste composts
10.30-11.00	Refreshments			
11.00-12.30 Workshops 4	Developing the arable market with quality production	Growers' open session	Role of livestock in food production; reconnecting the hills and lowlands	Biodiversity, ecosystem services & agroforestry
12.30-13.30	Lunch			
13.30-15.00	Closing plenary			
15.00-15.30	Refreshments			
15.00-17.00	IOTA internal meeting: update for advisors on changes in organic standards & policy	Organic Growers Alliance meeting: developing local groups	SOLID participatory dairy research projects – invitation to get involved	Opportunity for producer and other groups to hold internal/ fringe meetings

For further conference details, on-line registration and to support our 30th Anniversary Appeal, visit: www.organicresearchcentre.com

Conference costs and booking form (can also be completed on-line at www.organicresearchcentre.com**)

Options	Reduced rate for PRODUCERS*, IOTA members and STUDENTS				Full rate for all other participants				Total cost
	Early Bird Rate*** Book by 17 th December	Number	Standard Rate From 18 th December	Number	Early Bird Rate*** Book by 17 th December	Number	Standard Rate From 18 th December	Number	
Full participant (single) Conference admittance for both days with lunches, conference dinner and B&B (single occupancy)	£200 (£170.21 excl VAT)		£260 (£221.28 excl VAT)		£240 (£204.26 excl VAT)		£310 (£263.83 excl VAT)		
Full participant (sharing) (per person) Conference admittance for both days with lunches, conference dinner and B&B (double occupancy)	£160 (£136.17 excl VAT)		£210 (£178.72 excl VAT)		£190 (£161.70 excl VAT)		£250 (£212.77 excl VAT)		
Non-participating guests Can be accommodated at a supplement to the single participant fee (includes breakfast but not other meals)	£20 (£17.02 excl VAT)		£25 (£21.28 excl VAT)		£25 (£21.28 excl VAT)		£30 (£25.53 excl VAT)		
Day participant Monday 17 th January 2011 (including lunch)	£50 (£42.55 excl VAT)		£65 (£55.32 excl VAT)		£60 (£51.07 excl VAT)		£80 (£68.09 excl VAT)		
Day participant Tuesday 18 th January 2011 (including lunch)	£50 (£42.55 excl VAT)		£65 (£55.32 excl VAT)		£60 (£51.07 excl VAT)		£80 (£68.09 excl VAT)		
Conference dinner Additional option for day participants and non-participating guests	£30 (£25.53 excl VAT)		£40 (£34.04 excl VAT)		£35 (£29.79 excl VAT)		£45 (£38.30 excl VAT)		
Total amount due:									

*For Producer Rate a **Holding Number** must be provided (see over) – please note we are actively seeking funds to further discount the producer rate and will notify you if discounts may be applicable. Check the conference website at www.organicresearchcentre.com for latest details.

** To be valid, on-line registrations must be paid (by BACS, cheque or credit card – phone 01488 658279) within two weeks of the registration date, otherwise the registration will be cancelled. For all other bookings, payment (cheque or credit card) must accompany the booking form.

***For Early Bird discount, booking forms AND payment must arrive by 5 pm on **17th December 2010**.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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PARTICIPANT DETAILS: Please complete a separate form for EACH participant attending:

Title:		First Name:		Last Name:			
Organisation:							
Details for Name Badge:							
Address:							
						Postcode:	
Email:							
Telephone:							
Producer Holding Number (required to qualify for reduced producer rate):							
IOTA Member (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/>				Student (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/>			
Areas of interest (please tick):							
Grower	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poultry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dairy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheep	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pigs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adviser/consultant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beef	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research	<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state) <input type="checkbox"/>							

Special dietary requirements Vegetarian Vegan Other

Any other special requirements (i.e. wheelchair access, etc) (please give details):

Accommodation: Please state here if you have any special requirements for accommodation, i.e. wheelchair ramp, ground floor, etc.

Payment details:

I enclose a cheque for £		made payable to Progressive Farming Trust Ltd					
or debit my Mastercard/Visa/Maestro:							
Name of Cardholder:							
Card No:				Expiry Date:			
Start Date of Card (Maestro only):				Issue No (Maestro only):			
Security No (last 3 digits on signature strip on back of card):							

If you would like to submit this form by e-mail, but prefer not to e-mail your credit card details, please e-mail the form and then telephone 01488 658279

CANCELLATION policy:

Please note that refund of payments due to cancellation by you will only be possible until 5 pm on Friday, 17th December 2010, and will incur an administration charge of 20%. Unfortunately no monies can be refunded for cancellations after this date. We regret that there will be no refunds if delegates are unable to get to the conference because of bad weather.

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