

# PROGRAMME - 11<sup>th</sup> December

10.00	<b>Institute of Organic Trainers and Advisers (IOTA) AGM</b>	Mark Measures
12.00	<b>Conference delegates arrive and register</b>	
12.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00	<b>Plenary session:</b> Welcome. The state of the organic movement: a producer panel giving producer perspectives	Lawrence Woodward

## Parallel sessions:

<b>GROWERS</b>		
15.00	<b>Organic Growers Alliance launch and discussion</b>	Organic Growers Alliance Roger Hitchings/Alan Schofield
15.45	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
16.05	<b>Technical Sessions:</b> Systems approach to organic pest and disease control	Jan Deane/Iain Tolhurst
16.25	Beneficial insects	Tim Deane
16.45	Green manures and fertility management	Alan Schofield
17.05	Open floor discussion	

<b>POULTRY</b>		
15.00	<b>Public Perception and Commercial Reality:</b> What can consumers expect; can it be delivered; if so, how? Presentation of consumer survey	Campaign for Real Organic Poultry Pammy and Ritchie Riggs
15.45	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
16.00	<b>Real organic poultry production: Overcoming Barriers and Exploring Opportunities.</b> An introduction by Richard Sanders (EFORC) and discussion facilitated by Pammy Riggs.	Richard Sanders Pammy Riggs

<b>ARABLE, DAIRY, BEEF and SHEEP</b>		
15.00	<b>Making the most of Stewardship schemes</b> (and water and waste regulations)	Matthew Heaton and Trevor Mansfield of Natural England
15.45	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	

<b>ARABLE</b>		
16.00	<b>Managing Agronomic Risk:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Variability in UK wheat production <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varieties</li> <li>Populations</li> <li>Weed control</li> <li>Seed-borne disease</li> </ul> </li> <li>Nitrogen flows and seed management</li> </ul>	Summarised by researchers from Elm Farm Organic Research Centre  Christine Watson
17.30 – 18.00	<b>Organic Arable Marketing Group members' meeting</b>	OAMG

<b>BEEF and SHEEP and DAIRY</b>		
16.00	<b>Homoeopathy revisited:</b> Introduction and current status Questions and shared experiences	Trevor Adams
16.45	<b>Beef from Dairy:</b> Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunity for dairy farmer?</li> <li>Threat to beef farmers? or</li> <li>Synergy?</li> </ul>	Phil Stocker

## Evening Programme

17.30	Delegates at leisure	
18.30	Drinks reception and Dinner <b>ORGANIC INFORM</b> Presentation and Project Launch	
19.30	Dinner with Chas Griffin, author of "Scenes from a Smallholding" speaking afterwards.	

## PROGRAMME - 12<sup>th</sup> December

### GROWERS

09.00	<b>Eostre – a marketing case study</b>	Roger Hitchings/Graham Hughes
09.20	<b>Passing the baton on to the new generation</b>	Pete Richardson
09.40	Open floor discussion – and review of issues raised by the Organic Growers Alliance launch	

### POULTRY

09.00	<b>Remember CAMRA – now there is CROP!</b> Working together in the Campaign for Real Organic Poultry – launch of CROP. What is it? Where will we be in 20 years time? What does CROP want to achieve?	Campaign for Real Organic Poultry
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### ARABLE

09.00	<b>Managing Marketing Risk</b> How the market works - Derogations - Imports - Feed vs Processing Collaboration and co-operation to reduce risk - Pools - Partnerships Farmer Strategies - What experienced organic farmers are doing	Andrew Trump           Ian Eastwood
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### DAIRY

09.00	<b>Mastitis prevention and control</b>	Steve Turner
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### BEEF and SHEEP

09.00	<b>Developing Organic Production:</b> Reconciling principles and the market	Mark Measures will introduce and lead a discussion
	<b>Perspectives on the market</b> Graig Farm OLMC Direct	Nigel Elgar Ralph Human Tim Budden

### Programme continues for all delegates

10.30	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
11.00	<b>EU regulation: update on the revision</b>	Francis Blake
11.30 – 12.30	<b>Open forum:</b> <i>Put your name down to speak on these or any other issues:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can there be a Producer Movement?</li> <li>• The state of the EU Regulation</li> <li>• Derogations and how they operate</li> <li>• GM issues</li> <li>• Organic farming: global warming and peak oil</li> <li>• Organic integrity</li> <li>• Market intelligence and information</li> <li>• The status of small producers in the growing market</li> </ul>	
12.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00	<b>How to go forward:</b> Discussion within Producer Groups A chance to discuss issues raised in the open forum and conference, resolve conflicts and plan actions.	
15.00	<b>Plenary feedback and further discussion</b>	
15.45	<b>Future scenarios</b>	Lawrence Woodward
16.15	<i>Tea/Coffee and close</i>	

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