



# Organic Producers:

**Doing it right: Doing it better**

**10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007**  
**Royal Agricultural College,**  
**Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 6JS**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Producer Conference**  
**created by organic producer groups and producers**  
**in conjunction with**  
**The Organic Research Centre – Elm Farm**

After the successful Cirencester producer conference in December 2006 the Organic Research Centre – Elm Farm is pleased to announce that a second conference is confirmed for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester.

The programme is entirely producer focused and the parallel workshops will to a great extent be planned and organised by producers themselves. There will be the same five strands to the workshops – growers, poultry, arable, dairy and beef & sheep – and these can combine to run joint sessions on matters of common interest.

Some of the topics to be covered are feed availability, its price and the pros and cons of increasing on-farm production as well as issues relating to energy and energy use, carbon foot-printing, arable crop production, composting and recycling, two tier standards, equivalence & level playing fields, antibiotics, etc.



**Registration Form**  
**Overleaf →**

# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Further details and Registration Form also available at:  
[www.organicresearchcentre.com](http://www.organicresearchcentre.com)

## DELEGATE DETAILS: Please complete a separate form for each delegate attending.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Details for Name Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Holding Number (subsidised rate for producers/growers with Holding No): \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of interest (please tick): Grower ☐ Poultry ☐ Arable ☐ Dairy ☐ Livestock ☐ Adviser ☐

## CONFERENCE DETAILS: Please select from the following options:

	Costs including VAT	PRODUCER/ GROWER (subsidised)		OTHER	
<b>Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th December</b>	Incl. Lunch, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast (please tick your room preference): Single <input type="checkbox"/> Twin <input type="checkbox"/>	£111.62	<input type="checkbox"/>	£160.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Monday 10th December</b>	Day rate including Lunch and Dinner	£75.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	£100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Monday 10th December</b>	Day rate including Lunch but NO Dinner	£37.20	<input type="checkbox"/>	£60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tuesday 11th December</b>	Day rate including Lunch	£37.20	<input type="checkbox"/>	£60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£.....</b>

Special Dietary requirements Vegetarian ☐ Vegan ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Any other Special Requirements (i.e. wheelchair access, etc) ☐ please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT DETAILS:

I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Progressive Farming Trust Ltd  
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# The Organic Research Centre - Elm Farm's Producer Conference - "Doing it right, doing it better"

## Monday 10th December

12.00 Arrive and register in the Tythe Barn

12.30 Lunch

### 14.00 Plenary – “Doing it right, doing it better”

A producer panel drawn from across the sectors. Producers will speak from their personal experiences on what they see as 'Doing it right, doing it better'

### 15:00 Workshops:

<i><b>Growers</b></i>	<i><b>Arable, poultry, dairy, beef &amp; sheep</b></i>	<i><b>IOTA (open to all delegates)</b></i>
Organic Growers Alliance welcome & update	Cross sector session on feed: The present situation and the perceived problems - a summary presentation to be followed by a wide-ranging discussion centred on these questions	Energy issues
Plant raising and substrates - the choices.	Can producers find a solution? Can producers work together to make a difference?	

15.50 Tea / coffee break

### 16.10 Workshops continue:

<i><b>Growers</b></i>	<i><b>Arable, poultry, dairy, beef &amp; sheep</b></i>	<i><b>IOTA (open to all delegates)</b></i>
Plant raising (cont)	Cross sector discussion on feed continues	Workshop – to be confirmed
Photo tour of Holland with focus on standards.	Presentations and discussion on (i) linked farms (ii) naked oats (iii) alternative approaches to organic rations (iv) a changing role for compounders?	

### 17.00 Meetings

<i><b>Growers</b></i>	<i><b>Arable</b></i>	<i><b>Poultry, dairy, beef &amp; sheep</b></i>
OGA Committee	OAMG meeting	The need for an Organic Animal Health Summit – in the wake of FMD, Avian Flu, Bluetongue: is there an organic approach?

17.30 Delegates at leisure - bar will be open from 18.00

### 19.00 Conference Dinner, with after dinner speaker

*Programme details are subject to change.*

## Tuesday 11th December

07.30 Breakfast

### 09.00 Workshops

<i><b>Growers</b></i>	<i><b>Arable</b></i>	<i><b>Poultry</b></i>	<i><b>Dairy</b></i>	<i><b>Beef &amp; sheep</b></i>	<i><b>RELU</b></i>
Composts and composting, personal experiences	The value of variety trials - value or ornament?	Quality and health in modern chickens - do they get enough range?	The management of mastitis - preventing the need for antibiotics	Welfare issues: sheep scab, lameness, etc.	A workshop to examine the impact of increasing the organic land area in England
The use and re-use of plastic in organic horticulture	Co-operation & pool pricing versus individual marketing and spot trading - what's best for the producer?	Non-organic chicks and semi-organic pullets - what will make things change?	High input & low input systems - strengths and weaknesses	A strategy for survival. Independent livestock marketing groups - strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats	

10.30 Tea / coffee break

### 11.00 The new EU Organic Regulation: presentation and discussion - Andrew Eldridge, Defra

Including: Certification bodies' responses to the implementation of the regulation

12.30 Lunch

### 14.15 Facing the Future: the debate

OELS and OHLS - Matthew Heaton, Natural England

Brief contributions from representatives of the devolved regions on the differences in support schemes.

Have your say - delegates are invited to speak on relevant topics such as (examples and illustrative):

- Can a unified producer movement re-form and would it make a difference?
- Organic farming, peak oil and global warming - they haven't gone away
- Where will the market take us?
- Energy use - the hard question
- What do we mean by local?
- Organic integrity, two tier standards, equivalence - where is it taking us?
- Will the new EU Regulation make a difference?
- What about consumer perceptions - do they matter?
- What do the next 3/6/12 months hold for producers and their markets?
- What progress has been made since the last conference?

### 15.45 Organic farming, CAP reform and the resource crisis: Prof. Dr. Hardy Vogtmann: President of the Organic Research Centre – Elm Farm

16.15 Tea and cake

16.30 Conference close and depart

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