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Practical Sustainable Farming Knowledge Hub

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AGRICOLOGY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICAL FARMING Agricology is an independent knowledge platform supporting all farmers and growers to transition to more sustainable and resilient farming systems. It was founded in 2015 by the Daylesford Foundation, The Organic Research Centre (ORC) and the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust Allerton Project, with collaborative contributions from over 40 organisations, and is currently delivered by ORC.

Agricology shares knowledge and experience of agroecology from research and practice. It encompasses all production systems and a wide range of approaches, including organic, conservation agriculture and 'conventional'. The vision is that all farmers will be using agroecological and regenerative practices by 2030 to deliver productive, profitable, and resilient farming systems that enhance the environment



and ensure a vibrant sustainable future of farming in the UK. The mission is to inspire all farmers with research evidence and farmer stories to instil changes in their farming system.

The web platform hosts a library of over 400 resources on different practices and principles from across the sector. Farmers share their experiences of the real-world application across their whole farming system in farmer profiles, videos and podcasts. Over 200 blogs and research project pages provide a space for researchers and others involved in the industry to share their expertise on key topics ranging from managing problem pests and weeds, to soil health, to agroforestry... The Agricology team have also hosted field days on-farm and online in collaboration with partners, providing a space for demonstration and discussion.

In a survey of platform users in 2020, 50% reported that they have been inspired to change their farming practice because of Agricology - it helped to "fill the knowledge gaps", influencing them to "think differently" or feel "encouraged to continue on a path".

FURTHER READING

- 1. <u>www.agricology.co.uk</u>
- 2. <u>twitter.com/agricology</u>



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