

OF&G's National Organic Conference



The largest on-farm organic event in the UK 4 July 2023 Green Acres Farm, Shropshire



OF&G's National Organic Conference is an annual event built to service the stakeholder community in and around the organic sector. Now in its 16th year this one-day event is held on a successful organic farm business with the aim of discussing the practical challenges and opportunities faced by UK organic farmers specifically and also the wider UK organic sector. The event is open to all farmers who have an interest in exploring regenerative and organic techniques.

Since 2008 the OF&G annual on-farm conference has brought together people from across the food and farming community and from all over the British Isles, Europe and beyond.

The conference, originally named National Organic Cereals, has helped to highlight the opportunities that could be gained from farming cereals and pulses organically.

However, the conference is increasingly finding relevance with organic livestock farmers and the wider supply chain.

Farming faces some significant challenges and everybody is looking to build strength and resilience into their businesses. We believe that organic farming offers possibly the greatest set of opportunities for growers in the UK and consequently we want to provide an opportunity for the whole sector to come together to discuss practical, real world issues in an on-farm environment.

The aim is to provide a platform for the organic community to meet, share, discuss and celebrate resilient organic food and farming.

This year will be the event's sixteenth anniversary and we are very pleased to announce that in 2023 OF&G's NOC will be held at **Green Acres Farm, Shropshire.**

Green Acres was first certified as an organic farm by OF&G in 1999.

The farm is home to the Lea family who were also our hosts in 2018. Mark has made some fairly big (and some small), but important changes to the farm system and to his farm business in the intervening years.

We are delighted to be returning to allow Mark to update you all on the Green Acres story.

Focusing on a whole system mixed farming approach we'll show you round a successful sheep and arable farm.

NOC23 will highlight innovative farming techniques with the delivery of the multiple public goods that organic brings alongside the entrepreneurial approach Mark is taking.

He said, 'Connecting with the people who eat and process our food makes

us feel like food producers rather than commodity producers and is much more rewarding!'

The team from Organic Arable will also be able to provide further insights into cropping and market opportunities. The Organic Research Centre will present the very latest organic crop science. The Organic Trade Board will be on hand to give details on the latest market data. We also hope to have representatives of the livestock sector to provide further insights.

The OF&G certification team will be on hand to answer any questions about converting to organic and the organic certification process.

So, you may wish to mark the date in your diary, **4 July 2023**, OF&G's National Organic Conference in Shropshire.

If you are interested in attending, in sponsorship or becoming an event partner please contact Steven Jacobs: steven@ofgorganic.org



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