



Information on organic conversion for farmers in Wales

If you are interested in finding out more about converting to organic farming, your first step should be to contact the Organic Centre Wales helpline on 01970 622100. Helpline officers will be able to assist you and register you for the Organic Conversion Information Service. OCIS will help you to explore the technical implications of converting your farm, and comprises of an information pack and up to two advisory visits from a specialist organic consultant.

Farming Connect, launched in September 2001, aims to deliver a broad range of services to support the farming community in Wales, including a free Farm Business Development Plan (FBDP) and one day of technical advice. This provides an opportunity to build on the information you have received through OCIS to develop a detailed plan that covers both the financial and technical aspects of conversion, certification and registration for the Organic Farming Scheme.

There are a number of advisors with specialist organic expertise working in Wales, and Organic Centre Wales has developed a register of consultants. They all meet a set of minimum requirements, and are able to deliver your FBDP and/or provide specialist technical input. For more information, contact Tony Little on the details below, and visit our website.

If you are already registered with Farming Connect, you should tell the Service Centre and your FBDP consultant (if you have one allocated), that you are interested in organic conversion at the earliest available opportunity.

Organic Centre Wales, through the Farming Connect Organic Development Programme, maintains a series of organic demonstration farms and discussion groups, through which you can meet experienced organic producers, as well as other farmers considering conversion. There may also be opportunities for further advice on livestock health, grassland management and other specialist areas of organic farming.

It is anticipated that there will be changes relating to Farming Connect and associated services early in 2007.

For further information, contact:

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Gwybodaeth am droi'n organig i ffermwyr yng Nghymru

Os ydych eisiau rhagor o wybodaeth am droi i ffermio'n organig, dylech gysylltu'n gyntaf â llinell gymorth Canolfan Organig Cymru ar 01970 622100. Gall swyddogion y llinell gymorth eich cynorthwyo a'ch cofrestru ar gyfer y Gwasanaeth Gwybodaeth am Droï'n Organig. Bydd y Gwasanaeth Gwybodaeth yn eich cynorthwyo i archwilio goblygiadau technegol troi eich fferm yn organig, a byddwch yn cael pecyn gwybodaeth a hyd at ddau ymweliad ymgynghorol gan ymgynghorydd organig arbenigol.

Nod Cyswllt Ffermio, a lansiwyd ym mis Medi 2001, yw darparu ystod eang o wasanaethau i gefnogi'r gymuned ffermio yng Nghymru, gan gynnwys Cynllun Datblygu Busnes Fferm am ddim a diwrnod o gyngor technegol. Dyma gyfle i ychwanegu at y wybodaeth yr ydych eisoes wedi'i chael gan y Gwasanaeth Gwybodaeth am Droï'n Organig, a datblygu cynllun manwl sy'n cwmpasu agweddau ariannol a thechnegol troi'n organig, cael eich ardystio'n organig a chofrestru ar gyfer y Cynllun Ffermio Organig.

Mae nifer o ymgynghorwyr organig arbenigol yn gweithio yng Nghymru, ac mae Canolfan Organig Cymru wedi creu cofrestr o ymgynghorwyr. Maent oll yn bodloni'r safonau angenrheidiol, a gallant roi eich Cynllun Datblygu Busnes Fferm ar waith ac/neu roi mewnbyn technegol arbenigol. Os ydych eisiau rhagor o wybodaeth, cysylltwch â Tony Little (gweler y manylion isod) ac edrychwch ar ein gwefan.

Os oes gennych ddiddordeb troi'n organig a'ch bod eisoes wedi cofrestru â Chyswllt Ffermio, dylech roi gwybod i'r Ganolfan Wasanaeth a'ch ymgynghorydd Cynllun Datblygu Busnes Fferm (os oes ymgynghorydd wedi'i glustnodi ar eich cyfer) cyn gynted â phosib.

Mae Canolfan Organig Cymru, drwy gyfrwng Rhaglen Ddatblygu Organig Cyswllt Ffermio, yn cynnal cyfres o ffermydd arddangos a grwpiau trafod organig, lle gallwch gwrdd â chynhyrchwyr organig profiadol yn ogystal â ffermwyr eraill sy'n ystyried troi'n organig. Efallai hefyd y bydd cyfle i chi gael cyngor pellach ar iechyd da byw, rheoli tir glas a meysydd arbenigol eraill sy'n ymwneud â ffermio organig.

Yr ydym yn rhagweld y bydd newidiadau yn ymwneud â Chyswllt Ffermio a gwasanaethau cysylltiedig yn gynnar yn 2007.

Os ydych eisiau rhagor o wybodaeth, cysylltwch â:

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