



Agricology open day at Daylesford Organic Farm

Agricology was created, with funding from the Daylesford Foundation, to encourage the exchange of information about practical, sustainable farming. On the 28th June around 140 farmers and experts came together to do just that at Daylesford Organic Farm in Gloucestershire. Beth Cullen and Phil Sumption report.



Welcomes and introductions in the Dairy Barn

Since we launched www.agricology.co.uk in November last year, we have been steadily expanding the breadth and variety of information on the site through our resource library, farmer profiles, blog and news. To provide this information we have been building on alliances with our partner organisations, farmers and growers, and other key players in the industry.

Talks, organised around farm tours covered many topics including: dairying, diverse cropping systems, renewable energy, soil health, pest management, reduced tillage, conservation grazing, animal health and Countryside Stewardship. There was a range of speakers from organisations such as Defra, Natural England, the GWCT's Allerton Project, Innovation for Agriculture, Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF), FAI Farms, Innovative Farmers, ORC and Fit for the Future.



Susanne Padel kicks off the day



Stephen Roderick of Duchy College introduces Farm Health Online



Richard Smith, Farm Manager at Daylesford



Scrumping in the strawberries



Grower Jez Taylor explains the production of micro-greens/herbs using home-made compost as growing media



Sophie McGovern, Fit for the Future, shares best practice on energy management



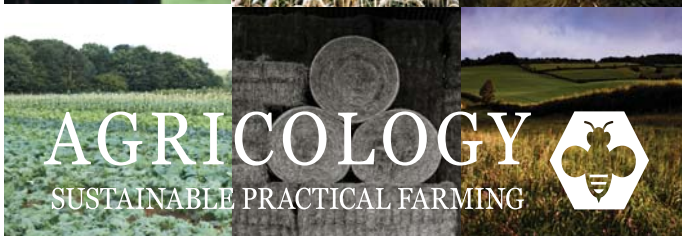
Gloucester cattle



Ian Wilkinson, Cotswold Seeds on sainfoin and diverse swards



Nic Lampkin closes the day



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