The LEAF Network

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LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming)
LEAF’s core activities

Facilitating sustainable farming knowledge generation and exchange

Developing market opportunities

Engaging the public in sustainable food and farming
Facilitating knowledge exchange & innovation

Facilitating sustainable farming knowledge generation and exchange

- 35 LEAF Demonstration Farms
- 9 LEAF Innovation Centres
- LEAF Sustainable Farming Review
- Integrated Farm Management: A Guide
- IFM Bulletin
- LEAF Green Box
- Online information centre

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The LEAF Network consists of:

• **LEAF Demonstration Farms**
  working farms committed to delivering & promoting sustainable farming practices and

• **LEAF Innovation Centres**
  research establishments pioneering new approaches to push forward the boundaries of IFM through research & development

Hosting walks & talks these sites proudly demonstrate sustainable farming through Integrated Farm Management to a wide range of groups
Integrated Farm Management, delivers a site-specific farming system supporting the integration of the environment, society and farm economic viability over the long term.

LEAF 2012
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LEAF Demonstration Farms are:
- Commercial Farms
- Forward-thinking Farmers
- Volunteers
- Proudly demonstrating best practice IFM
- Host visits to a range of audiences but primary focus is farmers
- Eager to learn – leaders in the industry
LEAF Demonstration Farms

LEAF Demonstration Farms are working, commercial farms promoting Integrated Farm Management (IFM). LEAF Demonstration Farms are particularly relevant to farmers and farming groups such as politicians, NGOs, interested parties and the public at large. Please refer to the map and list below for details of the LEAF Demonstration Farm nearest to you, and to find out more information, visit www.leafuk.org.

Search
Enter name of farm in the search box and the bottom list of farms will display.

Coming Soon:
Annables Farm
Farmer: Ian Pigott
Address: Thralls End, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, AL5 3NS
Website: www.thrallsend.co.uk

Frogmary Green Farm
Farmer: Nick and Claire Bragg
Address: Frogmary Green Farm, West Street, South Petherton, Somerset, TA13 4JU
Website: www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk
Twitter: @FrogmaryGreen

Frogmary Green Farm is set in the heart of the Somerset countryside, on the edge of South Petherton village. The farm is 320ha and the soil type is sandy clay loam. Nick and Claire Bragg have run the Frogmary Green Farm since 1992 and their main crop is chickens. High animal welfare and environmental standards run through everything that is done on farm and they are keen to share these values through organised farm tours and visits. They also have a cookery school to further engage people with their food and where it comes from.

The Farm
Frogmary Green Farm is a 320ha poultry and arable farm located on the edge of the village of South Petherton in Somerset. The farm is run by Nick and Claire Bragg who took over the farm in 1992 and the business became LEAF Marucce certified in 2013.

Livestock
Chickens are the farm’s main ‘crop’ and as such, high animal welfare standards are very important to the business. Sourcing densities are low, a diverse growing breed is used and plenty of enriching objects like straw bales, perches and mini roads are included in the chicken’s environment to keep them active and interesting. These measures help ensure that the chickens have more room and a longer happier life than many indoor systems. In addition, Frogmary Green Farm uses the first farming business to install a biomass woodchip boiler for the chicken house heating system, using timber from the local woodland. This provides a source of renewable energy and helps reduce heating bills.
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LEAF Innovation Centres have many different specialities enabling them to contribute specific research in the 9 areas of **Integrated Farm Management**.
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Activities: Events
Activities: Resources

Magic Margins

Next week we will be holding a Technical Day for farmers in partnership with one of our leading Scottish LEAF Innovation Centres, The James Hutton Institute. The event includes guided tours and indoor displays covering a diverse range of Integrated Farm Management topics such as cover crops, Integrated Pest Management, precision farming and sustainable cropping. Ahead of the event, Euan Caldwell, Head of Farms at JHL, tells us more about one of the areas being featured – ‘magic margins.’

Over the last year, we have been busy sowing some new field margins at Mylnefield and Birkhill Farm. Like our existing buffer strips (habitats margin next to water courses), beetle banks and field margins, these new field margins are part of what are now termed Ecological Focus Areas (EFAs). All arable farms in Scotland have to commit at least 5% of their...
Activities: Talks
Activities: Placement

Environment Agency

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Activities: Projects

- Sustainable Intensification Platform
- Innovative Farmers
- WATERR Project: NIABEMR
- Horizon 2020 Project bids
Integrated Farm Management (IFM) for Improved Economic, Environmental and Social Performance

www.siplatform.org.uk

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Plan for the Day

Future Proofing IFM Progression in Practice Opportunities and Clashes
Partnerships

Countryside Classroom

Connecting schools with food, farming and the natural environment

SIP
Sustainable Intensification Research Platform

Demonstration Farm

Innovation Centre

AGRICOLOGY

EISA
European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture

FACE
Farming & Countryside Education

Campaign for the Farmed Environment

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Training and Events

29th June – Leckford
Sign up interest in Basis LEAF course
Look out for Artis courses
East Midlands Discussion Groups – October 2017 – February 2018

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Projects

• 5 European Projects
• Using and learning from the Network, events, ground truthing
• Virtual Demonstration Farms
• Improving the Network
Projects

Agri-EPI Centre

• Satellite Farms across the UK
• Centre funds new precision farming equipment to be used, collect information and trialled on farm

IKnowFood

• Project looking at how the agri-food system can become more resilient.
• Farmers who want to discuss, co-design, trial, and evaluate farm innovations that enable the balancing of productivity, sustainability and environmental benefits at the farm scale.