Organic Horticulture Research at HDRA
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Our Institution
The aim of HDRA's scientific research is to develop and improve the techniques
used in organic agriculture and to advance the knowledge of organic production
systems, focusing on commercial organic horticulture. We have a wide range of
research projects carried out in close collaboration with commercial farmers and
growers and much of our work is published in scientific journals a full list is avail-
able on request.

Organic Fruit Research
HDRA is currently involved with a 5 year project, 'varieties and integrated pest
and disease management for organic apple production' (DEFRA Horticulture Link
& Industry partners including HRI East Malling), and has also recently completed
a number of studies in organic fruit production in the UK.

These Include:
'Organic Fruit Production a review of current practice and knowledge' J Bevan
1999
'Economics of Organic Fruit Production in the UK' C Firth & EKM Lennartsson
1999
'Organic Apple Production pest and disease management' J Bevan & S Knight
2001
'Organic Strawberry Production a grower's guide' J Bevan, I Tothurst & S Knight
2001

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