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Organic Farming Research Database

DEFRA project code

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Executive summary (maximum 2 sides A4)

Three editions of the Organic Farming Research Database (product known as the OrganicFarmingCD) have been published with funding provided by MAFF/DEFRA.

The product has been very well received in the UK, prompting CABI *Publishing* to develop an Internet product with an expanded set of abstracts at its core.

The Organic Farming Research Database, funded by DEFRA, was first published in May 2000. Copies were made available to customers in the UK free of charge, except for a small £15 postage and packing fee being charged on the first order (subsequent orders from the same customer were charged at £2).

The response of the academic community to the product (called OrganicFarmingCD) was good, with 200 copies of the first edition being distributed in the UK. The second edition was published early in 2001 and 196 copies were distributed in the UK.

The third and final edition of the CD was published early in 2002 and, at this time, 67 copies have been distributed in the UK.

CABI Publishing feels that the OrganicFarmingCD was a very valuable resource for academics and practitioners in organic farming and research and it was well received by customers. However, many users these days (especially those in academia) prefer to use the Internet to access the information they need, rather than CDs, and this was one of the reasons that we invested in a new Internet product called 'organic-research.com'. This product has the same dataset of abstracts at its core, expanded to include abstracts on organic farming and research in the tropics, as well as temperate regions. In addition, there are other features of interest which include: news items, research papers, jobs, what's on, bookshop, education, farms and laws and regulations.

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