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 available 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 practise 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 Tolhurst & S Knight 2001

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