

Sheepdrove Organic Farm Research and Development.

Abstract of Research: The EFRC-SOF Research and Development programme started in June 2002 and led to the establishment of the Farm Monitoring programme in early 2003. The programme consists of three key areas, Enterprises, Soils and Environment. The initial priority within all three areas was to gather information in order to establish a comprehensive baseline data set to compare future annual results with. The 2003/2004 seasons baseline will act as a point of reference enabling each annual performance to be compared to a SOF benchmark as well as against other organic farms.

The 2005 programme will develop and build on what has been undertaken and reported on in the last 2 years. This will allow us to monitor the performance of the farming system and its effect on its environment.

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