

Organic training courses – Other providers

There are a number of providers of courses in the area of organic farming and organic horticulture.

NANO NAGLE CENTRE

Nano Nagle Centre, Centre for Heritage, Spirituality & Ecology

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Organic Horticulture Courses & Earth Based Days held at Centre:

- Introduction to Organic Gardening (10 day course, 3 hours each day and can be booked as complete course or individual days)
- Growing in a Polyunnel (One Day)
- Grow Your Own Food (One Day)
- Primary School Environmental Day (One Day)
- Secondary School Environmental Day (One Day)
- Primary School Outings with Environmental focus (One Day)
- Primary Teachers Course – Creating a Living Classroom (One week course ran the first week in July and repeated last week in August)
- 10 day Commercial Horticulture Course – previously ran via NOTS and delivered by freelance tutor

Priorities

The main focus of our horticultural courses and training days are based on experiential and practical learning. 10 day courses are a mix of theoretical and hands on learning to run in sync with the growing season. All environmental days focus on seasonality.

COUNTY WEXFORD ORGANIC CENTRE

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Garden Training Days at the County Wexford Organic Centre

The Organic Centre is running a series of training days for gardeners on Saturdays through 2011. The training days are suitable for beginners or those with some experience.

The cost for each day is €40 (including an organic lunch) or €200 for all 7 training days.

For further details or to enrol contact Richard at the Organic Centre

Training Days

19th March **Kitchen Garden Planning & Preparation**

- Planning a vegetable garden
- Preparing the soil
- When to sow, plant & harvest

2nd April **Sowing, Planting and Growing Vegetables & Herbs**

- Sowing seeds indoors and out
- Transplanting
- How to grow a variety of crops

16th April **Growing Crops in a Poly-Tunnel**

- Erecting a tunnel
- Managing Tunnels
- Tunnel crops

30th April **Poultry Keeping**

- Housing & management
- Feeding
- Flock health

28th May **Managing Crops through the Summer**

- Pest, disease & weed control
- Plant feeding
- Watering

- 23rd July Harvesting & Storing Vegetables**
- Harvest timing & planning
 - Storage of different vegetables
 - Planning production of vegetables

- 5th November Fruit Growing**
- Planning a fruit garden
 - Preparing the site and planting
 - Pruning

Courses for Growers at the County Wexford Organic Centre

Organic Conversion – FETAC Level 5 Module

- How to convert a holding to organic production
- Marketing produce
- Planning crop production
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December 2010 – April 2011

Monday 20 evenings 6.00 – 9.00

No fee (this course is supported by Wexford Local Development)

Introduction to Organic Horticulture – Teagasc developed FETAC level 5 Module

- Teagasc supported course
- Converting an organic holding
- Developing a farm business plan

March – May 2011

5 Mondays 10.30 – 4.00

Fee €200

Grower's Farm walks & Seminars

- Fortnightly farm walks and discussions on crop production
- Examination of production throughout growing season
- Assistance in developing cropping, pest control and soil management programmes

March – September 2011

12 Tuesday mornings 10.30 – 1.00

Fee €180

THE ORGANIC CENTRE

Organic Horticultural Training Courses at The Organic Centre, Rossinver, Co.
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FULL TIME TRAINING IN ORGANIC HORTICULTURE 2011 FETAC Level 5

This year's full time, FAS sponsored L.T.I. Programme will run from February 2011 to February 2012.

It will comprise of 8 FETAC level 5 modules, blending both practical and theoretical skills. There are *5 horticultural modules*: Organic Food Crops, Organic Crop Protection, Organic Soil Management, Principles of Organic Plant Growth and Organic Conversion, plus *3 general modules*: Work Experience (1 month work placement), Communications, Start Your Own Business/ I.T. Skills.

Successful completion of all 8 modules and proficiency in all will lead to a FETAC award in Organic Horticulture, and can qualify to access to third level education.

Applications for 2011 should be addressed to FAS, Ballytivnan, Sligo,
Tel: 071-91 59595

We offer 1 to 10 day courses in organic horticulture in conjunction with NOTS (the National Organic Training Skillnet).

We offer 1- 5 day courses in organic horticulture from "Organic gardening for beginners" to "Complete Organic Garden" courses and courses on specific topics: Protected Cropping, Fruit Growing Workshops, Landscaping, Permaculture, Community Gardening and Allotments.

NATIONAL ORGANIC TRAINING SKILLNET (NOTS)

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NOTS will be providing a range of training courses throughout the country in 2011. The NOTS training programme is available to farmers, growers, processors, food businesses, and consultants working in any area of the organic food sector. New entrants, farmers considering the organic option and commercial producers interested in developing their enterprise into an organic business are also eligible.

Horticulture Training

Commercial Horticulture This 10 day practical course delivers the theoretical and practical understanding of all aspects relating to commercial organic vegetable production from start. The course will be FETAC certified Level 5. Trainees attend sessions approx 2 days a month until October; Commencing on March 9th Organic Centre Co Leitrim; 19th March. St Colman's Training Centre Mayo Cost €450

Horticulture Crop Planning: This course provides participants with a good understanding of how to plan their season to maximise growing time and continuity of supply. Duration 1 day Cost €50, Ballinasloe Co Galway, 28th March & 14th March Dromcollogher Co Limerick;

Orchard Establishment: The 2 day course covers planning an orchard, soil types, aspect, variety selection, planting and harvesting with 2nd day covering pruning and management. Duration 2day, 15th March with 2nd day to be decided €100, Organic Centre Leitrim

Setting up a Vegetable Box System: This course gives participants a practical understanding of the basics in establishing a vegetable box scheme and methods to ensure its success. Duration 1 day cost €50 Ballinasloe 14th May, and Dromcollogher, Co Limerick 17th May 2011.

Soil Biology: 2 day course covering, soil chemistry, compost management and compost tea making. Dates and venues to be decided. This course also relevant to the Livestock Sector Cost €100

Livestock Training

Homeopathy for Animals: This course is an introduction to basic remedies, the essential principles of homeopathy, how to select and apply remedies according to the problems animals present. Duration 1 day Nano Nagle Centre, Mallow Cork 11th May & Kilbeggan Co Westmeath 18th May €50

DIY AI Training: 5 day course on training to enable farmers to carry out their own AI on their home farm. Dates and training options available nationwide, Cost €400

Organic Egg Production: This course teaches the theory behind organic egg production and the challenges and opportunities of small scale production including understanding of breeds, housing and equipment. Duration 1day. Nano Nagle Centre Mallow Co Cork, 12th March (other dates to be decided).

Organic Pig Production: This course instructs on the differences between organic and conventional pig production, processing techniques and impact on land management. Also breeds, stock management as well as the practicalities of costs and potential income. Duration 2 days Boyle Roscommon, 16th April & May 7th; Dundrum Co Tipperary 21st May & June 11th Cost €100.

Organic Sheep Production: This course delivers a practical knowledge and understanding of suitable sheep breeds for Organic Farming covering issues animal health, breeding, parasite control and nutritional needs of ewes and finishing lambs including mixing your own ration April 4th Co Westmeath and April 7th Co Cork. Cost €50

Beef Finishing & Suckler Management; 1 day course on cost effective nutrition management for Suckler and beef finishing, course will involve ration development, grassland management, condition scoring and practical health management. Dates 5th April Kilbeggan, Co Westmeath & Nano Nagle Centre, Mallow Co Cork 9th April, Cost €50;

Organic Dairy Management; 1 day course on cost effective nutrition management for dairy cattle, course will involve ration development, grassland management, condition scoring and practical health management replacement selection. Venue; Mallow Co Cork 8th April, cost €50;

Organic Pig Management; 1 day course focusing on developing feed ration for organic pig production, including weaner and finishing rations. Also the course will cover the benefits of clover to reduced feed costs. Venue: Durrus, Co Laois 6th April Cost €50

Organic Cereal Production; 1 day course on organic cereal production covering all aspects from sowing to harvesting. Cost €50 Venue Kilbeggan Co Westmeath, 1st and 8th July

Introduction to Organic Broiler Production 1 day course on starting a small scale Organic Broiler Production on the farm; 13th April in Nano Nagle Centre; Mallow Co Cork; and 4th May Co Galway Cost €50

Processing or Adding Value Training

Cheese, Butter and Yoghurt Making: This practical course guides the trainees as to how they can produce both hard and soft cheese, yoghurt and butter; it also provides the ingredients for the participants to make their own and evaluates their produced items. Duration 3 days: Midlands March/April (date TBC) & Tipperary 5th-7th September Cost €200;

Meat Butchery Training; 2 day course covering demonstration on how livestock is butchered and packaging and labelling cost €225 dates 30th-31st March

Pig Butchery and Sausage Making Course: This course will provide demonstration on how to cut up a pig in a day focussing on the different cuts.

The 2nd half of the day will provide a practical understanding of sausage making, the methods used to add value to meat products, which cuts of meat and what ratio of meat can be used and what equipment options are available. Tipperary 16th April cost €80; trainees will make their own sausages;

Pig Curing and Smoking: 1 day course on wet and dry curing and smoking. Cost €80; 26th March Dundrum, Co Tipperary

Food Hygiene Training; 1 Day or 2 half days including exam and certification, covering 8 modules. Cost: €70

Distance Learning Training

Certificate in Organics (Distance Learning): This FETAC level 5 courses offers a distance learning option to obtain a Certificate in Organic Horticulture through the completion a choice of modules. In addition to the online training there are also two practical experience days per module. Duration 1 year commencing September 2011;

MSc PG Dip in Organic Farming: This is a part time on-line distance learning course in which there are 8 taught modules over two years and a subsequent MSc project in a topic related to organic farming. Commences in September 2011; Duration 3 years; Requires a full application process;

Other Training

Intensive Restaurant Cookery course 12 week (60 days) training course covering area of organic cookery, restaurant and menu planning, commencing September 2011 Cork

Train the Trainer: This course is FETAC level 6 and it provides the practical knowledge and skills to enable participants to use a systematic approach to training, assessing, evaluating and mentoring trainees. Duration 3 days 21st/22nd March & 18th April in Leitrim, May- June 2011 in Galway Cost €250

Setting up a Farm Shop: 1 day training session from a farm shop owners perspective on the pros and cons of a farm shop; Venue and dates to be confirmed. Cost €30

Courses will only proceed subject to sufficient demand, Course will require minimum attendance hence may be cancelled due to insufficient demand. Courses can be purchased online at www.nots.ie.

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- [Organic Horticulture](#) (FETAC Level 5) “Organic Growing and Sustainable Living Skills” (Year 1)
- The above course is also available by [Distance Learning](#)
- [Diploma](#) in Organic Enterprise (IOFGA & FETAC Level 6). (Year 2)
- [Short Courses.](#)
- Weekend and NOTS sponsored Day Courses.