



## **OCW producer survey shows rise in organic sales from Welsh farms**

The Organic Centre Wales 2016 producer survey report published this week has shown a rise in sales of organic products, despite a fall in the land area certified as organic in Wales. At the same time, there has been an increase in the number of farms and the land area covered by the Glastir Organic scheme, and there is strong interest from farms wanting to convert.

Compared with the 2015 results, organic finished lamb sales were up by 17%, from 120,000 to 140,000 head, organic finished cattle up by 16%, from 5,000 to 5,800 head, and organic milk sales up by 7%, from 56 to nearly 60 million litres. These increases are consistent with the 7% increase in UK retail market sales of organic food in 2016, showing the potential for Welsh producers to respond to growing domestic and export market opportunities.

However, the certified fully-organic and in-conversion land area recorded by Defra in 2016 fell by 1.8%, from 82.9 to 81.5 thousand ha, as a result of a combination of reduced area of land in conversion, but a 1% increase in the area of land achieving full organic status.

Confidence within the sector remains high, with 39% of producers who were surveyed indicating an intention to remain in organic production for 10 years or more and a further 38% for 3-5 years.

Nic Lampkin, Director of the Organic Research Centre which produced the report for Organic Centre Wales, raised concerns about the future: 'With only a small proportion of applicants qualifying for Glastir Organic agreements from 2017 due to funding restrictions, and no window planned for 2018 agreements, will Welsh producers be able to take advantage of the renewed optimism in the organic sector? Or will the opportunities be lost to other parts of the UK at their expense?'

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### **Notes:**

The full 2016 report can be found at:

[http://www.organiccentrewales.org.uk/uploads/ocw\\_welsh\\_organic\\_producer\\_survey\\_2016\\_eng.pdf](http://www.organiccentrewales.org.uk/uploads/ocw_welsh_organic_producer_survey_2016_eng.pdf)

For more comparisons, the 2015 report can be found at:

[http://www.organiccentrewales.org.uk/uploads/ocw\\_producer\\_survey\\_report\\_2015\\_final.pdf](http://www.organiccentrewales.org.uk/uploads/ocw_producer_survey_report_2015_final.pdf)

For further information about the report, contact:

Nic Lampkin on 07771 961279 – Nic will not be at the Royal Welsh Show

Pip Nicholas of IBERS on 07813 010687 – Pip is at the Royal Welsh on Monday and Tuesday

Catherine Fookes, Chair of the Welsh Organic Forum, on 07979 534050 who will be at the Royal Welsh on Monday and Tuesday.

Dafydd Owen, Welsh Organic Forum on 07772 769095.

The Welsh Organic Forum is hosting a reception at the IBERS marquee on stand CCA796 (not the Pavilion) at **5:30 pm on Tuesday 25 July**. The reception will explain the objectives of the forum and the press are invited to attend.

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## Mae arolwg cynhyrchwyr Canolfan Organig Cymru yn dangos cynnydd mewn gwerthiant organig o ffermydd Cymru

Mae'r adroddiad arolwg cynhyrchwyr 2016 Canolfan Organig Cymru a gyhoeddwyd yr wythnos hon wedi dangos cynnydd yng ngwerthiant cynnyrch organig, er gwaethaf gostyngiad yn arwynebedd tir sydd wedi ei ardystio'n organig yng Nghymru. Ar yr un pryd, bu cynnydd yn nifer y ffermydd a'r arwynebedd tir a gwmpesir gan y cynllun Glastir Organig, ac mae diddordeb cryf ymysg ffermydd sydd am drosi.

O'i gymharu â'r canlyniadau yn 2015, mae gwerthiant cig oen organig gorffenedig i fyny o 17%, o 120,000 i 140,000 pen, gwartheg organig gorffenedig i fyny 16%, o 5,000 i 5,800 pen, a gwerthiant llaeth organig i fyny 7%, o 56 i bron i 60 miliwn litr. Mae'r cynnydd hwn yn gyson â'r cynnydd o 7% mewn gwerthiant bwyd organig yn marchnad manwerthu y DU yn 2016, ac yn dangos y potensial ar gyfer cynhyrchwyr Cymru i dyfu wrth ymateb i gyfleoedd y marchnad domestig a thramor.

Fodd bynnag, mae'r arwynebedd ardystiedig llawn-organig a thir trosi a gofnodwyd gan Defra yn 2016 wedi gostwng o 1.8%, o 82.9 i 81,500 ha, o ganlyniad i gyfuniad o arwynebedd llai o dir yn trosi, ond cynnydd o 1% yn y yr ardal o dir sy'n cyflawni statws organig llawn. Mae hyder o fewn y sector yn parhau i fod yn uchel, gyda 39% o gynhyrchwyr a arolygwyd yn bwriadu parhau i gynhyrchu'n organig am 10 mlynedd neu fwy, a 38% arall am 3-5 mlynedd.

Cododd Nic Lampkin, Cyfarwyddwr y Ganolfan Ymchwil Organig a gynhyrchodd yr adroddiad ar ran Canolfan Organig Cymru, bryderon am y dyfodol: 'Gyda dim ond cyfran fechan o ymgeiswyr sy'n gymwys ar gyfer cytundebau Glastir organig o 2017 oherwydd cyfyngiadau cyllido, a dim cyfle ar y gweill ar gyfer cytundebau newydd yn 2018, a fydd cynhyrchwyr Cymru yn gallu manteisio ar y optimistaeth newydd yn y sector organig? Neu a fydd y cyfleoedd yn cael eu colli i'r gwynt wrth i'w cymdogion yng ngweddill y DU ennill y farchnad?'

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### Nodiadau:

Mae'r adroddiad llawn 2016 ar gael yn:

[http://www.organiccentrewales.org.uk/uploads/ocw\\_welsh\\_organic\\_producer\\_survey\\_2016\\_eng.pdf](http://www.organiccentrewales.org.uk/uploads/ocw_welsh_organic_producer_survey_2016_eng.pdf)

I gael mwy o gymariaethau, gall yr adroddiad 2015 ar gael yn:

[http://www.organiccentrewales.org.uk/uploads/ocw\\_producer\\_survey\\_report\\_2015\\_final.pdf](http://www.organiccentrewales.org.uk/uploads/ocw_producer_survey_report_2015_final.pdf)

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Catherine Fookes, Cadeirydd Fforwm Organig Cymru, ar 07979 534050 a fydd yn y Sioe Frenhinol ar ddydd Llun a dydd Mawrth.

Dafydd Owen, Fforwm Organic Cymru, ar 07772 769095.

Nodwch fod y Fforwm Organig Cymru yn cynnal derbyniad yn y babell IBERS ar CCA796 stondin (nid y Pafiliwn) am **5:30 pm ar Mawrth 25 o Orffennaf**. Bydd y derbyniad yn egluro amcanion y fforwm cae mae yn groeso i'r wasg ymuno.