



Whole Health Agriculture



Linking Farming, Food and Health - Wholistically!

Welcome to the October WHAg Mag

Dear WHAg Farmer

As Summertime officially draws to an end we're already looking forward to celebrating the New Year (let's just miss Christmas!) as we're preparing for the 13th annual Oxford Real Farming Conference (ORFC) in January 2022.

We hope to be there as a team as usual, both on our stand and as speakers, where we will be presenting the findings of our recent research into which alternative methods farmers rely on to keep their livestock healthy, and showcasing some of the most popular. We will also . . . drum roll . . . be introducing our new online learning and membership platform which will offer progressive training and support to farmers seeking effective alternative solutions to conventional problems.

To remind you why ORFC is such a key event in the alternative farming year, (and why you should come visit our stand and hear us speak), WHAg Director Karen Seyersted shares a recent article reflecting on this year's conference, a great way to whet your appetite for things to come. (By the way, have you bought your ticket yet? Ever popular, in-person tickets have already sold out but online tickets for 5 - 7 January 2022 are still available via orfc.org.uk.)

If you can't wait till January, check out some other events below, including [The Real Food for Health Event](#) on Sat Nov 13th at Farm-Ed, where our Chair, Lawrence Woodward will be making his presence felt. Tickets include great speakers, an amazing lunch and afternoon tea, - all held at a beautiful Cotswold farm venue. Treat yourselves to an early Christmas present!

Until next time, wishing you as always, vibrant health,

The WHAg team

ps If you enjoy this month's read, please forward it to others who might appreciate it too, not forgetting to remind them to [subscribe](#)....



News Feature by Karen Seyersted

featured in: [Homeopathy in Practice Summer/Autumn 2021](#)

2021 started with the annual Oxford Real Farming Conference (ORFC) which, due to the pandemic, went online and global. This meant new opportunities; instead of the up to 1,400 delegates who are usually present in Oxford Town Hall and nearby venues, this year there were more than 5,000 attendees in total. This gave Whole Health Agriculture a unique opportunity to showcase the role and potential for homeopathy and other complementary and alternative medicines (CAMs) in livestock health and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) to an international audience.

The conference started with a panel debate on *Alternative health approaches to infectious disease and AMR, an international perspective* which featured the ground-breaking work of Professor Leoni Bonamin and her team who have been observing and researching the impact of homeopathy in Brazil - a country who's politics are slightly more favourable towards homeopathy than here in the UK.

Our second speaker was Dr Liesbeth Ellinger from The Netherlands who has been running homeopathy courses for farmers there for over 20 years. With a team of researchers from Wageningen University, she is also a key player in homeopathic livestock research.

Our next speaker was one of WHAg's more recent acquaintances; dairy farmer, homeopath, veterinary nurse and business woman/owner of Homeopathic Farm Services (HFS) in New Zealand, Tracey Simpson. She shared her experience of Rotavirus and how it can be prevented on a large scale (they rear 300 calves a year) using the *Rotavirus* nosode.

As we sometimes tend to think of 'homeopathic farms' as smallholders (with a few chickens, sheep, pigs, cows or goats), Leoni's, Liesbeth's and Tracey's stories bring new perspectives on the potential of homeopathy.

Last but not least, WHAg's Head of Livestock Health, homeopathic vet Chris Aukland, presented the results of our Alternative Livestock Health survey and summarised how we may learn from farmers who integrate homeopathy and other Complementary and Alternative Medicines (CAMs) in livestock health management.

"Responsible use of CAMs not only benefits health but also animal welfare...."

- Chris Aukland

As Whole Health Agriculture, we aim to provide farmers, whether they define themselves as conventional, organic, biodynamic or regenerative, with more tools in their toolkit and hence more choices. We want homeopathy and other CAMs to be part of the solution, and every farmer to be able to adjust and refine what they use according to their needs. It is a joint learning journey

[Read the full article here >>](#)

You can also view WHAg's ORFC presentations

Alternative Health Approaches to Infectious Disease and AMR



An Exploration of Feminine Values in the Context of Livestock Farming



Other Upcoming Events



Northern Farming Conference
Wed 3 November
Hexham Auction Mart

[More info & book >](#)



Real Food for Healthy People & Planet

Sat 13 November
Farm-Ed, Oxfordshire

[More info & book >](#)



**Antibiotics
Antivirals
Antifungals
Antiparasitics**

Antimicrobial Awareness Week
Thu 18 - Wed 24 November
Online

[More info >](#)



Wales Real Food & Farming Conference
Wed 24 - Fri 26 November
Online

[More info & book >](#)

"Autumn is the mellow season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits."

- Samuel Butler

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