



Organic breeding? I
must have heard about
that before.....



**Announcement
of the 3rd workshop of Eco-AB
Sunday 21st June 2009, Bristol University, England, UK**

‘Breeding issues in organic farming’

The third workshop of the European Consortium on Animal Breeding (Eco-AB) will focus on issues that are relevant to breeding farmed livestock in organic production systems. The aim of the workshop is to highlight and discuss with relevant stakeholders, key issues that will be included into a new ‘Code of Practice’ for animal breeding in organic farming.

Key topics include:

- What evidence exists that animal breeding for organic systems should differ from conventional farming practices?
- What differentiates breeding practices in organic systems?
- How should planned breed improvements be integrated into our livestock populations?

The workshop will be held immediately before the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) conference ‘[Darwinian selection, selective breeding and the welfare of animals](#), 22nd - 23rd June 2009, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK.

<http://www.ufaw.org.uk/UFAWSYMPOSIUM2009.php>



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Preliminary programme:

- 12.00 Registration open (small lunch for free)
- 12.30 General assembly for members (guests also welcome)
- 13.15 Welcome and short introduction

Highlights on latest research on breeding methods in organic farming:

- 13.20 Which new traits should we use in organic dairy cow breeding? (Anet Spengler, FiBL, Switzerland)
- 13.45 Pigs for organic production (Anna Wallenbeck, SLU, Sweden)
- 14.10 A system innovation for organic cattle breeding (Wytze Nauta, Louis Bolk Institute, Netherlands)
- 14.35 Discussion

14.45 *Coffee break*

Industry Viewpoint on requirements and recommendations for organic breeding:

- 15.15 Animal (selective) breeding in organic farming (Helen Browning, Food and Farming Director, Soil Association)
- 16.00 Break-out session to identify key organic breeding issues.
- 16.45 Discussion and conclusion for Code of Practice issues

18.00 Dinner

Attendance of the workshop is for FREE, unfortunately, dinner is not.

Please let us know if you are planning to come to the workshop. For this, please send a mail to anet.spengler@fibl.org.