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### Upcoming events

#### [New Webinar: Interpreting test results](#)

REAL are excited to announce the addition of a new webinar to our series. [The CCS Interpreting Test Results Webinar](#) has been specifically designed for CCS producers and will offer the following:

- Scheme level summary failure data for minimum quality parameters
- Real world failure case studies
- Reporting failures and corrective actions

This webinar aims to enhance your expertise and provide valuable insights into result interpretation and troubleshooting.

The price for attendance is £50 + VAT pp and is open to any producer or consultant representing producers. You can find more details in the link above. This new webinar will be held on the **25th of October**, along with the return of the sampling and testing webinars.

The [CCS Compost Sampling Webinar](#) is being held on the **23rd of October**, and is free to all scheme participants and those seeking to gain certification.

The [CCS Sample Testing Webinar](#) is being held on the **24th of October**. The price for attendance for the CCS Sample Testing Webinar is £50 + VAT pp and is only open to applicants, certified producers, or consultants representing certified producers.

You can secure your place at any of these webinars by emailing [oliver@realschemes.org.uk](mailto:oliver@realschemes.org.uk).

### Producers' Forum

The next CCS Producers' Forum is being held on the **16th of October**. This online meeting provides producers with an opportunity to:

- Discuss the latest scheme developments
- Address certification challenges
- Share industry-wide concerns
- Network with fellow producers

If you would like to attend you can email [oliver@realschemes.org.uk](mailto:oliver@realschemes.org.uk).

If you are unable to attend, but wish to have your concerns addressed, please contact our CCS Producers' Representative, Gregor Keenan, using [gregor@keenanrecycling.co.uk](mailto:gregor@keenanrecycling.co.uk).

You can find records of all Forum minutes [here](#).

### [Reminder: Compostable fruit labels workshop](#)

We are pleased to invite you to an upcoming REAL workshop focused on the design of compostable fruit and vegetable labels. The online event is being held on the **28th of August**, from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

This interactive session will provide an opportunity for scheme participants to contribute design ideas for labels which will be certified suitable for industrial composting.

To register, please email [Duncan@realschemes.org.uk](mailto:Duncan@realschemes.org.uk) with your name, organisation, PR number, and topic suggestions.

### REA PAS100 training course

REA Organics is running an online training course over 2 days focused on the PAS 100, Compost Quality Protocol and REAL Compost Certification Scheme. This online course will be held on the 18th & 19th September from 10:00am to 12:00pm

This course is ideal for composters and staff involved in process control, quality management, and product dispatch. Key Topics include:

- PAS 100 principles and requirements
- Quality management systems and HACCP
- Input materials and traceability
- Sampling, analysis, and managing test failures
- Compost Quality Protocol essentials
- CCS rules and requirements

Enhance your expertise in compost quality management and certification. Gain insights into industry best practices and regulatory compliance.

To find out more, click [here](#), and to book your place or for technical queries, contact Jenny Grant at [jenny@r-e-a.net](mailto:jenny@r-e-a.net).

### 2023 Annual Report

REAL has published its eighth annual report for the Compost Certification Scheme, providing an overview of the scheme and a summary of scheme developments in 2023.

This year's report is our longest yet at over 35 pages, containing 30 graphs and tables to provide clear and accessible insights into the state of the schemes by the end of 2023.

We encourage you to view the full report [here](#), for a comprehensive overview of the schemes, as well as updates from the Research Hub.

### Reminder: Annual participant survey

Last month, we launched our annual [Compost Certification Scheme participant survey](#) and a separate [Research Hub survey](#). These brief surveys (~5 minutes each) are designed to collect feedback on your experiences, satisfaction levels, and ideas for improvement. Your responses are helping us assess participant satisfaction and prioritise areas for development.

As a reminder, the deadline for both surveys is October 31st, following the upcoming CCS Operators' Forum. You can find links to both surveys [here](#) and [here](#).

If you haven't already, we encourage you to participate in both surveys to contribute to the enhancement of our services.

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