

NITRATE ARGUMENT

The universal problem of nitrate leaching has been put into perspective in a new book written by three leading British scientists from the Institute of Arable Crops Research.

The authors, Dr. Tom Addiscott, Dr. Andy Whitmore and Dr. David Powlson, say they were prompted to write the book because of the "ill-informed" public debate on the issue in Britain and other countries with intensive agriculture.

The book, "Farming, Fertilisers and the Nitrate Problem", explains the problem and its causes, and discusses how relevant options such as banning nitrogen fertiliser or converting to organic farming are to solving it.

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