

OPEN FIELD DAY “AZIENDA AGRICOLA FONTANABONA”

On 8 June 2018, the Open Field Days organized by AIAB as part of the SOLMACC project took place at the Paolo Fontanabona farm. One of the activities of the project, which has now come to an end, was the organisation of meetings to disseminate the experiences of the farmers who took part in the project.

SOLMACC is a European project involving three countries, Italy, Germany and Sweden and four companies from each country; in particular in Italy two are horticultural and two are wine-olive.

The company Fontanabona, has an area of about 7 ha of which 3 are intended for the production of horticultural crops under glass and 4 are occupied by an orchard of Kiwi.

The invitation to the open day was distributed through AIAB channels, mailing lists and direct contacts with farmers and consultants in both Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia. Given the particularly challenging period for both farmers and technicians, unfortunately the event was attended by only 10 people, divided between 3 students, technicians and people interested in the topic.



Open Day 8 June 2018 (foto D. Fontanive).



Participants at open field day (photo by D. Fontanive).

During the day, the objectives of the project were presented, in particular to encourage agricultural and management practices that can be implemented on farms that have as a result the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the containment of soil erosion, the reduction of work and the protection of water resources.

Among the aspects of greatest interest to the farm, it is noted that through the rotation and use of compost, an excellent level of fertility is maintained, which also has a positive effect on the soil structure.

The practice of composting was perfected during the years of participation in the project.

During the visit, the participants were able to discuss with the farmer the various practices applied and implemented by the company since the start of the project in 2013.



The land was prepared for sowing summer green manure with Sudanese sorghum and vigna (photo by D. Fontanive).



Composting pile visited during the open day (photo by D. Fontanive).

