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Organic Farming

Organic farming involves holistic production management systems (for crops and livestock) emphasizing the use of management practices in preference to the use of off-farm inputs such as agrochemicals. This is accomplished by using, where possible, cultural, biological, and mechanical methods in preference to synthetic materials. Environment-friendly approaches/strategies such as IPM, IPNM, and integrated production systems can be used to pursue organic farming. Organic farming is meant to produce organic food/agricultural products for better human health with minimum impact on the environment. The certification of organic products can be a challenge, especially for less developed countries.

See also: Nature Farming; Natural Farming

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