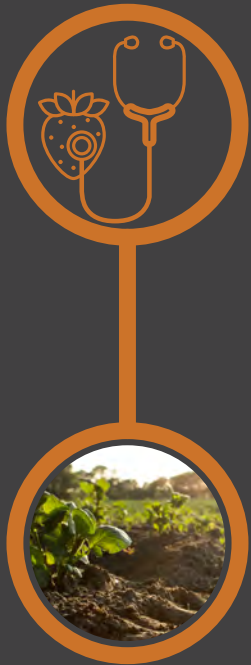


THE FOUR PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

HEALTH

Healthy soils produce healthy crops that foster the health of animals and people. Organic agriculture is intended to produce high quality, nutritious food that contributes to preventive health care and well-being.



SOIL

Organic agriculture is centered on boosting soil health. What are the benefits of healthy soil?

What are some of the benefits of healthy soil?

We can grow nourishing, nutrient-dense foods in it without using inputs like artificial fertilizers. It provides us with higher crop yields in the long term.

ECOLOGY

All land is home to wildlife and important for ecosystem services. Organic agriculture aims for ecological balance through the design of farming systems, establishment and good maintenance of habitats and conservation of agricultural biodiversity and genetic resources.



BIODIVERSITY

Organic agriculture seeks to maintain and boost biodiversity. Why does that matter?

What are some of the reasons biodiversity matters?

- Seed and crop diversity makes farms and landscapes more resilient to challenges (such as pest incursions) and change (such as global warming)
- Monoculture impacts negatively on soil health and biodiversity

FAIRNESS

Equity, respect, justice and stewardship of the shared world. Organic agriculture aims to provide good food for all and a decent living for farmers and food workers.



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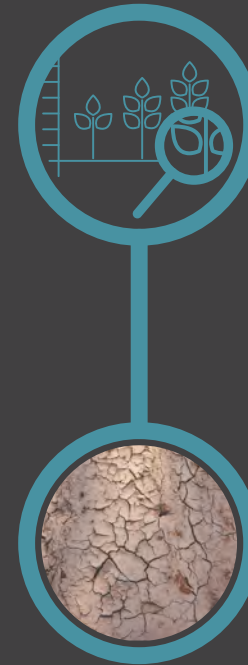
How can organic agriculture help create more sustainable, secure and resilient livelihoods?

What are some of the key questions when considering sustainable livelihoods?

- What is the difference between food security and food sovereignty?
- How can organic agriculture contribute to more secure and resilient food production?

CARE

Taking care of each other and our surroundings. Organic agriculture focuses on how we can enhance efficiency and increase productivity without jeopardizing the health and well-being of people and the planet.



CLIMATE CHANGE

How can organic agriculture contribute to addressing the climate crisis?

Some contributions include:

- Soil that's cultivated organically stores more carbon than that which is cultivated for conventional agriculture
- It reduces greenhouse gas emissions by omitting the use of pesticides

How can organic agriculture help us address challenges?