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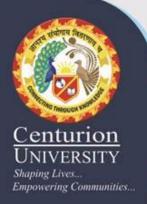
Organic Certification and Inspection

Systems



National Programme for Organic Production

Module 5: National Standards for Organic Production Session 1 : Crop production and animal husbandry

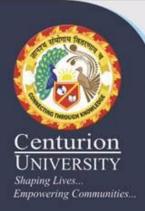


National Standards for Organic Production CROP PRODUCTION AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Organic agriculture means a process of developing a viable and sustainable agro-ecosystem.

The time between the start of organic management and certification of crops and/or animal husbandry is known as the conversion period.

The whole farm, including livestock, should be converted according to the standards over a period of three years.



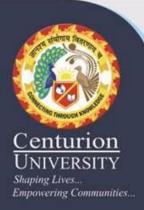
Recommendations

□ For a sustainable agro-ecosystem to function optimally, diversity in crop production and animal husbandry must be

Conversion may be accomplished over a period of time.

□ The totality of the crop production and all animal husbandry should be converted to organic management.

□ There should be a clear plan of how to proceed with the conversion.



Standards

□ All the standards requirements shall be applied on the relevant aspects from the beginning of the conversion period itself.

□ If the whole farm is not converted, the certification programme shall ensure that the organic and conventional parts of the farm are separate and inspect able.

Before products from a farm/project can be certified as organic, inspection shall have been carried out during the conversion period.

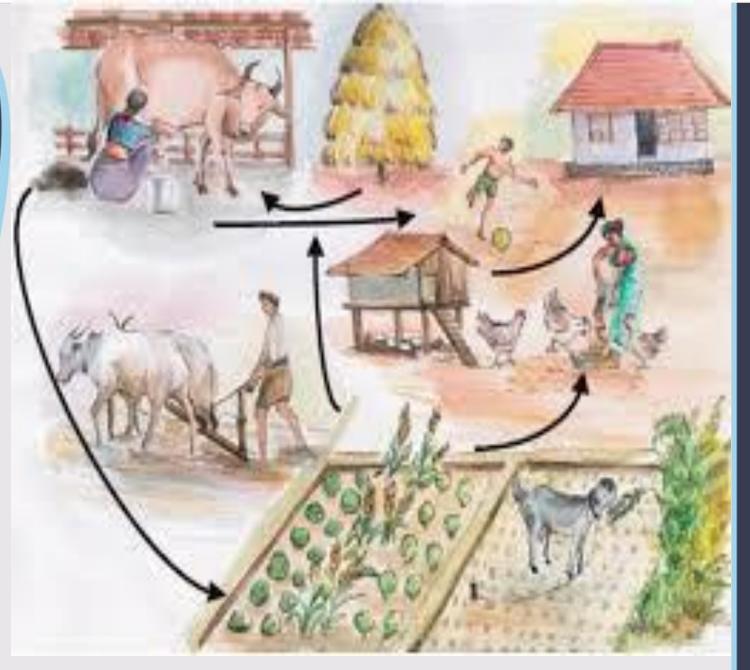


Simultaneous production of conventional, organic in conversion and/or organic crops or animal products which cannot be clearly distinguished from each other, will not be allowed.

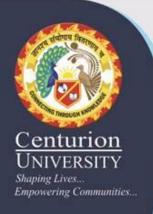
□To ensure a clear separation between organic and conventional production, a buffer zone or a natural barrier should be maintained.



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Animal Husbandry with crop production, Source: Google Image

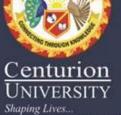


Maintenance of Organic Management

Converted land and animals shall not get switched back and forth between organic and conventional management.

The certification programme shall set standards for a minimum percentage of the farm area to facilitate biodiversity and nature conservation.

The certification programme shall develop landscape and biodiversity standards



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