

ORGANIC FARMING

DESCRIPTION, BENEFITS, CERTIFICATION



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• WHAT AGRICULTURE DO WE CALL ORGANIC?



**AGRICULTURE WITHOUT THE USE OF: SYNTHETIC
PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES AND GENETICALLY MODIFIED
ORGANISMS**

BENEFITS OF ORGANIC FARMING



AGRICULTURAL PRACTICE WHICH PRODUCES PRODUCTS WITHOUT HARMFUL CHEMICALS, PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT AND IMPROVES THE HEALTH OF CONSUMERS.



DOES NOT USE SYNTHETIC PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES, FERTILIZERS, AND GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS. INSTEAD, ORGANIC FARMERS APPLY NATURAL METHODS AND TECHNOLOGIES THAT IMPROVE SOIL QUALITY AND PROMOTE BIODIVERSITY.



ORGANIC PRODUCTS ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR BENEFICIAL NUTRIENT CONTENT.

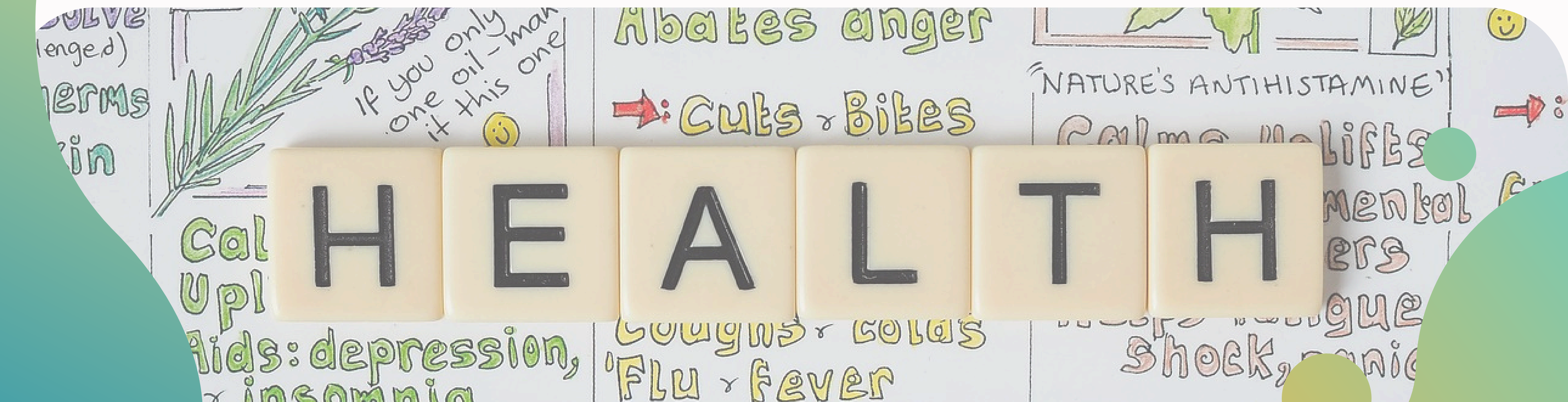


ACCORDING TO NUMEROUS STUDIES, ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES OFTEN CONTAIN HIGHER LEVELS OF ANTIOXIDANTS AND VITAMINS COMPARED TO CONVENTIONAL CROPS TREATED WITH SYNTHETIC CHEMICALS.



GIVEN THE LACK OF HARMFUL PESTICIDE RESIDUES, ORGANIC PRODUCTS OFFER A CLEANER CHOICE FOR CONSUMPTION, WHICH IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE GROUPS.

HEALTH



- **ORGANIC FARMING PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT**



- **BY AVOIDING SYNTHETIC CHEMICALS, ORGANIC PRACTICES REDUCE POLLUTION OF WATER BODIES AND SOIL.**
- **PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES, AND FERTILIZERS USED IN CONVENTIONAL AGRICULTURE CAN HAVE LONG-TERM NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON ECOSYSTEMS, INCLUDING CONTAMINATING WATER SOURCES AND DESTROYING BENEFICIAL MICROORGANISMS IN THE SOIL.**

- **ALTHOUGH THE INITIAL COSTS OF ORGANIC FARMING MAY BE HIGHER AT THE BEGINNING, THE LONG-TERM BENEFITS OF BRINGING ORGANIC PRODUCTS TO MARKET OFTEN OUTWEIGH THE INITIAL INVESTMENT.**
- **ADDITIONALLY, MANY GOVERNMENTS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS OFFER PROGRAMS AND SUBSIDIES TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION TO ORGANIC FARMING, WHICH CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR FARMERS.**



- **CONSUMERS ARE INCREASINGLY INTERESTED IN ORGANIC PRODUCTS AND ARE WILLING TO PAY HIGHER PRICES FOR THEM. THIS PROVIDES ORGANIC PRODUCERS WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR BETTER INCOMES AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MODELS.**



HOW TO BECOME AN ORGANIC PRODUCER?



STEP 1 REGISTRATION AND PREPARATION

CHOOSING SUITABLE LANDS AND FARMS: IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN TREATED WITH CHEMICALS FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS BEFORE STARTING ORGANIC PRODUCTION.

DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR TRANSITION TO ORGANIC PRODUCTION WITH MEASURES FOR SOIL MANAGEMENT, ANIMAL CARE AND PLANT PROTECTION, AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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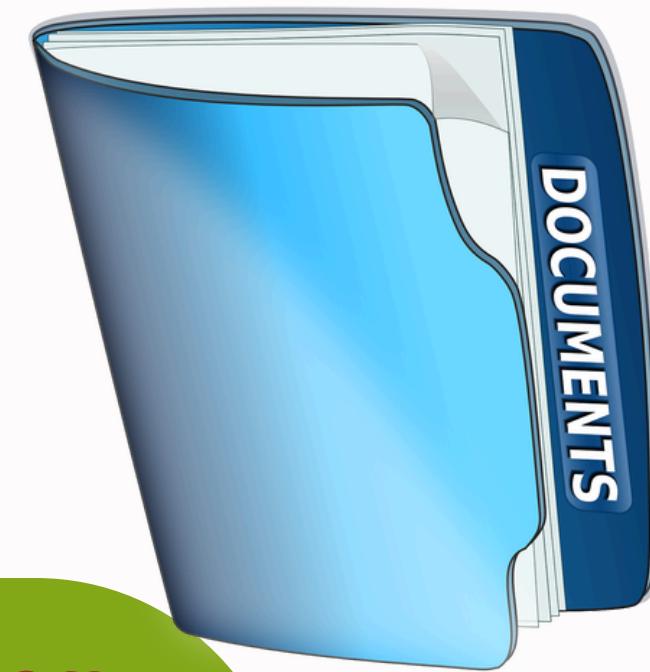
**STEP 2
CHOOSING A
CERTIFICATION
BODY**

CHOOSE AN ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION BODY

**CONTACT THE SELECTED CERTIFICATION BODY TO
OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE
CERTIFICATION PROCESS.**

HOW TO BECOME AN ORGANIC PRODUCER?

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STEP 3 DOCUMENTS AND CHECKS

**PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION
ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE
CERTIFICATION BODY**

**• THE CERTIFICATION BODY WILL INSPECT YOUR
FARM FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ORGANIC
PRODUCTION STANDARDS**

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STEP 4 OBTAINING A CERTIFICATE

IF EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER DURING THE INSPECTION AND DOCUMENTARY CHECKS, THE CERTIFICATION BODY WILL ISSUE YOU AN ORGANIC PRODUCTION CERTIFICATE.

TO MAINTAIN YOUR CERTIFICATION, YOU WILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH THE RELEVANT ORGANIC PRODUCTION STANDARDS AND UNDERGO ANNUAL INSPECTIONS.

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**STEP 5
LABEL AND SELL
PRODUCTS**

**ONCE YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE CERTIFICATE, YOU
CAN LABEL YOUR PRODUCTS WITH THE EUROPEAN
UNION ORGANIC LOGO.**

**YOU CAN SELL YOUR ORGANIC PRODUCTS AS
CERTIFIED ORGANIC PRODUCTS**



**BY FOLLOWING THESE STEPS
AND WORKING WITH AN
ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION
BODY, YOU CAN SUCCESSFULLY
OBTAIN AN ORGANIC
CERTIFICATION AND START
MARKETING YOUR PRODUCTS AS
CERTIFIED ORGANIC.**