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"Organic agriculture is a production system that sustains the health of soils, ecosystems and people. It relies on ecological processes, biodiversity and cycles adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse effects. Organic farming is a method of crop and livestock production that involves much more than choosing not to use pesticides, fertilizers, genetically modified organisms, antibiotics, and growth hormones. This factsheet provides background information on organic production and links to additional information. Organic food is food produced by methods that comply with the standards of organic farming. Standards vary worldwide, but organic farming features practices that cycle resources, promote ecological balance, and conserve biodiversity. To produce food of high quality in sufficient quantity. To interact in a constructive and life-enhancing way with natural systems and cycles. To consider the wider social and ecological impact of the organic production and processing system.