



Beyond Organic

Organic certification in this country grew out of mainstream industrial agriculture, as a way for people to distinguish that, unlike their conventional agricultural counterparts, those producing “organic” foods, were doing so with more of an environmental conscience. “Certified Organic” however, does not *inherently* mean that the local ecology was taken into consideration. It simply means that the *worst* agricultural chemicals were not used on the crops (and that those crops are not GMO’s). Unfortunately, quite often under our current food and economic system, people certify their crops as organic simply in the hopes of making more money off of them, per unit. Though there are many very small-scale organic producers who have a legitimate concern for the environment, in terms of overall food produced, these producers represent a minute fraction of total organic food production. Most of the organic produce grown in this country is done quite conventionally—with row cropping, repeated tilling (often used as an organic method of controlling weeds, despite the fact that it leads to increased soil erosion and loss of topsoil), large-scale machinery and mechanized harvesting and processing, miles of petroleum-derived plastic drip tape, and worst of all, the use of herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, etc. (just those chemicals that are OMRI certified for use on organic produce).

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