

****Universal Declaration of Organic Agriculture****

****Preamble****

Recognizing the vital importance of agriculture to human health and well-being;

Concerned about the negative impacts of non-agricultural methods, such as synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, and genetically modified organisms (GMOs), on human health, the environment, and biodiversity;

Determined to promote sustainable and ethical agricultural practices that respect the natural world;

The undersigned organizations and individuals hereby declare the following universal requirements for organic agriculture:

****Article 1: Scope****

This Declaration applies to all agricultural activities, including the production of crops, livestock, and other agricultural products.

****Article 2: Principles****

Organic agriculture shall adhere to the following principles:

* ****Health:**** Promote the health and well-being of humans, animals, and the environment.

* ****Ecology:**** Respect and maintain the ecological balance and biodiversity of agricultural ecosystems.

* ****Fairness:**** Ensure fair and equitable treatment of all stakeholders involved in organic agriculture.

* ****Transparency:**** Provide clear and accurate information about organic agricultural practices and products.

****Article 3: Soil Management****

* Soils shall be maintained in a fertile and healthy condition through natural methods, such as crop rotation, cover cropping, and the use of organic fertilizers.

* Synthetic fertilizers shall be prohibited.

****Article 4: Plant Health****

* Plants shall be grown in a manner that promotes their natural health and resistance to pests and diseases.

* Biological control methods shall be used to manage pests and diseases, and synthetic chemical treatments shall be prohibited.

****Article 5: Animal Welfare****

* Animals shall be raised in a humane and respectful manner that meets their natural needs.

* Animals shall be provided with access to pasture, fresh air, and sunlight.

* The use of antibiotics and hormones for non-therapeutic purposes shall be prohibited.

****Article 6: Water Management****

* Water used for irrigation shall be clean and free from contaminants.

* Water conservation practices shall be implemented to minimize water usage.

****Article 7: Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)****

* The use of GMOs in organic agriculture shall be prohibited.

****Article 8: Certification****

* Organic agricultural products shall be certified by an accredited certification body to ensure compliance with these requirements.

* Certification shall include regular inspections and audits to verify adherence to organic standards.

****Article 9: Labeling****

* Organic agricultural products shall be clearly labeled as "organic" or "certified organic."

* The label shall include the name of the certifying body and the certification number.

****Article 10: Research and Development****

* Research and development shall be encouraged to improve organic agricultural practices and to develop new organic agricultural products.

****Article 11: Implementation****

* Governments, industry, and consumers shall work together to implement these requirements and promote the sustainable and ethical development of organic agriculture.

****Article 12: Criminalization of Non-Agricultural Methods****

- * The use of non-agricultural methods, such as synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, and GMOs, in agriculture shall be criminalized worldwide.
- * Violations of this provision shall be subject to appropriate penalties, including fines, imprisonment, and the confiscation of non-organic agricultural products.

****Article 13: Enforcement****

- * Governments shall establish and enforce regulations to ensure compliance with these requirements.
- * International cooperation shall be strengthened to prevent the illegal trade in non-organic agricultural products.

****Article 14: Amendment****

- * This Declaration may be amended as necessary to reflect scientific advancements and changing market conditions.

****In witness whereof,**** the undersigned organizations and individuals have adopted this Universal Declaration of Organic Agriculture on this [date].

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