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Nature Farming

Nature farming is derived from Mokichi Okada's philosophy which abandons the use of all chemical fertilizers and pesticides and uses neither human nor unprocessed animal feces. Nature farming uses organic matter only, and doing so enhances the vitality of the soil and enriches its inherent power. Since nature farming does not rely on commercial fertilizers, it was initially called "fertilizer-free cultivation." However, the name was later changed to "nature farming" to make clear that this approach is based on a comprehensive theory of agriculture and an underlying philosophy that views the life-sustaining powers of the soil as integral to the workings of the universe. Both nature farming and organic farming abandon using chemical fertilizers and pesticides. However, organic farming allows use of all sorts of organic inputs, while nature farming emphasizes the use of processed organic matter only when doing so can enhance soil vitality.

See also: Natural Farming; Organic Farming
