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A Review on Role of Women in Organic and Sustainable farming

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Abstract: Agriculture is the backbone of the economic system of India. In addition to providing food and raw material, agriculture also provides employment opportunities to a very large percentage of the population. Organic farming is an agricultural method that uses fertilizers of natural origin. Different kind of natural products like compost manure, green manure, and bone meal etc. It originated early in the 20th century in reaction to rapidly changing farming practices. Organic farming continues to be developed by various organizations today. Use of biopesticides (Biological pest control), mixed cropping and the nurturing of insect predators are encouraged. Organic standards are designed to allow the use of naturally-occurring substances while eradication or strictly preventive synthetic substances. Organic and sustainable farming has the potential to create new structures that actively work towards achieving women's empowerment and protecting the use of indigenous knowledge. This is a challenge for the organic movement, particularly certified organic, which is predominately driven and supported by political, cultural, economic and social structures.

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