

ORGANIC FARMING

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

1. INTRODUCTION

Why Organic Farming?

- Farming in harmony with nature
- A production system which exclude the use of synthetic chemical i.e. compound fertilizers, pesticides, feed additives, growth regulators, etc.
- Casual and mechanistic thinking have led to economic and technical developments, which in turn have resulted in an increasing industrialization of agricultural production and the belief that agricultural problems can be solved by the appropriate use of machines and chemicals. Chemical fertilizers, pesticides, growth regulators, concentrated feed and other additives are supposed to keep plants and animals healthy but they often fail to do so. The high yields they produce initially are usually accompanied by adverse side effects sooner or later. The negative side effects include reduced soil fertility, ground water pollution, the destruction of natural habitats, the reduction of the number of plant and animal species, and steadily increasing energy requirements.
- Population growth and the consequent high demand for food in the developing countries have led to the need to increase the yields from farmlands and livestock by using and sometimes over-using agrochemicals. It has been estimated that many people suffer from pesticide poisoning and a large number die every year as result of the toxic effects of chemicals. Organic farming provides practical and meaningful ways of reducing the pollution of air, water and soil, which affect the environment and ultimately human welfare. It helps to maintain the balance in the basic constituents of healthy farming viz. air, water, soil, and microorganisms

2. OBJECTIVE

-To empower people with organic farming skills in order to achieve quality foods and maintaining healthy environment.

3. COURSES

Trainings include:

- A. Organic farming in general** (inclusive soil tillage, vermin culture and EPM) Ksh 10,000/= per person (20 hrs)



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- B. **Vermin-culture** - Ksh 5000/= per person/day
- C. **EPM (biopesticides)** - Ksh 5000/= per person/day
- D. **Soil tillage techniques** - **Ksh** 5000/= per person/day
- E. **Kitchen gardens:** Charges depend on the inputs and man hours required. Man hours are charged at 4000 Ksh per day

- JKUAT certificate is given

4. WHO TO ATTEND

- Farmers who would like to divert from farming using synthetic chemicals to organic way of farming e.g. **Farmers, Extension Officers /Organizations/NGOS, Government Institutions e.t.c**

- People in extension services

- Trainers

5. ONSITE ORGANIC TRAINING:

3 days on site Ksh 20,000/= per head (at least a group of 5 people)

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6. Products on sale:

-Red earth worms Ksh 2500/= /kilogram

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