

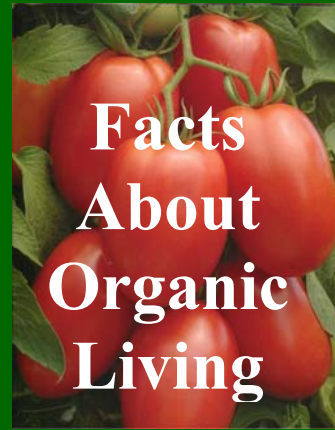


Sustainable
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The Sustainable Agriculture Group (SAG) was formed in 1998 to promote agricultural sustainability by encouraging dissemination of information about alternative agricultural practices for both small and large growers in our region, South Texas. Our membership includes backyard gardeners, commercial producers of fruits and vegetables, Master Gardeners, retailers of agricultural products, Texas AgriLife Extension faculty, USDA researchers and others who share an interest in learning more about growing healthy food.

The Sustainable Agronomic Education Association (SAEA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization composed of a subgroup of SAG participants. This organization provides the legal structure that allows us to apply for grants and to accept donations to fund our activities. The Association seeks common ground between farmers and consumers to develop sound agricultural practices that emphasize natural methods to improve soil productivity and plant health.

www.sustainableagrv.org



Facts About Organic Living

A four year, \$25 million European Union funded study found that with regards to organic food compared to "regular" food:

- There are 40% more antioxidants in organic food
- Milk that is taken from organic herds contains 90% more antioxidants
- There are higher levels of beneficial minerals like zinc and iron in the organic produce

Organic farming helps our environment by increasing soil fertility, encouraging natural organisms to flourish, and allowing plants and animals to boost their natural resistance to disease instead of relying on antibiotics and fungicides.

Studies show that pesticides can adversely affect the nervous system, increase the risk of cancer, and decrease fertility.

Synthetic fertilizer drifting downstream is the main culprit for dead zones in the delicate ocean environments, such as the Gulf of Mexico, where its dead zone is now larger than 22,000 square kilometers, an area larger than New Jersey.

A board of directors is elected biannually from SAEA members to guide our activities and to ensure adherence to the founding principles for the benefit of all members.

Membership is currently \$20 per year. All funds are used to offset costs of sanctioned activities and scholarships

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