

11. 食の安全と有機農業(1)：構造理解

People today are worried about food safety. As a result, the popularity of “organic” farming of fruits and vegetables is increasing. But what exactly does organic farming mean?

It is probably easier to explain what organic farming is not.

Organic farming does not use pesticides or fertilizers.

Instead, this style of farming uses natural methods to protect plants and help them grow.

So, organic agricultural products are thought to be generally safer than non-organic ones.

In the United States, about two percent of all food is grown using organic methods.

The U.S. government officially licenses farms as “organic” if they pass an examination.

Presently, there are about 10,000 licensed farmers in the U.S.,

and this number is growing by about 20% a year.

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