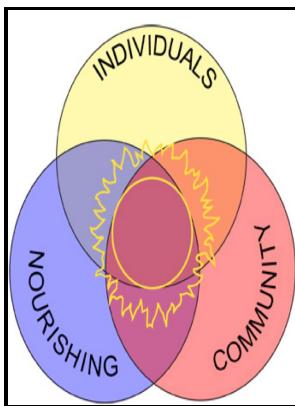


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Organic, Inc.: Natural Foods and How They Grew by Samuel Fromartz

Letters should be a minimum of 150 words, refer to content that has appeared on Orlando Weekly, and must include the writer's full name, address, and phone number for verification purposes. Pollan then follows the corn to enormous feedlots in Kansas, where a heifer that he bought in South Dakota is speed-fattened—fourteen pounds of corn for each pound of edible beef—for which its naturally grass-processing rumen was not designed, requiring it to be dosed with antibiotics, which breed resistant strains of bacteria. His experience as a consumer shopping at Whole Foods and at local farmer's markets made him question why he was seeking out and buying organic produce, even when it cost him more.

Paradise Sold: What are you buying when you buy organic?

Who would have thought that a natural food supermarket could have been a financial refuge from the dot-com bust? But organic farming tends to raise yields in poorer nations like Kenya, India, and Guatemala. Two recent studies—one by a team of ecologists at the University of Michigan and one by a team of European economists and sociologists—estimated the impact that such a conversion would have on global food output, and both teams found, independently, that the supply would increase, not decrease, dramatically.

Organic, Inc.: Natural Foods and How They Grow.

A primer on the business and culture of food, Organic Inc. Lu and his colleagues thought that children living near farms would have the highest levels of pesticide residues, since they were subject to drift from nearby fields.

Review

Happy customers take care of the shareholders.

Review: Organic Inc by Samuel Fromartz

Legumes apart, plants cannot extract nitrogen directly from the practically unlimited stores of the gas in the atmosphere, so farmers in the nineteenth century routinely enhanced soil fertility using animal manures, guano, or mined nitrates. When a research team he led substituted organic foods for a conventional diet in children for five days, they could find no evidence of pesticide metabolites in their urine.

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As a result, some would argue that parts of the industry have betrayed the founding ideals of the organic movement. Plus, the successful organic food companies have been gobbled up, so it's tough to buy into the market. By contrast, organic solidarity flowed from the division of labor.

Organic, Inc.: Natural Foods and How... book by Samuel Fromartz

Agrisystems, as they exist today, are basically unhealthy - and unsustainable. You come away from Fromartz's book both confirmed in the idea that organic foods are good, but also aware that the people getting all that organically labeled material to a market near you are probably not the Birkenstock and hemp-clad activists you might have envisioned.

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