



## Organic farming : What cuba can teach america and other European countries

- History

the country has had a green revolution since 1950's, by using chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides . Cuba's role as a leader in organic farming didn't come from a concern over carbon footprint or a desire to get rid of chemicals from every day food . Cuba stopped using chemicals because they disappeared in 1991 government (Spanish:Periodo especial) called it a "special period " . where Cuba lost its major supply of food and fertilizers , it was a major challenge, a state of urgency where 80% of the food was imported from the allies [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special\\_Period](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special_Period) .Now the people had no option other than to grow food on their own land without the use of chemicals or fertilizers . This was the phase which marked the beginning of the "REAL GREEN REVOLUTION" for the cuba and its people .





How did the Cubans emerged : from 80% import to 85% account for the overall requirement of Caribbean country's

<http://www.worldstopexports.com/cubas-top-10-exports/>

1. The government gave state owned farm lands to anyone who promised to grow food .
2. All the younger generations of 90's were taught the traditional ways to grow food , when there was no access to chemicals .
3. Interplanting , Natural pesticides . Marigolds to attract the pollinators , vermicomposting , its part of a well organized system which has gained attention as the model for other parts of the countries around the world

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