

Friends of the Earth claims organic agriculture could feed world, if yield not considered

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For many years, the prevailing perception has been that organic farming. . . cannot produce the sort of yields needed to provide food for the world's population.

While [a new report from researchers at the Friends of the Earth](#) admits that crop yields are, on average, currently smaller with organic farming than industrial farming, that doesn't have to be the case.

The report. . . goes on to argue that crop yields shouldn't be the only metric by which we should evaluate any given crop's success.

. . . John Reganold, a professor of soil science and agroecology at Washington State University, said a crop's yield is just one of four metrics by which it should be considered sustainably productive.

Equally important, he argued, is whether a crop is environmentally safe, economically viable to the farmer and socially responsible — by paying its workers well, for example.

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When organic farming practices are compared to conventional practices using all four of those metrics, the FOE report argues, the organic practices hold an advantage. . . .

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