Prince Charles: 'Future of humanity' may depend on organic farming

Prince Charles has warned that the 'very future of humanity' may depend on organic farming.

Speaking as he celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Soil Association in London, the heir to the throne insisted that eco-friendly practices, which had once seemed so controversial, were now backed by 'sound science'.

And he warned that they may be our only hope of reversing the drastic damage being caused to the environment, which could see large swathes of farmland destroyed forever 'within sixty harvests'.

Charles, who has long practised organic farming himself as well as being an advocate of it, told his audience: 'So Ladies and Gentlemen, it is becoming ever clearer that the very future of humanity may depend to a very large extent on a mainstream transition to more sustainable farming practices, based of course on organic principles.

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'For instance, the impact of chemical fertilizers and pesticides on the soil biome, mirrored in our own stomachs as a result of excessive use of antibiotics, has been so devastating, that it is now being said that we only have enough fertility left for sixty harvests.'

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