



Organic Management Plans

Organic Farming Systems has been providing organic and sustainable management plans for properties or specific crops for the past 10 years. We have a wealth of knowledge, providing growers with a clear guide as to how to manage their crops in a sustainable way. Many growers who are converting to more sustainable farming practices, take advantage of these plans.

The plans incorporate an approach that encompasses a systematic view of all farming practices that relies on an understanding of the ecological processes on a property and using these processes to manage the problems that occur.

The plan is designed to build a robust system on the property that is able to resist the pressure of disease and pest attack while maintaining or improving quality.

Plans include chapters on:

- **Crop Nutrition:** The basic objective is to build soil biological health, humus levels and to balance the nutrients in the soil to provide a good nutrient base for the crop.
 - Details on soil amendments required to maximise crop growth are listed
 - Details on foliar sprays and fertigation to supplement nutrients obtained from the soil are listed
 - A plan to monitor soil and plant health indicators is provided
- **Cover Crops:** Build humus levels, increase soil nitrogen levels, improve soil friability and cation exchange capacity and suppress winter weeds.
 - Details of the best cover crops for your situation are provided along with information about how to plant them.
- **Pest and Disease Control:** Depending on the crop, farmers need to be observant of the particular pests and diseases likely to affect them.
 - Information of the pests and diseases likely to affect your crop and how to manage them are provided
- **Weed Management:** The aim is to reduce the competition from weeds during the growing season.
 - Options for weed management are suggested
- **Spray Program:**
 - A table outlining the spray program is provided
- **Product Information:** Details of the various products mentioned in the plan are provided

This information is of a general nature - seek specific advice for your situation.

As part of our BIOS Program, we have a range of sustainable /organic plans for a variety of horticulture crops. These plans are available through consultation with our distributors. Email us for further information.