

Dissertations on Organic Farming: A supervisor's experience

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Abstract

Organic agriculture is gaining increasing acceptance in India among the NGOs and the agencies in the government and private sector. The scientific and academic community too is now taking interest in this emerging field. The increasing number of seminars, conferences, workshops, and short-term and long-term training courses being organized by leading academic and research institutions in India clearly indicate the increasing interest in this area. Apart from reserach projects being undertaken by the scientists, organic farming is being studied as a part of Master's and PhD dissertation. This paper discusses author's experience in supervising one Master's and one Doctoral dissertation completed in the area of organic agriculture. The work done positively impacted the developments to further the cause of organic agriculture since it attracted the attention of many more academicians, researchers, and students across the country. The seminar presentations and publications based on the work help further the understanding of this relatively new area. As such, it may be concluded that the students' research in the area of organic farming can be encouraged to improve the understanding of organic agriculture.