

History of Organic Farming

1862- Beginning of transition to horse powered plows

1865- Gang plows put to use

1868- Steam tractors put to use

1890's Average annual consumption of commercial fertilizers- 1,845,900 tons per year

1900's- Average annual consumption of commercial fertilizers- 6,116,700 tons per year

1900-1910- George Washington Carver pioneers uses for peanuts & soybeans

1910-1915- Open geared gas tractors put to use

1920's Average annual consumption of commercial fertilizers- 6,845,800 tons per year

1 farmer supplies 9.8 people

1926 Successful light tractor developed
Cotton stripper developed

1920 Rebecca Kidd speaks out against agricultural trends

1941-1945- frozen foods popularized

1945 Tractors begin to replace horses in second agricultural revolution

1940's
World War II
Average annual consumption of commercial fertilizers- 13,590,400 tons per year
1 farmer supplies 10.7 people

1950's
Scientists focus on new chemical approaches in agriculture
Average annual consumption of commercial fertilizers- 22,340,700 tons per year
One farmer supplies 15.5 people

1950's
J.I. Rodale popularizes term and methods to organic farming

1970's
"Know your farmer, know your food" campaign for locally grown foods

1980's Farming and consumer groups pressure government for organic product regulation, leading to USDA certification

1960's
one farmer supplies 25.8 people
Average annual consumption of commercial fertilizers- 32,373,713 tons per year

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