

Task 21. Read the text about organic farming methods. Fill in the blanks from the word list on the right. There are THREE words you will not need.

Members of an organic farm community near Rostock, Germany

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Agricultural - chemical – conditions - controlled - destroy – enrich- fed - living - matter nutrients-offering - providing -rotation - rows - soil

Instead of chemicals, organic farming uses a lot of organic (1) _____ to give crops the (2) _____ that they need to grow. Clover, for example, has a lot of nitrogen in it and farmers use it to make the (3) _____ better. Manure from animals and compost are also used to (4) _____ the soil. These fertilizers

also help conserve soil, not destroy it after a few years.

Organic farmers also use crop (5) _____ to preserve the good qualities of soils and avoid monoculture.

Chemical pesticides destroy or weaken many of the natural enemies of pests, like birds or frogs. They also can kill those insects that control a great number of pests.

Organic farming creates new (6) _____ areas for wasps, bugs, beetles and flies by (7) _____ them with water and food.

Weeds are (8) _____ by using special machines. Hay, straw and wood chips are put between the (9) _____ of plants to stop weeding. Many (10) _____ products can be produced in an organic way. Meat, dairy products, and eggs come from animals that are (11)

_____ organically and can graze outdoors. They live in (12) _____ that are natural to them. Cows, for example, are kept in pastures and fields. Vegetables and fruit are also produced with organic methods.

Task 22. Students read and complete the tasks.

The farm

My name is Andrea. I live with my mom and daddy on our farmer in Colombia. We have a lot of animals as: the sheep they give us wool, the cows give us milk, the dog takes care of the sheep, the rooster that all days wakes us up in the morning, the hens and duck lay big eggs, the pigs give us delicious meat. They all have different jobs in our farm.



The farmer drives a tractor. The tractor digs up the ground. He plants reds tomatoes, potatoes, lettuce, onions, and yellow corn in the ground.

He plants the yellow corn in the spring. The corn grows in the summer. The rain helps the corn grow. If there is no rain, the corn dies. If there is a lot of rain, there is a lot of corn. He harvests the yellow corn in late summer.

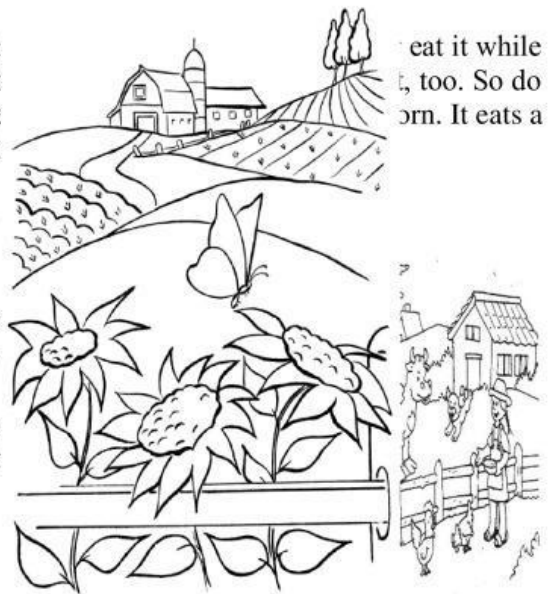
He sells the corn at his vegetable stand. He sells for 25 cents. He sells all his corn in just one month. The neighbors love his corn. The corn is fresh.

It is bright yellow. It is tasty. It is delicious. The birds love his corn it is in the field. They don't cook it. They eat it raw. The farmer do cows. The farmer has four cows. He gives his cows' fresh corn eve lot of yellow corn in the summer. Sometimes it makes yellow milk

The barn has a lot of hay for cows, sheep, and horses. In the lake farmer that cultivate fish for eating barbecue all weekend.

However, mom begins to plant sunflowers, she thinks it's a good b farm because the oil of seeds is very expensive and appreciated by

Now our farm is bigger, daddy have a lot of workers y we are bigg love to life here. I get up early, I see all animals, the plants, flower birds on the nests.



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Why is Andrea enjoying the farm? _____

How much he sells the corn for? _____

When is the correct time for the corn to grow? _____

Why are the mom planting sunflowers? _____

Mention 3 different functions that animals, person or appliances have in the farm:

Complete the box with:

Animals

Vegetables