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## Gozo farmers encouraged to go organic

Gozitan farmers and growers are being encouraged to switch to organic farming.

In a meeting at the Victoria council this morning, the Malta Standards Authority informed them of the benefits of such farming, in which pesticides were not used creating a more genuine product.

Both Information Parliamentary Secretary Chris Said and MSA chairman Francis E. Farrugia said organic farming would help towards the achievement of the eco-Gozo initiative as part of Vision 2015.



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Currently there are 15 farmers in Malta certified to process organic produce. Together they work 22 hectares of land and grow 20 tonnes of organic products a year. This was an increase of 33 per cent in the past five years.

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### Comments

**emanuel bajada**(47 minutes ago)

This is one of the few , if not the only sensible suggestions I have heard for the last couple of years. More I suggest all agriculture of Gozo to be compulsorily organic, if need be by law.

**c galea** (47 minutes ago)

Promoting ECO Gozo and organic farming

and then the nadur cemetery which is going to destroy 100 tumoli of very fertile land and thousands of trees because it is being built directly on top of their underground water supply. Since the building one spring has already stopped.

These farmers had already started using the organic farming method. What are they going to do when the water supply is contaminated by the cemetery?

This cemetery should have never been given the go ahead in such a delicate area.And how long is the mepa appeal going to take, until the works are finished?