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# Some thoughts on the relation between Organic Agriculture and Agroecology

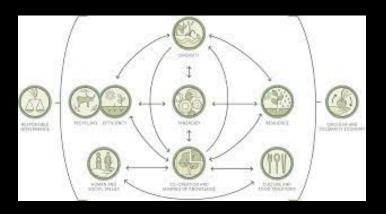
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- certified/codified
- well-defined
- transparent
- petrified / backward-looking



- undefined
- innovative
- inspiring
- lack of concreteness

# Some challenges for organic agriculture where agroecology may give some input

- "Market context"
  - yield stability, crop rotations diversity
  - yields and other efficiency measures (GHG footprints) as one key performance indicator
- "Agronomic"
  - N supply
  - yield gaps in particular roots and tubers
- Others
  - social aspects
  - heterogeneity in production / locally adapted production
    - > corresponding heterogeneity in processing



### Way forward

Put as one core statement:

 learning from agroecology may help to avoid relying on performance indicators from industrial agriculture in organic agriculture;

or:

• as long as organic agriculture tries to live up to performance ideals from industrial agriculture, it cannot play out its strengths.



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