Permanent agriculture: precursor to organic farming

Organic farming follows the principle of circular causation and has emerged in response to questions on health, environment and sustainability issues. In this review, we assess the status, opportunities and C-sequestration potentials of OF in India. We identify constraints that impede adoption of OF especially for small farm holders who constitute over 70% of farming community in India. Paull, J. (2006): Permanent Agriculture: Precursor to Organic Farming. J. Bio-Dyn., Tasmania 83, pp. 19–21. Paull, J. (2007): Rachel Carson, A Voice for Organics - the First Hundred Years. Traditional farming (of many particular kinds in different eras and places) was the original type of agriculture, and has been practiced for thousands of years. All traditional farming is now considered to be "organic farming" although at the time there were no known inorganic methods. For example, forest gardening, a fully organic food production system which dates from prehistoric times, is thought to be the world's oldest and most resilient agroecosystem. After the industrial revolution had