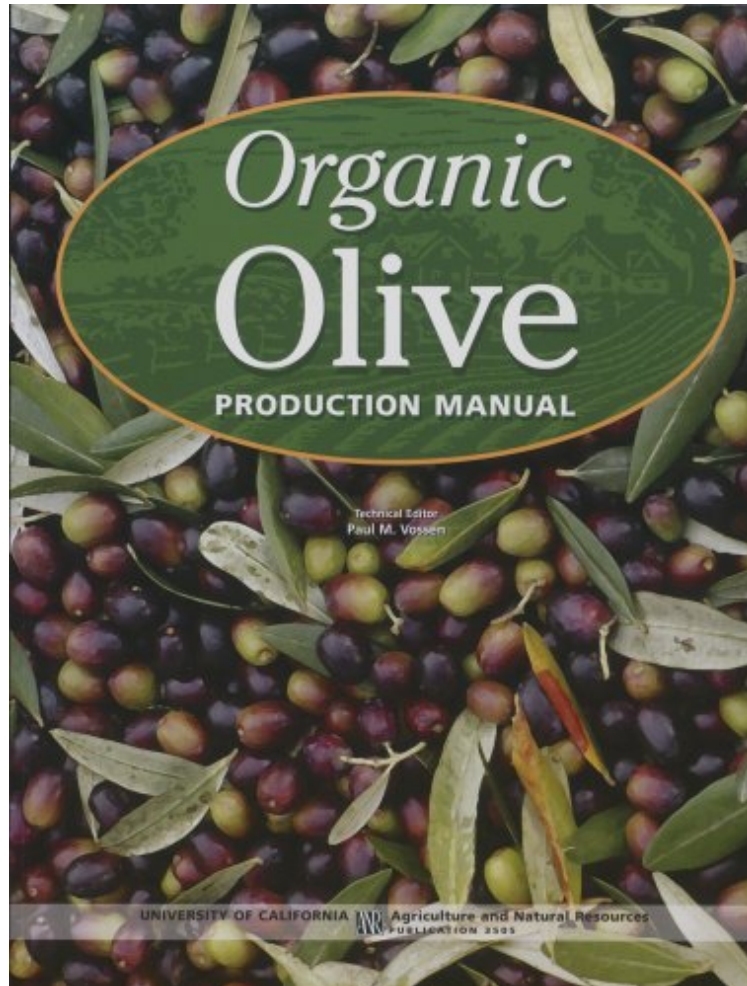


# Organic Olive Production Manual

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her book is the best. 12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. the book saved me a lot of money! By O. Klepper As an organic olive grower in Italy I find it difficult to obtain reliable scientific information. This book covers many aspects of organic olive growing, most of which are directly relevant to me. Some of the recommendations in the book differ considerably from traditional Italian practice. For example the standard way of planting trees is digging a 1m (3-foot) deep hole, which turns out to be quite superfluous. Also it turns out that most olives are overfertilised, merely stimulating vegetative growth. Following the handbook, I saved hundreds of euros on planting and fertilising per hectare. I highly recommend it!

This manual provides detailed information for growers on production issues, plant nutrition, economics, pest and weed control, management of olive wastes, the conversion process, and organic certification and registration. Using this manual you'll learn about orchard site selection considerations, irrigation needs, terrain, temperature, soil, damage from the olive fruit fly, and how these may vary for table fruit versus fruit for oil production. You'll also learn how to evaluate harvest methods an important consideration as harvest costs typically amount to half the total production cost for olives. This manual has been developed as a supplement to the Olive Production Manual, 2nd Edition. Organic growers are advised to consult both publications as they develop and refine their production systems.