

You are a farmer and have been hearing a lot about organic farming practices, which are better for the environment than using chemical pesticides and fertilizers. Some suggested practices include leaving a buffer around your fields for wildlife, no-till farming, and using natural methods of pest control. Using these methods will improve the long-term condition of your land and will benefit the environment. However, in the short term you may loose profits. You are already having trouble paying your bills with current practices. What would you do?

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•	Would you continue farming using the techniques you have used for years?
•	Would you try some new methods on part of the farm to test the results?
•	Are you breaking any laws by not changing your farming practices?
•	What are some of the methods used in IPM?
•	Who could you contact for assistance and information about sustainable farming practices?