SOIL ASSOCIATION ORGANIC STANDARDS
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4.6 Managing soil
4.7 Manure, compost and plant wastes
4.8 Mineral fertilisers and supplementary nutrients
4.9 Heavy metals in soil and manure
4.10 Controlling weeds
4.11 Controlling pests and disease

The above listed sections of Soil Association Organic Standards provide a set of rules for the establishment and growth of crops, and they are referred to in the rule quoted below.

Cropping without rotations

5.1.14

When you cannot produce crops within a rotation your methods of nutrient supply, weed, pest and disease control must still comply with sections 4.6–4.11. Below are the main examples of such production systems:

- protected cropping (this includes mono-cropping or annual cropping of the same genus, though not alliums, potatoes or brassicas)
- permanent pastures, including upland habitats
- perennial crops such as orchards, vineyards and plantation crops
- wild harvested plants growing naturally in uncultivated areas (please see chapter 9).

5.1.15

You must not use:

- any cropping system we have not defined in standard 5.1.14 that relies on outside inputs for nutrient supply, weed, pest and disease control, or
- continuous arable rotations.