



Farmers' Attitude towards Organic Farming Practices: A Concept of Sustainable Organic Farming Development in South Africa

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ABSTRACT Organic agriculture as a sustainable approach is growing increasingly all over the world. In South Africa, organic farming has demonstrated its potential as an important food production mechanism but its deployment in attaining optimum results in food security and environmental safety remains limited. This paper assessed the attitudes of farmers in Amathole District Municipality toward organic farming. The descriptive research design was employed in which structured questionnaires were distributed to 160 respondents. The results revealed that many of the respondents have a positive attitude towards organic farming, but there were concerned about its viability. To improve farmers' attitude towards organic farming in a way that it becomes a sustainable practice, requires synergy between farmers and critical stakeholders especially extension personnel who would be invested with the responsibility of cultivating farmers on sustainable organic farming practices.