Read the text about organic farming methods. Fill in the blanks from the word list on the right. There are THREE words you will not need.

Instead of chemicals, organic farming uses a lot of organic (1) _______________ to give crops the (2) _______________ that they need to grow. Clover, for example, has a lot of nitrogen in it and farmers use it to make the (3) _______________ better. Manure from animals and compost are also used to (4) _______________ the soil. These fertilizers also help conserve soil, not destroy it after a few years.

Organic farmers also use crop (5) _______________ to preserve the good qualities of soils and avoid monoculture.

Chemical pesticides destroy or weaken many of the natural enemies of pests, like birds or frogs. They also can kill those insects that control a great number of pests.

Organic farming creates new (6) _______________ areas for wasps, bugs, beetles and flies by (7) _______________ them with water and food.

Weeds are (8) _______________ by using special machines. Hay, straw and wood chips are put between the (9) _______________ of plants to stop weeding.

Many (10) _______________ products can be produced in an organic way. Meat, dairy products and eggs come from animals that are (11) _______________ organically and can graze outdoors. They live in (12) _______________ that are natural to them. Cows, for example, are kept in pastures and fields. Vegetables and fruit are also produced with organic methods.
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Organic farmers also use crop (5) rotation to preserve the good qualities of soils and avoid monoculture.

Chemical pesticides destroy or weaken many of the natural enemies of pests, like birds or frogs. They also can kill those insects that control a great number of pests.

Organic farming creates new (6) living areas for wasps, bugs, beetles and flies by (7) providing them with water and food.

Weeds are (8) controlled by using special machines. Hay, straw and wood chips are put between the (9) rows of plants to stop weeding.

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