Origins of the Organic Agriculture Debate

Description: Origins of the Organic Agriculture Debate takes a look at two historically contrasting views. The first view comprises the ideas in chemistry and biology that have credited the conditions for modern medicine, modern food production, and the biotechnological revolution. The second view is the "vitalist" position on the rise of modern science and the resulting rejection of modern agriculture by vitalist movement.

Touching upon the hottest discussions in agriculture today, DeGregori explores the factors involved in the modern fear of technology -- a fear that reflects anti--technology beliefs and practices. DeGregori asserts that vitalism is at the core of an array of contemporary anti-science and anti--technology movements. He helps readers fully understand the ferocity with which certain beliefs about homeopathic medicine and the "organic" are held.

This book will inspire discussion as supplemental reading for students in agriculture, food science, biology, ecology, and history of science. Professionals and academics with an interest in organic agriculture or the history of science and technology will want to read this thought-provoking book.

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