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(land and soils, water, nutrients, and light) are used. The bases and
methods of sustainable production philosophies such as 'organic',
conservation' and 'climate-smart' agriculture will be explained"