

Fruitful Tomatoes



You are a soil scientist and have been asked to help a family farming tomatoes. Their tomato yields are declining, as is their farm income. In addition, the family would like to make their farming enterprise more sustainable. You test soil samples from the cropping land on the farm and find that the soil is a bit low in phosphorus and organic matter.

Your task:

Use the information provided on the [Farming Fungi](#) webpage to write a paragraph explaining why the farmers should consider encouraging the growth of mycorrhizal fungi in the soil to improve their tomato crop. Complete the PEEL writing template to structure your paragraph.

PEEL writing template

Point — State your point in one clear topic sentence.

Evidence — What evidence supports your recommendation?

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Explain your point in one or two sentences.

Link back to your topic sentence.



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