

OTHER MANAGERMENTS

With the aim to increase the level of Organic Matter in soil we are managing the green cover to try to replace the current cover mainly with grass through a mix of different species such as bent grass, vetch, trefoil, different type of clover, mustard, Phacelia among others.

It is quite difficult to suppress the establish current grass cover with the new one.

Another intervention that we do in the orchard green cover is to mow in alternatives alleys, to maintain niches for wild life beneficial species in the orchard; also this management creates different environmental patterns and microclimate all over the orchard.

Amendments.-

We increase organic matter content in soil by adding amendments around each tree in winter period. We add wood chip, preferably 2 year old, in strips through the orchard to build organic matter, to keep a fungal ecology to the soil and to retain moisture. Sometimes we inoculate this with oyster spawn. We also interplant with comfrey to help cycle minerals such as Calcium and Silica from deep soil levels beyond the root horizon of the tree.



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