



Inspirational ideas: Chickens tackle weeds in Portuguese vineyards

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Both for organic and conventional farmers, weed control in vineyards, orchards and between lines of horticultural crops is a challenge. Weeds under the vine rows or in the vegetable lines can reduce growth and affect yields, but mechanical weed control is not always easy to perform.

Portuguese Operational Group CMOBILE is bringing chickens into the field, to control the weeds and avoid having to use synthetic herbicides. Luís Mendes, BIOPROTEC: "The chickens help to solve the weed problem in a sustainable way."

[Read more.](#) [1]

Read the full inspirational idea in the [EIP-AGRI Brochure 'Climate-smart agriculture: Solutions for resilient farming and forestry'](#) [2].

More information on CMOBILE / GMOVEL [in the EIP-AGRI database](#) [3]

Further reading:

[EIP-AGRI Brochure Climate-smart agriculture: Solutions for resilient farming and forestry](#) [4]

Links

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