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Weed Control in Organic Vegetable Cultivation

During the conversion to organic farming, abandoning the use of herbicides is unquestionably the most difficult hurdle for a vegetable farmer. Without herbicides, farmers lack a sure method to save their crops from being overrun with weeds.

Weed control thus is a main focus in the organic farmer's strategy. Preventative measures can limit the negative effects of weeds and the related costs. The timing of these measures directly affects the amount of manual weeding that is needed and thus also the profitability of the crop.