

How to manage weeds in organic fields



I avoid to introduce weeds in fields. I remove existing weeds early and I dry or compost them to destroy them. I also take good care of my fields.

Cut or slash weeds in perennial crops

Apply mulch

Avoid overgrazing of pastures and cover crops

Do not use herbicides

Grow dense green manures

Apply a proper crop rotation/intercropping

Control weeds manually and mechanically

Ensure good soil preparation

Strategies to manage weeds

1 Limit weed introduction



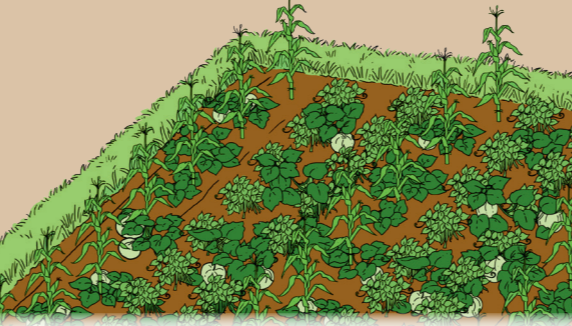
- Clean farm tools and machines before using them in another field

2 Give crops a head start



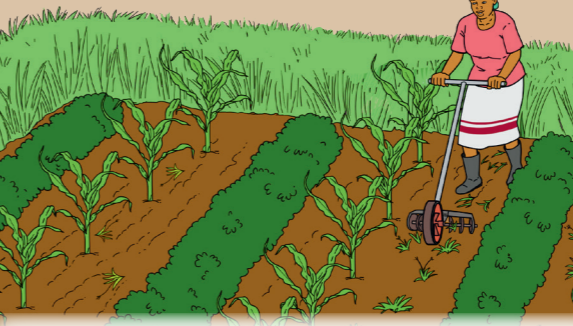
- Use good and healthy seeds
- Plant into a weed-free seedbed
- If suitable, transplant seedlings instead of direct sowing

3 Suppress the weeds



- Prevent weed germination/growth with mulch, cover crops or intercrops
- Do not use perennial weeds as mulch unless dried

4 Control weeds timely



- Control weeds with appropriate tools when still small
- Expose the weeds to the sun to let them dry

5 Avoid weed dispersion



- Remove perennial weeds early
- Remove seed producing weeds before they flower