



## Practice Abstract N° 15

## Most used weed management practices in annual crops

## INTRODUCTION

Effective weed management in **annual cropping systems** is crucial for maintaining productivity and reducing chemical inputs. Through data collection across Living Labs, we analyzed the most commonly used weed management strategies by farmers. This analysis aimed to identify existing practices to explore the potential of agroecological approaches while reducing dependency on herbicides.

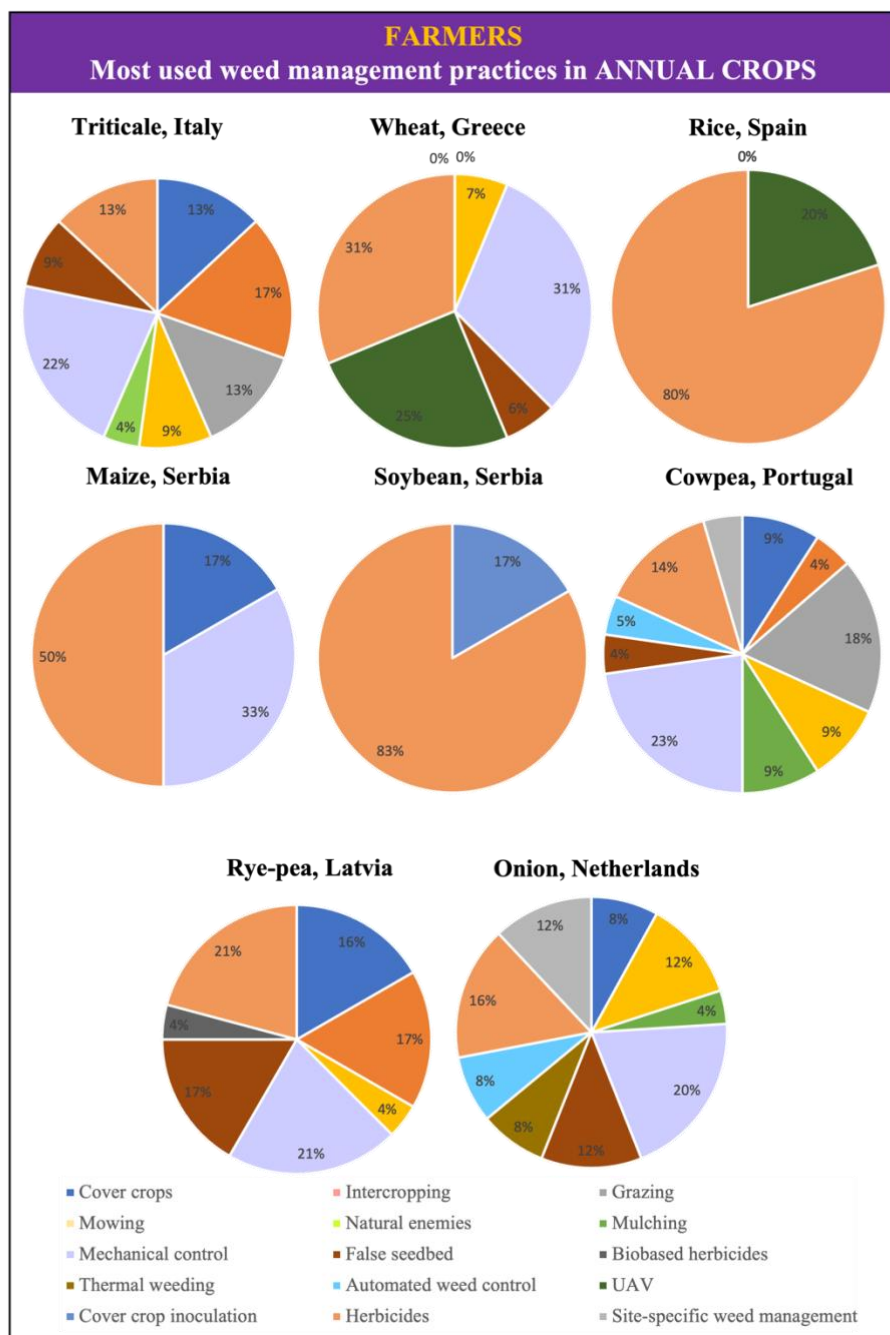
## MAIN RESULTS – OUTCOMES

- Farmers rely heavily on herbicides
- Mechanical control is the second most used practice to manage weeds
- Natural, biological and technological practices are less used

## PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Combine different weed management practices to gradually reduce reliance on herbicides

Experiment with cover crops and other crop diversification practices to reduce weed pressure and seek technical advice on choosing the best species and determining the timing of applications


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