

**Title:** Organic olive-growing in Portugal.

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**Abstract:**

Olive grove represents almost half of the total organic farming area in Portugal. The main regions are Alentejo and Trás-os-Montes. The reason for this option may have its origin in the fact that farmers are not very well informed about organic techniques. So they choose a less demanding farming in terms of inputs. Another problem for the olive grove is the uncertain yield due to an inadequate pruning system and depleted soils that contribute to the weak investment in this cultivation. However, the traditional varieties still have a strong implantation giving peculiar characteristics to the portuguese olive oil.