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FARMER'S EVALUATION OF A ROLLING CANVAS PROTOTYPE AGAINST HIS OWN SYSTEM FOR HARVESTING OLIVES

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An olive grower was invited to organise a full day harvesting test based on two rolling canvas prototypes, using his own trunk shaker, tractors and labour. This paper reports the results observed, making also a comparison with the usual harvesting method followed by the farmer, based on a trunk shaker and canvas manually placed under the trees. Results show the rolling canvas based system production slightly higher work rate, and according to the workers, less demanding in terms of physical effort.

olives / mechanical harvesting / \pm 400 trees/ha.