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- Trials of mechanical weed control with Ekobot began in 2021 at Almhaga, and during 2022 the system has been tested on a larger scale on a total of approximately 3 hectares.
- We became interested in Ekobot because we believe it is part of the future with mechanical weeding robots. The chemical treatment is important to us, but we have also seen in the cultivation that the sprays we use put growth back on the onion. It also seems that some sprays make the plants more sensitive to leaf mold which takes a lot of harvest here. So a reduced use of chemicals is something we are constantly working on. Here, Ekobot can clearly be one of several future mechanical alternatives for us, says Axel Isaksson, cultivation manager Almhaga Gård

Read more about Almhaga and Ekobot at <https://www.ekoweb.nu/>

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About Ekobot

Ekobot AB (publ), based in Västerås, conducts business based on the business concept of developing, manufacturing and selling autonomous agricultural robots that enable efficient precision cultivation where weed management takes place completely without or with minimal use of herbicides. The company's vision is to provide the agricultural sector with a long-term sustainable alternative for reducing or completely eliminating chemical spraying in crops of crops for human consumption. The company is listed on the Nasdaq First North Growth Market.

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