



The Formentera Council's Office of Rural Affairs has reported that the local farmers' co-operative, la Cooperativa del Camp, has finished harvesting the plots of land that were donated to its Farmland Reserve project. Co-op workers mowed through a total of 49 hectares (ha); 26ha of barley in Sant Ferran, 7ha of oat in Sant Francesc and Porto Salé, and 26ha of wheat in La Mola.

The Cooperativa also harvested eight hectares that belong to Co-op members. Department head Bartomeu Escandell commented: "There's still plenty to be done. However, these initial steps are a sign of the work that's already under way to revive Formentera's primary sector and preserve our countryside". The councillor also spoke about the unfortunate toll this year's drought has already taken the Co-op's maiden year.

However, Escandell hailed the shrewdness of farmers who this year opted for local cereals, which proved better suited to resist drought. Members of the Co-op pointed out that farmers who went with certified seeds lost their crops.