## France: There could be a shortage of labor in 2022

The fear that there will be a shortage of seasonal workers for the 2022 harvests is starting to be felt. In 2020 already, the first Covid wave and the various closures had caused a shortage of labor and threatened the harvests.

According to FNSEA, the French Federation of Farmers' Unions, farmers who hire between 190,000 and 290,000 seasonal workers each summer fear a shortage of labor. Even if the sanitary rules are somewhat relaxed, the arrival of workers could be delayed, especially for those coming from Morocco, who are very limited in terms of transport due to the flight restrictions. "We also hope that French students will apply this year," explains Jérôme Volle, in charge of employment issues at FNSEA.

In 2021, France had signed an agreement with Tunisia to increase the backups.

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