

## **An Andalusian town fights unemployment with the union of the neighbour in an asparagus cooperative**

LOCATION: Montefrío (Granada)

DURATION: 1:30

**SUMMARY:** The Andalusian town of Montefrío, located in the province of Granada, has reached this spring the goal of many other towns: full employment. This has been thanks to the green asparagus campaign, that started weeks ago and that will last for another two months; and to the creation of a cooperative integrated by its neighbours. 1.300 jobs have been created in this campaign in a town with 6.000 inhabitants.

**VTR:**

**PEASANTS**

*"Do I have a job? Sure I do!"*

*"Me too."*

It is difficult to find in Montefrío someone unemployed. This town of the province of Granada has reached a dream, being very close to full employment thanks to the asparagus campaign.

**ANTONIO MALAGÓN**  
**President of Montefrío**  
**Asparagus**

*"I think that this year we will harvest over one million and a half kilograms."*

1.300 new jobs for three months. A record for a town with just 6.000 inhabitants.

**FARMER**

*"I have three bushels of land and we are harvesting over 200 or 250 kilograms of asparagus."*

They all end up here, in the only cooperative in this town. It is integrated by 300 farmers and these days it is full of activity.

**WORKER**

*"It fills everybody with joy, it creates a lot of jobs. I was unemployed and now I have work for two months, it is good for me."*

*"Here we are weighting and preparing to package. Here my partners separate them by size for different packages."*

First quality Andalusian product that is sold in Europe.

**AMBIENCE**

*"Montefrío's asparagus are very good and you can see it when you break them, almost everything can be used, just a little is wasted."*

And in Montefrío they know how to take advantage of this.

**ANTONIO MALAGÓN**  
**President of Montefrío**  
**Asparagus**

*"With meat, fish, 'salmorejo', hot dishes, cold dishes, scrambled, grilled."*

A delicious delicacy to enjoy after a hard and comforting day of work.