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## NEWS

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### [Does an Inorganic Fertilizer Subsidy Promote the Use of Organic Fertilizers in Nigeria?](#)

AGRODEP has released a new [working paper](#) this month. [“Does an Inorganic Fertilizer Subsidy Promote the Use of Organic Fertilizers in Nigeria?”](#) seeks to determine whether Nigeria’s inorganic fertilizer subsidy has a crowding-out or crowding-in effect on the use of organic fertilizers.

The authors find that the fertilizer subsidy program does in fact appear to crowd out organic fertilizer use among subsidy participants; in addition, high transportation costs and regional constraints also play a role in increasing the use of inorganic fertilizers even among farmers who do not benefit from the subsidy program.

According to the study, scaling up organic fertilizer use by addressing these constraints and encouraging integrated soil fertility management can help improve Nigeria’s agricultural productivity and soil health.

AGRODEP working papers contain preliminary material and research results. They have been peer-reviewed and are circulated to stimulate discussion and comments.

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## DEVELOPMENTS

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### [Participant Reviews of Latest AGRODEP Training Course](#)

The latest AGRODEP training course, Losses along Food Value Chains, was held in Dakar from October 17-19. As a follow-up to that event, course participants were asked to provide a review of the course to be used in planning future AGRODEP trainings and workshops. According to participating AGRODEP members, the course was highly educational and was very well-received. Read the [full review](#) of the course.

### [Upcoming Virtual Dialogue on the Africa South of the Sahara Food Security Portal](#)

On November 29, the Africa South of the Sahara Food Security Portal will hold an [online dialogue](#) on using Food Security Information (FSI) to improve food access and nutrition in the region. We invite AGRODEP members and the wider AGRODEP network to join the event and provide their comments and questions on this important topic.

## FEATURED MEMBERS



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