

The receptacle (1) disposed in front of a harvesting machine (2) for cucumbers in the driving direction has a circulating conveyor belt (11) comprising projecting spikes (12) made of rubber or rubber-elastic plastic, and an associated circulating cover belt (18) having projecting lateral strips (22), which are tilted forward in the circulation direction. A cutting device (24) is active directly behind the location at which points of the spikes (12) reach the lowest point of the circulating path, wherein the cutting device cuts the cucumber plants that were raised using the spikes (12). A sensor roller (30) resting on the ground (9) controls the elevation of the receptacle such that the knives (27, 28) of the cutting device (24) and the peaks of the spikes (12) do not penetrate into the ground (9), but maintain a very low distance from the ground. Said embodiment ensures an operation free of plant build-up and even facilitates the use thereof in foil cultivation.