



## Social Farming: From Multifunctional Agriculture to a New Community Welfare Note

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Social farming is becoming increasingly popular due to the diversification opportunities that it can provide to the agricultural sector, and the interactions with social (actors) that support social inclusion of vulnerable persons. In the welfare system, social agriculture has a bridging function between agricultural, social, health, labor, training, and justice policies, in a gradual and complex process of building territorial networks. Although this increase in social farming meets our changing society's needs, it is complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic and social farming frictions and difficulties, due to the need to integrate different views, skills, and policies. This Special Issue will cover topics related to social inclusion through agriculture of various categories of people with specific needs (e.g., children, the elderly, and people with mental disorders, disabilities, and addictions) and will present cases of success and opportunities for improved interactions in the field of education, social inclusion, farm diversification, community welfare, and local development.





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