



Challenges to Sustainable Development in Family Farms: Global and Local Context

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Family farms sector will be the topic in the academic and public debate over the coming years. The premise for such thinking is the fact that family farms continue to be the primary source of food supply in both developed and developing countries. In addition, due to their multifunctional nature, they provide specific public goods for which public demand is growing. However, family farms face many socioeconomic and environmental problems, such as relatively low incomes and productivity of inputs, vulnerability to climate change or lack of succession that may hinder sustainable development of these farms. Furthermore, the problems of the family farming sector often have a peculiar character regarding different countries and world regions. Understanding this diversity, as well as individual points of view of family farming issues, is a particular contribution to the theory of agricultural economics and closes the gap in this regard.

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