

HUMAN DIMENSIONS OF THE FAMILY AND FARM FORESTRY IN IRAN

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ABSTRACT

The family farm forest has become a human icon. The family farm is alive and well and likely to remain so despite various threats and problems. The farm is cyclical in nature. It's livelihood is built around Mother Nature's plans. The family forest farm can be run by men or women, but it is usually a team effort. The family farm forest faces some real problems in today's world. Urban encroachment is one of the worst. The growth of cities and their suburbs into agricultural areas has changed the forest and the family's dependence on it.

Modern Machines in the Family Farm Forestry

Improved technology has impacted the family farm forests. Today's machines are generally much larger and more powerful than in the past. Although some smaller machines are still sold.

Children and Family Farm Forest Life

Despite the incredible changes brought to the farm forest by technology, many things remain the same. As the mud dries in April and May, the tempo of farm life accelerates and the work of the year goes into high gear. The farm children have plenty of work to do before and after school.

Forests and Human Happiness

The forests are essential to national welfare as sources of greatly needed raw materials. They play a vital role in raising the physical standard of human life as conservers of soil and water. Economic, physical, and social considerations all demand that we maintain a bountiful forest resource. The forests must be preserved so they do not become denuded and flood swept like the Chinese hillsides and valleys. They provide recreational and aesthetic enjoyment that are essential to the happiness of millions of human beings.

In this paper, we will consider what form of ownership and control would best advance the welfare of each. The three principle forms of ownership and control are: 1) private ownership either with or without public subsidy; 2) private ownership with public regulation, and 3) public ownership.

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