

Sustainable Agriculture – Global Ideas and Local Implementations in Bulgaria. Trends and Attitudes

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(Summary)

The aim of the article is to show how and to what extent global ideas for sustainable development and use of natural resources are understood and implemented in Bulgaria by revealing and analyzing some of the specifics of two parallel and interconnected trends aimed at achieving sustainable agriculture. These are organic farming and relocalization of food through the implementation of the concept of food sovereignty represented on the local level by Hrancoop movement. The views of the bio-farmers and their connectedness to the concepts of alternative agriculture are also presented, as well as the policies, regulations and subsidies in the agricultural sector and the protection of the environmental. Crucial for the producers are personal motives, interest and experience rather than particular global ideas.

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