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analysis finds that population growth and travel time to the local urban center explain a significant and large proportion of the variation in machinery use by farmers first published in 2007 routledge is an imprint of taylor francis an informa company the 25 essays in this collection analyze developmental problems from an unusually broad perspective the first seven essays emphasize the relationships between agriculture and population while the next four are concerned with food supplies other essays address the role of women in economic development the determinants of fertility in low income countries economic development in africa and public policy issues isbn 0 8018 3929 7 45 00 research report on agricultural policies for growth with equity and agricultural production trends 1950 1979 in india examines effects of high crop yielding seeds on interregional disparities special programmes for small farmers etc proposes new poverty alleviating agricultural development strategy institutional reform and decentralization of agricultural planning and compares with experiences in japan the usa and western europe bibliographys and graphs contrasting the prevailing theories of the evolution of agriculture the author argues that the practice of smallholding is more efficient and less environmentally degrading than that of industrial agriculture which depends heavily on fossil fuel chemical fertilizers pesticides and herbicides he presents a convincing case for his argument with examples taken from africa asia europe and the americas and demonstrates that there are fundamental commonalities among smallholder cultures smallholders householders is a detailed and innovative analysis of the agricultural efficiency and conservation of resources practiced around the world by smallholders increasing population pressure and population density in many african countries are inducing land scarcity and land constraints these increasing land constraints are expected to trigger various responses and adaptation strategies including agricultural intensification induced by land scarcity as postulated by the booserup hypothesis however most empirical evaluations of the booserup hypothesis come from rainfed agriculture and mostly from sub saharan africa ssa where application of improved agricultural inputs remains historically low agricultural intensification practices as well as the relevance of the booserup hypothesis in irrigated agriculture and in contexts where application of improved inputs is high remains unexplored furthermore while much of the debate on the topic in africa has focused on how to boost agricultural intensification there is scant evidence on whether evolving agricultural intensification practices in some parts of africa are sustainable yield enhancing and optimal in this paper we investigate the implication of land scarcity on agricultural intensification and the relevance of the booserup hypothesis in the context of egypt where agriculture is dominated by irrigation and input application rates are much higher than ssa we also examine whether evolving agricultural intensification practices induced by land scarcity are agronomically appropriate and yield enhancing we find that land scarcity induces higher application of agricultural inputs mainly nitrogen fertilizers sometimes beyond the level that is agronomically recommended more importantly land scarcity increases overapplication of nitrogen fertilizer relative to crop specific agronomic recommendations this implies that land constraints remain as important challenges for sustainable agricultural intensification finally we find suggestive evidence that such overapplication of nitrogen fertilizers is not yield enhancing but rather yield reducing we also document that land scarcity impedes mechanization of agriculture our findings have important implications to inform appropriate farm management and sustainable intensification practices furthermore our results can inform long term policy responses to land scarcity increasing population pressure and population density in many african countries are inducing land scarcity and land constraints these are expected to trigger various responses and adaptation strategies including agricultural intensification induced by land scarcity as postulated by the booserup hypothesis however most empirical evaluations of the

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agricultural history boserup s contribution to our thinking on women s role in development cannot be underestimated her keen observations her use of empirical data and her commitment to greater gender equality are still an inspiration to students researchers and activists who are interested in a better and more equal world from the new introduction by nazneen kanji su fei tan and camilla toulmin women s role in economic development has become a key reference book for anyone student scholar or practitioner interested in gender and development analyses this book is important not only because it provided the intellectual underpinning of the women in development wid analysis but also because of the lasting influence it had on the development of theoretical conceptual and policy thinking in the fields of women gender and development the re editing of women s role in economic development with its new introduction ensures students academics and practitioners continued access to an essential reference for those interested in the women and development literature gender and development this classic text by ester boserup was the first investigation ever undertaken into what happens to women in the process of economic and social growth throughout the developing world thereby serving as an international benchmark in the context of the ongoing struggle for women s rights massive urbanization and international efforts to reduce poverty this book continues to be a vital text for economists sociologists development workers activists and all those who take an active interest in women s social and economic circumstances and problems throughout the world a substantial new introduction by nazneen kanji su fei tan and camilla toulmin reflects on boserup s legacy as a scholar and activist and the continuing relevance of her work this highlights the key issue of how the role of women in economic development has or has not changed over the past four decades in developing countries and covers crucial current topics including women and inequality international and national migration conflict hiv and aids markets and employment urbanization leadership property rights global processes including the millennium development goals and barriers to change why do modern agricultural techniques which are environmentally damaging continue to be used this path breaking book seeks the answer to that question in an understanding of evolution of agricultural research in its cultural context

## **The Conditions of Agricultural Growth 2017-07-12**

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## **Ester Boserup's Legacy on Sustainability 2014-08-19**

arising from a scientific conference marking the 100th anniversary of her birth this book honors the life and work of the social scientist and diplomat ester boserup who blazed new trails in her interdisciplinary approach to development and sustainability

## **Population Pressure, the Environment, and Agricultural Intensification 1989**

the removal of fertilizer subsidies and privatization of importation and distribution networks have been prominent features of recent policy reforms in media countries to reduce budget deficits and the role of the public sector this paper reviews the reform policies implemented during the 1980s in the media countries and their impact on the development of fertilizer use in particular it explores the supply and demand constraints that hinder the process of rapid growth and diffusion of fertilizer use this study recommends that 1 donors should undertake long term untied import support for fertilizers to promote sound intensification of fertilizer use on a sustained basis 2 food and fertilizer stocks be financed at the national and regional levels to encourage governments to remove intra and inter country restrictions on trade 3 improving the knowledge base on a location specific basis especially the relative role of fertilizers vis a vis other more complex resource management needs and 4 privatization offers great potential for improving fertilizer procurement and distribution

## ***My Professional Life and Publications, 1929-1998 1999***

ester boserup s writings have had major impact over the last quarter century on the evolution of thought in anthropology demography economics and sociology about the interrelationships among economic demographic and technical change in the present booklet the author reviews seventy years of work and writing on development economics and its relation to her own experience from government planner in denmark during the second world war via the un to consultant concerning today s problems of the third world

## **Boserupian pressure and agricultural mechanization in modern Ghana 2016-04-29**

the adoption of machinery in agricultural production in africa south of the sahara has been far behind the level of mechanization found in asia and latin america however recent survey data have revealed high levels of machinery use in localized areas of cereal production in northern ghana a survey conducted by the international food policy research institute in partnership with the savannah agriculture research institute found that in some areas more than 80 percent of farmers were using machinery for at least one operation this paper considers the theoretical drivers of agricultural intensification as outlined by boserup pingali and binswanger and the extent to which they are able to explain the spatial variation in machinery use found in northern ghana population pressure market access and agroecological conditions are considered key drivers that cause farmers to find ways to increase productivity and adopt new technologies combining survey data with geospatial datasets the empirical analysis finds that population growth and travel time to the local urban center explain a significant and large proportion of the variation in machinery use by farmers

## ***Woman's Role in Economic Development 2007***

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## **Economic and Demographic Relationships in Development 1990**

the 25 essays in this collection analyze developmental problems from an unusually broad perspective the first seven essays emphasize the relationships between agriculture and population while the next four are concerned with food supplies other essays address the role of women in economic development the determinants of fertility in low income countries economic development in africa and public policy issues isbn 0 8018 3929 7 45 00

## **Growth and Equity 1981**

research report on agricultural policies for growth with equity and agricultural production trends 1950 1979 in india examines effects of high crop yielding seeds on interregional disparities special programmes for small farmers etc proposes new poverty alleviating agricultural development strategy institutional reform and decentralization of agricultural planning and compares with experiences in japan the usa and western europe bibliographys and graphs

## **Integration of Women in Development 1975**

contrasting the prevailing theories of the evolution of agriculture the author argues that the practice of smallholding is more efficient and less environmentally degrading than that of industrial agriculture which depends heavily on fossil fuel chemical fertilizers pesticides and herbicides he presents a convincing case for his argument with examples taken from africa asia europe and the americas and demonstrates that there are fundamental commonalities among smallholder cultures smallholders householders is a detailed and innovative analysis of the agricultural efficiency and conservation of resources practiced around the world by smallholders



## ***Notes on The Conditions of Agricultural Growth: The Economics of Agrarian Change Under Population Pressure, by Ester Boserup 1975***

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## **Smallholders, Householders 1993**

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## **Proceedings and Materials from the National Workshop on Women in Agricultural Development 1982**

thirteen essays on various facets of agricultural geography in this book highlight a great variety of problems such as classification and mapping of agricultural data the dynamism of agricultural growth agricultural productivity food sufficiency and market ability of agricultural products

## **Land scarcity impedes sustainable input intensification in smallholder irrigated agriculture: Evidence from Egypt 2021-02-01**

in 1950 the world population was 2.5 billion fifty years later there are over 6 billion people the demographic of this explosion has essentially occurred in the developing areas of the world the key to understanding many contemporary development problems that have arisen from this rapid growth is in understanding the relationships between population and the economy this book offers an analysis of such relationships encompassing a review of the major positions in the academic debate population economic growth and agriculture in less developed countries will serve as a useful introduction and reference tool for students academics and all with an interest in the population debate and economics

## **Agricultural Policy in Developing Countries 2016-04-30**

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## **Land scarcity and input intensification in smallholder irrigated agriculture in Egypt 2021-03-19**

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## **Agricultural Geography, Issues and Applications 1987**

agriculture in developing countries has been remarkably productive during the last few decades however the production levels were achieved at the cost of placing more stress on natural resources and the environment this volume brings together state of the art applied practical research related to agriculture development and the environment in the developing world it attempts to distill current knowledge and to summarize it in readable form for development practitioners where possible authors use specific examples to indicate which approaches have worked and which have not under which conditions and why

## **Population, Economic Growth and Agriculture in Less Developed Countries 2003-08-29**

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## **Évolution agraire et pression démographique 1970**

originally published in 1985 this book argues forcefully and practically for new relationship between science and the small farmer it advocates scientific research seeking out changes which are already taking place within the smallholder farming sector and building on local initiatives drawing on his experience of west africa the author demonstrates that many of the most successful innovations in food crop production during the 20th century have indigenous roots and that there should therefore be less emphasis on teaching farmers how to farm and more emphasis on how to foster and support local adaptation and inventiveness this book will be of interest to students of agriculture environmental studies and rural development as well as those working with relief and development agencies

## ***The Resilience of the Roman Empire 2020-09-30***

combining a wide range of analytical models and empirical investigations this book describes international and historical variations in agricultural labor absorption in asia and argues that poor countries should aim to increase output and employment in the agricultural sector instead of following the practice of developed nations of economic progress and employment through urban industrialization

## ***The Role of Agriculture in Economic Development 2007***

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## ***Agriculture and the Environment 1998-01-01***

surveying the impact of population growth where it is believed to matter most the rural areas of developing countries this volume explicates its effects on food production it examines such factors as forecasts of global food output technological progress in agriculture choice of agricultural systems and population growth and access to land

## ***Agricultural Policy in Norway 1975***

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## ***The Agricultural Dilemma 2022-06-30***

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## ***Indigenous Agricultural Revolution 2023-07-26***

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## ***What Shall We Grow? 1978***

first published in 1982 until the nineteenth century the history of agriculture was the history of mankind but it has not perhaps received the wide attention that this importance justifies in this study the author reviews for the student of agricultural history successive attempts to describe and explain agricultural changes that are not specific to a limited area or a particular time in a sense the dynamics of agricultural change is a systematic historical geography of agriculture some of the models the author explores have been developed within agricultural history some drawn from other disciplines can be applied fruitfully to it what is the relationship between population growth and agricultural development between environmental changes and those in agriculture what was the effect of the industrial revolution and has there been an agricultural revolution this book suggests to university students of economic history historical geography and agriculture a number of stimulating ways of interpreting and reinterpreting agricultural history

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