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Jeg lever i et landbrugsland. På trods af, at landbruget i årtier har haft en aftagende rolle i dansk økonomi, så har Danmarks Statistik opgjort, at 62 procent af landet fortsat er opdyrket med landbrugsafgrøder.

Dette er langt mere end i vores nabolande. Sverige har kun syv procent landbrugsjord, og i lande som Tyskland, Polen og Holland udgør landbruget kun lidt under halvdelen af arealet.

En ny udvikling er på vej. Landbrugsarealets størrelse falder i Danmark. Over et hundrede år er landbrugsarealet ifølge Danmarks Statistik faldet fra 3,2 millioner hektar til nu at omfatte 0,5 millioner hektar.

Ved hjælp af ny teknologi og nye tilsætningsstoffer i form af kunstgødning og giftstoffer er udbyttet alligevel mere end tredoblet pr. hektar i den samme periode.

Dette har sin pris – en alvorlig pris. Flere og flere steder oplever vi, at vores grundvand er forurenet med landbrugets giftstoffer. Mange vandboringer er lukket. Hele tiden dukker der nye stoffer op i vores drikkevand, og ingen kan være sikker på, at også deres vandforsyning må lukkes.

De effektive dyrkningsprocesser viser sig nu også at være en af hovedårsagerne til klimaforandringer på vores planet.

FN's klimapanel, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, udsendte i denne måned en rapport, der påviser, at brugen af land i verden ikke blot forårsager klimaforandringer, men at klimaforandringerne i fremtiden forventes at blive så voldsomme, at det vanskeliggør eller umuliggør en fortsat normal drift af landbrug. Dermed trues befolkningers fødevarerikthed, og dermed trues hele

menneskeheden.

De internationalt anerkendte forskere bag rapporten anbefaler, at blandt andet landbrugsproduktion lægges om inden for relativ kort tid, hvis vi skal undgå katastrofen.

Alle kender begrebet Killing Fields. Det stammer fra Cambodia. Et rædselsregime dræbte mere end en million cambodianere. Forbrydernes massegrave blev af en journalist efterfølgende kaldt The Killing Fields.

Landbrugets moderne arealanvendelse i dag foregår tilsyneladende velreguleret i de fleste lande med demokratisk regulering og love. Nu forudser FN's klimapanel alligevel, at arealanvendelsen på trods af landenes bestræbelser, kan forårsage død for mange flere mennesker, end Khmer Rouge likviderede og smed i det, der i dag benævnes Killing Fields.

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I live in an agricultural country. Even though agriculture for decades has had a declining role in the Danish economy, Statistics Denmark has estimated that 62 percent of the country is still cultivated with agricultural crops.

This is far more than in our neighbouring countries. Sweden has only seven percent farmland, and in countries such as Germany, Poland and the Netherlands, agriculture accounts for only a little less than half of the land.

A new development is on the way. The size of the agricultural area declines in Denmark. According to Statistics Denmark, over a hundred years, the agricultural area has fallen from 3.2 million hectares to 0.5 million hectares.

Still, by means of new technologies and new additives in the form of chemical fertilizers

and toxins, the yields are more than threefold per hectare in the same period.

This has its price – a serious price. More and more places experience that our ground water is contaminated by the toxic substances used by agriculture. Many water wells are closed. All along new substances are detected in our drinking water, and nobody can be sure that their water supply also in the future must be closed.

Now, the effective cultivation processes also are proving to be one of the main causes of climate change on our planet.

The Un climate panel, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, issued this month a report demonstrating that the use of land in the world not only causes climate change, but that in the future climate change is expected to be so severe that it impede or hinder the continued normal operation of agriculture.

This is a threat to the food security in a lot of countries, and all mankind is threatened.

If we are to avoid the disaster, the internationally renowned researchers behind the report recommend that agricultural production should be changed in a relatively short time.

Everyone knows the concept of Killing Fields. It originates from Cambodia. A regime of terror killed more than a million Cambodians. Subsequently the mass graves by a journalist were named The Killing Fields.

Today, the modern land use of agriculture is apparently well regulated in most countries with democratic regulation and laws. The Un climate panel is now predicting that, despite the efforts of the countries, land use can cause death to several more people than the Khmer Rouge liquidated and threw into what is now called the Killing Fields.





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