



Actions for rural landscape in the Italian Agricultural Policies and in the Region of Tuscany

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- Landscape as an objective of the national plan for rural development (2007-13)
- Establishment of the Working Group Landscape
- Preparation of a document with strategies and actions for the Regional Rural Development plans (RRDP - CAP)

objectives:

- economic competitiveness
- environmental quality
- quality of life



Importance of rural landscape in Italy

- The 511 millions of tourist arrivals in Italy generated 75 billion euros of expenditures
- Food products alone makes 24% of the reasons of arrivals and 16% of the total expenditures of tourists
- Tourism is the third source of income for workers in agriculture among the activities not related to food production
- In 2014 the average revenue for each agritourism business was about 56.000 €/year (+ 33% compared to 2013)
- Italy has the highest number of protected foods labelling in the world (574)

(data source – MIPAAF 2015)

- **2012**

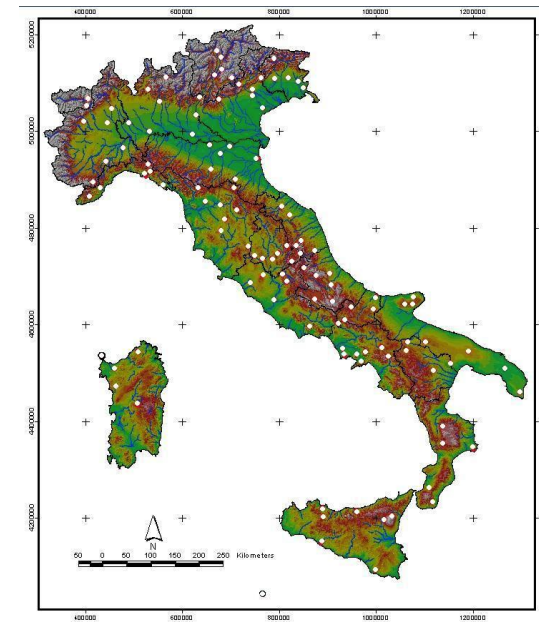
- a) New roles of the Ministry of Agriculture for landscape policies;
- b) Institution of the national observatory of rural landscape;
- c) International relations;



Activities of the Observatory of Rural Landscapes

1. Strategies and actions for planning and management
2. **National Register of Historical Landscapes**
3. **Monitoring**
4. **Landscape quality objectives**
5. **Training courses** (www.agriculturalheritage.com)
6. Relationships with regional observatories
7. Communication
8. **International agreements** (FAO Agricultural Heritage program)

Collaboration with the
National Statistical
Agency (ISTAT)

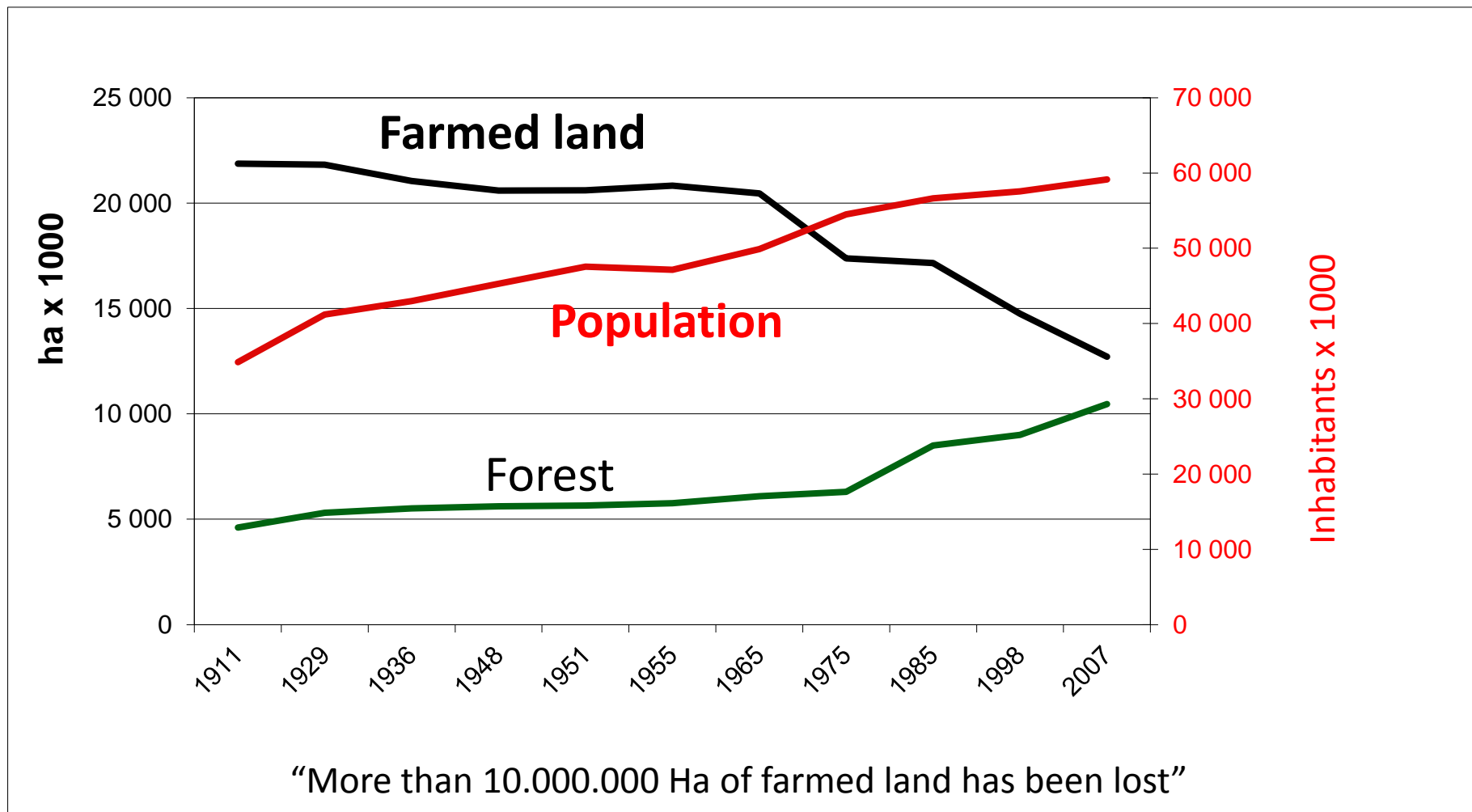


ISSUES:

- Go beyond GDP for assessing development level introducing well being.
- Include the quality of landscape among the indicators
- Identify correct evaluating tools for the quality of the Italian landscape



Monitoring and assessing rural landscape changes: 1911 – 2005*



* Data – 1st national report on rural landscape (www.reterurale.it)

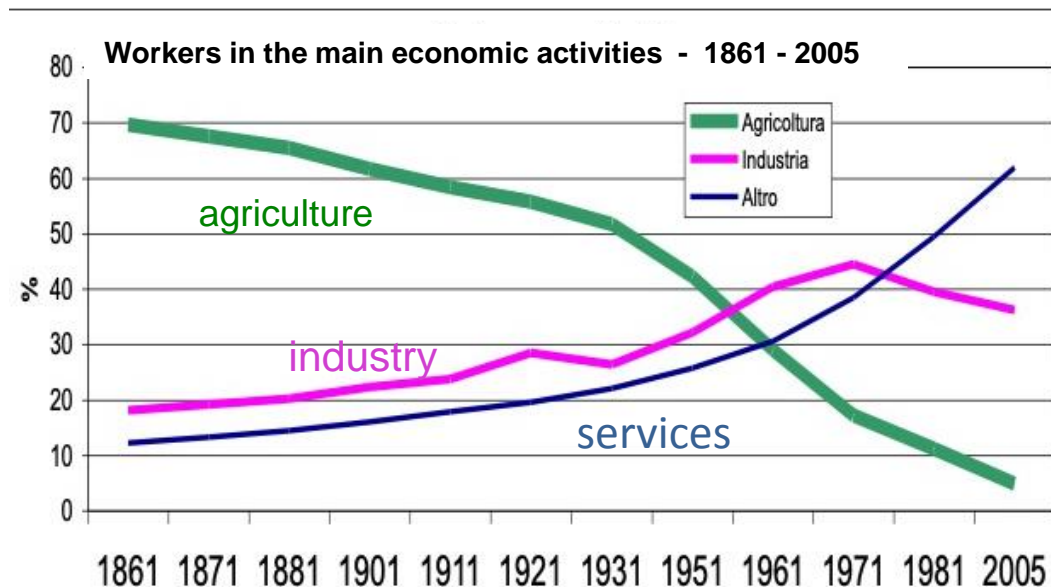
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Issues :

- Abandonment of rural territory by farmers

Actions:

- Incentives to farmers for good agricultural practices



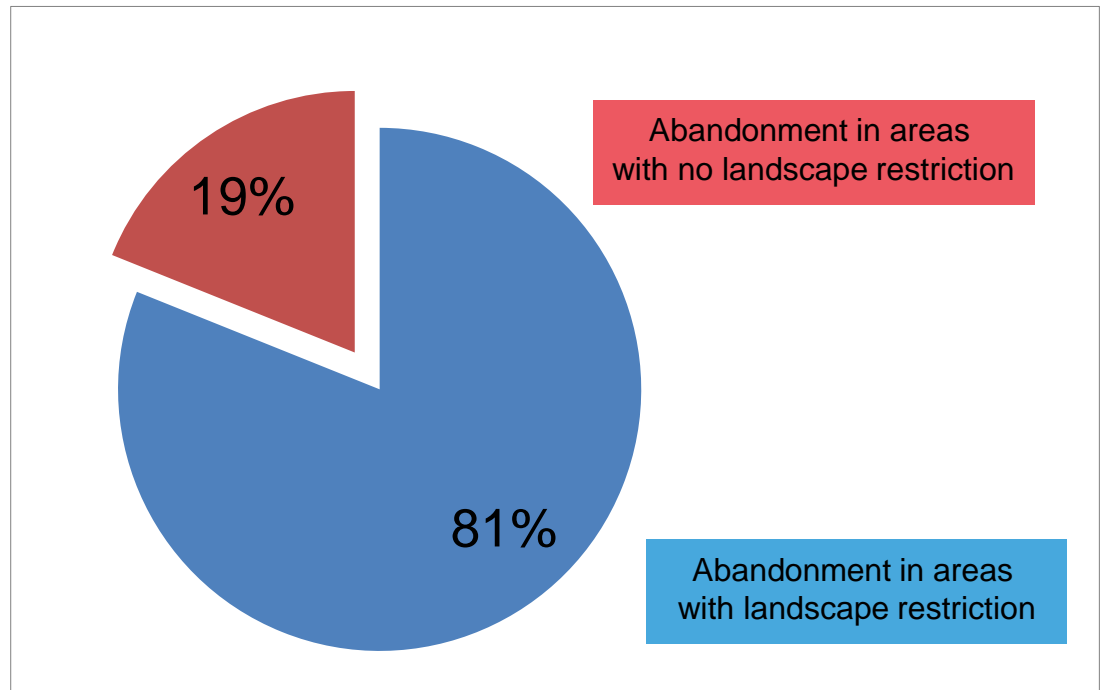
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Issues :

- Return of the woodlands on abandoned land
- Landscape protection laws favoring the conservation of woodlands returning on abandonment land

Actions:

- Changes in the legal definition of “woodlands”



- **2012**
 - **landscape restoration law**

Modifications to the forest law n.227 of 2001:

- Abandoned terraces, pastures and wood pasture, and other rural landscapes considered of having historical importance covered by secondary woods are no longer legally considered as woodlands.
- In such cases forest vegetation can be removed in order to restore the previous landscapes



Economy in Tuscany 2009-2013

- Employees in industry: - 22.000
- Employees in services: - 12.600
- Employees in tourism : + 5.156

- Agriculture in GDP: 1,8%
- Tourism in GDP: 11%

Rural Landscape:

- Tourists in Tuscany (2018) 48 millions
- Tuscany first region of Italy for agritourism
- Tuscany first region of Italy for certified typical food: 410
- Agritourism 2° place for hospitality after 5 stars hotels
- Agritourisms 1997-12 : + 367%



- Reforestation due to abandonment : 400.000 ha (18% of territory)
- Tuscany has been the first region of Italy to include the restoration of abandoned farmed land in the landscape plan (2014)
- The law allows to restore up to 3 ha of land all together at one time
- This can be done presenting an evidence of pre existing cultivated land



New National forest law n 34/2018

art. 5 – removal of secondary woodlands

Areas not considered as “woodlands”:

- Abandoned farmed land affected by reforestation processes
- Areas included in the national register of historical rural landscapes

Current situation:

- Establishment of a commission establishing national regulations



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