FOOD SYSTEMANTICS

The semantic system of regional sustainable circular food.



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Semantics

SI-MAN-TIKS

Noun.

Semantics

SI·MAN·TTKS Noun. The interpretation of the meaning of a word, phrase, text, or sign.

Verbal



Verbal Gestural





Verbal

Gestural

Visual







However...

Systemantics

SIS.TUH.MAN.TIKS

Noun.

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Synonym: System Semantics
System Language





A Model for the Systemantics of Regional Sustainable Circular Food



8% of farmers under 35

Entry of farmers





Entry of farmers

Farm Size



Farms over 100 ha increased by 74%



Average age - 52 years old in 2016

Entry of farmers

Farm Size

Exit of farmers







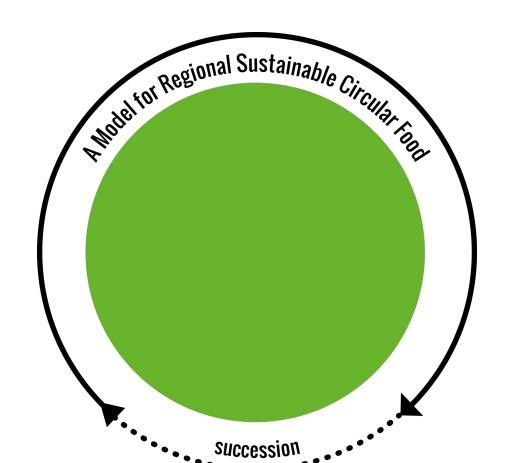
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Farm Size

Exit of farmers







Circularity of land use

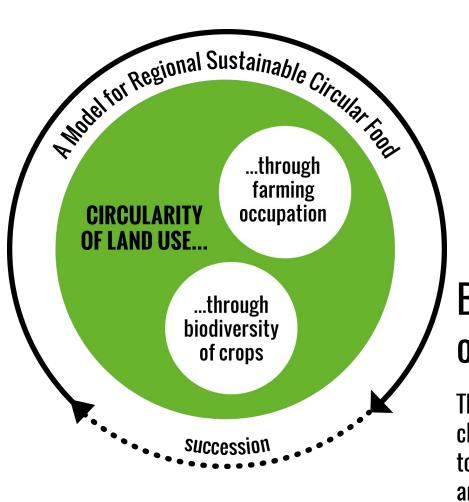
A farming practice to promote land wellness and quality of produce.





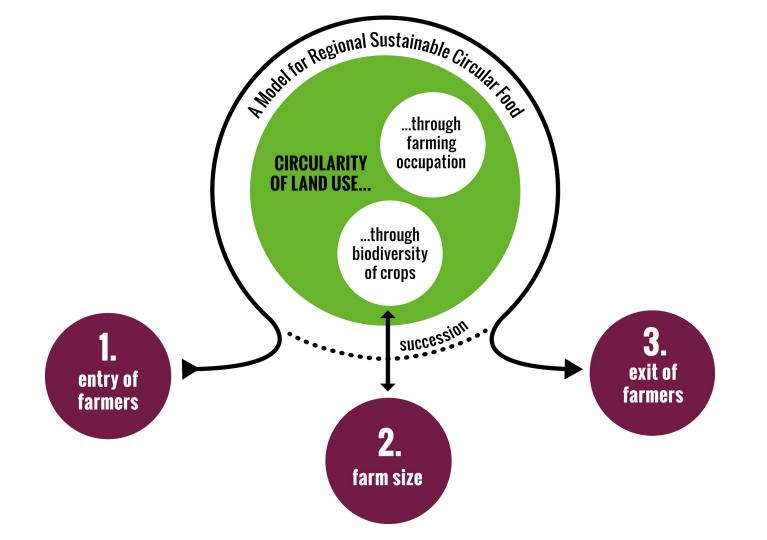
Farming occupation

An activity of a person, engaged in agricultural practice as way of living.



Biodiversity of crops

The variance in characteristics of plants to enhance soil health and food security.



How do Systemantics influence these trends?





17,389 people

Food industry Bioenergy BrightGreen HAMK



HÄME REGION

7,039 → 4,228 Farms over 20 years



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~150 farms per year

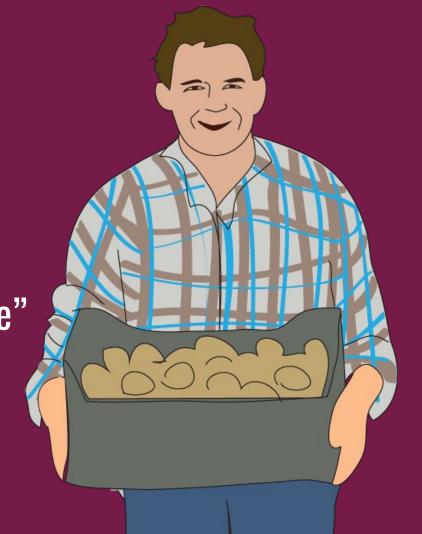


Liisa, 56

"Young people don't have the spirit for farming anymore, the same money is easier to get somewhere else than tearing from the soil."

Ville, 34

"When I started five years ago,
I knew little about farm life.
It was a real gamble to start here"



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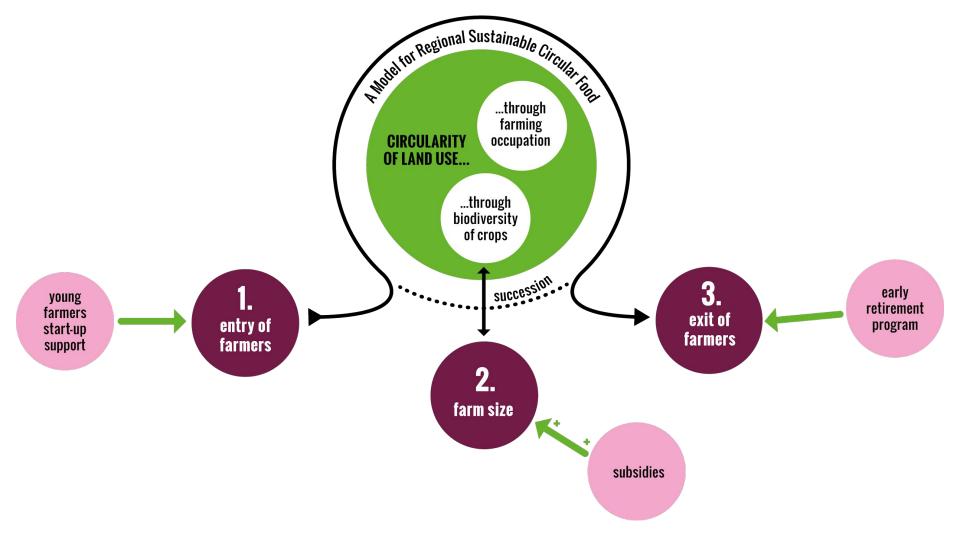




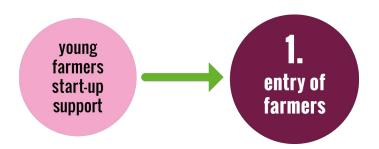


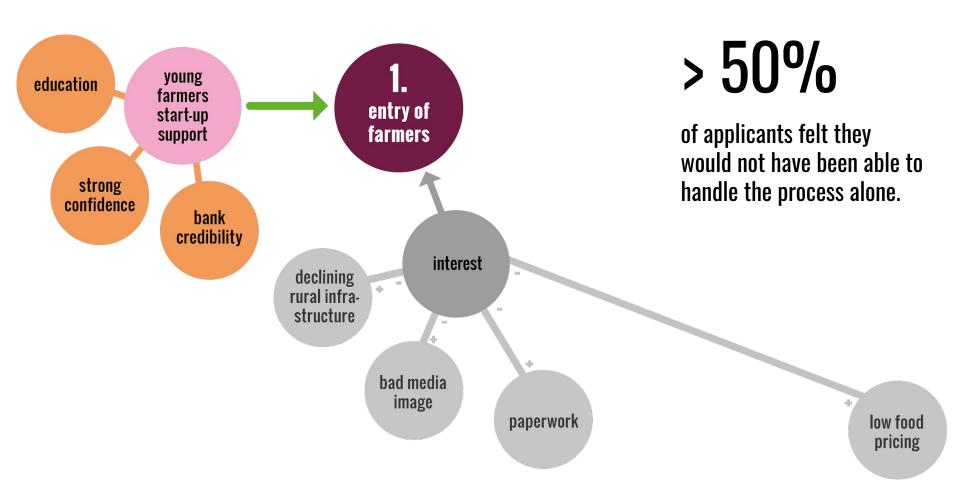


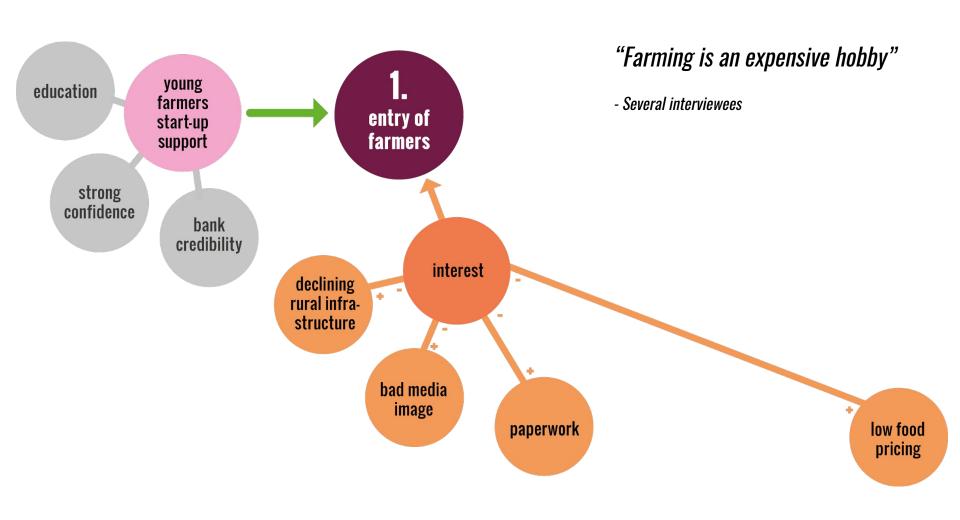
Systemantics of programs





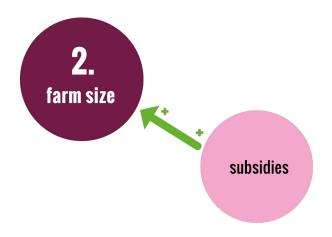






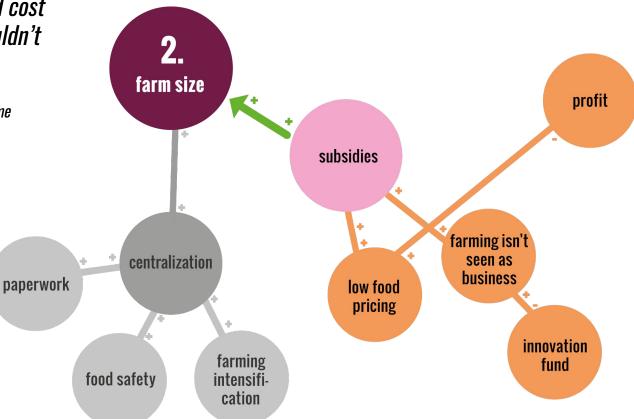






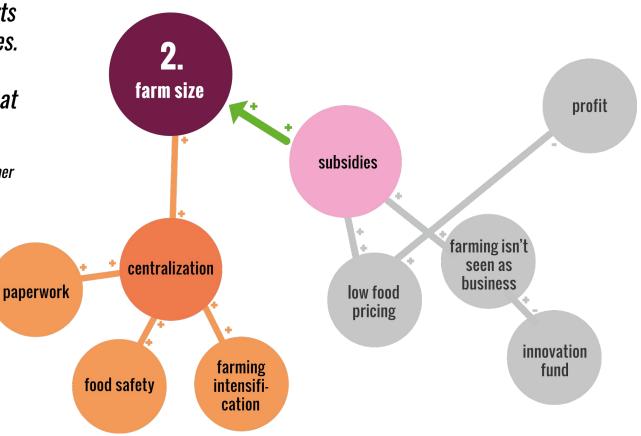
"If a carrot bag would cost 6 cents more, we wouldn't need subsidies."

- Carrot farmer, South-west Häme



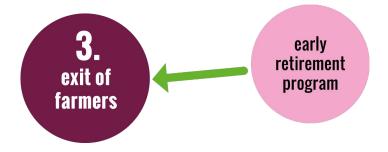
"Centralization distorts food industry and sales. Money is too strong - we have forgotten what handmaking means"

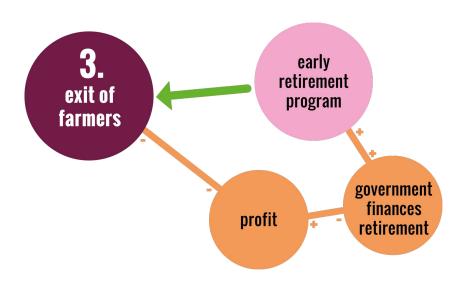
- Local food distributor and farmer





3. exit of farmers

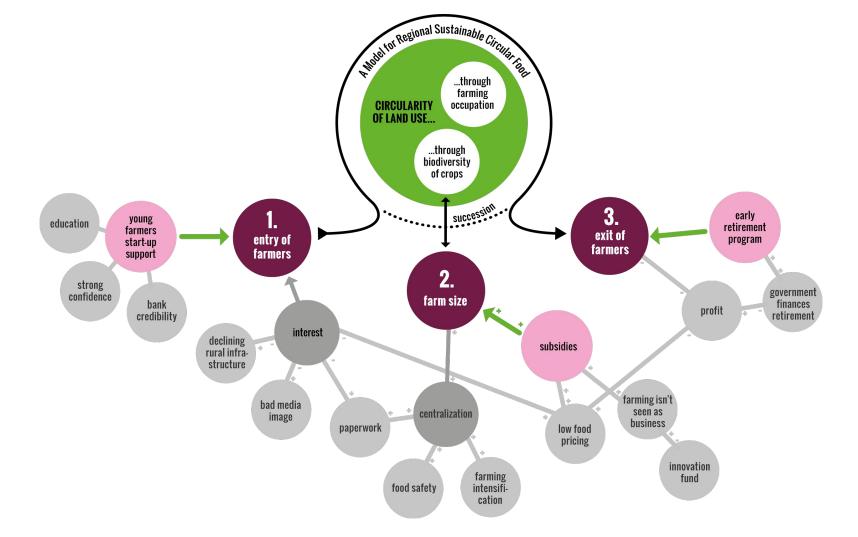




Most of Finnish farmers will reach retirement age during the next

10 years





Semantics

young farmers start-up support

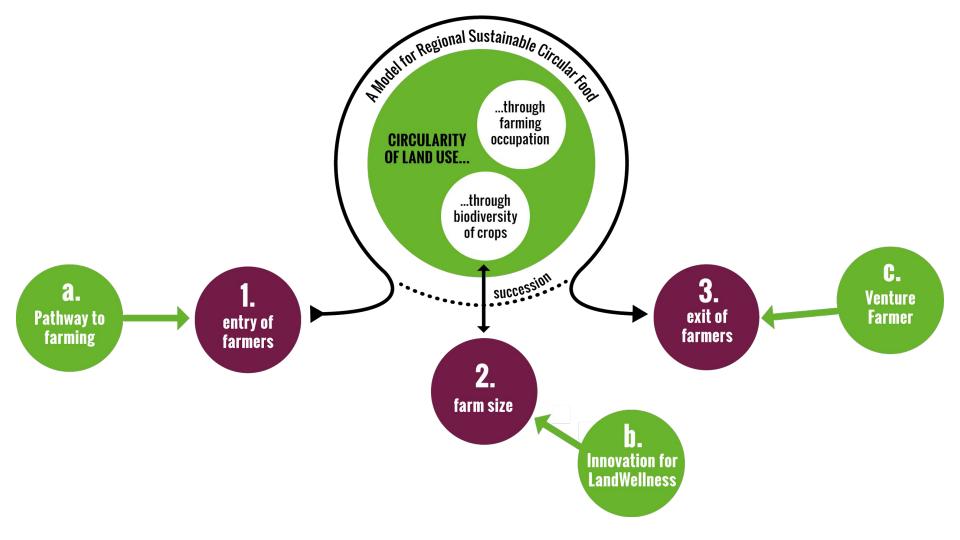
subsidies

early retirement program

... complex process, big investment and heavy commitment ... promoting larger farms over specialized small farms

... supporting succession, but not increasing profit for better retirement

What if...



Pathway to farming

Mentoring Skill exchange Peer support

a.



Innovation for LandWellness

Experiments Land quality S-XXL farms

b.







C.



Systemantics in action

Pathway to farming

Innovation for LandWellness

Venture Farmer

... a guidance to the promising career, supporting rural lifestyle and circularity of skills ... a funding to enhance land circularity and biodiversity through variety of farm types ... an advisory to boost entrepreneurship and quality of life in present and future

Every complex system speaks its own Systemantics.

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