

Socioeconomics of Agriculture

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Stefan Mann: Lecture 5 „ Causes and Impacts of Farm Succession”

The Lecture in one sentence:

Farm succession is a complex process, caused by a combination of economic and social factors and largely responsible for structural change in agriculture.

You should, at the end of the lecture

- be able to describe the theoretical link between occupational change and structural change
- be able to make forecasts of the effect of agricultural policy changes on structural change
- know the definition and rationale of the family farm life cycle with particular emphasis on farm development
- recall specific Swiss patterns of farm succession
- understand social implications of failed and successful farm successions

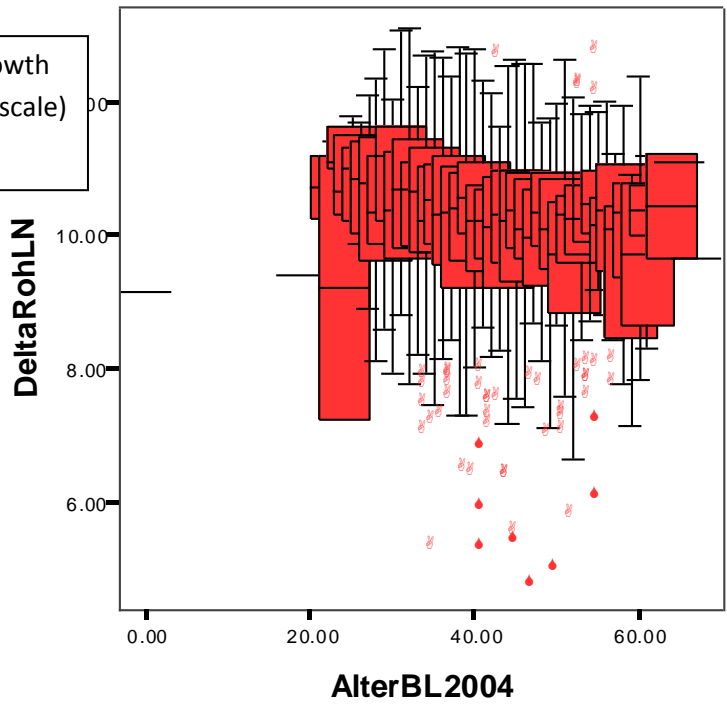
Further reading:

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Turnover growth
(logarithmic scale)



Age of farm manager