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It is clarified which incentives and strategic planning initiatives can support local agriculture's contribution to the activity in local rural districts (business, recreational, identity etc.). This can contribute to the development of subsidy to hobby farming which brings together village development and small farming in the closeness of villages and collections of houses. The research-related contribution is first of all brought about by new knowledge about links between village development and agriculture.

The study consists of:

1. Socio-economic and structural description of the areas and register-based analysis of the agricultural ownership and production structure.
2. Survey with 400 telephone interviews
3. 10 qualitative interviews
4. Analysis, and
5. Results are presented at local workshops for villagers and farmers, and municipal planners produce a catalogue of instruments for reintegrating village life and agriculture.

Thyholm and Østmøn have been selected as case areas, which are characterized by a combination of large and small farm and active village communities.

The project ends with a Danish research report, a popular scientific article and an idea catalogue for the municipalities and is also disseminated in scientific journals and conferences.

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