

DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE THROUGH FORESTS

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Agriculture involves more of the people of the World than any other economic activity. All economic development emanates from agricultural development. It is the basis for economic development. In the Under-developed countries it is still undoubtedly the principal support to over whelming majorities of the people of the World. The dependence on agriculture has considerably declined in the developed countries. In the beginning they also depended on agriculture as much as a under-developed countries depends on it these days. Modernization of agriculture in these countries has throughout opened endless avenues for economic development. Agriculture basically foods industrialisation.

United States farmers are now 7 per cent of the total population of the country. They operate the nation's biggest industry. They own twice as such machinery as does the entire steel industry, or five times as much as the auto-manufacturers of the country. The total property they own equals about two-third of all the assets of United States Corporations. United States agriculture is sumptuously rich because of this farm equipment. These are about 3.5 million farm in the United States and almost 80% of them are operated by owners, tenants operate only one fifth of them. Agriculture in the United States is primarily ancestral; farmers are the sons of farmers.

Agricultural prosperity in the United States can also be attributed to the scientific knowledge and agricultural innovation whenever and wherever it is made available. American farmers have no-doubt, very effectively made use of knowledge meant to modernize agriculture.

An American farmer is deeply involved with his follow-Americans. Their economic abundance and material affluence is not separated unlike in other under-Developed Countries.

To increase agricultural production is indeed a complex and a baffling task. Many conditions have to be modified by different people and Institutions. Primarily

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