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Small-scale agriculture - definition for the Guidelines

Small-scale agriculture is the production of crops and / or small livestock (e.g. chickens) on a small piece of land without using advanced and expensive technologies... e.g., backyard, homestead or communal plots, family-owned land, traditional land, and smallholdings on the periphery of urban areas. This type of farming is characterised by intensive labour and / or animal traction, limited use of agrochemicals, and supply to local or surrounding markets.

Economically, small scale agriculture enhances local economic development as it is a source of employment and keeps most of the income local as the market is predominantly localised. Socially, especially on traditional lands, the produce is first meant to feed the household, thereby contributing to food security. (adapted from <http://www.ngopulse.org/article/small-scale-agriculture>)