

**Family Farming System in Iran and Europe (Family Farming
Finance Approach in Banking System)**

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Since the United Nations named 2014 "The International Year of Family Farming" and all related institutions and entities have developed their 2014 objectives, plans and initiatives, the author, while elaborating on family farming (FF) definition, concepts and issues based on internationally accepted standards and frameworks, intends to describe similar experiences in other countries with an emphasis on models adopted in European Union and then compares the features with those of Iranian family farming to formulate applicable findings. Given the expected challenges in family farming all over the world, the author will eventually focus on the role of banking system in dealing with obstacles and challenges, as well as the support and finance approaches.

It is to be noted that based on the latest FAO statistics, out of more than 570 million farms all around the world, more than 500 million farms, accounting for 56 percent of the world agricultural products, are run through family farming system. The important point highlighted in this article is the fact that the origin of Iranian agriculture has been based on family farming although it has gone through significant changes. The study of such changes can be taken into consideration to introduce a proper family farming finance model by the Iranian banking system.

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