

### **Developing a conceptual model of factor influencing family farmers' quality of life**

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Social development in rural communities has a close relation with the structure of farming systems. Less attention to the quality of life of farmers in this section, in addition to undermine the agricultural sector has different consequences such as immigration, marginalization, loss of social capital and increased crime. Family farmers are (form) a large part of the farmers of the country, thus their quality of life in all dimensions including economic, social, environmental, psychological and physical health, should be considered. Levels of public quality of life of this farmers is measurable through the evaluation of their living conditions in association with poverty, nutrition, health, housing, employment, education, leisure, etc. This study aimed to design a conceptual model of factor influencing family farmers' quality of life. The model designed using method of documental review based on national and international research, models and theories presented about quality of life. The review results due to different views on quality of life caused focusing primarily on clarification of the concept of dependent variable Accordingly the quality of life, has been defined with dimensions consist of: individual characteristics (physical and mental health), subjective well-being (subjective satisfaction), social, economic, and environmental dimensions. Since the purpose of this study was to design a conceptual model of factors influencing the quality of life of family farmers, after studying theories and related studies, independent variables were identified that include: background variables (age, gender, level of education), social capital (structural status, network status (Bonding, Bridging, Linking) and the purpose of action (expressive and instrumental), religious and ethnic affiliations. It is noteworthy that, the identified conceptual model in this study, need to be tested among family farmers so it could be confirmed as an applied and native model.

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