Land Reform – new development tracks

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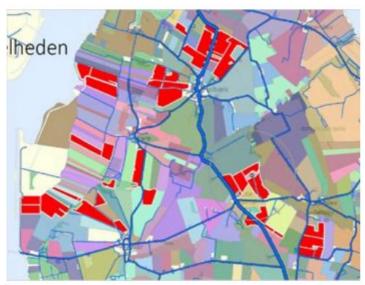
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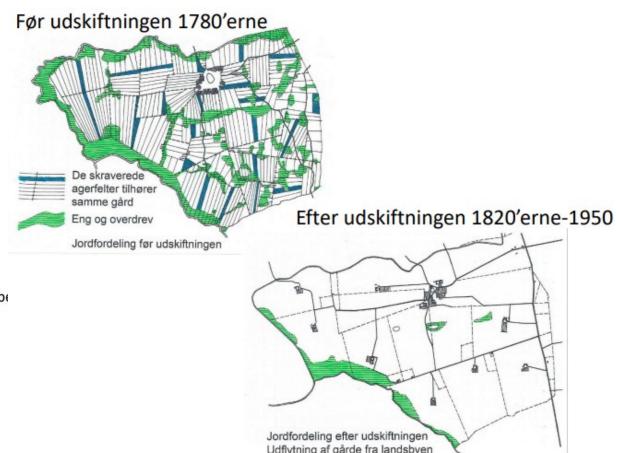




Land reform - changing ownership structures



Beliggenhed af jorde (med rød farve) på en typisk heltidsbe Kilde: Esben Munk Sørensen, Aalborg Universitet 2014.







Land reforms in Denmark

- From 1800: Ownership for farmers. Civil liberties fundamental freedoms
- From 1920: "Lensafløsningen", feudal structure, bigger estates reduced for smaller farms.

Point of departure for landreforms: Normative ideas. (!!!)

How about a future land reform based on normativity???





New obligations for Denmark:

- Climate
- Nitrate reduction EU-water framework directive
- Size of production units owner strucures
- Biodiversity international obligations
- Recreation population detached from farming





Danish conditions

- 61% arable land
- vulnerable fjords
- relatively high level of monitoring of environmental impact

Further demands for reduction of water environmental impact in relation to farming.

General regulation vs. local solutions

- taking peat soil out of production – reducing drivehouse gas emmissions and reducing nitrate leaching to the vulnerable water environment of Denmark

There is a need to integrate local knowledge in water planning!





Question:

Should a new land reform:

A: - solve imidiate problems?

or

B: - be a new normative agenda?





Land consolidation – a part of a land reform



Before land consolidation

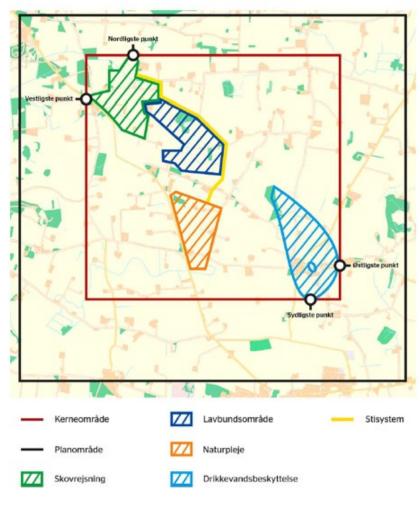


After land consolidation





Multifuntional land consolidation – a part of a new land reform



Land consolidation based on public demand for "bi-products" and for sustainable landscape planning.





The new deal:

10 mio. kr. for consultants facilitating farmers taking out peat soil of production.

How is that going to happen?





World upside down

Human beings make decisions - afterwords we might find a cause to the decision.

A: to see people as rational entities

B: to meet people as social entities

A: Information and scientific knowledge => rational decision

B: Acknowledgement from friends motivates for action

A: We introduce farmers for ready-made solutions => farmers say YES! (?)

B: We and farmers combine knowledge in a collective acknowledging process => we all motivate each other.





Different sorts of knowledge

- Environmental technical knowledge
- Farm technical/economic knowledge
- Historical knowledge
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WHEN

farmers contribute with their knowledge in a communitive AND

the knowledge is integrated in the development of solutions, THEN

a strong collective commitment can be created





Collective start-up meetings

All farmers (5-15) in small catchment areas invited to discuss possibilities for implementation of water environmental solutions.

Agenda:

- 1. Welcome by local Farmers Union Pres.
- 2. Information on possible solutions
- 3. Map on the table, drain-pipe knowledge, solutions
- 4. Deciding which solutions to be chosen and where







Different solutions











Problems not solved in the perspective of land reforms:

Does the initiatives solve particular problems?

Does the initiatives contribute to bureacratic needs?

Does initiatives contribute to a land reform?

How to find democratic legitimity for a land reform.





Normativity

Who do we actually work for?

What is the target of our work?

What is my normative point of departure?



