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### The farm family business.

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Abstract : Farming as practised in the UK and other market industrialized countries is predominantly a family business. The nature of the farm business cannot be understood without reference to the family that operates it. This book focuses not so much on the farm family or the farm business *per se*, but on the interaction between the two. Many of the illustrations relate to the UK, examples are also drawn from North America, Scandinavia, Australia and New Zealand. The main function of Chapter 1 is to define what is meant by a farm family business, to describe its component parts and to note issues arising from the interplay of the farm family or household and the farm business. Information on numbers of farm family businesses and historical trends is given in Chapter 2.

gathered in Chapter 2. Most of the remaining chapters are concerned with the dynamics of farm family businesses. Chapter 4 considers business objectives, the use of labour, Chapter 6 marriage and the role of the farmer's wife, Chapter 5 the processes of inter-generational transfer of family farms. Chapter 3 reflects the wider context within which farm businesses have to operate, questioning how the development of capitalism and intervention by the state constrain the family's freedom of action.

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