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**Cine sunt proprietarii de terenuri agricole care renunță la exploatarea lor? Modelarea statistică a dării în folosință a pământurilor / Who Are The Agrarian Land Owners Who Give Up Land Exploiting?**

**Abstract:**

The article aims to contribute to the understanding of household and community level factors which lead landowners to give up individual farming for the benefit of some Institutional arrangements like the farmers' association. Using data from the Public Opinion Barometer of 2002 we have reached results that go beyond those reached in the existing literature. Thus, land leasing has a greater likelihood in the wheat growing, older and poorer regions of the Southern Plains, which are better suited for large scale farming and have imposed strong path dependencies. Social capital at the household level influenced as well the farming strategies adopted after the dismantling of the collective farms. Finally, the household characteristics correlated with our focus variable confirm a agrarian model based on Chayanov's theories.