

## Care Farming in Switzerland



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## Care Farming in Switzerland

- Introduction: Care Farming in Europe and Switzerland
- Particularity of care services in agricultural settings
- Ongoing study ZHAW: System analysis of Care Farming in Switzerland
- Canton Berne: major actors in the field of Care Farming

## Care Farming in Europe and Switzerland

- Care-farming-activities: social integrative multifunctional activities performed in agricultural environment
- Diversity: client groups, goals, durations (short term – e.g. time-out –, long term), different public structures and budgets
- Switzerland
  - 1% of all farming families perform social activities on their farms (Wydler & Picard 2010)
  - 80% of all farming families live on their farmyards
  - 59% of farming families earn money outside the farm

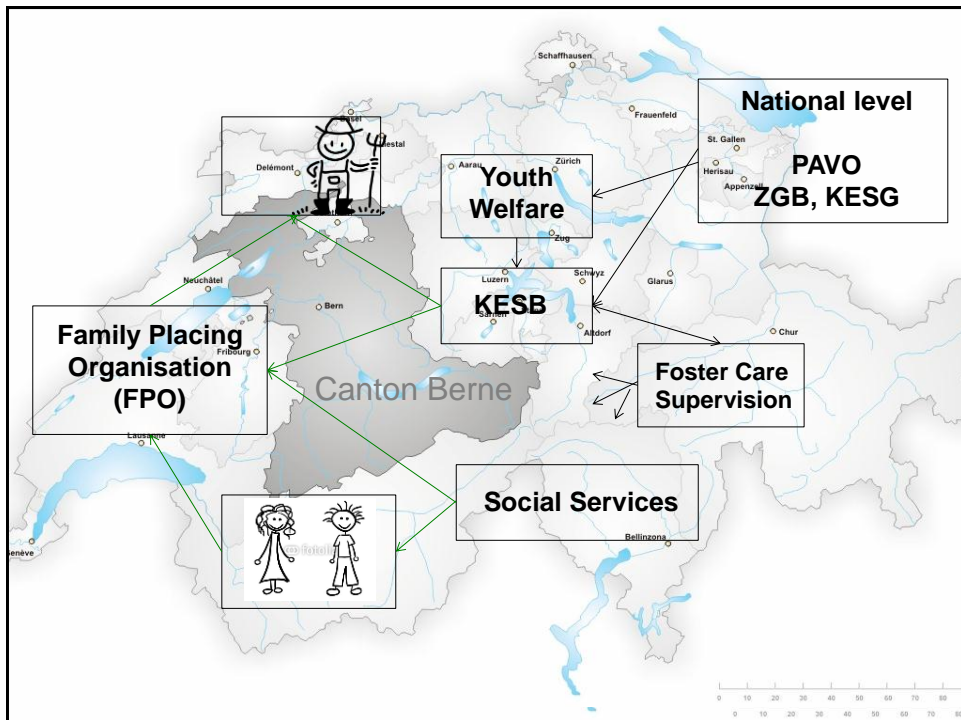
## Particularity of Care Farming

- **Care Farmers**
  - Diversification
  - Additional income
- **Regional development**
- **Care-taker**
  - Special family setting
  - Work, participation
  - Alternative to homes, etc.



## Care Farming – System Analysis

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- Identify major actors, guidelines, legislation (national, cantonal, communal level) involved in Care Farming
- Target groups: children, juveniles, disabled adults





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## Conclusion

- Potential of Care Farming
- Tendencies of professionalisation are visible (further education, professional organised administrative bodies)
- Demand from the Care Farmers' side
  
- Further research: perspectives of care farmers, children, juveniles and disabled adults needs to be included