

Abstract:

The paper is a historical retrospective marking the main steps taken in agriculture in Dobrogea from 1850 until present time. The authors will stop on the most representative landmarks, starting with the year 1850, as described by Ion Ionescu de la Brad in "*Agricultural fieldtrip to Dobrogea*". This is how they are described in chronological order: The status of agriculture and rural areas in 1850 Dobrogea under Ottoman rule; Agriculture in Dobrogea after the inclusion in the Romanian administration in 1878; Agriculture in Dobrogea during the interwar period; Agriculture in Dobrogea during the communist totalitarian regime 1945-1989; Transition to the market economy 1990-2010. Taken into analysis: agricultural system, technical and economic performances, demographic evolution in rural Dobrogea.

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