

THE EFFECTS OF URBANISATION ON FARMLAND LOSS IN TURKEY: AN ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

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ABSTRACT

In Turkey, as in many countries of the world, farmland themselves are being converted to urban and industrial uses. Rapid expansion of urbanization has resulted in significant losses of farmland. For example, in the period of 2000-2010, Turkey's total agricultural land has been declined by 7.43 percent of the total (7.43%), mostly due to the expansion of urbanization for the purpose of settling, rural industrialization and small-town growth.

This study discusses the problems created by urbanization on the farmlands and will be analyze its economic effects. Within the scope of this study, it has been intended to examine the land use planning decisions, especially in agricultural areas, and the conversion process of farmlands for the needs of urban development. In this paper, by using historical and descriptive research methods, the problems face in the phase of conversion (or transformation) farmlands to urban land is described and solutions are presented for Turkey.

Within this context, the study has two dimensions: The first one aims to discuss the process of conversion of agricultural land for urban area needs by an economic perspective. And the second one have been evaluated the same process on the case of Turkey by economic perspective. Therefore, in this study, it is intended to make an analysis of agricultural land-use planning analysis on the period of last ten years by utilizing the historical and depictive research methods in Turkey. Thus, this study makes a criticism of the existing system for the planning of agricultural land-use planning and develops recommendations for the problems.

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