

Abstract

Permaculture is one of the types of alternative agriculture. It was created in reaction to problems of conventional (intensive) agriculture, which is not sustainable. Projects are designed by ideal of the nature. It uses the new technology in combination with experiences of our ancestors. It includes the whole range of disciplines, which are still evolving. Permaculture offers more than food self-support. It has become a lifestyle, which is based on the principles of the ethics of permaculture. It emphasizes the importance of the landscape and environment protection. It supports local market and local economics. Permaculture gardens are most often located in the countryside. Permaculture principles are used for the formation of the community gardens in the last years. The aim of this work is to find out the location of permaculture in the Czechia, the reason of establishments of permaculture gardens and whether the permaculture is able to solve the problems of the conventional agriculture. The mixed methods research was realized in the form of the questionnaires with the 19 permaculture gardens and in the form of the semi-structured interview with the one community garden. The research issues were answered in the combination with the professional literature.

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