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Description:

Despite recent efforts, agricultural production continues to threaten biodiversity, disrupt delivery of key ecosystem services and contribute to climate change. A more regenerative approach is required to enable farmers to restore and work with the ecosystem services that underpin sustainable farming and food production. Biodiversity lies at the heart of this process.

Managing biodiversity in agricultural landscapes: Conservation, restoration and rewilding considers the range of techniques that can be implemented to improve biodiversity in farmland. It synthesises current research on the best ways to plan, implement and monitor ecological restoration projects as well the role of government agri-environment schemes. The book also assesses what we know about the use and impact of individual conservation practices, such as field margins and hedgerows, and ways of successfully rewilding farmland.

Key features:

- Provides a comprehensive overview of the key concepts in biodiversity management within agricultural landscapes
- Considers the role of farmers and rural communities in implementing ecological restoration practices
- Reviews the importance of habitat and animal rewilding in promoting biodiversity and other key ecosystem services

Audience:

Researchers in agroecology, conservation and environmental science, farmers, agronomists and consultants, as well as government and other agencies supporting farmland conservation and restoration projects

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