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1.3 billion people work in agriculture. Work in agriculture faces continuities, such as i) the ongoing model of a dominant family-based activity but also with a significant contribution of wage earners to the work (42% of farmworkers are salaried); ii) the large diversity of work contents due to the various production systems (vegetables, crops, indoor or outdoor livestock, etc.) and to the various models of work organization (taylorism, cooperation, externalization of tasks, precision). But work in agriculture also faces changes referring to various dynamics : i) the emergence of « firm models » with a large use of contractors, as a new figure of highly productive farms; ii) the development of agroecological farming systems combining a large diversity of production systems and regular interactions between farmers and consumers; iii) the more and more meaningful contribution of migrants to farm work; iv) the recognition of negative impacts of chemicals on workers’ health; v) the consolidation of global chains and its reflects on work and labor governance; vi) the use of new technologies (robots, sensors, internet). These changes and continuities question the future of work in agriculture. Are sufficient knowledge, useful frameworks and tools provided to follow up the changes of work in a sustainable way? Are the various dimensions of work (employment, health, organization…) connected to build prospects to the future?

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