

## The Biggest Little Farm



### **John Chester, Director of the Film**

John Chester has been a filmmaker and television director for the last 25 years. His recent short films including "Saving Emma", "Worry for Maggie" and "The Orphan" have won five Emmy Awards, for outstanding directing, writing, and cinematography, among others. Alongside his feature documentary work, it was the time he spent traveling the world as a wildlife filmmaker with Animal Planet and ITV Wildlife shows that inspired his interest in the complex interworking of ecosystems — a curiosity that serves him well on "Apricot Lane Farms", the biodynamic and regenerative farm he and his wife started in 2010.



### **Martial Bernoux**

#### **FAO Natural Resources Officer in the Climate and Environment Division**

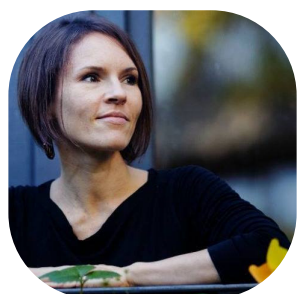
Martial Bernoux is in charge of the Mitigation of Climate Change in Agriculture (MICCA) Programme, and FAO lead technical officer for the Thematic Working Group on Agriculture, Food Security and Land Use of the NDC-Partnership. Prior to joining FAO he served in the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD) leading researches in agriculture, soils and climate change. He has collaborated with IPCC since 2002 and he is a member of its Emission Factor Database Board.



### **Leonard Mizzi**

#### **European Commission Head of Unit at the Directorate for Planet and Prosperity**

Dr. Leonard Mizzi is Head of Unit at the European Commission, Directorate-General (DG) for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO) - Rural development, food security and nutrition, since 1st of January 2017. Prior to this post he was Head of Unit for 10 years in DG Agriculture and Rural Development. His areas of specialisation are global food security governance, agriculture and food and nutrition security, the Mediterranean and Sub Saharan Africa.




### **Petra Hongell**

#### **Information Officer at UNRIC, the United Nations Regional Information Centre**

Petra works as an Information Officer at UNRIC, responsible for communication and public outreach to the Nordic countries. She is the Coordinator of UN Cinema (Ciné ONU) in Sweden and Finland. Previously, she has worked for the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Finnish Permanent Representation to the European Union within the sector for Energy, Research and Competitiveness.

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## The Biggest Little Farm

This documentary chronicles the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland and a dream to harvest in harmony with nature. Through dogged perseverance and embracing the opportunity provided by nature's conflicts, the Chester's unlock and uncover a biodiverse design for living that exists far beyond their farm, its seasons, and our wildest imagination. In Belgium, the film is distributed by Cinemien.

### Why do we need sustainable agriculture?

Agriculture is feeding the world's 7.3 billion people but at an unbearable social and environmental cost. One third of the world's land is degraded. Up to 75 per cent of crop diversity has been lost and more than half of fish stocks are fully exploited. At the same time, about 800 million people are undernourished.

Farming in sustainable ways - meeting society's food and textile needs in the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs - is based on an understanding of ecosystem services, the study of relationships between organisms and their environment.



Action is at the heart of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As the principle connection between people and planet, sustainable food and agriculture can fuel positive change.

### FAO

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN has a long history of fostering sustainable agricultural development and the sustainable use of biodiversity for food and agriculture to pursue its goal of ending poverty and hunger.

It is fundamental we produce food in a way that preserves the environment. Closely interlinked, biodiversity and ecosystem services support agriculture in multiple ways, benefiting farmers' livelihoods and well-being.

### EU-DEVCO

EU development cooperation supports sustainable agriculture in more than 60 partner countries. Sustainable agriculture brings together environmental, economic and social aspects of food production, and includes adaptation to climate change. EU support to biodiverse agricultural systems and landscapes in partner countries includes the promotion of a diversity of practices (such as conservation agriculture, agroecology, agroforestry, etc.), through research, innovation and policy-based activities.



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