

# A Small Farm Future

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# Part I: Ten Crises

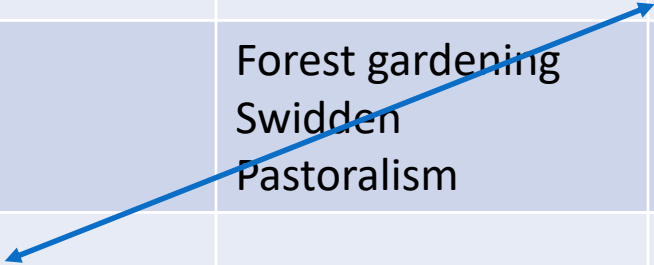
# Wicked problems

- Population
- Climate change
- Energy
- Soil
- Stuff
- Water
- Land, nature
- Health, nutrition
- Political economy
- Culture

# Part II: (Small) Farm Ecology

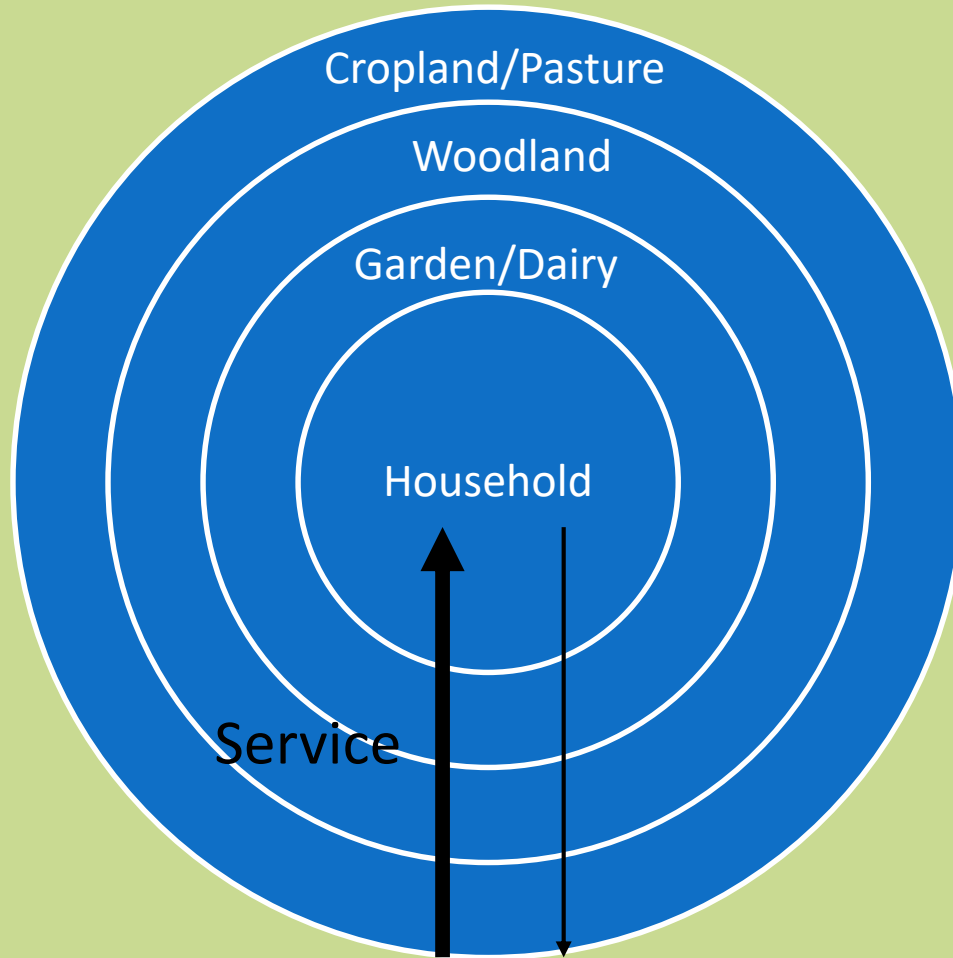
# Labour & productivity

Labour input	Productivity		
	Low	Medium	High
High	No sensible strategy		Arable Gardening
Medium		Forest gardening Swidden Pastoralism	
Low	Foraging Woodland		No viable strategy

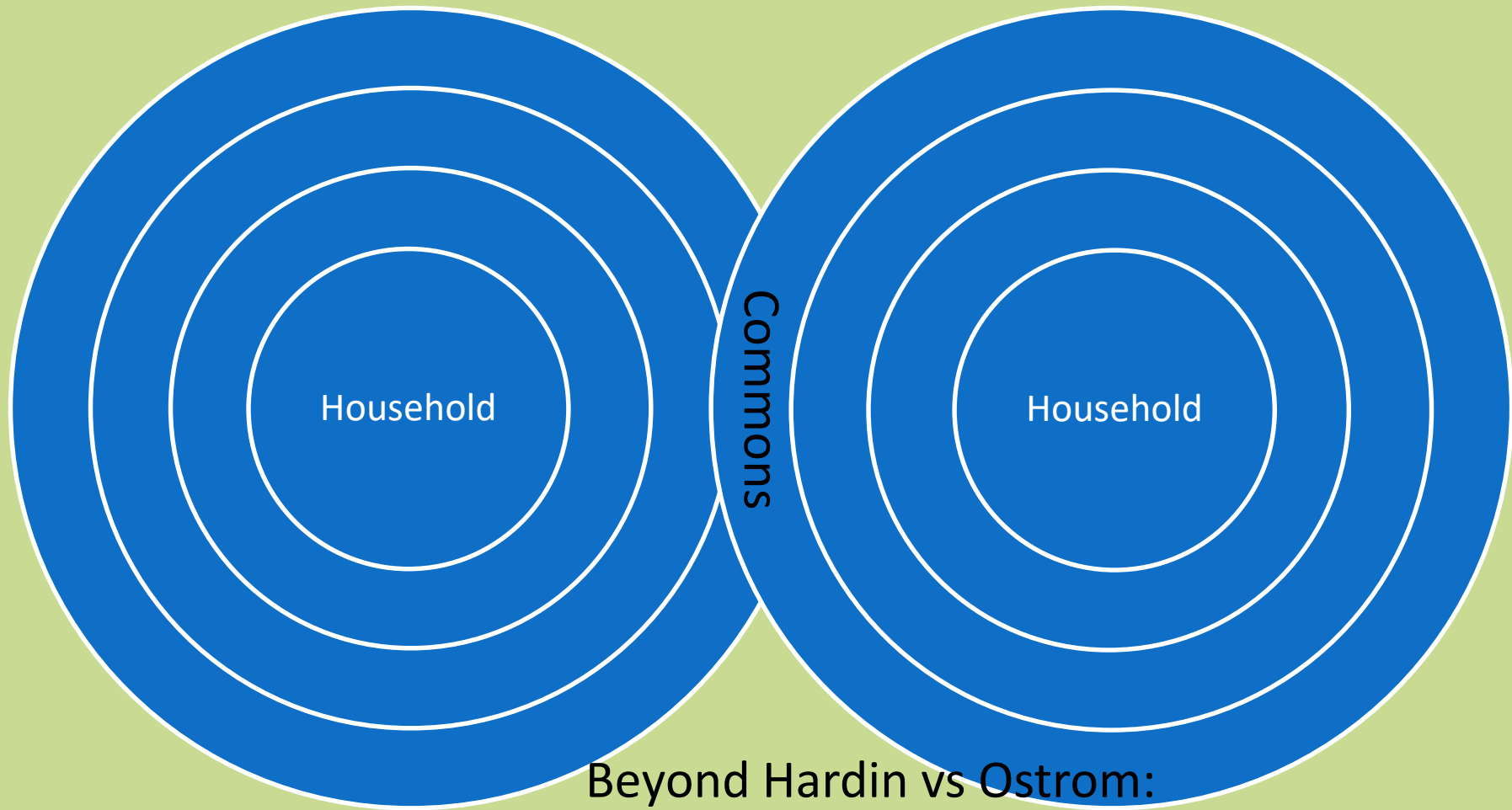


# Part III: Small Farm Society

# Farmstead



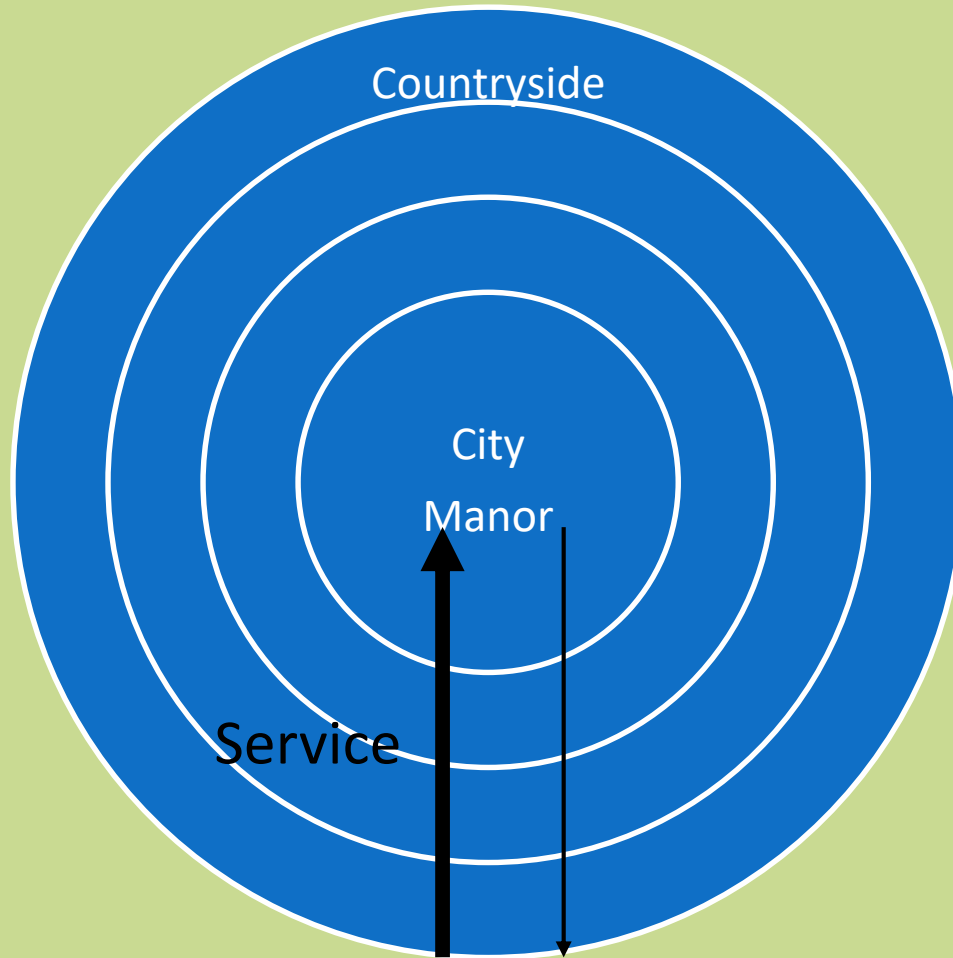
# Farmstead - Village



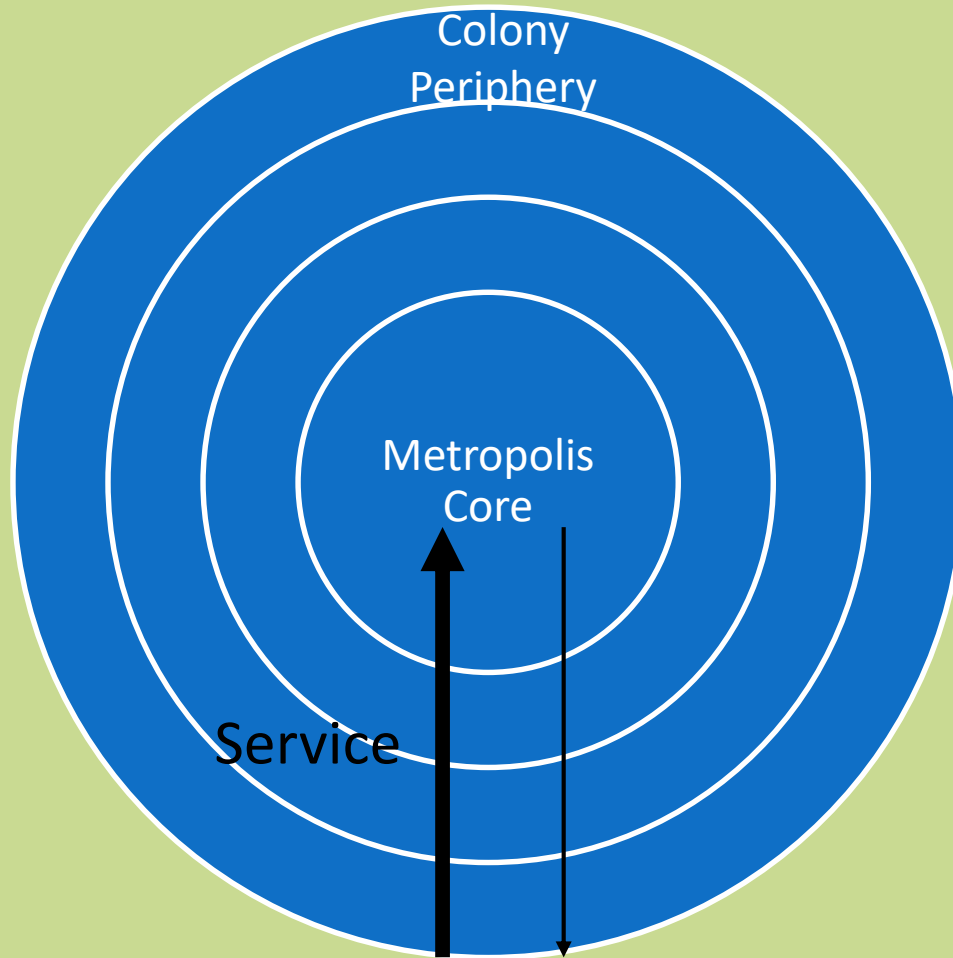
Beyond Hardin vs Ostrom:  
rethinking, not replacing, private  
property in 'tight' farming situations



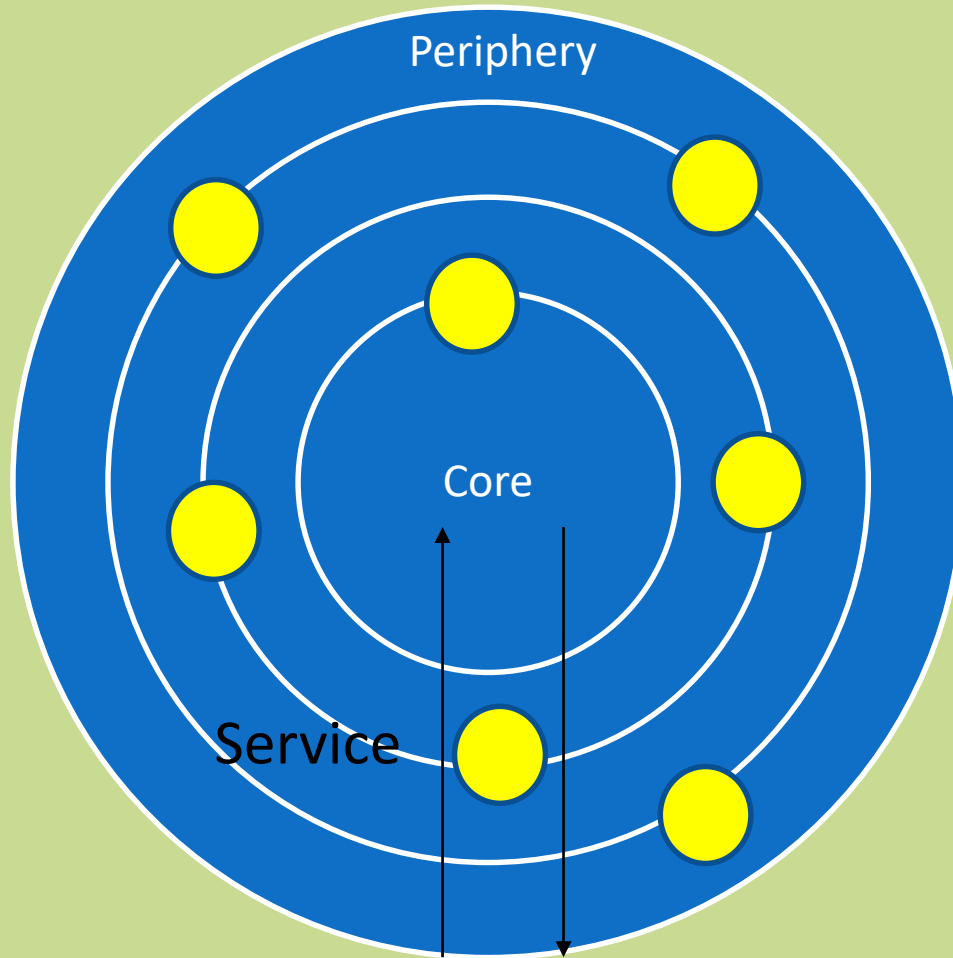
# Settlement Pattern



# Colony – Trade Centre



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# Inside the circle

- Gender and the public sphere
- Building the political community

# Part IV: Towards a Small Farm Future?

# Building the political community: politics of the supersedure state

## **Communitarian?**

- shared cultural values
- individuals embedded in prior culture & identity
- politics of exclusion?

## **Republican?**

- artificial, constructed community
- non-domination: dialogue, recognition, participation
- civic virtue vs corruption of private interests
- independent self-reliance

# A Small Farm Future... ...coming soon!

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