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THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EXTENSION SERVICE FOR HUNGARIAN AGRICULTURE  
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Major Dilemmas and Future of Agriculture in Eastern Europe

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Agricultural Restructuring

The agriculture sector, including agriculture, forestry and fisheries, is a vital part of the Hungarian economy and social fabric. It provides a source of income for 25% of the population, and is a major source of food and raw materials. The sector is currently undergoing a process of restructuring, which is essential for its long-term viability and growth.

The restructuring process is being undertaken in a number of ways. One of the main objectives is to improve the efficiency of the sector, and to reduce the losses that are currently being incurred. This is being done through a number of measures, including the restructuring of state-owned enterprises, and the promotion of private enterprise.

Another key objective is to improve the productivity of the sector, and to increase the output of the sector. This is being done through a number of measures, including the introduction of modern agricultural technologies, and the provision of extension services to farmers.

The restructuring process is also being undertaken in a number of other ways. For example, there is a focus on improving the marketing of agricultural products, and on increasing the export of agricultural products. This is being done through a number of measures, including the establishment of marketing boards, and the provision of technical assistance to exporters.

In order to achieve these objectives, it is essential that the government and the private sector work together. The government has a key role to play in providing the framework for the restructuring process, and in providing the necessary resources. The private sector has a key role to play in implementing the restructuring process, and in providing the necessary services to farmers.

The restructuring process is a complex one, and it will take time to complete. However, it is essential that it be undertaken, if the Hungarian agriculture sector is to remain viable and productive in the future. The government and the private sector must work together to ensure that the restructuring process is successful.