STUDY AREA location and CONTEXT of the municipality of Castelo de Vide:

OBJECTIVES:
1. Evaluate the preferences about the rural landscape within the two groups: land owners and neo-rurals and people with second housing.
2. Identify the present land managing practices associated to each group.
3. Question the contribution of the two groups for the future of the rural landscape.

METHODOLOGY:

RESULTS:
Farms characterization:

Landowners profile:

Neo-rurals and people with 2nd housing:

DISCUSSION:

Major trends:
- Nature and leisure farms projects supported by quality production and/or by a more sustainable management (Rural tourism and Hunting).
- Agricultural abandonment by the small farmers.
- Lack of competitiveness and incentives for small farms.
- Ageing of the small farmer.
- Lack of incentives for the younger generations in agriculture.
- Purchase of small farms by neo-rurals and as 2nd houses.
- Enlargement of the traditional existent houses and agricultural changes in impact on the landscape.

Neo-rurals and 2nd housing
- Increase of xenothermation due to a different land management.
- Increase of bushes and other vegetation (risk of fire events).

In general, landowners prefer:
- More open landscapes, with arable land;
- With cattle;
- With human elements.

In general, Neo-Rurals prefer:
- More naturalized landscapes;
- Less human presence;
- Great value to the aesthetic and sensorial aspects.

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