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Battle Fields

The Buried History of Land Consolidation

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Inès Léraud and Pierre Van Hove return to the field to examine the environmental and sociological impacts of planning policies that forever changed the world of agriculture and consumption.

After World War II, the federal government redrew the map of agricultural land across most of the French countryside: a consolidation characterized by combining plots and removing hedges and embankments to ease access for machines. The goal was to enable farmers to produce more, so that France could achieve food self-sufficiency and become a global agricultural powerhouse. But the implementation of this intensive farming was not well documented. *Battle Fields* recounts this history, lending voice to those on the losing side of these policies, who resisted this upheaval.
