

(Modernization of the agricultural systems within the arid environment of Chile: research proposal). Modernizacion de los sistemas agricolas en el ambiente arido de Chile: Propositiones de Investigacion.

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In the recent past the Copiapo River Valley has undergone a remarkable transformation in its agricultural structure. Among the most noteworthy characteristics are the specialization in exportation of table grapes, the incorporation of modern soil and water handling technology and the expansion of the agricultural surface. The establishment of hydro resources, settlements, monoculture risks and natural hazards are also considered.-English summary