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## **Project Title**

Filāḥa فِلاحة

*Documenting Palestinian identity; farming and the unity of food*

## **Project Description**

As Palestine has moved towards urbanization at a swift pace, many rural farmlands are left unattended. Living in cities has caused many Palestinians to adopt an urban lifestyle, leaving them unaligned with nature, the seasons, and their traditional ways of eating and making food. Food and farming cultures that not only were a source of livelihood, but also an important part of Palestinian identity, have faded away in the middle of the chaotic move into the city.

In this series of photographs, I document Palestinians that practice indigenous ways of agriculture, rather than conventional ones, in an attempt to preserve their identity in lineage with their ancestors.