Modeling U.S. and EU Agricultural Policy: Focus on Decoupled Payments
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Monday, Oct. 4—Waugh Auditorium

8:30-8:45 Welcome and overview of program.
   Neil Conklin, Director, Market and Trade Economics Division, ERS
   Steve Halbrook, Vice President, Farm Foundation

Part A—Issues in Modeling U.S. and EU Payments (AM)

8:45-10:15 Session I. Setting the stage—Overview and background of decoupled and partially decoupled payments—what are the issues?
   Moderator: David Kelch, ERS

   Summary of policies, highlighting the differences between U.S. and EU in overall policy environment, interests of policy makers, implementation, and factors that affect policy impacts.

   Domestic Support and the WTO--Joseph Glauber, Deputy Chief Economist, USDA

   Overview of the 2002 Farm Act and U.S. Program Payments: Modeling Issues and Challenges--Paul Westcott, USDA/ERS

   Overview of 2003 CAP Reform and EU Decoupled Payments--Wolfgang Munch, DG Agriculture, European Commission

   Discussion.
10:30-12:30  Session II.  Review of research on decoupled, partially decoupled payments—key findings and issues

Moderator:  Mary Bohman, Deputy Director for Research, MTED/ERS

Findings from the literature on decoupling and results of studies completed or underway on decoupled/partially decoupled payments and implications of findings for modeling these payments.

A Review of Empirical Studies on the Production Impacts of PFC and MLA Payments Under the U.S. FAIR Act--David Abler and David Blandford, Penn State University

Analysis of Decoupled Subsidies—Neilson Conklin and Mary E. Burfisher, USDA/ERS

Research on the EU Direct Payment Schemes, 2003 CAP Reform: Key Findings and Research Issues—Pierre Bascou, Pierluigi Londero, and Wolfgang Munch, European Commission

What (if anything) Do Countercyclical Payments Do?--David Skully, USDA/ERS

Discussion.

Part B—Modeling I (PM)

1:30-3:00  Session III.  Decoupled policies in models of U.S. agriculture

Moderator:  Paul Westcott, ERS


Do Direct Payments Have Intertemporal Effects on U.S. Agriculture?--Agapi Somwaru, USDA/ERS, Terry Roe, University of Minnesota, and Xinshen Diao, IFPRI

FAPRI Modeling of Farm Program Impacts on U.S. Area Planted--Pat Westhoff, FAPRI, University of Missouri

Discussion.
3:15-4:45  **Session IV.  Decoupled policies in models of EU agriculture**

Moderator: Aziz Elbehri, ERS

  Modeling Supply and Land Allocation Responses to EU Payments--Paolo Sckokai, Universitá Cattolica, Piacenza, Italy

  Analyzing Decoupling with GTAP: The 2003 CAP Reform--Piero Conforti, FAO, Rome

  Modeling the Introduction of Decoupled Payments in the EU: An Example—Julian Binfield, FAPRI, University of Missouri

Discussion.

**Tues., Oct. 5—Amber Waves Room, S3101**

**Part B—Modeling II (AM)**

8:30-10:00  **Session V.  Issues in Modeling Decoupled Payments**

Moderator: Richard Stillman, ERS

  Modeling Farm Decoupled Payments: Comparison of Partial and General Equilibrium Evaluations—Alex Gohin, Institute National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA), Rennes, France

  Risk Considerations in U.S. Supply Response—William Lin and Robert Dismukes, USDA/ERS

  Future Research on Decoupled Payments: New Modeling Directions and Data Needs—Ed Young, USDA/ERS

Discussion.
Part C—Synthesis (AM)

10:15-11:45 Session VI: Wrap-up, assessment, and priorities for future research.

Moderator: Neilson Conklin, Director, Market and Trade Economics Division, USDA/ERS

Assessment—What have we learned, where are commonalities? Priorities for future research.

Panel: Wolfgang Munch, European Commission, Directorate General Agriculture

David Abler, Penn State University

Mary Bohman, Deputy Director for Research, Market and Trade Economics Division, USDA/ERS

Discussion.

11:45-12:00 Concluding remarks. ERS, Farm Foundation.

12:00 Adjourn