
NEWS

Latest AGRODEP Working Papers

In "[Welfare Effects of Policy-Induced Rising Food Prices on Farm Households in Nigeria](#)," AGRODEP members [Adebayo Shittu](#), [Oluwakemi Obayelu](#), and [Kabir Salman](#) investigate the effects of policy changes and the resulting volatile food prices on household consumption expenditures. They find that average farm households benefit from price increases, while many other households, particularly smallholders and female-headed households, experience welfare losses. This AGRODEP Working Paper was completed with an AGRODEP Seed Fund grant and associated with the 2013 training course, [Estimation of the Economic Impact of High Food Prices using Micro Data](#).

The latest addition to the working paper series, "[The Impact of Foreign Large-Scale Land Acquisitions on Smallholder Productivity: Evidence from Zambia](#)," explores the impacts of foreign large-scale land acquisitions (LSLA) on the smallholder economy at the district level in Zambia. Kacana Sipangule and Jann Lay, working with assistance from the [AGRODEP 2012 Gaps in Research Grant](#), find no disruptive effects on smallholders due to foreign LSLA.

DEVELOPMENTS

2015 Training Course Dates

Dates for the remaining [2015 training courses](#) have been set as follows:

- Applied Nonparametric Econometrics: July 27-31, 2015. Instructor: Christopher F. Parmeter
- Productivity and Efficiency Analysis: August 3-7, 2015. Instructor: Christopher F. Parmeter
- Agricultural Distortions & Value Chains: September 1-3, 2015. Instructors: Derek Baker, Luca Salvatici, Simla Tokgoz
- Applied Panel Data Econometrics: September 7-11, 2015. Instructor: Christopher F. Parmeter
- Applied Microeconometrics: September 28-October 2, 2015. Instructor: Manuel A. Hernandez
- Gravity Model: October 5-9, 2015. Instructors: Maria Pina Cipollina, Luca Salvatici
- Evaluation of Public Policies: October 28-30, 2015. Instructor: Guy Lacroix

All courses are tentatively scheduled to take place at the IFPRI-Dakar office.

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