

**Modeling U.S. and EU Agricultural Policy: Focus on Decoupled Payments**  
**Workshop sponsored by USDA/Economic Research Service and the Farm Foundation**  
**October 4-5, 2004**

**Monday, Oct. 4—Waugh Auditorium**

**8:30-8:45**     **Welcome and overview of program.**

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**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 Lonero, 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

Are “Decoupled” Farm Program Payments Really Decoupled? An Empirical Evaluation--Barry Goodwin, North Carolina State University and Ashok Mishra, USDA/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,  
Università 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**