

Workshop on Effects of Domestic Agricultural Subsidies
January 6, 2008

Welcome to the workshop “Effects of Domestic Agricultural Subsidies.” The idea of the workshop is to have a small group of participants consider the subsidy effects questions—in general and in light of the ongoing absence of a WTO agricultural "Peace Clause" and the possibility of various challenges to aspects of U.S. and other farm support policies. This workshop will take stock of where we stand and what further research is percolating or could be designed. Partly it is designed to engender discussion among researchers and partly to generate interaction among a group of economic researchers, lawyers and policy activists.

We are not planning formal paper presentations, but rather several discussions kicked off by lead speakers. First, David Abler will provide a brief summary of the economic issues to give us a common basis for the discussion. Second, Christian Lau and Scott Andersen will stimulate the dialogue by summarizing the recent uses of economic analysis in the WTO dispute case on U.S. subsidies on upland cotton. Then the two main sessions will begin with lead-offs by Barry Goodwin and Harry de Gorter, respectively. We have asked these two leadoff speakers to reflect on their paper, the review comments received as it moved toward publication, and the issues their work raises for future research. We will consider the implications of these points for uses of economic research in WTO dispute proceedings.

This workshop has been organized by the Hewlett Foundation’s Global Development Program and as part of an IFPRI project titled “Improving WTO Transparency: Shadow Domestic Support Notifications.” The workshop is being held at the offices of the German Marshall Fund of the United States and the Hewlett Foundation, 1700 18th Street, NW, Washington D.C.

The program is:

Moderators: David Orden and Ann Tutwiler

1:15-1:30 Gather for the session

1:30-1:45 Introduction of session and by participants

1:45-2:15 “Overview of the Issues”

David Abler and David Blandford

2:15-2:45 “Legal Framework and Lessons from the WTO U.S.-Cotton Panels”

Christian Lau and Scott Andersen

2:45 - 3:00 Break for coffee/drinks

3:00-4:15 “Are Decoupled Payments Really Decoupled: Our Evidence and How it has Been Received”

Barry Goodwin

4:15-5:30 “Inframarginal Subsidization Matters: Model, Evidence and Reactions”

Harry de Gorter

5:45-7:30 Dinner at the Firefly Restaurant, 1310 New Hampshire Avenue, NW

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