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Making the Most of Agricultural Investment

A Survey of Business Models that Provide Opportunities for Smallholders

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Large-scale Investment in African Farmland and Its Potential Role in Unlocking Smallholder Agricultural Growth

Case Studies from Zambia

Large-scale investments (LSI) in farmland, commonly referred to as "land grabs"①+, have recently attracted widespread interest from various sectors, ranging from academia, activist organisations, donors to national governments. On one hand are proponents who argue that these investments help to fill the investment gap in African agriculture, and on the other are those who see this as nothing more than neo-colonialism. Much of the hype on the LSI in farmland has mostly been negative, with civic activists arguing that these investments disenfranchise smallholder farmers and contribute to their demise. Despite the range of reactions this phenomenon has attracted, there has not been commensurate research producing empirical evidence on whether such investments might contribute to unlocking constraints that hinder growth in the smallholder farming sector or evidence of a mutually beneficial coexistence of the LSI in farmland and smallholder farmers. This study therefore sought to analyse the potential of LSI in farmland for contributing to smallholder agricultural growth. It sought to do this by answering the following three questions: Can LSI in farmland offer opportunities for smallholders' agricultural growth through vertical and horizontal integration and technology transfer or will they further marginalise them? Do LSI in farmland engage with smallholder farmers in their farming operations or do they exclude them? Do LSI in farmland consolidate smallholder farmers and crowd them out of markets? Field work was carried out in Zambia in 2014. Three case studies were analysed and these were selected from the pool of districts with LSI in farmland. The study utilised the Rural Agricultural Livelihood

Survey (RALS) data sets for 2012 and 2015 as well as the Land Matrix database for secondary data. A combination of statistical, econometric regression and semiparametric models (particularly propensity score matching and double differencing) was used to analyse the data. The treatment and control groups for propensity score matching were provided by smallholder farmers in districts with investments, and those in districts without investments, respectively. Results revealed that there was no difference in agricultural performance of smallholder farmers in districts with investments and those in districts without investments. There is also no evidence of consolidation or displacement of smallholder farmers from the case studies analysed, except where smallholder farmers had settled on state land assuming it to be communal land as none of the land acquired by the investors was communal land for smallholder farmers. This points to a possible preference for brownfields and greenfields investments by the LSI in farmland to avoid negative publicity associated with displacement of smallholder farmers from communal land. The study also noted that LSI in farmland are contributing to the creation of and access to markets by smallholder farmers, rather than crowding them out. Lastly, the results showed that the investors in the various case studies do engage with smallholder farmers, and that those smallholder farmers who are included in the investors' farming operations perform better in terms of maize gross value, total crops gross value and maize yield per hectare of land than those who are excluded. The study therefore demonstrates that there is potential for LSI in farmland under certain conditions such as provision of input packages and access to technical knowledge through training, to unlock bottlenecks facing smallholder farmers, which may lead to agricultural growth of the latter. This also points to the possibility of LSI in farmland and smallholder farmers to have a reciprocal co-existence. The implication of these results for policy means that there is need for recipient governments to treat each LSI in farmland deal separately as these investments are not homogenous. This calls for critical analysis of potential benefits versus the costs and where the benefits outweigh the costs, to put in place measures that encourage horizontal and vertical integration of smallholder farmers in the investors' farming operations. In this regard, an enabling policy environment is important to encourage non-state actors to facilitate access to basic productive goods and services necessary for smallholder growth. This could be realised through fostering public-private partnerships between governments and LSI in farmland to ensure government's active involvement in smallholder development. In addition, governments also have to put measures in place to safeguard the rights and interests of smallholder farmers who face the possible threats of displacement in the event of acquisition of occupied state land or acquisition of communal land through negotiations with local chiefs and authorities.

Evaluating the Financial Risk Involved in Farmland Investment Decisions

Investing in farmland is one of the most important decisions that farmers face in their lifetimes. Usually, large amounts of debt are required to purchase a substantial tract of land, thereby reducing the farmer's liquidity position and future borrowing capacity. Fixed debt commitments must be met by highly variable future farm income. Variable cash flows are the most critical in the first three to five years after the land purchase. After that time, the financial position has improved as a result of the principal payments and possible appreciation in the value of new and existing land holdings. An incorrect decision in purchasing land may result in prolonged cash flow problems and force partial liquidation or possibly bankruptcy. Oregon farmers want to know how much can be paid for land considering their objectives relating to the return they desire on their investment and the risk they are willing to accept that debt can be serviced after the proposed farm expansion. Two models were developed in this study. The first is a net present value model to determine the effect of critical variables on the maximum economically feasible price that can be paid for farmland. The second model developed for this study is a risk analysis model to evaluate the decision maker's ability to meet fixed debt payments and other cash commitments given probability distributions for prices and yields. The net present value of an acre of land is determined by summing the discounted cash flows after taxes over the planning horizon for the tract to be purchased. Whole firm analysis, or direct comparison between present and proposed expanded operation, is used to determine the exact effects of tax consequences associated with the land purchase. The discount factor used is the desired after-tax rate of return on equity capital. The model considers the case where the planning horizon is shorter in years than the loan repayment period. The risk model determines gross farm income, which consists of product prices and yields, stochastically using triangular probability distributions. Operating expenses, amortization payments for term debt, net capital purchases associated with depreciable items, living expenses and withdrawals, and all taxes are subtracted from gross receipts to determine yearly cash flow. Items given in the output include the low cash balance at the end of the number of years for which the program was run, the probability of a negative cash balance occurring, and the probability of financial failure. The models were applied to two case farm studies in Sherman and Marion Counties. Empirical results of these case studies indicate that given current production costs and gross farm receipts, farmland must continue to appreciate at an annual compound rate of 9 percent for the duration of the planning horizon to justify current land prices. Other variables having a sizable impact on the net present value include gross receipts and operating expenses for the newly purchased tract, the purchase price, and the discount factor. Decision makers who own their farm operations and have low previous debt commitments are the most capable of generating adequate cash flows. Farmers who have large amounts of debt outstanding and who lease portions of their operation may have problems generating a positive cash balance within four years after the purchase. What farmers pay for land is influenced by the amount of risk that they are willing to take.

The Globalization of Farmland: Theory and Empirical Evidence

International Monetary Fund This paper is the first to provide both theoretical and empirical evidence of farmland globalization whereby international investors directly acquire large tracts of agricultural land in other countries. A theoretical framework explains the geography of farmland acquisitions as a function of cross-country differences in technology, endowments, trade costs, and land governance. An empirical test of the model using global data on transnational deals shows that international farmland investments are on the aggregate likely motivated by re-exports to investor countries rather than to world markets. This contrasts with traditional foreign direct investment patterns where horizontal as opposed to vertical FDI dominates.

Agricultural Policy Uncertainty and Farm Level Adjustments-The Case of Direct Payments and Incentives for Farmland Investment

A dynamic stochastic business-level land valuation model is derived to analyse how agricultural policy uncertainty regarding reform of the CAP area payment system affects farmland investment incentives. Subjective probability beliefs of Swedish farmers were collected in a survey and used to illustrate the implications of the model. The results show the working of adjustments in current farmland investment incentives triggered by the announcement of agricultural policy programmes linked to farmland. Lack of complete information causes inefficiency by inducing farm operators to over-invest before the reform date if they expect a reform that is likely to reduce their area payment. Policy uncertainty has surprisingly volatile and ambiguous effects on farmland investment incentives.

Government Policy and Farmland Markets

The Maintenance of Farmer Wealth

John Wiley & Sons Of immeasurable value to lenders, agricultural economists, and a host of agribusinesses this unique volume brings together leading farmland authorities in the United States and Canada to examine the economic determinants of land value and the consequences of change in land values. As the most basic factor of production in the agricultural enterprise, farmland dominates the agricultural balance sheet, accounting for an average of 70% of all agricultural assets. The authors of this timely book provide expert analysis and review of this subject.

A Stochastic Growth Model of the Farm Firm with Reference to Field Crop Farms in Yolo County

Impact of Foreign Investment in Farmland

Hearings Before the Subcommittee on Family Farms, Rural Development, and Special Studies of the Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives, Ninety-fifth Congress, Second Session, on H.R. 13128 and Related Bills, June 20 and July 19, 1978, Washington, D.C., July 28, 1978, Ames, Iowa

Forecasting Farm Income

Documenting USDA's Economic Model Dynamic Model of Investment Behavior of Farms An Application of Optimal Control Theory The English Model Farm Building the Agricultural Ideal, 1700-1914

Windgather Press During the Agricultural Revolution, the landowners of Britain constructed an enormous range of picturesque or classical buildings on their farms, inspired by Enlightenment ideals. These model farms, a phenomenon unique to Britain, are a significant yet largely undiscovered aspect of our heritage. This book is richly illustrated with interior and exterior photographs, most of them specially commissioned, as well as plans, paintings and historic photographs. It examines the architecture and landscape context of the farmsteads themselves and considers the motives of the people who built them, drawing on the first comprehensive national survey of model farms, recently completed by English Heritage.

Agricultural Economics Research

A Stochastic Dynamic Programming Analysis of Farmland Investment and Financial Management Farmland Use Values Versus Market Prices in Three Oregon Land Markets

Foreign Investment in U.S. Real Estate

Abstracts of Recent Published Material on Soil and Water Conservation

Abstracts for Dec. 1954- issued in the Agricultural Research Service's series ARS-41.

Farm Index

Returns, Interest Rates, and Cropland Prices in Selected Regions

Agricultural Household Modelling and Family Economics

Newnes Agricultural households, both in the European Union and world-wide, have experienced important changes during the last three decades. This book covers recent advances both in family economics and in modelling the relationship between the farm-household and the farm-firm. Both theoretical and empirical aspects of Agricultural Household Modelling and Family Economics are also discussed, providing a timely contribution to research in this area.

Bibliography of Agriculture

Economic Studies on Food, Agriculture, and the Environment

Springer Science & Business Media **This book contains a selection of the papers presented at the Joint Conference on Food, Agriculture, and the Environment, organized by the University of Minnesota and several universities in Italy, and held in Bologna, Italy, on June 12-14, 2001. The papers are grouped into four sections: a) food, nutrition, and quality, b) land and resource assessment, c) agriculture and rural development, and d) environment and markets. Readers will benefit from the analysis provided in the papers and will gain new insights concerning alternative approaches to dealing with important policy issues.**

Foreign Direct Investment in the United States

Report of the Secretary of Commerce to the Congress in Compliance with the Foreign Investment Study Act of 1974, Public Law 93-479

Empirical Agent-Based Modelling - Challenges and Solutions

Volume 1, The Characterisation and Parameterisation of Empirical Agent-Based Models

Springer Science & Business Media **This instructional book showcases techniques to parameterise human agents in empirical agent-based models (ABM). In doing so, it provides a timely overview of key ABM methodologies and the most innovative approaches through a variety of empirical applications. It features cutting-edge research from leading academics and practitioners, and will provide a guide for characterising and parameterising human agents in empirical ABM. In order to facilitate learning, this text shares the valuable experiences of other modellers in particular modelling situations. Very little has been published in the area of empirical ABM, and this contributed volume will appeal to graduate-level students and researchers studying simulation modeling in economics, sociology, ecology, and trans-disciplinary studies, such as topics related to sustainability. In a similar vein to the instruction found in a cookbook, this text provides the empirical modeller with a set of 'recipes' ready to be implemented. Agent-based modeling (ABM) is a powerful, simulation-modeling technique that has seen a dramatic increase in real-world applications in recent years. In ABM, a system is modeled as a collection of autonomous decision-making entities called "agents." Each agent individually assesses its situation and makes decisions on the basis of a set of rules. Agents may execute various behaviors appropriate for the system they represent—for example, producing, consuming, or selling. ABM is increasingly used for simulating real-world systems, such as natural resource use, transportation, public health, and conflict. Decision makers increasingly demand support that covers a multitude of indicators that can be effectively addressed using ABM. This is especially the case in situations where human behavior is identified as a critical element. As a result, ABM will only continue its rapid growth. This is the first volume in a series of books that aims to contribute to a cultural change in the community of empirical agent-based modelling. This series will bring together representational experiences and solutions in empirical agent-based modelling. Creating a platform to exchange such experiences allows comparison of solutions and facilitates learning in the empirical agent-based modelling community. Ultimately, the community requires such exchange and learning to test approaches and, thereby, to develop a robust set of techniques within the domain of empirical agent-based modelling. Based on robust and defensible methods, agent-based modelling will become a critical tool for research agencies, decision making and decision supporting agencies, and funding agencies. This series will contribute to more robust and defensible empirical agent-based modelling.**

Problems of Entry Into Family Farming

Joint Hearing Before the Select Committee on Small

Business and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry, United States Senate, Ninety-fifth
Congress, Second Session ... Eau Claire, Wis., December
11, 1978

Economic Review

Investments in Soil Conservation and Land
Improvements

Factors Explaining Farmers' Decisions

Farmland Prices

An Example of Economic Forecasts, Uses, and
Limitations

Foreign Direct Investment in Agriculture

The Impact of Outgrower Schemes and Large-Scale Farm
Employment on Economic Well-Being in Zambia

vdf Hochschulverlag AG Foreign direct investment in agriculture and land has increased substantially since the 2007-2008 food price crisis. However, there is a severe lack of quantitative evidence on its economic impact. Therefore, the primary goal of this study was to collect and analyze empirical evidence, in order to better understand the potential benefits and pitfalls of such investments and related processes of agricultural commercialization. In particular, the study tests the effect of two strategies for including smallholder farmers into modern food supply chains: 1. Outgrower schemes, i.e. a type of contract farming whereby small-scale farmers produce crops for large-scale farming enterprises 2. Wage employment on large-scale estates The central part of the study looks at one specific investment project in the Zambian sugar cane sector. This sectoral focus was supplemented by a broader, cross sectoral analysis of a large, nationally representative panel survey. Overall, the evidence suggests that large-scale investments by foreign as well as domestic companies, and especially the model of cooperation with smallholder farmers in outgrower schemes, can indeed have positive and significant effects on the income and wealth of rural households.

Predictive Econometric Modeling of the U.S. Farmland
Market

An Empirical Test of the Rational Expectations
Hypothesis

The Investment of Pension Funds in Farmland

Hearing Before the Select Committee on Small Business, United States Senate, Ninety-sixth Congress, Second Session, on the Investment of Pension Funds in Farmland, October 8, 1980

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Insecure Land Tenure and Incomplete Exit of Farm Labor Resource Misallocation in China's Agricultural Sector

Smallholder farming remains predominant in China, despite a massive outflow of rural labor to nonfarm sectors and many agricultural households' practice of renting out land for which they hold contract use rights. Most households, however, still partially or seasonally cultivate their contract land, resulting in complex land arrangements. Correspondingly, the allocation of labor is complex and frequently adjusted between farm and nonfarm sectors. This dissertation provides a comprehensive analysis of the determinants and efficiency of resource allocation by smallholders as well as large farms in China. Chapters III to IV focus on smallholders. I start with a theoretical model that explains why households often find it optimal to cultivate only part of their contract land or for part of a cropping year. The theory centers upon the value of farmland as a safety net and an appreciable asset for rural households, which is endogenous to the self-cultivated size and farm labor under two institutional restrictions: insecure land tenure and limited access to social benefit programs. According to recent survey data that I collected from 512 households in Sichuan Province of Southwest China, half of the households exit partially and seasonally from fully cultivating their contract land. I estimate the effects of variables that determine the non-productive value of land on the allocation of land and labor. Evidence shows that smallholders overemploy labor on their tiny fields due to the non-productive value. If policy changes eliminated this value, sector-level simulations in Chapter V suggest that the proportion of land cultivated by smallholders could fall from 78% to 41%, the annual income of agricultural households in Sichuan could increase by \$15-16 billion, and 5-6 million rural laborers could cease cultivating their contract land and work off the farm. Chapters VI and VII are based on my other dataset of fifty large commercial farms in Sichuan. I first highlight salient features of these farms that suffer from the insecurity in lease contracts as lessor households may take back their land and governments can expropriate the land for nonfarm use. I use a conceptual model to characterize the relationship between insecure lease contracts and two types of farm assets, where attached assets determine farm infrastructure and, consequently, the efficiency of movable assets. I calibrate the model to Sichuan and show that the insecurity associated with leased plots reduces farm investment in attached assets. The corresponding loss can be worth 12-85% of the net production value under the suboptimal investment. Findings of the dissertation are important for Chinese policy in the agricultural sector and beyond. Though reducing the non-productive value of farmland tends to be costly, it is important to supplying enough labor from rural areas to China's growing nonfarm industries. As a second-best solution, the government may be able to accelerate the consolidation of agricultural production by investing or subsidizing investment in farm infrastructure. Eventually, however, efficient farmland consolidation in China is to be realized only if smallholder households systematically make complete and long-term exit from farming.

Intrahousehold Allocation of Labor Among the Matrilineal Akan of Ghana

Southern Journal of Agricultural Economics

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Household Consumption and Farmland Valuation Models of Family Farm Agriculture

A Review and Revision

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Losing Our Grip

How a Corporate Farmland Buy-up, Rising Farm Debt, and Agribusiness Financing of Inputs Threaten Family Farms and Food Sovereignty (or, Serfdom 2.0) : a Report

The land on which our food is grown is, to a significant extent, owned by local citizens and the families who work that land. This family farm model is widely supported--by farmers and non-farmers alike. But this model is under serious threat of extinction. And the issue goes beyond mere land ownership: the core issue is one of autonomy and control--ensuring that the men and women who produce our food have stable, resilient bases from which to make good, long-term decisions for their farms and for our food systems. This stability and long-term thinking can lead to superior environmental outcomes, more prosperous communities, and the inter-generational transfer crucial to our family-farm model. In working to ensure autonomy and control, the aim is not farmer "independence," but rather healthy interdependence--the farmer as an integral part of his or her family, community, region, and nation. Our farmers are stewards who need to be free to react to the needs of their soils, animals, families, and neighbours as much as to the dictates of markets, bankers, or agribusiness. If corporations or wealthy investors take control of our land and farms, our food systems and ecosystems will be seriously damaged.

A Generalized Model of Investment with an Application to Finnish Hog Farms