The Impact of Biofuels on Land Markets and Production

Methodological Issues and Results from LEITAP

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 - Primary agricultural production
 - Trade
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Summary and conclusion



Methodology (I)

Instruments applied at LEI to analyse policy options in the area of biofuels

- General equilibrium model: LEITAP
 - Extended version of the GTAP model
 - Global focus
 - Multi-sectoral approach (not only agri-food sectors)
- Partial equilibrium model: ESIM
 - World model
 - However with strong EU focus
 - Focus on agri-food sectors



Methodology (II)

 Economic model with global and economy wide coverage (GTAP)

- Database (base year 2001):
 - 88 regions (including individual EU27, Croatia and Turkey)
 - 57 sectors (14 primary agriculture and 7 food processing)
 - input-output data covering intersectoral linkages
 - bilateral trade data, transport data, protection data
- Features
 - global trade (Doha-WTO) and agricultural policies
 - economy wide
 - structural change (long run)
 - factor markets (e.g. labour and land)



Methodology (III)

Elaborate standard model from GTAP

- Segmentation of factor markets
- Agricultural policies
- Land allocation structure
- Land supply curve: S = a-b/p
 - p = 1 (base year 2000)
 - a = Asymptote value: Total available surface for agriculture
 - b = Total available area (a) surface used by Agriculture (S)



Methodology (IV)





Extensions towards Modelling Biofuels

Energy in Standard GTAP
GTAP has a 'top-down' structure for energy production
No energy substitution in production
Similar approach as in GTAP-E (Burniaux, Truong, 2002)
Introduces energy substitution into production

 Allows for energy and capital to be either substitutes or complements



Standard GTAP: Production Structure





GTAP-E Production Structure





GTAP-E: Capital-Energy Composite





Where is the Bio-fuel?





Implementing the Biofuel Policies

Fixing of blending target impossible

- Price incentive (subsidy or tax exempt) to use bio fuel crops
 - Problem: With subsidy input costs will decline and consequently consumer prices
 - Not realistic: With higher bio-fuel shares: higher consumer prices
- 'Neutral subsidy': Additional (endogenous) sales tax on petrol finances the prices incentive to use bio-fuel crops



Projects with Focus on Biofuels

Scenar2020

Eururalis – discussion support

- Four narratives: world views play out differently
- Policy options lead to scenario-dependent consequences (CAP, biofuels, LFA)
- Link agro-economy & other sectors (nature, peri-urban)
- Bio-energy: linking food feed fuel
- Multi-scale approach: global context via countries & regions



global

Global economy

Open markets

Competitiveness elopment

No CAP

Global co-operation

Global solidarity

Government intervention

CAP: Multifunctional agriculture

Continental Markets

Divided regions

Security

CAP: no change

Regional communities Regional identity Behavioral change Export subsidies abolished

regional

Change in GDP per capita, annual growth rates in %





Growth in Total Agricultural Production, annual growth rates, 2001-2030





Growth in Arable Crop Production, annual growth rates, 2001-2030





Driving Forces of Arable Land Use in EU-15, annual growth rates, 2001-2030





Impact of EU-Biofuel Directive on World Price Level, Change in %, relative to Reference, 2010





Impact of EU-Biofuel Directive on Agricultural Land Use, change in %, 2010





Impact of EU-Biofuel Directive on Agricultural Production, change in %, 2010





Impact of EU-Biofuel Directive on Oilseed Production, change in %, 2010





Initial Share of Biofuel Use and

Subsidies on Inputs in Petroleum Industries, 2010

0% -10% -20% -30% -40% -50% -60% -70% -80% SWE GER DNK UK CZ ■ Subsidy, 5.75% ■ Subsidy, 11.5%



Initial Biofuel Shares:

| Sweden | 2.9% |
|------------|------|
| Germany | 1.9% |
| Denmark | 0.3% |
| UK | 0.3% |
| Czech Rep. | 1.2% |



Summary and Conclusions

Analysis of EU biofuel directive (BFD) based on extended GTAP model

- Empirical agricultural land supply curve derived from detailed biophysical data
- Substitutability between different energy inputs in the petroleum industries
- Empirical results
 - EU biofuel directive only small impact on total agric. output
 - Strong impact on some markets affected by BFD
 - Land demand increases at world level
 - Without strong incentives (subsidies) EU will never reach the targets of the BFD

