Econ 735b. Economics of Agriculture

Course Type: Graduate
Course term: Not offered
Year: 2014

This course is directed toward understanding the performance of the agricultural sector in the process of economic development. In the first part of the course the role of the sector in aggregated (macro) growth and development theories, including the recent endogenous growth theories is reviewed. In the second part of the course several microeconomic topics focusing on the agricultural household are covered. These include production and cost efficiency, time allocation and labor use, (including migration), contracts under varying forms of market efficiency, nutrition and health. The third part of the course deals with the production and diffusion of improved agricultural technology. The fourth part deals with institutions, infrastructure and markets. The final section covers food security policy and international markets.

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