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Organization of Agricultural and Natural Resource Markets

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ABSTRACT
Agricultural and natural resource markets extend from those for inputs such as water, pesticides and fertilizer to consumers who purchase food in stores, restaurants, and elsewhere. In cases where market prices fail to incorporate all considerations affecting society there is a role for government policy and regulation. This briefing will discuss three examples of research regarding markets where government plays an important role: how legal liability rules affect food manufacturers’ and handlers’ incentives to improve food safety; the methyl bromide ban and the search for technically and economically feasible alternatives; and the capacity of extension efforts to substitute for regulations governing farmers’ use of pesticides. All of this research was conducted under this Hatch project. Some of it received additional federal funding.

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