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“Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Policies of Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota: A Proposal to Assess Existing Programs and Prospects for Uptake by More States”



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Last year, Beginning Farmer Tax Credits (BFTC) attracted about 2,200 farm/ranch owners to select as their operator or successor a qualifying beginning farmer/rancher. Ordinarily, a well-established farmer/rancher is chosen for such an agreement. Despite little assessment so far of BFTCs, several analyses recommend them for replication and scale-up as a mechanism to facilitate entry by next-generation agricultural producers, including the US Department of Agriculture Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers. This seminar invites critique of a draft proposal for USDA funding to assess BFTCs as a group. The aim is to articulate the programs’ histories and their effects. The scope proposes to cover: (1) policy and revision histories (document and discourse analysis, with interviews), (2) participation and effects (econometric, network, and interview/survey methods with owners, beginners, and stakeholders), and (3) potential pathways to BFTC adoption by other select state legislatures and the US Congress.



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Presentations are open to the public (see our website for papers). You are welcome to bring your lunch. For questions, contact Allison Sturgeon (sturgeon@iu.edu; 812/855–3151).