README

Land Property Rights and Household Welfare: Evidence from Rural China

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Overview

This replication package contains code and that reproduce the analyses in manuscript "Land Property Rights and Household Welfare: Evidence from Rural China".

Data Availability and Provenance Statements

We certify that the authors of the manuscript have legitimate access to and permission to use the data used in this manuscript.

Summary of Availability

No data can be made publicly available.

Folder Structure of Replication Files

The Build.do file displays our empirical regression file.

Details on each Data Source

- China Household Finance Survey（CHFS）

CHFS data are not provided in the replication package since it requires every user to apply individually. This can be done at the CHFS website and download the public data https://chfs.swufe.edu.cn/. There is no monetary cost for accessing this data, no residency requirement, no requirements regarding university affiliation.

We used data on income, consumption, assets, land transfer, shock, and household size from household datasets from 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, and 2019. We also used data on the gender, age, marital status, health, and employment status of the head of household from individual datasets.

- Land Certification Data

We obtained complete information on the local county-level implementation of land reform from the Chinese Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Affairs during the period from 2009, when the land reform first launched, to 2019. The data include information on 2286 counties (more than 80% of China's total counties) that records the precise timing of the land reform (e.g., the start and completion dates) implemented in each county. This is a confidential dataset and we do not have permission to share the raw data. There is monetary cost of applying for NFS data. No residency condition is required, but it is recommended to get access via a Chinese collaborator. There are no requirements regarding university affiliation, and no need to be able to read Mandarin. Information of the Ministry of Agriculture can be found here http://www.rcre.agri.cn/jigou/csjs/gdgcdglc/.

- China County Statistical Yearbook

The China County Statistical Yearbook is a comprehensive yearbook that reflects the socio-economic development of counties in my country. It includes basic information, comprehensive economic data, and agricultural data for more than 2,000 county-level units across the country, including mountainous areas, hilly areas, plains, ethnic minority areas, land border counties, pastoral areas, semi-pastoral areas, nine major agricultural areas, major cotton-producing counties, and key counties for poverty alleviation. This data was obtained through the website of the National Bureau of Statistics of China http://www.stats.gov.cn/tjgz/wzlj/dftjwz/ .