

EVALUATION OF PUBLIC POLICIES FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN LESS DEVELOPED REGIONS

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ABOUT THE BOOK

This book is a contribution to the know-how of formulation and *ex-ante* evaluation of public policies for regional development in general and agricultural planning in particular. The author specifies some major objectives of regional (agricultural) development and based on a-priori reasoning of causal connections develops a model of the mechanism in which a number of operator variables interdependently decide the levels of inspiration functions. The model has been estimated for two regions, Sahabad and Darbhanga, in Bihar. Through the model several alternative strategies for agricultural development have been transformed into their impact matrices which make the basis of a comparative multi-criteria evaluation for a decisive choice of strategies.

In addition to its methodological content, the book provides us with an evidence of the impact of regional resource endowments and institutional structure on the economy. It corroborates a number of theories in agricultural economics and stressed the need of regional planning approach in development planning.