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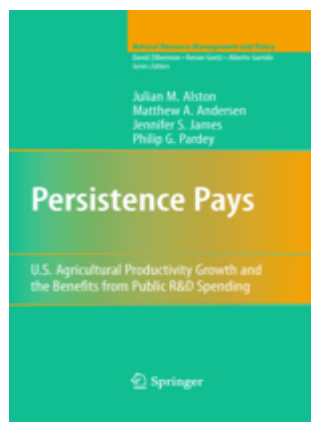
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Agricultural Productivity in the United States: Data Documentation and Methods

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This data set provides estimates of productivity growth for the aggregate farm sector for the period 1948-2008, and estimates of the growth and relative levels of productivity for the individual States for the period 1960-2004.

Ball, Wang and Nehring (2010) reported that “... statistical analysis of the [USDA] data does not provide evidence of a longrun productivity slowdown.”



Alston, Anderson, James and Pardey (2010a, pp. 120–121) concluded “There can be little doubt that the InSTePP *MFP* data exhibit evidence of a slowdown in multifactor productivity growth in the period 1990–2002 compared with the previous [1949–1990] period.”