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**Description** Tools to construct county–crop–practice–plan–unit panels from the USDA RMA Summary of Business (SOBTPU) and related sources, and to estimate FCIP demand systems with two-way cluster-robust covariance. The pipeline standardizes coverage measures, merges price and instrument variables, adds rental-rate and price-index controls, reconciles county acreage (FSA/NASS), and produces diagnostics including robust first-stage F-tests. Methods align with the empirical design in ``The crop insurance demand response to premium subsidies Evidence from U.S. Agriculture" (Food Policy, 2023, 119(3)).

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calc	ulate mode Calculate the Statistical Mode	

# Description

Returns the element that occurs most frequently in a vector.

# Usage

```
calculate_mode(x, na.rm = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

x A vector of any atomic type (numeric, character, factor,).

na.rm Logical; should missing values be ignored? Defaults to TRUE. If FALSE and x

contains any NAs, the function returns NA.

#### **Details**

Internally the function:

- 1. Optionally removes NAs (na.rm = TRUE).
- 2. Builds a lookup table of unique values via unique(x).
- 3. Counts the frequency of each unique value with tabulate(match(x, ux)).
- 4. Returns the value with the maximum count.

Because it relies on base R functions, the implementation is vectorised and generally fast for typical data-frame column sizes.

#### Value

A single value giving the modal element of x. If two or more values are tied for the highest frequency, the first one encountered in x is returned.

```
estimate_fcip_instruments
```

Estimate FCIP Instrumental Variables (Unloaded Rates)

#### **Description**

Uses historical FCIP rate data to build instrumented unloaded-rate variables following:

1. Tsiboe & Turner (2023), Econometric identification of crop insurance participation *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*, 52(3):476-497. https://doi.org/10.1017/age. 2023.13

### Usage

```
estimate_fcip_instruments(year, statplan)
```

### **Arguments**

year Integer. The target crop year for which to construct instruments. statplan A data.table containing FCIP rate elements, including at least:

commodity\_year Year of the rate observation.
state\_code, county\_code County identifiers.

commodity\_code Crop identifier.

insured\_area, lcr, contiguous\_state\_code, contiguous\_county\_code Fields required by estimate\_fcip\_unloaded\_rate().

#### **Details**

- 1. Task list: Identify all unique (state, county) pairs with data in the 2-21 years before year.
- 2. **Unloaded-rate calculation**: For each county in task\_list, call estimate\_fcip\_unloaded\_rate() on the same 2-21 year window to get tau. Errors return NULL so processing continues.
- 3. Contiguous-county smoothing:
  - Build a lookup table of contiguous counties (using contiguous\_county).
  - For each contiguous group, compute the mean tau to get tau\_c.
- 4. **Merge & fill**: Left-join the raw adm and contiguous\_adm; replace any zero/NA/Inf tau with the group mean tau\_c into tau\_sob.
- Cleanup: Drop helper columns (tau, tau\_c), remove invalid rows, add commodity\_year, and return the result.

#### Value

A data.table with one row per county-crop for the specified year, containing:

```
state_code, county_code, commodity_code Keys.
```

tau\_sob Smoothed unloaded rate (uses contiguous-county means to fill zeros/NAs).

commodity\_year The input year, repeated.

#### See Also

Other FCIP instruments: get\_yu2018\_instrument()

### **Description**

A combined dataset for fcip\_contiguous\_county

# Usage

```
data(fcip_contiguous_county)
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 24307 rows and 12 columns covering Inf-Inf.

#### Source

USDA-RMA, Actuarial Data Master - A0123

```
fcip_demand_data_dispatcher
```

Build dataset to estimate Federal Crop Insurance Program (FCIP) demand (modular pipeline)

#### **Description**

End-to-end pipeline that: (1) prepares SOBTPU and coverage aggregates, (2) adds prices/instruments/rental rates/price index, (3) reconciles county acreage (FSA + NASS), and (4) finalizes bins/labels/pooling for demand estimation.

### Usage

#### **Arguments**

study\_years

 $Integer\ vector\ of\ commodity\ years\ to\ include.\ Defaults\ to\ 2001: (as.numeric(format(Sys.Date(), as.numeric(format(Sys.Date(), as.numeric(format(Sy$ 

"%Y")) - 1).

identifiers

Character vector of grouping keys that define the aggregation grain. Must be columns present in SOBTPU (e.g., "commodity\_year", FCIP\_INSURANCE\_POOL, "insurance\_plan\_code", "unit\_structure\_code", and-if desired-additional keys like "commodity\_code" or "practice\_code"). Enrichment joins for recodes are performed only when the required keys are included in identifiers

#### **Details**

Aligned with Asche, Bekkerman, & Li (2023), *Food Policy*, 119(3):102505 (doi:10.1016/j.foodpol.2023.102505). Requires internet access to download release .rds assets and several in-memory lookup tables (see stage docs).

# Value

A data.table ready for FCIP demand estimation.

```
fcip_demand_sys_coeff_table
```

*Tidy coefficient table with cluster-robust SEs (from supplied VCOV)* 

### Description

Builds a clean coefficient table for a systemfit model using a **user-supplied covariance matrix** (e.g., two-way clustered from fcip\_demand\_sys\_vcov()). Estimates come from coef(fit), standard errors from diag(vcMat), then Z-scores and two-sided normal p-values are computed. The demand column is inferred from the equation prefix in the coefficient names:

- "Gamma\_\*" to "Gamma"
- "Theta\_\*", "Theta1\_\*", "Theta2\_\*", ... to "Theta" Otherwise the prefix itself is used.

#### Usage

```
fcip_demand_sys_coeff_table(fit, vcMat, p_digits = 5)
```

### **Arguments**

fit A fitted systemfit object.

vcMat A covariance matrix conformable with coef(fit). Row/column names are used

to align; if missing, positional alignment is assumed.

p\_digits Integer; number of digits to keep for p-values (default 5).

#### Value

A data.frame with columns: demand, coef, Estimate, StdError, Zvalue, Pvalue.

fcip\_demand\_sys\_effect

Delta-method "total protection response"

### Description

Combines equation-specific effects into a single "Total" effect for each regressor in c(fields\$endogenous, fields\$included) using car::deltaMethod and a supplied covariance matrix.

### Usage

```
fcip_demand_sys_effect(fit, vcMat, fields, data)
```

### **Arguments**

fit A fitted systemfit object (the structural system).

vcMat Covariance matrix conformable with coef(fit) (e.g., from fcip\_demand\_sys\_vcov()).

fields Named list carrying model fields; must include outcome, endogenous, and

included.

data Estimation data used to check variable availability and build delta-method ex-

pressions.

#### Value

A data.frame with rows demand="Total" and columns: demand, coef, Estimate, StdError, Zvalue, Pvalue.

```
fcip_demand_sys_estimate
```

*System estimator (modular wrapper; preserves original outputs)* 

# Description

Runs: per-level prep -> partial/tilda -> systemfit -> clustered VCOV -> delta-method totals -> (optional) restricted NLSUR -> diagnostics -> bind rows.

### Usage

```
fcip_demand_sys_estimate(model, data)
```

### **Arguments**

model List with elements: outcome, endogenous, included, excluded (opt), partial

(opt), FE (logical), disag (string colname), optional restrict (logical), name

(string).

data Input data.frame/data.table with all referenced columns plus pool and commodity\_year.

#### Value

A data.frame aggregating results across all disaggregation levels.

 $fcip\_demand\_sys\_fit$  B

Build systemfit formulas and estimate the system

### **Description**

Constructs the list of structural equations (g) and instrument sets (h), then runs systemfit() using OLS (when no excluded instruments) or 3SLS-GMM (when excluded instruments are present).

# Usage

```
fcip_demand_sys_fit(
  data,
  fields,
  tilda_included,
  tilda_endogenous,
  tilda_excluded
)
```

#### **Arguments**

data Estimation data.frame/data.table containing the tilda\_\* and instr\_\* vari-

ables referenced by the formulas.

fields Named list with at least outcome, included, endogenous, and optionally excluded.

tilda\_included Character vector of residualized included regressor names (e.g., "tilda\_x1").

tilda\_endogenous

Character vector of residualized endogenous regressor names (e.g., "tilda\_z1").

tilda\_excluded Character vector of instrument names (e.g., "instr\_z1"), or NULL when no ex-

cluded instruments are used.

#### Value

A list with elements:

fit Fitted systemfit object.

g List of structural formulas.

h List of instrument formulas.

fcip\_demand\_sys\_level\_prep

Prepare data for a single level

### **Description**

Filters to one disaggregation level, drops incomplete/invalid rows, removes constant partials, and optionally demeans via a fixed-effects helper.

### Usage

```
fcip_demand_sys_level_prep(data, fields, level)
```

### **Arguments**

data Estimation dataset that already contains all columns referenced by fields.

fields Named list: outcome, endogenous, included, excluded (opt), partial (opt),

FE (logical), disag (column name).

level One element of the disaggregation levels.

#### Value

A list: data (prepped), NFE (number of FE), partial (possibly reduced).

fcip\_demand\_sys\_level\_run

Orchestrate one disaggregation level

#### **Description**

Runs the full pipeline for a single level: level prep -> partial/tilda creation -> systemfit -> two-way clustered VCOV -> delta-method totals -> optional restricted step -> diagnostics; then returns a tidy coefficient table with metadata.

# Usage

```
fcip_demand_sys_level_run(base_data, fields, level)
```

# **Arguments**

base\_data Full estimation dataset (before subsetting to the level).

fields Named list carrying model fields (see fcip\_demand\_estimation()), includ-

ing disag, FE, outcome, endogenous, included, optional excluded, partial,

restrict, and name.

level One value of fields\$disag to estimate for (e.g., a crop name).

#### Value

 $A \ \ data.frame \ \ with \ columns \ \ demand, \ coef, \ Estimate, \ StdError, \ Zvalue, \ Pvalue \ and \ meta-columns \ model, \ endogenous, FE, \ name, \ disag, level.$ 

fcip\_demand\_sys\_partial

Residualize ("partial out") and build tilded / instrument variables

# Description

If excluded instruments exist, runs first-stage OLS for each endogenous variable e: e ~ 1 + partial + included + excluded, storing the fitted values as instr\_e. If partial is non-empty, it then regresses instr\_e ~ 1 + partial and replaces instr\_e <- instr\_e - fitted(instr\_e ~ partial) (i.e., removes the partial component; conceptually  $\widehat{instr}_e(partial)$  but expressed here without raw LaTeX macros).

Outcomes, included, and endogenous variables are residualized on partial to create tilda\_<var> (or copied if partial is empty).

# Usage

```
fcip_demand_sys_partial(data, fields, partial_override = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
data A data.frame/data.table with referenced variables.

fields List with: outcome, endogenous, included, optional excluded, optional partial.

partial_override

Optional character vector to override fields$partial.
```

#### Value

List with data, tilda\_included, tilda\_endogenous, tilda\_excluded.

# Description

If enabled and feasible, estimates a nonlinear SUR with re-parameterized coefficients (negative exponents) using the optional **nlsur** package and appends "restricted\_" rows to the results. Skips gracefully if **nlsur** is not installed or the step fails.

### Usage

```
fcip_demand_sys_restricted(
  restrict,
  res,
  fit,
  data,
  outcome,
  tilda_endogenous,
  tilda_excluded,
  tilda_included
)
```

# **Arguments**

```
restrict Logical flag; when TRUE attempt the restricted step.

res Coefficient table from the unrestricted system (used to check signs).

fit Fitted systemfit object from the unrestricted system.

data Estimation data used to fit the restricted NLSUR model.

outcome Character vector of outcome equation names (length 2 expected).

tilda_endogenous

Character vector of endogenous regressors used in the tilded system (e.g., "tilda_z1").

tilda_excluded Character vector of excluded instruments (e.g., "instr_z1").

tilda_included Character vector of included regressors ("tilda_x1", ...).
```

### Value

A data. frame with rows for Gamma, Theta, and Total labeled  $restricted_*$ , or an empty data. frame if skipped.

#### Note

This step uses nlsur::nlsur() if available; it is optional and should be listed under Suggests in DESCRIPTION.

# Description

Produces diagnostics without re-running GMM:

- FTest: joint relevance of excluded instruments in each first stage, using the same two-way (pool by crop year) cluster-robust covariance via fcip\_demand\_sys\_vcov() with kind = "lm". Reports the minimum F across endogenous regressors.
- **JTest** (optional): an *approximate* over-identification test computed as the sum of per-equation Sargan statistics  $J_k \approx n_k R_k^2$  from regressions of equation residuals on that equation's instrument set. This is a quick check (not the system Hansen J).

# Usage

```
fcip_demand_sys_tests(g, h, data, fit, NFE, approx_j = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

g	List of system equations (the same formulas passed to systemfit).
h	List of instrument formulas (the same formulas passed to systemfit).
data	Estimation data.frame/data.table containing all variables in g/h plus clustering columns pool and crop_yr.
fit	A fitted systemfit object (used for N and residCov_* extraction).
NFE	Integer: number of absorbed fixed effects (for reporting only).
approx_j	Logical, compute the approximate (non-robust) Sargan J as described above. Default FALSE (returns NA for JTest).

# Value

```
A \; {\sf data.frame \; with \; rows: \; N, \; NFE, \; residCov\_11, \; residCov\_22, \; residCov\_12, \; JTest, \; FTest.}
```

fcip\_demand\_sys\_vcov Two-way cluster-robust covariance for FCIP demand models

### **Description**

Computes a Cameron-Gelbach-Miller two-way cluster-robust covariance matrix using inclusion-exclusion:  $V = V_{pool} + V_{year} - V_{pool\_year}$ . Works for both systemfit (stacked system) and 1m (first-stage).

### Usage

```
fcip_demand_sys_vcov(
  object,
  data,
  kind = c("systemfit", "lm"),
  pool_col = "pool",
  year_col = "commodity_year",
  NFE = 0L,
  n_partial = 0L,
  n_eq = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object	Fitted model: either a systemfit or lm.
data	Estimation data containing pool and year identifiers.
kind	One of c("systemfit", "lm"). If omitted, auto-detected.
pool_col	Name of the pool/cluster id column in data (default "pool").
year_col	Name of the year/time id column in data (default "crop_yr").
NFE	Integer; number of absorbed fixed effects (for df rescaling).
n_partial	Integer; count of variables partialed out per equation.
n_eq	Integer; number of equations (length(object\$eq) for systemfit, 1 for lm). You can override if needed.

#### **Details**

**Rescaling.** Let n be the number of observations (stacked across equations for systemfit). With  $k_old$  the number of coefficients and  $k_new = k_old + NFE + n\_partial * n\_eq$ , the returned matrix is scaled by  $(n - k_old - 1)/(n - k_new - 1)$ .

**Row alignment (lm).** Rows used by 1m are inferred from rownames(model.matrix(object)). If they cannot be mapped back to data, the first nobs(object) rows are used.

#### Value

Covariance matrix aligned with coef(object).

# Description

A combined dataset for fcip\_recodes\_commodity\_groupings

# Usage

data(fcip\_recodes\_commodity\_groupings)

#### **Format**

A data frame with 3572 rows and 10 columns covering 1997-2025.

### Source

USDA-RMA, Actuarial Data Master - A00400 and A00420 supplemented data from legacy ADM files

# Description

A combined dataset for fcip\_recodes\_insurance\_plan

### Usage

data(fcip\_recodes\_insurance\_plan)

#### **Format**

A data frame with 773 rows and 10 columns covering 1989-2025.

### Source

USDA-RMA, Actuarial Data Master - A00460 supplemented data from legacy ADM files

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fcip\_recodes\_practice fcip\_recodes\_practice

# Description

A combined dataset for fcip\_recodes\_practice

# Usage

```
data(fcip_recodes_practice)
```

# **Format**

A data frame with 28639 rows and 8 columns covering 1997-2025.

### **Source**

USDA-RMA, Actuarial Data Master - A00510 supplemented data from legacy ADM files

fcip\_recodes\_type
fcip\_recodes\_type

# Description

A combined dataset for fcip\_recodes\_type

# Usage

```
data(fcip_recodes_type)
```

### **Format**

A data frame with 232709 rows and 7 columns covering 1999-2025.

# Source

Generated internally, using harmonize\_crop\_type\_codes()

```
fixed_effect_model_data_prep
```

Prepare and demean data for fixed-effects models

# Description

This function

- 1. Filters to complete cases on the specified panel, time, weight, variables, and output
- 2. If output is NULL, creates a dummy output column filled with 1s
- 3. Drops any panel with only one observation
- 4. Computes within-panel means for the output + each variable in varlist (\_mean\_i)
- 5. Computes overall sample means for the same set of variables (\_mean)
- 6. Replaces each variable in varlist by value within\_panel\_mean + overall\_mean

# Usage

```
fixed_effect_model_data_prep(
  data,
  varlist,
  panel,
  time,
  wvar = NULL,
  output = NULL
)
```

# **Arguments**

data	A data.frame or data.table containing the data.
varlist	Character vector of variable names to be demeaned.
panel	Character vector of column name(s) defining the panel identifier.
time	Character scalar name of the time variable.
wvar	Character scalar name of a variable to keep but $not$ demean (optional, default NULL).
output	Character scalar name of an output variable whose means are computed but not altered; if NULL, a dummy column named "output" is created (optional, default NULL).

### Value

A list with components

- data: a data.table containing
  - the original panel, time, wvar, varlist, and output columns
  - two mean columns for each of c(output, varlist): <name>\_mean\_i (within-panel) and <name>\_mean (overall)
- NFE: the number of panels with more than one observation

#### See Also

Other Estimators panel models: panel\_based\_spatial\_smoothing\_estimator()

format\_fcip\_demand\_table

Table: Crop Insurance Demand System for US Federal Crop Insurance Pools (2001/22)

### **Description**

Build a two-column, GitHub-safe panel table summarizing a crop insurance demand system. The table is organized into panels for coverage level (Theta), insured acres (Gamma), total protection response, a covariance matrix block, and additional statistics. Coefficients are formatted as estimate (std. error) with significance stars.

### Usage

```
format_fcip_demand_table(df, var_labels)
```

#### **Arguments**

df

A data frame containing the results with columns:

- demand (chr): panel identifier; expected values include "Theta", "Gamma", and "Total".
- coef (chr): raw coefficient/row labels (e.g., "tilda\_rate", "residCov\_11", "N").
- Estimate (dbl): point estimates.
- StdError (dbl): standard errors (may be NA for scalars).
- Pvalue (dbl): p-values used to add significance stars.

var\_labels

A named character vector mapping raw names to display labels,

#### **Details**

Designed for README/output knitted as github\_document; use with knitr::kable(..., format = "pipe") to avoid HTML-only features.

#### Value

A tibble with two columns, Variables and Estimates, where panel headers have empty Estimates to enable bolding (if rendered in HTML) and coefficients are formatted as "estimate\*\*\* (se)".

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fsa\_crop\_linker

Simulator Helper Datasets

### **Description**

A combined dataset for fsa\_crop\_linker

### Usage

```
data(fsa_crop_linker)
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 8594 rows and 8 columns covering Inf-Inf.

#### **Source**

Internal innovation

```
get_yu2018_instrument Formulate & Merge National Subsidy Rate Instrument (Yu et al., 2018)
```

#### **Description**

Downloads the historical Summary of Business RDS and computes national subsidy-rate instruments at specified coverage levels, following Yu et al. (2018).

### Usage

```
get_yu2018_instrument(
   dt,
   delivery_systems = c("RBUP", "FBUP"),
   plan_codes = c(1:3, 90, 44, 25, 42),
   coverage_levels = c(65, 75)
)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
dt sobcov
delivery_systems
Character vector. Delivery systems to include; default c("RBUP", "FBUP").

plan_codes Integer vector. Insurance plan codes to include; default c(1:3, 90, 44, 25, 42).

coverage_levels
```

Numeric vector. Percent coverage levels to keep; default c(65, 75).

### Value

A data.table with columns: commodity\_year, subsidy\_rate\_65, subsidy\_rate\_75.

#### See Also

Other FCIP instruments: estimate\_fcip\_instruments()

```
nass_census_state_beginning_farmer_and_rancher_data

nass_census_state_beginning_farmer_and_rancher_data
```

# Description

A combined dataset for nass\_census\_state\_beginning\_farmer\_and\_rancher\_data

### Usage

```
data(nass_census_state_beginning_farmer_and_rancher_data)
```

### **Format**

A data frame with 255 rows and 16 columns covering Inf-Inf.

### **Source**

USDA NASS Quick Stats

# Description

A combined dataset for nass\_index\_for\_price\_recived

# Usage

```
data(nass_index_for_price_recived)
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 35 rows and 3 columns covering 1990-2024.

#### **Source**

USDA NASS Quick Stats

# Description

A combined dataset for nass\_marketing\_year\_avg\_price

# Usage

```
data(nass_marketing_year_avg_price)
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 31139 rows and 7 columns covering 1866-2024.

### Source

USDA NASS Quick Stats

# Description

A combined dataset for nass\_state\_rental\_rates

# Usage

```
data(nass_state_rental_rates)
```

### **Format**

A data frame with 1792 rows and 5 columns covering 1994-2025.

# Source

Output from get\_state\_rental\_rates() function

# Description

A combined dataset for nass\_us\_ag\_price\_index\_monthly

# Usage

```
data(nass_us_ag_price_index_monthly)
```

### **Format**

A data frame with 2255 rows and 8 columns covering Inf-Inf.

#### Source

USDA NASS: https://www.nass.usda.gov/Charts\_and\_Maps/graphics/data

# Description

This function

- 1. Constructs spatially-varying treatment interactions (one variable per spatial unit)
- 2. Applies within-panel/time fixed-effects demeaning to both outcome and interactions
- 3. Fits an OLS model by hand (lm. fit) to recover one coefficient per spatial unit

### Usage

```
panel_based_spatial_smoothing_estimator(
  data,
  output,
  treatment,
  time,
  panel,
  spatialvar
)
```

#### **Arguments**

data A data.table or data.frame containing panel data.

output Name of the outcome variable (character scalar).

treatment Name of the treatment variable whose spatial effects we estimate (character

scalar).

time Name of the time variable (character scalar).

panel Name(s) of the panel identifier variable(s) (character vector).

spatialvar Name of the spatial grouping variable (e.g. county FIPS; character scalar).

### **Details**

Internally, we

1. Build treatment\_code = I(spatialvar==code) \* treatment for each spatial unit code.

Call fixed\_effect\_model\_data\_prep() to demean the outcome and all treatment\_code variables.

3. Assemble the design matrix X = [output\_mean\_i, treatment\_\*] and response y.

4. Solve  $\hat{\beta} = (\tilde{X}'\tilde{X})^{-1}\tilde{X}'\tilde{y}$  via lm. fit.

5. Return a row per spatial unit with its coefficient.

#### Value

A data. table with columns:

• estimate: the estimated spatial-unit coefficient

• county\_fips: the spatial unit identifier (5-digit FIPS)

• state\_code, county\_code: parsed FIPS components

#### See Also

Other Estimators panel models: fixed\_effect\_model\_data\_prep()

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