The Federal Agricultural Research Centre (FAL) in Germany is a member of the GTAP consortium since 1999. FAL uses GTAP for a range of research activities including issues related to EU agricultural policy and international trade in agricultural and food products and environmental issues.

The FAL will be reorganized at the beginning of 2008. This involves the creation of a new organizational unit which comprises an enlarged agricultural economics section as well as fishery, forestry and agricultural engineering sections. This new organizational unit will be named:

**Thünen Institute**

Below is a short summary of GTAP related research activities of the FAL in 2006/2007.

**Publications:**


Projects:

1. BMELV (Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection) project to implement tariff cuts at the negotiation level. Main activities:
   - Develop a SAS based tool for a flexible calculation of WTO tariff cuts in the tariff data base at the 6-digit HS level.
   - Analyze the impacts of different tariff aggregation methods (import weighting, TRI, MTRI) and include these options in the SAS tool.

2. DFG (German Research Community; Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) Research Group project: Effects of the WTO Negotiation on Global, National and Farm Level. Main activities:
   - Extensions of the GTAP to improve the modeling of domestic support, particularly AMS.
   - Extensions of FARMIS (Farm Modeling Information System; a sector model which is highly differentiated at the farm level) to better capture structural change (termination and acquisition of farms)
   - Development of a consistent interface between GTAP and FARMIS including a further disaggregation of the GTAP data base.

3. BMELV (Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection) project to implement Bioenergy in GTAP. Main activities:
   - Disaggregation of commodity markets employed in bioenergy sector and corresponding adaptation of the GTAP model
   - Implementation of national, EU and international bioenergy policies

4. DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) and CONACYT (Mexican National Science and Technology Council) Ph.D.-Project: Trade Liberalization, Poverty and Household Analysis. The Case of Mexico. Main activities:
   - Extension of GTAP to disaggregate private household demand into different household categories for Mexico
   - Development of a module for the assessment of changes in poverty levels in developing countries
Lectures:


Presentations:


PELIKAN, J. (2006), The WTO Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong: Which Trade Effects do the Recent Proposals for Market Access have? (Die WTO-Ministerkonferenz in Hongkong: Welche Handelswirkung haben die aktuellen Vorschläge für den Marktzugang?) GeWiSoLa, October, 4th to 7th, 2006, Giessen, Germany.


