

1997–2014

DEA–Malmquist

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## Total Factor Productivity

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King et al. 1993

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Beck et al., 2000 Buera et al., 2011

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Based on China's provincial panel data from 1997 to 2014, this paper measures the agricultural total factor productivity of China and the developmental level of rural formal and informal finance by use the DEA- Malmquist index method and the Indirect Estimation Method. Then the paper analyzes the influences of the rural formal and informal financial development to the agricultural Total Factor Productivity growth and identifies its intermediate channel. The results show that from 1997 to 2014, the agricultural Total Factor Productivity is mainly driven by the agricultural technology progress; rural formal and informal financial development both has a significant role in promoting for the agricultural Total Factor Productivity growth, but the intermediate channel is different. Formal finance mainly through the channel of technical progress to promote the agricultural Total Factor Productivity growth, and informal finance mainly through the technical efficiency channel. The auxiliary action of rural formal and informal finance development to the agricultural Total Factor Productivity growth in the period 2007- 2014 is significantly larger than during 1997- 2006. This research conclusion to a certain extent supports the point of view that complementary relationship exists between rural formal and informal finance.

formal finance; informal finance; agricultural total factor productivity; system GMM