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#### Abstract

Access to credit is critical for the survival of U.S. farm businesses. Federal crop insurance is often reported to increase access to loans by U.S. farms; however, establishing a robust, causal relationship between crop insurance and lending is challenging. In this study we consider the causal impact of federal crop insurance on credit use by U.S. farms. We also examine whether this relationship has implications for the overall financial health of the U.S. farm sector or for bank regulation. We find higher operating loan use with a variety of measures in response to crop insurance participation and insurance premiums paid but no robust relationship with long-term credit or leverage. When we stratify our sample and analysis by farm size and operator age, we find evidence that these sub-groups are all able to increase operating credit use through crop insurance. However, farms that are more indebted on average do not increase operating credit use. We find no evidence that crop insurance lowers interest rates, or decreases the cost of credit. Overall, crop insurance participation facilitates access to operating credit, with no evidence of augmented financial regulatory risks related to crop insurance and credit use.


## 1 Introduction

Over the past two decades, crop insurance has become the cornerstone of the federal farm safety net and is central in farm policy debates (Glauber, 2013). Crop insurance participation influences nearly all aspects of farm management, including financial decisions, as it affects total farm income as well as farm income variability. Empirical studies have found, at a minimum, a strong correlation between U.S. crop insurance enrollment and an increase in farm short term debt use (Ifft et al. 2015), which provides evidence that crop insurance may increase use of and access to credit. Uzea et al. (2014) find a similar relationship between risk-reducing government support policies and farm financial risk in Canada, but this finding is not consistent across farm types. de Mey et al. (2014) similarly find evidence of risk balancing in the European Union, but not consistently across all farms types and countries.

Several aspects of the relationship between the federal crop insurance program and debt use are still not well understood. No empirical research has been undertaken on whether loan characteristics are influenced by crop insurance use, or whether crop insurance lowers the cost of using credit. It is unknown if the relationship is driven by crop insurance participation or coverage levels. Further, if this relationship does not affect all farms equally, it is important
to consider if farm financial status plays a role, as there are potentially serious implications for bank regulation if higher risk farms are increasing leverage in response to crop insurance.

There are several mechanisms through which credit and crop insurance may be related which have been discussed extensively elsewhere. Theoretical models of risk balancing predict that a decrease in production risk might be accompanied by an increase in financial risk (Gabriel and Baker, 1980). Featherstone et al. (1988) show that policies that decrease production risk could increase financial risk to the point of causing equity losses. We may be observing risk-balancing behavior if farms keep aggregate risk levels constant by increasing leverage in response to the revenue guarantee provided by crop insurance.

Crop insurance may also serve to help some farms overcome credit constraints (Liang, 2014). On the other hand, the relationship may be driven by bankers, who require crop insurance as collateral for operating loans, instead of farmers. Further, lenders' perceptions of farmers' credit-worthiness may affect crop insurance participation decisions. To some degree, all these mechanisms may be at play. Regardless of the underlying economic drivers of this relationship, additional lending increases financial risk in the farm sector as a whole, and hence is of concern to policymakers and bank regulators.

If crop insurance leads to higher levels of lending for already-highly indebted farms, the relationship between crop insurance and lending may be a concern for financial regulation. Likewise, if small and midsize or beginning farmers are found to not have increased access to credit through crop insurance participation, there may be implications for federal programs and policies that support these farms. A better understanding of how crop insurance influences loan terms and loan access, in addition to quantity of credit used, across different farm and operator characteristics could help inform regulatory and policymaker concerns as well as informing the underlying mechanism driving the observed relationship between crop insurance and operating loans. To the best of our knowledge, no previous research has considered farm-level evidence for regulatory risks related to this relationship.

This study makes three major contributions. First, we apply recent advances to establish a causal relationship between crop insurance use and operating loan volume. Second, we
evaluate the relationship between crop insurance and operating loan terms, such as interest rate and lender choice, among others. Third, we conduct an exhaustive analysis of the relationship between crop insurance and operating loan use by different types of farms, including operator characteristics, farm size, and farm financial status. Our study is therefore able to comprehensively characterize how farm operators have changed their financial management decisions in response to increasing federal crop insurance coverage. We are also able to identify whether these relationships are uniform across U.S. crop farms and explore evidence of any financial risks to the farm sector related to higher levels of credit use. Farm and loan-level data from the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) are the basis for our analysis.

## 2 Data and methods

Empirical research on the impacts of increasing crop insurance, especially studies focused on financial outcomes, has struggled with how to plausibly identify causal outcomes. These studies have not been able to claim causality due to the simultaneity between crop insurance take-up and farm-level production decisions. Many of the instrumental variables used in previous research struggle with credibility related to the exclusion restriction. In other words, it is difficult to find a measure that is truly unrelated to any particular farm-level production decision but still related to crop insurance participation. Further, most farm-level data sets are cross-sectional, which limits researchers' ability to control for unobserved farmlevel characteristics that drive both financial and production decisions. The Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), the most detailed nation-wide farm level survey that is commonly used in agricultural economics research, is cross-sectional. Our analysis will begin with a cross-sectional analysis that takes advantage of the full richness of the ARMS data. We will then impose increasingly restrictive limits on our sample of farms that allow us to more robustly identify the relationship between crop insurance and credit decisions, taking advantage of advances for ARMS data use developed by Weber et al. (2016), including linking repeated ARMS observations over time and a more plausible instrumental
variable for crop insurance use.
As a lack of comprehensive farm-level panel data is a major barrier to crop insurance research, for part of our analysis we create and use an unbalanced panel of ARMS data. It is possible to link farms over time thanks to an oversampling of larger farms, which increases the likelihood of a farm appearing in the ARMS data multiple times. The procedure to link ARMS observations across time was first described by Weber et al. (2016), who also highlight the differences between "repeat" and "non-repeat" farms. Farms sampled more than once are larger and have higher values of production than the typical respondent farm. Despite these differences, the sample of repeat farms from ARMS may be more appropriate for studying the impact of crop insurance than a sample representative of the USDA definition of a farm, which includes very small farm enterprises that are extremely unlikely to be participants in any federal crop insurance programs. Most smaller farm operations in the U.S. are not operated as businesses: the median U.S. farm typically has negative returns to farming activities (Economic Research Service, 2016). The repeat farms are much more likely, therefore, to be representative of operations that use crop insurance. Further, we will take advantage of the rigorous instrumental variables approach introduced in Weber et al. (2016), with both the ARMS cross section and the ARMS unbalanced panel.

### 2.1 Data

We begin with ARMS data from 2000 to 2014, which had a total of 286,370 observations (table A1). We keep only the operations whose value of production from crops that have widespread crop insurance availability is at least $\$ 10,000.1$ This restriction decreases the number of respondent farms in our analysis to 123,122 . We refer to this as the 'restricted' ARMS cross section. Summary statistics for the entire ARMS cross section and the restricted cross section are provided in table A1.

The financial situations of the farm operations in our samples are complex, and the

[^1]decisions they make with regards to credit access and debt are enumerated in a many ways in the ARMS survey instrument. As such, we use several farm-level measures of debt use, based on survey questions that measure credit use at farm-level. These include seasonal production loans taken out and repaid in a given year [repaid]; end-of-year short term debt held [dshort]; and the total amount of short term debt currently held as well as all loans taken out and repaid within the year [dshort + repaid $=$ totalshort]. Other farm-level measures include the ratio of total short term debt to total variable expenses plus rental expenses [financed], which captures the share of farm expenses that are financed by debt, and the debt-to-asset ratio [leverage]. These measures allow us to measure the relative importance of operating credit in addition to absolute measures. Although we focus on operating or short-term credit based on the results of previous research, for robustness we also use an aggregate measure of non-real estate long-term debt [dnreale] and an aggregate measure of real estate long-term debt [dreale].

We compare various characteristics of farms with and without crop insurance use reported in our restricted cross section in table 1. We find that farms that participate in crop insurance are systematically different than those that do not, by almost every variable considered. There are only 2 variables for which participants and non-participants are not statistically different: rice production and ratio of operating loan volume to variable expenses plus rental expenses ([financed]). Farms that use crop insurance have higher levels of all types of debt; operate more acres; rent a higher share of acres operated; have operators with higher education levels; have higher sales volume; are more likely to produce field crops; are less likely to produce specialty crops and livestock; and are more likely to have farming as a the primary occupation of the principal operator.

### 2.1.1 ARMS panel

The ARMS panel is a sub-sample of the ARMS cross section and an artifact of the oversampling of larger farms, as discussed above. The differences between these repeat farms and those that appear only once are covered in detail by Weber et al. (2016). There are

92,272 farm-year observations in the full panel for the years we consider; most of these are farms that appear only twice, although there are farms that appear anywhere from three to eight times. Similar to Weber et al. (2016), for our panel analysis we further restrict the sample of repeat farms to those that have at least one observed year of crop insurance participation and meet the same value of production requirement as the restricted cross section. Both restrictions provide us with unbalanced panel of farms that are typical of crop insurance users, who differ markedly from the nationally-representative farm using the USDA definition or even from the typical non-participant or non-repeat ARMS sampled farm. These sample restrictions, while necessarily limiting, make it is less likely that our results are driven by comparing those operations for which crop insurance is available to those for which it is not. Summary statistics for these farms, presented in table A2, confirm that these are large operations with high levels of production and large loans: the average farm in our sample operates more than 2,500 acres, and the average annual operating loan volume is nearly $\$ 500,000$. For simplicity, we will refer to our restricted data set of repeated ARMS observations as the "restricted panel". In the restricted panel, $65 \%$ of operations had positive expenditure on insurance premiums, with an average premium payment of $\$ 7.35$ per acre. Further, the operations in the ARMS panel are not marginal participants in crop insurance programs: the average number of acres enrolled, per operation and across all years, is about 1,390 .

We also compare farms from the restricted panel with and without any reported crop insurance (neither acres nor expenses) in table 2. We first note that a similar share of farms in the panel had some crop insurance as in the cross section. We also note that farms with and without crop insurance are statistically different for nearly every measure considered in our analysis. Farms with crop insurance have higher debt levels for almost every measure, are slightly younger, operate more acres, and have higher levels of corn, soybean and wheat production.

To confirm that the differences between farms with and without crop insurance participation are systematic and persist over time, we do the same comparison between participants
and non-participants in 2004 and then again in 2013. These are reported in tables A3 and A4 for the restricted cross section and in tables A5 and A6 for the restricted panel. The differences between crop insurance participants and non-participants that we observe in 2004 still remain almost a decade later in 2013: there is no evidence that the two groups are becoming more similar over time. In the panel, we do see a larger operated acre differential in 2013 relative to 2004, but this is likely due to year-to-year idiosyncratic changes in the ARMS sample: for example, more hog farms were sampled in 2004. These farm-specific factors are controlled for in our panel analysis, and, to some degree, by the relevance and spread of the control variables used in our cross section. For the cross section, we largely see similar differences in farm characteristics by crop insurance status over time, with some exceptions: for example, the differential between long-term real estate and non-real estate debt did increase over time. However, there is no evidence that the two groups were more similar in 2003 and then diverged, or that they have grown more similar over time.

### 2.1.2 Loan-level data

Each year, the ARMS survey asks farmers about the details of at least four loans, including information on the terms of the loan, its age, interest rate, and the lender..$^{2}$ For the purposes of our study, we restrict our analysis to the loans that were designated operating loans, either through a question that asked the "type" of the loan, or, in years when that was unavailable, using questions that asked for the "purpose" of the loan. With this information, we are able to construct a dataset of observations at the farm year-loan level, rather than at the farm level alone. We therefore include as outcomes various measures of loan quality or the 'cost of credit', including interest rates and loan terms, to better understand how crop insurance enrollment changed both the credit-worthiness of farmers and the type and costs of credit available to them. We also create an indicator for whether farms had an operating loan from one of 3 major farm lenders: the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Farm Credit System lenders (FCS), and commercial banks. Summary statistics for operating loans from all farms in the

[^2]restricted cross section that provided loan-level data are reported in table 3.

### 2.2 Model

### 2.2.1 Cross section models

Our farm-level cross section model describes the relationship between crop insurance participation and the measures of debt use and acquisition $\left(y_{i t}\right)$ described above. We use two measures of crop insurance, coverage and participation, as our key variable of interest, $P_{i t}$. The first is the natural $\log$ of the insurance premiums paid per acre. This is a measure of crop insurance expenditure that reflects crop insurance coverage levels, as well as other factors such as the value of the crop being insured. A higher level of crop insurance premiums will generally correspond to higher coverage levels, or a larger share of production that is protected from yield or revenue loss. This measure is available from 2000-2014, but was not on all versions of ARMS surveys for all years, yielding a total of 88,867 observations in the restricted ARMS cross section and 30,957 in the restricted ARMS panel.

The second measure is a dummy variable that equals one if the operation had acres enrolled in federal crop insurance for a given year, and so only captures the decision to participate in crop insurance at any level. This measure allows to compare participation versus non-participation in crop insurance. This measure also has the advantage of being asked on more versions of the ARMS survey over time, allowing for a larger sample: 91,171 observations in our restricted cross section $3^{3}$

Our base model for farm $i$ in year $t$, therefore, takes the following functional form:

$$
\begin{equation*}
y_{i t}=\beta_{0}+\beta_{1} P_{i t}+\boldsymbol{\beta} \boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{i t}}+\tau_{t}+\gamma_{s}+\epsilon_{i t} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Above, $\boldsymbol{F}_{i t}$ is a vector of farm and operator characteristics, including operator's education, age, total off-farm income, occupation, retirement status, gender, and race. Additional farm characteristics included in $\boldsymbol{F}_{i t}$ are: acres operated, farm sales class, share of acres owned,

[^3]share of cropland operated, and farm specialization. Farm specialization covers multiple crop and livestock specializations based on USDA definitions, as well as categories for 'other crops' and 'other livestock' The model also includes year fixed effects $\left(\tau_{t}\right)$ and state fixed effects $\left(\gamma_{s}\right)$.

Similarly, the loan-level model captures the relationship between the same two measures of crop insurance activity and characteristics of individual operating loans in each year. These characteristics include: the loan's interest rate, its term, the lender (specifically, if the loan was from Farm Credit Services (FCS), the Farm Service Agency (FSA), or a commercial bank), and whether it was fixed or variable rate. We limit our analysis to loans that are designated as operating or production loans to avoid picking up the inherent differences between loans taken out for farm operations and loans taken out for real estate or other long-term investments. With that in mind, the final specification of the loan-level model is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
y_{i j t}=\alpha_{0}+\alpha_{1} P_{i t}+\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{i t}}+\tilde{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \boldsymbol{L}_{i \boldsymbol{i j t}}+\tau_{t}+\gamma_{s}+\epsilon_{i j t} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

In this model, $y_{i j t}$ are the characteristics of loan $j$ taken out by farm $i$ in year $t ; P_{i t}$ and $\boldsymbol{F}_{i t}$ are defined as above. The loan characteristics vector, $\boldsymbol{L}_{\boldsymbol{i t}}$, includes controls for the lender (only for the non-lender-related outcomes) and the age of the loan.

We are unable to estimate the precise impacts of coverage levels on credit use decisions, as ARMS did not collect this data in most years. While premium paid per acre captures coverage levels, it also reflects production history, insurance product and features selected, projected prices, and other factors. In 2014, ARMS included a question on coverage levels, yield or revenue policy use, and unit structure for several major commodities. We estimate equation 1 with coverage rate as our key independent variable for 2014 using this unique data. We are able to add share of acres under a revenue policy and commodity insured as additional control variables, as well as another 2014-specific variable: self-reported risk tolerance. Risk preferences are unobserved in all other years and may have a strong relationship with both credit and insurance decisions. We estimate this model with our key dependent variables: totalshort, financed, dshort, repaid, leverage, and operating loan interest rate.

Given the unique data available in 2014, we are able to include 3 additional dependent variables that explicitly measure credit constraints. The first variable, denied, measures whether the respondent reported being denied credit or not receiving all of the credit requested. The second variable, deterfromcredit, measures if the respondent did not apply for credit due to fear or rejection, high cost of application, or risk associated with debt. The third variable, creditprob, is a indicator variable that is 1 if either denied or deterfromeredit have a value of 1. In addition to providing a robustness check for the equivalence of results with an actual measure of coverage levels relative to premium paid, this specification gives us insight into the relationship between crop insurance and credit constraints.

### 2.2.2 Panel models

The models described above are run using all of the ARMS observations in the restricted cross section. In order to robustly examine the causal relationship between FCI and debt use, we also make use of the ARMS panel. While this approach is somewhat restrictive, it allows for estimation on repeated ARMS observations with farm fixed effects in order to to address some identification issues present in previous studies and control for farm-specific characteristics that are difficult or even impossible to observe. For example, farms that use crop insurance may have better financial management skills and also be more likely to use credit. With this smaller, panel data set our model is as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
y_{i t}=\beta_{0}+\beta_{1} P_{i t}+\boldsymbol{\beta} \boldsymbol{G}_{i t}+\tau_{t}+\gamma_{i}+\epsilon_{i t} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\gamma_{i}$ are farm-fixed effects and $\boldsymbol{\beta} \boldsymbol{G}_{\boldsymbol{i t}}$ are time variant farm characteristics, including the number of acres operated, the operator's age, operator age squared, and the share of soybean, corn and wheat acres out of the total acres operated. We do not estimate this model at the loan level due the limited number of repeat observations with operating loan data from the loan table.

### 2.2.3 Instrumental variable

Even with farm-level fixed effects, we may not be able to fully address the simultaneity between the operator's decision to enroll acres in crop insurance (i.e., $P_{i t}$ ) and the operator's financial decisions, such as whether or not to take on debt. Not only are the two decisions made based on the same factors, we cannot prove that these determinants are time invariant, even at the farm level. For example, farms' preferences may evolve over time, or there may be regional, time variant factors that influence credit or insurance markets. Such issues likely affect specific coverage level decisions, as opposed to affecting the decision whether or not to participate in crop insurance.

To overcome these potential issues for our measure of crop insurance coverage, we apply the instrumental variable approach developed by Weber et al. (2016), which uses crop insurance program coverage limits that affect some farmers more than others in a way that is plausibly exogenous to current financial decision-making and farm-level financial outcomes. The instrument exploits the maximum coverage levels that are codified in the federal crop insurance program. Because of the maximums, those farmers whose initial premiums are close to the maximum are constrained in their ability to increase coverage over time. There is, therefore, a negative, non-linear relationship between the ratio of the initial premium and the maximum premium and the ratio of the later premiums (i.e. in period 2 and after) and the initial premium. Weber et al. (2016) define this relationship in the following way:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\ln \left(P A_{i, t=2}\right)-\ln \left(P A_{i, t=1}\right)=\theta \ln \left(\frac{P A_{i, t=1}}{M a x P A_{i, t=1}}\right) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus, the $\log$ of the ratio of the initial premium per acre $\left(P A_{i, t=1}\right)$ and the maximum possible premium per acre $\left(\operatorname{Max} P A_{i, t=1}\right)$ serves as an instrument, denoted $Z_{i t}$ for the difference in premiums per acre between any two years.

Using this instrument, the farm model takes the following form:

$$
\begin{equation*}
y_{i t}=\beta_{0}+\beta_{1} \underbrace{P_{i t}}_{=Z_{i t}}+\boldsymbol{\beta} \boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{i t}}+\tau_{t}+\gamma_{i} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $=Z_{i t}=\ln \left(\frac{P A_{i, t=1}}{\operatorname{MaxPA} A_{i, t=1}}\right)$. In these models, $P_{i t}$ is defined only as the $\log$ of the insurance premium paid per acre.

Standard econometric tests from the first stage confirm that this is a strong instrument, with a F-stat well above the accepted level of 10 . We apply this approach to all of our specifications using crop insurance premium paid, starting with our cross section models.

### 2.3 Stratified sample analysis

In order to examine how the relationship between crop insurance and credit use differs across different types of farms, we use a selection of the above models on sub-samples of the restricted cross section and restricted panel. These sub-samples are chosen so that we can better understand what types of farms may be accessing more credit through crop insurance, or whether different kinds of farms are systematically affected differently by crop insurance. To examine the effects of size, we split the sample at the median value of gross cash farm income as well as acres operated. Gross cash farm income represents farm sales or revenues and is a more accurate measure of size, as a farm could have a large quantity of unproductive land that generates relatively low sales. However, gross cash farm income might reflect differences in commodity prices, so acres operated is a useful comparison. $A$ priori it is uncertain which group would benefit more. While larger farms might have more risk management options, banks might consider larger farms to be less risky due to their higher collateral. If both smaller and larger farms are able to capitalize on the benefits of crop insurance in order to secure more loans, this would suggest that crop insurance is influencing access to credit for a wide variety of farms.

Another stratification we make is on operator age, defining the "young" sample as farms with an operator younger than 45 , and the "old" sample as operators 45 and older. Older operators may have stronger network connections with insurance agents or bankers, or may be more familiar with the crop insurance programs. On the other hand, younger operators may be more financially literate, having completed their education more recently. Further, studies have shown that younger operators are more likely to be credit constrained, and hence
crop insurance could play an especially important role in their access to credit Briggeman et al., 2009). To examine whether there is evidence that farmers who operate a higher share of rented acres access more credit or higher levels of financing, potentially related to issues of collateral, we also split the sample at the median of share of acres rented.

Our final stratification compares farms by financial status: those that are more indebted to those that have less financial risk, using two measures of indebtedness. We first use standard measure of solvency or of leverage: the ratio of total debt to total assets. We also use 'debt capacity utilization', which estimates the ability of the farm to make debt payments from current income. A lower ratio would signify low levels of debt relative to income, and is especially useful given that the current farm sector downturn has been characterized by low liquidity or working capital as opposed solvency issues (Zhang, 2017). The sample is split at the median of these ratios. The nature of this relationship is uncertain. Less indebted farms may be more attractive to banks, but high debt use could also suggest financial sophistication of farms that are using debt to grow their operation. However, more generally, if crop insurance is more important for highly indebted farms to access credit, this suggests a potential financial risk to the farm sector that would merit further exploration.

## 3 Results

In the tables below, we report results for our variables of interest across several models. Coefficients $\left(\beta_{1}\right)$ estimated from two cross-sectional farm-level models specified in equation 11 are shown in table 4. Coefficients $\beta_{1}$ from the two farm-level panel models specified in equation 3 are reported in table 5. Finally, estimated coefficients $\alpha_{1}$ from the two loan-specific models (equation 2) are reported in table 7. Full, detailed results for each specification with coefficients reported for all control variables and farm characteristics are reported in Appendix B tables B1 to B7. Rather than discussing the results model by model, we examine the results for each outcome across all the models. The joint results provide conclusive evidence about the importance of crop insurance to different measures of credit access and credit characteristics, as well as the robustness of these relationships.

### 3.1 Quantity of short term debt

Our most consistent finding is that there is a strong relationship between the quantity of short term debt [totalshort or dshort or repaid] and both crop insurance participation and coverage. The results from table 4 suggest an increase in the total quantity of short term debt; the magnitude of the increase ranges from about 10 to $20 \%$ of the average operation's quantity of short term debt. For our panel analysis with crop insurance participation reported in table 5, we find that participation leads to an additional $\$ 92,000$ in annual operating loan use [totalshort]. A one percent increase in premium paid per acre leads to a $\$ 800$ increase in operating loan use, or alternatively, a doubling of premium paid per acre leads to $\$ 80,000$ in additional operating credit. These overall results are consistent with previous empirical work on the relationship between crop insurance and credit access and with theoretical models of risk balancing.

This finding is consistent across the various models, with the exception of the premium paid cross-section model. However, given the statistically significant coefficients on totalshort and dshort in our most restrictive panel model with farm fixed effects and the instrumental variable, taken together, our results point towards the strength of this relationship. We also note that our results have higher levels of statistical significance as well as a larger magnitude when using the 'acres dummy,' or a measure of crop insurance participation, as opposed to premium expenditure. Generally, participation has a stronger, more consistent relationship with credit use than our measure of coverage. There are three factors likely driving this result. First, bankers might not differentiate between relatively minor differences in crop insurance coverage levels: the difference between, for example $70 \%$ coverage versus $75 \%$ is unlikely to be salient to them. Second, there is likely more variation in the participation variable because it has a larger number of observations during the years when it was collected: it might simply be easier to measure this effect. Third, the underlying data may play a role: premium paid per acre reflects factors other than coverage levels. Even with these qualifications, in many specifications we do see a statistically significant relationship between the premium paid per acre variable and different measures credit use.

### 3.2 Importance of short term debt

While less consistent across models than the absolute measures of debt use described above, farms may have been financing a higher share of variable expenses following insurance takeup or increased coverage. Using the cross section, we find that for a $100 \%$ increase in coverage, farm operations increase the share of expenses financed by short-term debt by about $1.4 \%$. When using the ARMS panel models, the coverage effect goes away, but the impact of participation remains. Farms with acres enrolled in crop insurance finance $4 \%$ more of their variable expenses using short-term debt than those without acres enrolled. Given that the average farm in the restricted ARMS panel has nearly $\$ 1,000,000$ in variable expenses each year, these increases are likely to play a substantial role in financial decisions. Given the restrictiveness of the panel coverage model, this set of findings indicate that crop insurance affects financing decisions in both absolute and relative terms.

### 3.3 Long term debt and leverage

The measures of debt use previously discussed are short-term; their intended use is for operating expenses of farm operations, and they are taken out with the intention of being repaid relatively quickly, generally within a year or less. The ARMS survey also asks about farms' long-term debt use. In our cross sectional specifications, long-term debt (dnreale and dreale) appears to be related crop insurance. However, these relationships are no longer statistically significant in the panel model after controlling for time-invariant farm characteristics with fixed effects. This is consistent with previous findings and indicates that although there is a correlation between crop insurance use and long-term debt, there is no causal relationship.

Theories of farm risk balancing predict that operators will increase financial risk enough to see an impact on leverage; however, we find no relationship between crop insurance and leverage, or the debt to asset ratio. This finding is also consistent with the stated purpose of crop insurance programs- to protect against annual production and market riskand also suggests crop insurance does not pose a regulatory risk in terms of farmland or machinery investment or overall risk of equity loss in the farm sector. Further, any 'risk
balancing' response driving this effect is temporary at most: to the degree that short term debt increases, it is repaid quickly enough so as to not affect farm solvency. This suggests that any risk balancing behavior on the part of farms is limited by lenders or that lenders requiring crop insurance as collateral for operating loans is a primary driver of our main results.

### 3.42014 coverage level results

The 2014 ARMS-equivalent survey, TOTAL (Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agricultural Land) asks operators to report their actual average coverage level under revenue and yield policies for the primary insurable crops. As a robustness check to our main results, which use the reported premium paid per acre, we run the model described by equation 1 using the acre-weighted average coverage level of the six crops included in the survey. This check accounts for the imperfect correspondence between coverage level and premium paid. The expanded survey in 2014 also provides some additional controls: attitude towards risk, the share of acres covered under a revenue policy, and a fixed effect for the insured commodity. The survey also asks operators about whether they encountered difficulties in accessing credit, or whether they were deterred from seeking credit due to either external or internal forces. These responses are included as outcomes for this model. The results, shown in table 6, are consistent with the main results: the amount of short term debt used by farms increases with coverage level in both absolute and relative terms.

Although this is a single year cross section, we are able to control for a broad set of factors likely to impact financial decisions and crop insurance participation, including the operator's attitude toward risk, an often omitted or unobserved driver of both. Coefficients on this self-reported measure are as we would expect and significant: farmers who are more risk-seeking take out more loans, finance a greater share of variable expenses with loans, are more likely to have their credit applications denied, and are less likely to be deterred from credit. Conditional on participating in crop insurance, coverage levels have no statistically significant impact on any of our self-reported measures of credit constraints. This finding
suggests that the primary driver of the relationship between crop insurance and short term credit access is likely not alleviation of credit constraints. Further, coverage levels have no statistically significant impact on operating loan interest rates in 2014, likely reflecting the overall low interest rate environment in 2014 as well as the higher levels of operating credit use observed. All else held equal, interest rates should not be go down when the quantity of credit increases, as marginal increases in credit increase financial risk.

### 3.5 Loan level results

The results of our loan-level analysis are reported in table 7, as well as in detail in Appendix B, tables B5 and B6. We generally find no or a very weak relationship between loan characteristics and crop insurance. While we do not implement our panel analysis on these loan outcomes due to the low number of recorded operating loans from farms in the ARMS panel, we are able to control for detailed farm-level characteristics and use our IV for the crop insurance premium paid variable on the loan-level cross-section. These results provide important insights into whether crop insurance may be affecting operating loan terms, which need to interpreted in conjunction with our well-established result of higher operating loan levels. One of our more consistent results related to loan level characteristics is that higher crop insurance premium levels or coverage lead to higher interest rates. While statistically significant, the magnitude of the effect is very small: participating in crop insurance is correlated with a 0.13 percentage point increase in operating loan interest rates, and a doubling of premium paid per acre is associated with a 0.04 percentage point increase in interest rates.

At face value, this result may seem counter-intuitive, as one might think that crop insurance increases the likelihood of loan repayment and, if anything, should lower the cost of credit. This relationship may be driven by unobserved farm characteristics not controlled for in our cross section models. Further, this result must be interpreted in the context of the full range of changes in credit use in response to crop insurance. Specifically, we have strong evidence that crop insurance leads to increases in operating loan use. This additional credit may be costly, hence the finding of higher interest rates. Further, farm interest rates in
general over the study period were historically low, so lenders may have had little flexibility to lower rates. By any means, this finding should be reassuring to regulators, as it suggests that although lenders might be extending additional operating credit in response to crop insurance use, the additional financial risk does come at a lower cost. The other operating loan characteristics that we look at, use of fixed rate interest rates and loan term, do not have a statistically significant relationship with crop insurance use.

Another loan characteristic we have considered is lender choice: that is, whether or not an operation has an operating loan from one the three major sources of farm loans: Farm Credit System lenders [fcsloan], the Farm Service Agency (FSA) [fsaloan] and commercial banks [bankloan]. The relationship between lender choice and premium paid is not statistically significant, although crop insurance participation is correlated with increased likelihood of an FSA or Farm Credit loan in the acres dummy cross section. This is likely driven by program requirements and other stipulations or recommendations from these lenders: for example, the crop insurance participation requirement of many FSA loans, which does not appear to extend to coverage decisions. However, given the low magnitude of this correlation (crop insurance participation is associated with being 3.6 percentage points more likely to have a Farm Credit loan) as well as the inconsistency across models, we find little compelling evidence of a systematic relationship between lender choice and crop insurance.

### 3.6 Stratified sample results

We consider how crop insurance affects credit decisions and use across different farm types. We first look at two measures of farm size: revenue (gross cash farm income), a more accurate measure of size given productivity differences, and acreage (table 8). Overall, both large and small farms have higher short term credit use in response to crop insurance. Using the ARMS panel, for below-median revenue farms, we find that crop insurance participation has a statistically significant relationship with operating credit use [totalshort] and intensity [financed]. Above-median revenue farms only have a statistically significant relationship between crop insurance participation and operating credit intensity. However, when mea-
suring size by acreage, the larger farms use more operating credit at a higher intensity with crop insurance participation. There is no statistically significant relationship for smaller farms. Although results vary somewhat by model and measure of size, this analysis strongly suggests that crop insurance is important for credit access for all sizes of farms, including relatively smaller farms. We do not find a systematic difference in the quality of the loans (interest rate or fixed rate) received by the two groups across specifications.

We next estimate whether two operator characteristics, age and rental status, are related to the relationship between crop insurance and credit use (table 9 . For younger operators, crop insurance expenditure has a positive and statistically significant relationship with credit use and intensity. A one percent increase in crop insurance expenditure increases operating credit use by over $\$ 1,1000$ annually on average and financing also increases by 1.5 percentage points. However, with the more restrictive ARMS panel model, this relationship does not hold. For older operators, crop insurance participation leads to higher operating credit use and intensity, but a higher premium paid only leads to higher intensity. While we cannot fully explain the difference between these specifications, jointly these results suggest that crop insurance in some respect is playing a role for both younger and older operators to access operating credit.

Splitting our sample by rental status (above and below-median acreage), does not yield any systematic findings on how crop insurance use relates to credit access to farms that are more dependent on rented acreage. While we expected that higher use of rented land would make crop insurance more important in respect to credit access, our analysis does not support this hypothesis. There is also no evidence that age or rental status affects the level or type (fixed or variable) of interest rates these operations receive for their operating loans.

Finally, we estimate whether financial status is related to the relationship between crop insurance and credit use (table 10). If the relationship was stronger or more robust for higher leveraged farms or farms with higher debt capacity utilization, the financial risk being 'added' through crop insurance would be more likely to lead to equity loss. We find no compelling evidence that there is any relationship between crop insurance and credit use for the farms
who have more financial risk in our sample. Instead, it is the less-indebted farms driving the relationship we observe, both in the panel and cross section models. Debt capacity utilization is used as a measure of a farm's financial stress and quantifies an operation's debt obligations relative to its repayment capacity. When the samples are split at the median of debt capacity utilization, it is the operations with lower debt capacity utilization, and thus higher debt repayment capacity, driving the effect on both absolute and relative debt use. The results from the sample split at the median of leverage also show that it is farms which are less leveraged that are increasing their short-term debt use in response to crop insurance.

Additionally, results from the stratified loan-level cross-section indicate that the loans received do differ by financial status: although the magnitude is small, lenders charge more-indebted farms with higher crop insurance expenditure higher interest rates than lessleveraged farms. While this result does not imply causality, it suggests that credit provided to higher-risk farms comes at a higher cost. Our general finding of very small increases in interest rates across most cross sectional loan-level models may simply reflect that additional financial risk may be accounted for by lenders.

## 4 Conclusion

As the mainstay of U.S. farm policy, crop insurance facilitates access to and use of short term credit. We use the most comprehensive, national farm survey data available (ARMS) to test this relationship. We find that both crop insurance participation and coverage increase various measures of short term debt use, even under restrictive but more robust specifications. This relationship may be driven by crop insurance requirements by lenders as well as risk balancing behavior on the part of farm operators. However, short term debt increases are not large enough to increase farm leverage, a key prediction of risk balancing theory. This may be because farms were able to repay short term loans at a consistent rate during our study, and points to lenders as playing a large role in shaping the relationship between crop insurance and farm lending.

While crop insurance leads to higher short term debt use than if it were not available, and
hence higher financial risk in the farm sector, we do not find evidence that crop insurance generates regulatory risk. The average likelihood of default or bankruptcy is lower for farms that are able to increase financial risk through crop insurance. The more indebted farms in our sample, as measured by leverage or debt capacity utilization, generally do not have higher levels of operating credit use in response to crop insurance participation or coverage levels. This suggests that although lenders may allow an increase in operating credit use for some operators through crop insurance participation, lending standards are tighter for riskier borrowers. We also do not find a robust relationship between crop insurance and access to real estate, machinery, or other types of long-term credit or even leverage. The finding of no increase in leverage to some degree may be driven by capitalization of crop insurance into asset values, although this relationship has proven to be difficult to measure. One study did find levels of capitalization for pasture insurance to be similar to that of other government programs (Ifft et al., 2014). This is an interesting direction for further research.

Our analysis finds no evidence that crop insurance is being used to overcome credit constraints and on aggregate our results suggest that this is not the primary mechanism that drives the relationship between crop insurance and operating credit. Both large and small operations as well as young and old operators appear to be able to use crop insurance to increase operating credit use. While credit constraints are likely not a general issue for U.S. farms overall, the impact of credit constraints and the influence of crop insurance on younger operators and other more vulnerable groups is an important topic for future research.

We also find no evidence that crop insurance lowers the cost of credit. This finding may be due to limitations of using data from the ARMS loan table, which has a lower number of responses that precludes construction of a panel. Concerns have also been raised that loan-specific data from ARMS may be subject to some recall error (Ahrendsen et al., 2016). Further, our approach may limited by the the relationship of crop insurance with higher levels of credit use and the low interest rate environment during much of our study period. Future research with bank data could provide useful insights into how crop insurance affects the cost of credit to the farm sector.

Crop insurance plays an important role in the provision of credit to meet production expenses of the farm operation. This can help farms stay in operation during back-to-back years of low revenue or periods of increasing expenses, which typifies our study period. Generally, higher operating loan use may have a number of long-term benefits for U.S. farms operations. These include farm household income support, productivity enhancing investments, and farm expansion. While this is beyond the scope of this study, it is another interesting direction for further study. Given the important role of lenders in the causal relationship between crop insurance and short term credit use implied by our study, future research using bank data would advance knowledge of the importance of crop insurance to farm lending and lead to more precise quantification of impacts.

## 5 Tables

Table 1: Summary statistics: Cross section

|  | Any Insurance |  |  | No Insurance |  |  | Difference |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | significant at: |
| Insurance acres dummy | 64,991 | 0.954 | 0.210 | 26,180 | - | - |  |
| FCI premium paid per acre (\$) | 64,145 | 10.03 | 17.56 | 24,722 | - | - |  |
| Outcomes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| totalshort | 86,989 \$ | \$ 301,813.20 \$ | \$ 936,834.50 | 36,133 \$ | 181,107.20 \$ | 1,035,899.00 | *** |
| financed | 86,976 | 0.562 | 0.837 | 35,884 | 0.541 | 28.98 |  |
| dshort | 86,989 \$ | \$ 103,916.10 | \$ 480,045.50 | 36,133 | \$ 74,375.34 | \$ 544,592.50 | *** |
| repaid | 86,989 \$ | \$ 197,897.10 | \$ 673,003.30 | 36,133 \$ | 106,731.80 | \$ 782,117.70 | *** |
| dreale | 86,989 | \$ 211,898.70 | \$ 841,170.00 | 36,133 \$ | 194,386.40 \$ | 1,013,182.00 | *** |
| dnreale | 86,989 | \$ 87,799.53 | \$ 376,065.30 | 36,133 | \$ 77,372.48 | \$ 622,253.00 | *** |
| Operator characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operator age | 86,989 | 54.34 | 11.85 | 36,133 | 56.75 | 12.46 | ** |
| Operator retired from farming | 84,211 | 6.76\% | 25.97\% | 35,297 | 10.09\% | 30.18\% | ** |
| Principle operator is female | 85,023 | 1.51\% | 12.19\% | 35,662 | 3.53\% | 18.45\% | ** |
| Principal operator is Hispanic or non-white | 84,323 | 2.08\% | 14.26\% | 34,252 | 3.31\% | 17.90\% | *** |
| Total off-farm income | 83,094 | \$ 51,218.25 | \$ 144,638.60 | 34,055 | \$ 57,936.95 | \$ 138,757.00 | ** |
| Operation characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acres operated | 86,989 | 1906.01 | 3642.47 | 36,133 | 1140.45 | 5436.16 | *** |
| Share of acres owned | 86,989 | 0.444 | 0.719 | 36,133 | 0.808 | 2.992 | *** |
| Share of cropland operated | 86,961 | 0.885 | 2.133 | 36,111 | 0.718 | 1.902 | *** |
| Operators' education is: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Some high school | 86,989 | 3.72\% | 18.93\% | 36,133 | 8.62\% | 28.06\% | *** |
| High school diploma | 86,989 | 39.88\% | 48.97\% | 36,133 | 45.49\% | 49.80\% | *** |
| Some college | 86,989 | 31.52\% | 46.46\% | 36,133 | 24.64\% | 43.09\% | ** |
| 4 -year college graduate and beyond | 86,989 | 24.05\% | 42.74\% | 36,133 | 20.66\% | 40.49\% | ** |
| Other | 86,989 | 0.83\% | 9.06\% | 36,133 | 0.59\% | 7.64\% | ** |
| Sales class |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$500,000+ | 86,989 | 45.21\% | 49.77\% | $61 \mathrm{E}+04$ | 34.90\% | 47.67\% | ** |
| \$250,000-\$499,000 | 86,989 | 20.62\% | 40.45\% | 36,133 | 13.60\% | 34.28\% | *** |


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Corn Soybeans Sorghum Rice Tobacco Cotton Other crops Other crops Vegetable Nursery Cattle Poultry Dairy Operator occupation Work on farm Off-farm employment Not in workforce Other occupation
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Table 2: Summary statistics: Panel

|  | FCI Panel: Insurance |  |  | FCI Panel: No Insurance |  |  | Difference significant at: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. |  |
| Insurance acres dummy | 16,780 | 0.9359356 | 0.2448749 | 5,591 | - | - |  |
| FCI premium paid per acre (\$) | 21,177 | \$ 9.69 | \$ 15.69 | 6,744 | - | - |  |
| Outcomes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| totalshort | 23,137 | \$ 483,616.30 | \$ 1,462,872.00 | 7,820 | \$ 382,918.70 | \$ 1,673,101.00 | ** |
| financed | 23,135 | 0.570 | 0.791 | 7,795 | 0.346 | 1.040 | *** |
| dshort | 23,137 | \$ 157,104.40 | \$ 763,784.40 | 7,820 | \$ 157,115.70 | \$ 789,984.00 |  |
| repaid | 23,137 | \$ 326,511.90 | \$ 1,063,437.00 | 7,820 | \$ 225,803.00 | \$ 1,331,468.00 | *** |
| dreale | 23,137 | \$ 313,314.50 | \$ 1,152,952.00 | 7,820 | \$ 378,051.10 | \$ 1,762,606.00 | *** |
| dnreale | 23,137 | \$ 133,104.60 | \$ 506,455.10 | 7,820 | \$ 158,151.10 | \$ 892,930.30 | *** |
| Operator characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operator age | 23,137 | 54.27 | 10.92 | 7,820 | 55.60 | 11.53 | *** |
| Acres operated | 23,137 | 2772.20 | 5311.63 | 7,820 | 1744.10 | 8277.43 | *** |
| Soybeans share | 23,137 | 23.61\% | 23.92\% | 7,820 | 11.95\% | 20.28\% | *** |
| Corn share | 23,137 | 20.31\% | 22.11\% | 7,820 | 10.75\% | 18.22\% | *** |
| Wheat share | 23,137 | 11.11\% | 17.81\% | 7,820 | 5.06\% | 12.60\% | *** |

Table 3: Summary statistics: Restricted ARMS sample operating loans

|  | Obs. | Mean | Std. Dev. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Balance (\$) | 29,536 | $423,690.20$ | $1,442,970.00$ |
| Interest rate (\%) | 29,536 | 5.52 | 2.24 |
| Percent of fixed rate vs. variable rate loans | 20,820 | $49 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| Age of loan (years) | 27,804 | 3.60 | 6.75 |
| Percent of loans that are from: |  |  |  |
| Farm Credit System (FCS): | 29,401 | $27 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| Farm Service Agency (FSA): | 29,401 | $3 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Commercial Banks | 29,401 | $41 \%$ | $49 \%$ |
| Number of loans per farm | 30,957 | 0.95 | 1.41 |
| Number of operating loans per farm | 30,957 | 0.19 | 0.49 |
| Percent of farms that: |  |  |  |
| Applied for a new loan | 30,957 | $20 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Applied for a new operating loan | 30,957 | $8 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Have at least one loan from Farm Credit Services (FCS) | 30,957 | $16 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| Have at least one loan from Farm Service Agency (FSA) | 30,957 | $3 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Have at least one loan from a commercial bank | 30,957 | $25 \%$ | $43 \%$ |

Table 4: Farm cross section results: 2000-2014
ln Prem Paid IV
Acres dummy RF

|  | Coefficient $\left(\beta_{1}\right)$ | Std. Error | Obs. | Coefficient $\left(\beta_{1}\right)$ | Std. Error | Obs. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| totalshort | 1,287 | $(2,648)$ | 62,814 | $60,282^{* * *}$ | $(6,156)$ | 84,717 |
| dshort | 484.1 | $(1,823)$ | 62,814 | $21,810^{* * *}$ | $(3,751)$ | 84,717 |
| repaid | 802.6 | $(1,666)$ | 62,814 | $38,472^{* * *}$ | $(3,914)$ | 84,717 |
| financed | $0.0139^{* * *}$ | $(0.00239)$ | 62,709 | 0.0514 | $(0.0511)$ | 84,588 |
| leverage | -0.302 | $(0.291)$ | 62,802 | 0.0928 | $(0.0989)$ | 84,717 |
| dreale | $11,035^{* * *}$ | $(1,686)$ | 62,814 | $23,378^{* * *}$ | $(6,056)$ | 84,717 |
| dnreale | $4,370^{* * *}$ | $(926.4)$ | 62,814 | $14,704^{* * *}$ | $(3,252)$ | 84,717 |

${ }^{* * *},{ }^{* *}$, Significant at $1 \%, 5 \%$, and $10 \%$, respectively; robust standard errors in parenthesis
All regressions include controls for farm-level characteristics, state fixed effects, and year fixed effects.

Table 5: Farm panel results: 2000-2014

|  | $\ln$ Prem Paid IV |  |  | Acres Dummy RF |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Coefficient $\left(\beta_{1}\right)$ | Std. Error | Obs. | Coefficient $\left(\beta_{1}\right)$ | Std. Error | Obs. |
| totalshort | $79,540^{*}$ | $(45,803)$ | 7,857 | $92,126^{* * *}$ | $(35,385)$ | 11,888 |
| dshort | $59,290^{*}$ | $(30,458)$ | 7,857 | $39,934^{*}$ | $(22,626)$ | 11,888 |
| repaid | 20,250 | $(33,947)$ | 7,857 | $52,193^{* *}$ | $(21,831)$ | 11,888 |
| financed | 0.00303 | $(0.0395)$ | 7,857 | $0.0400^{* *}$ | $(0.0190)$ | 11,884 |
| leverage | 0.00987 | $(0.0572)$ | 7,857 | 0.0248 | $(0.0698)$ | 11,888 |
| dreale | 43,084 | $(40,108)$ | 7,857 | 17,290 | $(37,343)$ | 11,888 |
| dnreale | $-3,048$ | $(41,324)$ | 7,857 | -399.5 | $(17,353)$ | 11,888 |

${ }^{* * *},{ }^{* *}$, Significant at $1 \%, 5 \%$, and $10 \%$, respectively; robust standard errors in parenthesis All regressions include controls for farm-level characteristics, farm fixed effects, and year fixed effects
Table 6: Coverage rate results: 2014 cross section

| Coverage level | (1) <br> totalshort | (2) <br> financed | (3) dshort | (4) repaid | (5) <br> leverage | (6) denied | (7) <br> deterfromcredit | (8) creditprob | (9) avgopintrate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 4,255*** | $0.00672^{* * *}$ | 2,037** | 2,218** | 0.00171 | 0.00108 | $3.54 \mathrm{e}-06$ | 0.00107 | -0.00796 |
|  | $(1,439)$ | (0.00249) | (883.1) | $(1,003)$ | (0.00131) | (0.000924) | (0.000497) | (0.000953) | (0.00614) |
| Attitude toward risk | 20,343 *** | $0.0203^{* * *}$ | 7,631*** | 12,712*** | -0.000417 | $0.0217^{* * *}$ | -0.00459** | 0.0176*** | -0.0180 |
|  | $(3,979)$ | (0.00775) | $(2,803)$ | $(2,432)$ | (0.00420) | (0.00280) | (0.00178) | (0.00299) | (0.0183) |
| Share acres under RP | 2,056 | -0.0336 | -3,927 | 5,984 | 0.0425* | 0.0148 | -0.00290 | 0.0124 | 0.0644 |
|  | $(23,835)$ | (0.0453) | $(16,983)$ | $(16,153)$ | (0.0244) | (0.0171) | (0.0109) | (0.0184) | (0.127) |
| Insured Commodity FE | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| State FE | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Constant | -394,113** | $0.757^{* *}$ | -146,318 | -247,795** | $0.408^{* * *}$ | $0.471^{* * *}$ | $0.168^{* * *}$ | 0.629*** | $5.105^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(167,170)$ | (0.311) | $(96,582)$ | $(123,559)$ | (0.111) | (0.113) | (0.0604) | (0.115) | (0.701) |
| Observations | 5,063 | 5,057 | 5,063 | 5,063 | 5,061 | 5,063 | 4,608 | 5,063 | 1,681 |
| R-squared | 0.227 | 0.049 | 0.099 | 0.215 | 0.037 | 0.088 | 0.037 | 0.078 | 0.123 |

[^4]Table 7: Operating loan cross section results: 2000-2014

|  | ln Prem Paid IV |  | Acres dummy RF |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Coefficient $\left(\alpha_{1}\right)$ | Std. Error | Obs. | Coefficient $\left(\alpha_{1}\right)$ | Std. Error | Obs. |
| interestrate $^{+}$ | $0.0409^{* * *}$ | $(0.0152)$ | 11,330 | $0.138^{* *}$ | $(0.0596)$ | 13,244 |
| interestrate $^{\text {term }}$ | $0.0392^{* *}$ | $(0.0161)$ | 11,400 | $0.114^{*}$ | $(0.0618)$ | 13,322 |
| fcsloan | -0.730 | $(0.484)$ | 10,222 | 0.0288 | $(2.029)$ | 12,099 |
| fsaloan | 0.00246 | $(0.00393)$ | 11,400 | $0.0367^{* * *}$ | $(0.0140)$ | 13,322 |
| bankloan | 0.00347 | $(0.00239)$ | 11,400 | $0.0227^{* * *}$ | $(0.00798)$ | 13,322 |
| fixedrate $^{+}$ | -0.00545 | $(0.00368)$ | 11,400 | 0.0190 | $(0.0136)$ | 13,322 |

${ }^{* * *},{ }^{* *},{ }^{*}$ Significant at $1 \%, 5 \%$, and $10 \%$, respectively; robust standard errors in parenthesis All regressions include controls for farm-level characteristics, state fixed effects, and year fixed effects + indicates lender controls included
Table 8: Stratified sample analysis: Farm size

|  | GCFI <median |  |  | GCFI $\geq$ median |  |  | Acres operated <median |  |  | Acres operated $\geq$ median |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Coef. | SE | Obs. | Coef. | SE | Obs. | Coef. | SE | Obs. | Coef. | SE | Obs. |
|  | FCI Panel: Insurance acres dummy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| totalshort | 10,044*** | $(2,868)$ | 7,200 | 100,435** | $(41,552)$ | 6,320 | -8,990 | $(27,926)$ | 6,562 | 154,931** | (71,526) | 6,093 |
| financed | $0.122^{* * *}$ | (0.0401) | 7,194 | 0.00212 | (0.0284) | 6,319 | 0.0233 | (0.0234) | 6,558 | 0.0554* | (0.0331) | 6,092 |
|  | FCI Cross section: Premium paid IV |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| totalshort | 2,658*** | (432.0) | 30,799 | 145.2 | $(5,519)$ | 32,015 | 3,293*** | (941.8) | 30,615 | -2,836 | $(6,456)$ | 32,165 |
| financed | 0.0154*** | (0.00326) | 30,695 | $0.0147^{* * *}$ | (0.00360) | 32,014 | 0.0123*** | (0.00267) | 30,518 | $0.0173^{* * *}$ | (0.00449) | 32,157 |
|  | Loan Cross section: Premium paid IV |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| interestrate | 0.0405* | (0.0220) | 4,164 | 0.0444** | (0.0205) | 7,780 | 0.0480*** | (0.0170) | 4,700 | 0.0278 | (0.0248) | 7,235 |
| fixedrateop | -0.000217 | (0.00811) | 3,023 | 0.00718 | (0.00975) | 5,120 | 0.00824 | (0.00663) | 3,298 | -0.00373 | (0.0119) | 4,840 |

Robust standard errors in parentheses
${ }^{* * *} \mathrm{p}<0.01,{ }^{* *} \mathrm{p}<0.05,{ }^{*} \mathrm{p}<0.1$
Table 10: Stratified sample analysis: Financial status


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## 6 Appendix A: Summary statistics

Table A1: Full ARMS cross section and FCI cross section


Table A2: Full ARMS panel and FCI panel

|  | Full ARMS Panel |  |  |  | FCI Panel |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | Obs | Mean |  | Std. Dev. | Obs | Mean |  |
| Insurance acres dummy | 72,121 | 0.447 | 0.497 | 22,371 | 0.702 | 0.457 |  |
| FCI premium paid per acre ( $\$ 5$ | 64,086 | $\$ 6.92$ | $\$ 55.54$ | 27,921 | $\$ 7.35$ | $\$ 14.28$ |  |
| Outcomes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| totalshort | 92,272 | $\$ 277,829.30$ | $\$ 1,159,404.00$ | 30,957 | $\$ 458,179.20$ | $\$ 1,519,330.00$ |  |
| financed | 91,830 | 0.570 | 26.504 | 30,930 | 0.514 | 0.866 |  |
| dshort | 92,272 | $\$ 104,963.70$ | $\$ 628,396.20$ | 30,957 | $\$ 157,107.20$ | $\$ 770,473.90$ |  |
| repaid | 92,272 | $\$ 172,865.60$ | $\$ 819,848.40$ | 30,957 | $\$ 301,072.00$ | $\$ 1,137,942.00$ |  |
| dreale | 92,272 | $\$ 263,620.90$ | $\$ 1,136,467.00$ | 30,957 | $\$ 329,667.50$ | $\$ 1,333,795.00$ |  |
| dnreale | 92,272 | $\$ 100,947.90$ | $\$ 745,795.90$ | 30,957 | $\$ 139,431.60$ | $\$ 627,065.80$ |  |
| Operator characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operator age | 92,272 | 55.51 | 11.60 | 30,957 | 54.60 | 11.09 |  |
| Acres operated | 92,272 | 1799.23 | 7980.11 | 30,957 | 2512.49 | 6212.23 |  |
| Soybeans share | 92,271 | $11.68 \%$ | $20.28 \%$ | 30,957 | $20.66 \%$ | $23.60 \%$ |  |
| Corn share | 92,271 | $11.39 \%$ | $19.60 \%$ | 30,957 | $17.89 \%$ | $21.60 \%$ |  |
| Wheat share | 92,271 | $4.89 \%$ | $12.91 \%$ | 30,957 | $9.58 \%$ | $16.85 \%$ |  |

Table A3: Crosssection summary stats and insurance status: 2004

|  | Insurance: 2004 |  |  | No Insurance: 2004 |  |  | Difference significant at |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. |  |
| Insurance acres dummy | 5,265 | 0.939 | 0.239 | 1,930 |  |  | *** |
| FCI premium paid per acre (\$) | 3,445 | \$ 5.39 | \$ 14.67 | 1,054 | - | - | *** |
| Outcomes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| totalshort | 5,265 | \$ 205,681.10 | \$ 439,885.80 | 1,930 | \$ 114,516.80 | \$ 446,543.50 | ** |
| financed | 5,265 | 0.632 | 0.889 | 1,928 | 0.367 | 1.345 | *** |
| dshort | 5,265 | \$ 69,443.68 | \$ 228,785.80 | 1,930 | \$ 44,400.13 | \$ 211,619.40 | *** |
| repaid | 5,265 | \$ 136,237.40 | \$ 303,400.80 | 1,930 | \$ 70,116.70 | \$ 279,588.20 | *** |
| dreale | 5,265 | \$ 156,439.50 | \$ 485,934.50 | 1,930 | \$ 136,634.00 | \$ 440,978.70 |  |
| dnreale | 5,265 | \$ 68,680.93 | \$ 293,015.50 | 1,930 | \$ 55,395.97 | \$ 337,157.60 |  |
| Operator characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operator age | 5,265 | 52.53 | 11.46 | 1,930 | 54.02 | 12.61 | *** |
| Operator retired from farming | 4,925 | 17.95\% | 38.38\% | 1,737 | 20.78\% | 40.59\% | *** |
| Principle operator is female | 5,265 | 1.39\% | 11.69\% | 1,930 | 2.49\% | 15.58\% | *** |
| Principal operator is Hispanic or non-white | 5,265 | 1.67\% | 12.82\% | 1,930 | 1.81\% | 13.35\% |  |
| Total off-farm income | 5,098 | \$ 42,382.42 | \$ 84,686.21 | 1,839 | \$ 50,866.14 | \$ 116,238.00 | *** |
| Operation characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acres operated | 5,265 | 1774.88 | 2429.66 | 1,930 | 1191.02 | 8039.86 | *** |
| Share of acres owned | 5,265 | 39.70\% | 34.29\% | 1,930 | 56.00\% | 37.67\% | ** |
| Share of cropland operated | 5,265 | 85.41\% | 19.88\% | 1,930 | 76.32\% | 29.22\% | *** |
| Operators' education is: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Some high school | 5,265 | 4.54\% | 20.82\% | 1,930 | 8.60\% | 28.05\% | ** |
| High school diploma | 5,265 | 37.74\% | 48.48\% | 1,930 | 43.42\% | 49.58\% | *** |
| Some college | 5,265 | 32.90\% | 46.99\% | 1,930 | 26.17\% | 43.97\% | *** |
| 4 -year college graduate and beyond | 5,265 | 20.99\% | 40.73\% | 1,930 | 17.98\% | 38.41\% | *** |
| Other | 5,265 | 3.84\% | 19.21\% | 1,930 | 3.83\% | 19.21\% |  |
| Sales class |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$500,000+ | 5,265 | 31.95\% | 46.63\% | 1,930 | 28.86\% | 45.32\% | ** |
| \$250,000-\$499,000 | 5,265 | 25.17\% | 43.40\% | 1,930 | 19.38\% | 39.54\% | *** |


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Table A4: Crosssection summary stats and insurance status: 2013

|  | Insurance: 2013 |  |  | No Insurance: 2013 |  |  | Difference significant at |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. |  |
| Insurance acres dummy | 5,522 | 0.926 | 0.262 | 2,262 |  |  | *** |
| FCI premium paid per acre (\$) | 6,208 | \$ 13.91 | \$ 26.89 | 2,360 | - |  | *** |
| Outcomes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| totalshort | 6,208 | \$ 320,276.40 | \$ 813,685.80 | 2,360 | \$ 142,711.00 | \$ 772,391.80 | *** |
| financed2 | 6,206 | 0.466 | 0.750 | 2,319 | 0.317 | 1.840 | ** |
| dshort | 6,208 | \$ 110,944.40 | \$ 483,156.40 | 2,360 | \$ 61,239.11 | \$ 404,751.40 | ** |
| repaid | 6,208 | \$ 209,332.10 | \$ 575,542.50 | 2,360 | \$ 81,471.93 | \$ 636,310.40 | *** |
| dreale | 6,208 | \$ 239,089.80 | \$ 938,392.00 | 2,360 | \$ 187,112.80 | \$ 891,878.20 | ** |
| dnreale | 6,208 | \$ 113,497.20 | \$ 347,710.30 | 2,360 | \$ 79,763.30 | \$ 829,324.80 | *** |
| Operator characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operator age | 6,208 | 56.39 | 11.95 | 2,360 | 59.05 | 12.30 | ** |
| Operator retired from farming | 6,208 | 3.88\% | 19.32\% | 2,360 | 8.31\% | 27.60\% | *** |
| Principle operator is female | 6,208 | 1.79\% | 13.25\% | 2,360 | 4.70\% | 21.18\% | ** |
| Principal operator is Hispanic or non-white | 5,706 | 4.42\% | 20.55\% | 2,080 | 6.92\% | 25.39\% | *** |
| Total off-farm income | 5,914 | \$ 66,920.54 | \$ 216,749.70 | 2,207 | \$ 74,888.93 | \$ 167,810.60 |  |
| Operation characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acres operated | 6,208 | 1601.04 | 2690.11 | 2,360 | 922.15 | 3886.29 | *** |
| Share of acres owned | 6,208 | 0.506 | 1.573 | 2,360 | 0.950 | 3.157 | *** |
| Share of cropland operated | 6,208 | 0.852 | 0.210 | 2,360 | 0.599 | 0.375 | *** |
| Operators' education is: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Some high school | 6,208 | 2.30\% | 15.00\% | 2,360 | 7.12\% | 25.72\% | *** |
| High school diploma | 6,208 | 38.56\% | 48.68\% | 2,360 | 43.14\% | 49.54\% | *** |
| Some college | 6,208 | 31.38\% | 46.41\% | 2,360 | 25.25\% | 43.46\% | *** |
| 4 -year college graduate and beyond | 6,208 | 27.75\% | 44.78\% | 2,360 | 24.49\% | 43.01\% | *** |
| Other | 6,208 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 2,360 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | - |
| Sales class |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$500,000+ | 6,208 | 53.98\% | 49.85\% | 2,360 | $33.56 \%$ | 47.23\% | ** |
| \$250,000-\$499,000 | 6,208 | 17.24\% | 37.77\% | 2,360 | 10.30\% | 30.40\% | *** |

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Table A5: Panel variables: 2004 insurance status

|  | Insurance: 2004 |  |  | No Insurance: 2004 |  |  | Difference significant at |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. |  |
| Insurance acres dummy | 1,276 | 0.901 | 0.298 | 405 | - | - | *** |
| FCI premium paid per acre (\$) | 1,152 | \$ 5.50 | \$ 6.11 | 325 | - | - | *** |
| Outcomes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| totalshort | 1,276 | \$ 301,092.80 | \$ 601,463.20 | 405 | \$ 216,770.10 | \$ 829,916.30 | ** |
| financed2 | 1,276 | 0.636 | 0.794 | 403 | 0.346 | 0.600 | *** |
| dshort | 1,276 | \$ 99,217.43 | \$ 369,072.00 | 405 | \$ 83,152.85 | \$ 385,275.20 |  |
| repaid | 1,276 | \$ 201,875.40 | \$ 381,406.00 | 405 | \$ 133,617.20 | \$ 512,412.10 | *** |
| dreale | 1,276 | \$ 205,298.40 | \$ 493,907.30 | 405 | \$ 231,057.90 | \$ 574,637.20 |  |
| dnreale | 1,276 | \$ 112,247.50 | \$ 509,708.90 | 405 | \$ 84,549.69 | \$ 294,102.60 |  |
| Operator characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operator age | 1,276 | 51.80 | 10.32 | 405 | 52.24 | 11.37 |  |
| Acres operated | 1,276 | 2524.46 | 3387.27 | 405 | 2427.90 | 17238.97 |  |
| Soybeans share | 1,276 | 23.75\% | 23.32\% | 405 | 13.74\% | 20.55\% | *** |
| Corn share | 1,276 | 19.37\% | 21.30\% | 405 | 13.66\% | 20.49\% | *** |
| Wheat share | 1,276 | 12.49\% | 19.00\% | 405 | 7.54\% | 15.79\% | *** |

Table A6: Panel variables: 2013 insurance status

|  | Insurance: 2013 |  |  | No Insurance: 2013 |  |  | Difference significant at |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. |  |
| Insurance acres dummy | 1,402 | 0.923 | 0.267 | 446 | - |  | *** |
| FCI premium paid per acre (\$) | 1,720 | \$ 13.22 | \$ 15.95 | 487 | - | - | *** |
| Outcomes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| totalshort | 1,720 | \$ 527,323.40 | \$ 1,146,400.00 | 487 | \$ 260,543.60 | \$ 858,653.30 | ** |
| financed2 | 1,720 | 0.493 | 0.744 | 481 | 0.341 | 1.435 | *** |
| dshort | 1,720 | \$ 162,459.70 | \$ 737,960.50 | 487 | \$ 143,961.80 | \$ 733,415.50 |  |
| repaid | 1,720 | \$ 364,863.70 | \$ 831,502.30 | 487 | \$ 116,581.80 | \$ 434,392.00 | *** |
| dreale | 1,720 | \$ 321,416.70 | \$ 1,269,756.00 | 487 | \$ 396,462.30 | \$ 1,556,267.00 |  |
| dnreale | 1,720 | \$ 159,495.60 | \$ 486,030.80 | 487 | \$ 125,085.80 | \$ 657,773.10 |  |
| Operator characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operator age | 1,720 | 57.64 | 10.70 | 487 | 58.46 | 11.27 |  |
| Acres operated | 1,720 | 2500.51 | 3703.80 | 487 | 1616.11 | 7307.54 | ** |
| Soybeans share | 1,720 | 26.52\% | 25.79\% | 487 | 10.66\% | 20.05\% | *** |
| Corn share | 1,720 | 20.04\% | 21.93\% | 487 | 8.19\% | 16.68\% | ** |
| Wheat share | 1,720 | 8.91\% | 15.59\% | 487 | 3.56\% | 11.26\% | *** |

## 7 Appendix B: Full output tables

Table B1: Full Results with Insurance Acres Dummy, Farm cross section

|  | (1) <br> totalshort | $\begin{gathered} (2) \\ \text { dshort } \end{gathered}$ | (3) repaid | (4) <br> financed | (5) <br> leverage | (6) dreale | (7) dnreale |
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| Crop insurance participation | $\begin{gathered} \hline 60,282^{* * *} \\ (6156) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 21,810^{* * *} \\ (3,751) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 38,472^{* * *} \\ (3,914) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0514 \\ (0.0511) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 0.0928 \\ (0.0989) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 23,378^{* * *} \\ (6,056) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14,704^{* * *} \\ (3,252) \end{gathered}$ |
| High school graduate | $\begin{aligned} & -1,833 \\ & (8,346) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,017 \\ (6,006) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -2,850 \\ & (4,665) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0175 \\ (0.0301) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.148 \\ (0.113) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5,815 \\ (8,716) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5,529 \\ (4,385) \end{gathered}$ |
| Some college | $\begin{gathered} 941.0 \\ (9,127) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 351.3 \\ (6,540) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 589.8 \\ (5,132) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.130 \\ (0.102) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.021 \\ (0.0861) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15,038 \\ & (9,301) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,165^{*} \\ & (4,480) \end{aligned}$ |
| College graduate | $\begin{gathered} 45,930^{* * *} \\ (11,066) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 18,568^{* *} \\ (7,319) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 27,362^{* * *} \\ (6,585) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0359 \\ (0.0294) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.00295 \\ & (0.0499) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 44,714^{* * *} \\ (11,963) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 21,180^{* * *} \\ (4,893) \end{gathered}$ |
| Operator education other | $\begin{gathered} 39,425 \\ (28,917) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14,212 \\ (14,197) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25,212 \\ (18,677) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.130^{*} \\ (0.0739) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.235 \\ (0.213) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 55,163^{* * *} \\ (18,624) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12,518 \\ & (8,869) \end{aligned}$ |
| Sales \$250,000-499,000 | $\begin{gathered} -301,223^{* * *} \\ (8,019) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -103,896^{* * *} \\ (4,103) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -197,327^{* * *} \\ (5,061) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0373^{* *} \\ (0.0146) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0369 \\ (0.101) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -190,815^{* * *} \\ (6,770) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -89,145^{*} * * \\ (2,677) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales \$100,000-249,000 | $\begin{gathered} -344,310^{* * *} \\ (10,978) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -118,785^{* * *} \\ (5,649) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -225,526^{* * *} \\ (6,642) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.115^{* * *} \\ (0.0329) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.0897^{*} \\ & (0.0498) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -216,496^{* * *} \\ (8,066) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -102,770^{* * *} \\ (2,906) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales \$40,000-99,000 | $\begin{gathered} -351,726^{* * *} \\ (13,806) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -120,257^{* * *} \\ (7,087) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -231,469^{* * *} \\ (8,238) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.229^{* * *} \\ (0.0641) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0337 \\ & (0.101) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -221,693^{* * *} \\ (9,758) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -104,105^{* * *} \\ (3,276) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales \$20,000-39,000 | $\begin{gathered} -338,117^{* * *} \\ (15,024) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -115,038^{* * *} \\ (7,825) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -223,078^{* * *} \\ (8,891) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.272^{* * *} \\ (0.0915) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.00649 \\ & (0.0450) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -223,378^{* * *} \\ (10,966) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -101,327^{* * *} \\ (3,549) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales \$10,000-19,000 | $\begin{gathered} -331,036^{* * *} \\ (15,595) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -111,753^{* * *} \\ (8,180) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -219,283^{* * *} \\ (9,216) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.482 \\ (0.754) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.0679 \\ & (0.0478) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -222,270^{* * *} \\ (11,479) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -101,175^{* * *} \\ (3,776) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales $\$ 9,999$ or less | $\begin{gathered} -320,286^{* * *} \\ (18,230) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -109,863^{* * *} \\ (9,998) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -210,423^{* * *} \\ (10,120) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.384^{* *} \\ (0.159) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.00988 \\ & (0.0928) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -235,367^{* * *} \\ (12,579) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -102,152^{* * *} \\ (4,612) \end{gathered}$ |
| Acres operated | $\begin{gathered} 35.64^{* * *} \\ (5.707) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13.91^{* * *} \\ (2.987) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 21.73^{* * *} \\ (3.316) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3.77 \mathrm{e}-06^{* * *} \\ (1.37 \mathrm{e}-06) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2.32 \mathrm{e}-05 \\ (2.46 \mathrm{e}-05) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20.96^{* * *} \\ (3.429) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5.726^{* * *} \\ (1.158) \end{gathered}$ |
| Share acres owned | $\begin{aligned} & -214.6 \\ & (1,530) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,061 \\ (1,256) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -1,275 \\ & (962.3) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.00149 \\ (0.00252) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0521^{* * *} \\ (0.0196) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12,805^{* * *} \\ (3,906) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,313^{*} \\ & (703.7) \end{aligned}$ |
| Total off-farm income | $\begin{gathered} 0.0610 \\ (0.0470) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0240 \\ (0.0195) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0370 \\ (0.0310) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -1.67 \mathrm{e}-07 \\ & (1.43 \mathrm{e}-07) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9.80 \mathrm{e}-08 \\ (6.23 \mathrm{e}-08) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0288 \\ (0.0226) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0233 \\ (0.0231) \end{gathered}$ |
| Percent cropland | $\begin{gathered} 12.20 \\ (9.350) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.917 \\ (5.620) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11.28^{* *} \\ & (5.007) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -5.12 \mathrm{e}-05^{* *} \\ (2.01 \mathrm{e}-05) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.000607 \\ & (0.000552) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 69.22^{*} \\ & (41.70) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.199 \\ (8.347) \end{gathered}$ |

Operator age



| Operator age |
| :---: |
| Wheat |
| Corn |
| Soybean |
| Sorghum |
| Rice |
| Tobacco |
| Cotton |
| Peanut |
| Other crops |
| Fruit |
| Vegetable |
| Nursery |
| Cattle |
| Hogs |
| Poultry |
| Dairy |


| Other livestock | $-23,698^{* *}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | $(11,311)$ |
| Operator nonfarm employment | $-49,207^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(6,399)$ |
| Operator not in workforce | $-14,895^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(5,448)$ |
| Operator occupation other | $19,563^{*}$ |
|  | $(10,312)$ |
| Operator retired from farming | -360.7 |
|  | $(5,938)$ |
| Operator female | $-39,556^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(14,774)$ |
| Operator nonwhite or hispanic | $-6,548$ |
|  | $(23,537)$ |
| Year FE | YES |
| State FE | YES |
| Constant | $431,154^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(34,989)$ |
| Observations | 84,717 |
| R-squared | 0.127 |
| R |  |



$$
\begin{gathered}
0.0285 \\
(0.0540) \\
0.0531 \\
(0.0623) \\
-0.163 \\
(0.146) \\
-0.589 \\
(0.457) \\
0.626 \\
(0.636) \\
-0.0474 \\
(0.0546) \\
-0.0772 \\
(0.0758) \\
\text { YES } \\
\text { YES } \\
0.0358 \\
(0.289) \\
84,717 \\
0.001
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
37,341^{* *} \\
(16,360) \\
-7,669 \\
(4,754) \\
8,486 \\
(5,180) \\
1,836 \\
(8,275) \\
-8,637 \\
(5,838) \\
-36,273^{* * *} \\
(9,755) \\
29,651 \\
(22,093) \\
\text { YES } \\
\text { YES } \\
407,087^{* * *} \\
(45,472) \\
84,717 \\
0.069
\end{gathered}
$$

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\begin{gathered}
6,596 \\
(5,540) \\
-12,386^{* * *} \\
(2,916) \\
557.6 \\
(2,573) \\
12,733^{* *} \\
(5,480) \\
3,360 \\
(3,244) \\
-10,333^{*} \\
(5,711) \\
-1,350 \\
(6,771) \\
\text { YES } \\
\text { YES } \\
107,512^{* * *} \\
(14,018) \\
84,717 \\
0.055 \\
\hline
\end{gathered}
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Table B2: Full Results with Premium Paid IV, Farm cross section

|  | (1) totalshort | $\begin{gathered} (2) \\ \text { dshort } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} (3) \\ \text { repaid } \end{gathered}$ | (4) <br> financed | (5) <br> leverage | (6) dreale | (7) dnreale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Log premium paid per acre | $\begin{gathered} 1,287 \\ (2,648) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 484.1 \\ (1,823) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 802.6 \\ (1,666) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 0.0139^{* * *} \\ (0.00239) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline-0.302 \\ & (0.291) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 11,035^{* * *} \\ (1,686) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4,370^{* * *} \\ (926.4) \end{gathered}$ |
| High school graduate | $\begin{gathered} 22,571^{* *} \\ (9,813) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14,642^{* * *} \\ (4,692) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7,929 \\ (7,401) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.0330 \\ & (0.0205) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.549 \\ (0.500) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,376 \\ (10,288) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2,254 \\ (5,915) \end{gathered}$ |
| Some college | $\begin{gathered} 23,150^{* *} \\ (10,290) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16,111^{* * *} \\ (5,626) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7,040 \\ (7,050) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.0113 \\ & (0.0210) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.397 \\ (0.403) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7,021 \\ (11,082) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3,763 \\ (5,921) \end{gathered}$ |
| College graduate | $\begin{gathered} 62,494^{* * *} \\ (13,128) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 31,310^{* * *} \\ (7,709) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 31,185^{* * *} \\ (8,463) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.0318 \\ & (0.0217) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.387 \\ (0.364) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 35,226^{* *} \\ (14,185) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16,681^{* *} \\ (6,494) \end{gathered}$ |
| Operator education other | $\begin{gathered} 58,155 \\ (43,647) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20,359 \\ (19,200) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 37,797 \\ (28,030) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.0369 \\ & (0.0487) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.303 \\ (0.331) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13,191 \\ (23,359) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8,943 \\ (14,758) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales \$250,000-499,000 | $\begin{gathered} -296,483^{* * *} \\ (12,323) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -102,022^{* * *} \\ (6,223) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -194,461^{* * *} \\ (7,663) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.0210^{* *} \\ & (0.00966) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.269 \\ & (0.338) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -184,574^{* * *} \\ (8,968) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -80,825^{* * *} \\ (4,131) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales \$100,000-249,000 | $\begin{gathered} -327,840^{* * *} \\ (17,799) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -114,041^{* * *} \\ (8,744) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -213,799^{* * *} \\ (11,101) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0605^{* * *} \\ (0.0111) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.641 \\ & (0.575) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -205,066^{* * *} \\ (11,789) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -89,610^{* * *} \\ (5,832) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales \$40,000-99,000 | $\begin{gathered} -332,277^{* * *} \\ (22,573) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -115,981^{* * *} \\ (11,247) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -216,296^{* * *} \\ (14,172) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.107^{* * *} \\ (0.0205) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.972 \\ & (0.904) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -207,976^{* * *} \\ (14,959) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -87,900^{* * *} \\ (7,457) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales \$20,000-39,000 | $\begin{gathered} -321,766^{* * *} \\ (25,600) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -113,697^{* * *} \\ (13,289) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -208,069^{* * *} \\ (16,186) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.178^{* * *} \\ (0.0273) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -1.479 \\ & (1.408) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -198,607^{* * *} \\ (17,592) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -79,212^{* * *} \\ (8,716) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales \$10,000-19,000 | $\begin{gathered} -319,589^{* * *} \\ (27,652) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -113,183^{* * *} \\ (14,862) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -206,406^{* * *} \\ (17,497) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.224^{* * *} \\ (0.0297) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -1.913 \\ (1.771) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -187,941^{* * *} \\ (20,403) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -76,153^{* * *} \\ (9,472) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales $\$ 9,999$ or less | $\begin{gathered} -324,831^{* * *} \\ (28,729) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -116,094^{* * *} \\ (15,708) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -208,737^{* * *} \\ (18,354) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.123^{* *} \\ & (0.0551) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -2.080 \\ & (2.043) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -195,423^{* * *} \\ (23,844) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -73,602^{* * *} \\ (10,061) \end{gathered}$ |
| Acres operated | $\begin{gathered} 45.75^{* * *} \\ (8.726) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 17.50^{* * *} \\ (4.249) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 28.26^{* * *} \\ (5.454) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.19 \mathrm{e}-06^{*} \\ & (1.27 \mathrm{e}-06) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2.35 \mathrm{e}-05 \\ (2.88 \mathrm{e}-05) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 23.30^{* * *} \\ (4.631) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12.64^{* * *} \\ (3.028) \end{gathered}$ |
| Share acres owned | $\begin{gathered} -7,075^{*} \\ (4,100) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -1,918 \\ (1,816) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -5,157^{*} \\ & (3,041) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.00261 \\ (0.00446) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.196 \\ (0.157) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47,356^{* *} \\ & (18,427) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 77.77 \\ (1,315) \end{gathered}$ |
| Total off-farm income | $\begin{gathered} 0.0248 \\ (0.0293) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.00377 \\ (0.00989) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0210 \\ (0.0236) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -6.97 \mathrm{e}-09 \\ (1.57 \mathrm{e}-08) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.75 \mathrm{e}-07^{*} \\ & (1.03 \mathrm{e}-07) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.01000 \\ (0.0156) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.00688 \\ & (0.0133) \end{aligned}$ |
| Percent cropland | $\begin{gathered} -1,424^{* * *} \\ (529.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -580.7^{* *} \\ (232.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -842.9^{* * * *} \\ (312.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3.15 \mathrm{e}-05 \\ (0.000138) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.00294 \\ & (0.00334) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -605.6^{* * *} \\ (171.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -331.2^{* *} \\ (155.2) \end{gathered}$ |

Operator age


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

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\begin{gathered}
-0.0746^{* *} \\
(0.0294) \\
0.0342^{*} \\
(0.0184) \\
-0.00825 \\
(0.0347) \\
-0.0137 \\
(0.0639) \\
-0.0289^{*} \\
(0.0154) \\
-0.0776^{* * *} \\
(0.0289) \\
0.0307 \\
(0.0324) \\
\text { YES } \\
\text { YES } \\
0.826^{* * *} \\
(0.0484) \\
62,814 \\
0.072
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
71,387^{* * *} \\
(25,212) \\
-11,063^{*} \\
(6,050) \\
3,745 \\
(7,208) \\
30,395^{* *} \\
(15,494) \\
-18,365^{* * *} \\
(6,545) \\
-34,183^{* * *} \\
(11,558) \\
20,980 \\
(23,441) \\
\text { YES } \\
\text { YES } \\
422,498^{* * *} \\
(46,704) \\
62,814 \\
0,064
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
21,514^{* *} \\
(9,377) \\
-9,128^{*} \\
(4,884) \\
5,729 \\
(3,606) \\
31,325 * * * \\
(11,213) \\
1,763 \\
(3,100) \\
-2,899 \\
(6,960) \\
1,464 \\
(13,577) \\
\text { YES } \\
\text { YES } \\
105,361 * * * \\
(16,080) \\
62,814 \\
0,055 \\
\hline
\end{gathered}
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[^5]Table B3: Full Results with Insurance Acres Dummy, Farm Panel

|  | $(1)$ <br> totalshort | $(2)$ <br> dshort | $(3)$ <br> repaid | $(4)$ <br> financed | $(5)$ <br> leverage | $(6)$ <br> dreale | $(7)$ <br> dnreale |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crop insurance | $92,126^{* * *}$ | $39,934^{*}$ | $52,193^{* *}$ | $0.0400^{* *}$ | 0.0248 | 17,290 | -399.5 |
|  | $(35,385)$ | $(22,626)$ | $(21,831)$ | $(0.0190)$ | $(0.0698)$ | $(37,343)$ | $(17,353)$ |
| Acres operated | 29.17 | 14.31 | 14.86 | $-3.77 \mathrm{e}-06$ | $1.22 \mathrm{e}-05$ | -109.4 | $11.94^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(28.98)$ | $(16.77)$ | $(14.72)$ | $(8.39 \mathrm{e}-06)$ | $(8.98 \mathrm{e}-06)$ | $(99.07)$ | $(3.688)$ |
| Operator age | $-1,680$ | -333.3 | $-1,346$ | -0.00218 | -0.0212 | $-10,448$ | 5,979 |
|  | $(14,163)$ | $(9,313)$ | $(11,829)$ | $(0.00665)$ | $(0.0287)$ | $(25,109)$ | $(6,839)$ |
| Operator age squared | 4.704 | 12.12 | -7.412 | $1.71 \mathrm{e}-05$ | 0.000184 | 86.35 | -55.07 |
|  | $(121.4)$ | $(79.22)$ | $(98.16)$ | $(5.78 \mathrm{e}-05)$ | $(0.000253)$ | $(212.8)$ | $(60.39)$ |
| Soybean share | $-118,294^{*}$ | $-108,186^{* *}$ | $-10,108$ | 0.0125 | -0.199 | $-26,888$ | $-20,973$ |
|  | $(69,830)$ | $(51,116)$ | $(44,099)$ | $(0.0576)$ | $(0.124)$ | $(55,367)$ | $(33,157)$ |
| Corn share | 183,182 | $111,081^{*}$ | 72,101 | -0.104 | -0.0289 | $-50,504$ | 19,409 |
|  | $(140,565)$ | $(59,165)$ | $(125,405)$ | $(0.0709)$ | $(0.0987)$ | $(111,470)$ | $(48,737)$ |
| Wheat share | 186,901 | 137,943 | 48,958 | -0.0515 | 0.346 | $-136,364$ | 1,889 |
|  | $(219,834)$ | $(159,445)$ | $(107,806)$ | $(0.0788)$ | $(0.481)$ | $(125,690)$ | $(84,840)$ |
| Year FE | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Constant | 188,160 | 32,513 | 155,647 | $0.640^{* * *}$ | 1.151 | 915,046 | $-121,107$ |
|  | $(394,548)$ | $(249,290)$ | $(337,925)$ | $(0.191)$ | $(0.774)$ | $(658,401)$ | $(189,457)$ |
| Observations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| R-squared | 22,371 | 22,371 | 22,371 | 22,353 | 22,369 | 22,371 | 22,371 |
| Number of id_state | 0.010 | 0.003 | 0.010 | 0.006 | 0.004 | 0.030 | 0.007 |
| Robust standard errors in parentheses | 11,888 | 11,888 | 11,888 | 11,884 | 11,888 | 11,888 | 11,888 |
| $* * *$ pi0.01, ${ }^{* *}$ pi0.05, ${ }^{*}$ pi0.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table B4: Full Results with Premium Paid IV, Farm Panel

|  | (1) totalshort | $\begin{gathered} (2) \\ \text { dshort } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} (3) \\ \text { repaid } \end{gathered}$ | (4) financed | (5) leverage | $\begin{gathered} (6) \\ \text { dreale } \end{gathered}$ | (7) dnreale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Log premium paid per acre | 79,540* | 59,290* | 20,250 | 0.00303 | 0.00987 | 43,084 | -3,048 |
|  | $(45,803)$ | $(30,458)$ | $(33,947)$ | (0.0395) | (0.0572) | $(40,108)$ | $(41,324)$ |
| Acres operated | 63.99*** | 20.39** | 43.60*** | 3.36e-06 | $3.65 \mathrm{e}-06$ | 41.53 *** | 14.19** |
|  | (17.42) | (8.425) | (12.02) | (5.02e-06) | (5.27e-06) | (15.86) | (6.747) |
| Operator age | 21,527* | 15,355** | 6,173 | 0.00213 | 0.00727 | 15,349* | -65.71 |
|  | $(11,062)$ | $(6,879)$ | $(12,285)$ | (0.00821) | (0.00797) | $(8,404)$ | $(6,126)$ |
| Operator age squared | -194.7** | -121.1** | -73.59 | -3.05e-05 | $-6.28 \mathrm{e}-05$ | -138.6** | -18.72 |
|  | (91.92) | (49.82) | (95.00) | (7.27e-05) | (7.88e-05) | (70.69) | (48.10) |
| Soybeans share | -186,637*** | -158,534*** | -28,103 | -0.0627 | $-0.275^{* * *}$ | -105,193** | -50,633* |
|  | $(65,818)$ | $(48,640)$ | $(43,903)$ | (0.0571) | (0.0995) | $(43,976)$ | $(29,239)$ |
| Corn share | 149,215* | 66,573 | 82,643 | -0.108 | -0.0248 | -69,999 | -15,385 |
|  | $(89,892)$ | $(55,772)$ | $(67,978)$ | (0.0727) | (0.0858) | $(62,855)$ | $(39,344)$ |
| Wheat share | 81,182 | 128,433 | -47,251 | -0.0926 | -0.0283 | -36,372 | -34,629 |
|  | $(139,567)$ | $(135,356)$ | $(53,133)$ | (0.0828) | (0.0751) | $(56,584)$ | $(45,020)$ |
| Year FE | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Constant | -394,362 | -368,454* | -25,908 | 0.608*** | 0.0869 | -267,409 | 97,094 |
|  | $(315,956)$ | $(206,065)$ | $(361,116)$ | (0.230) | (0.227) | $(236,870)$ | $(182,945)$ |
| Observations | 16,504 | 16,504 | 16,504 | 16,503 | 16,504 | 16,504 | 16,504 |
| Number of farms | 7,857 | 7,857 | 7,857 | 7,857 | 7,857 | 7,857 | 7,857 |

Table B5: Full Results with Insurance Acres Dummy, Loan Cross Section

|  | $\begin{aligned} & (1) \\ & \text { term } \end{aligned}$ | (2) <br> interestrate | (3) numoploans | (4) <br> interestrate | (5) fcsloan | (6) <br> fsaloan | (7) bankloan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Crop insurance | 0.0288 | $0.138^{* *}$ | 0.0126 | 0.114* | $0.0367^{* * *}$ | $0.0227^{* * *}$ | 0.0190 |
|  | (2.029) | (0.0596) | (0.0219) | (0.0618) | (0.0140) | (0.00798) | (0.0136) |
| High school grad | $6.901^{* * *}$ | 0.0842 | 0.0134 | 0.0828 | 0.0411* | 0.00387 | -0.0148 |
|  | (2.052) | (0.0974) | (0.0306) | (0.0998) | (0.0214) | (0.0125) | (0.0201) |
| Some college | $7.331^{* * *}$ | 0.00553 | -0.000966 | 0.0103 | $0.0571 * * *$ | 0.0115 | -0.0331 |
|  | (2.284) | (0.0976) | (0.0303) | (0.100) | (0.0216) | (0.0126) | (0.0203) |
| College graduate | $7.104^{* * *}$ | -0.0966 | 0.0522* | -0.0858 | $0.0670^{* * *}$ | 0.0167 | -0.0435** |
|  | (2.181) | (0.0980) | (0.0312) | (0.101) | (0.0221) | (0.0129) | (0.0208) |
| Education other | $10.81{ }^{* * *}$ | 0.0552 | 0.231* | 0.114 | 0.119* | 0.189*** | 0.0444 |
|  | (4.032) | (0.271) | (0.127) | (0.299) | (0.0699) | (0.0606) | (0.0613) |
| Sales \$250,000-499,000 | 2.046 | $0.316^{* * *}$ | -0.0598*** | $0.347^{* * *}$ | -0.0445 ${ }^{* * *}$ | $0.0197^{* * *}$ | 0.0169 |
|  | (1.613) | (0.0445) | (0.0152) | (0.0475) | (0.0116) | (0.00722) | (0.0107) |
| Sales \$100,000-249,000 | 0.683 | $0.374^{* * *}$ | -0.0325* | 0.393 *** | $-0.0669^{* * *}$ | 0.0129 | 0.0149 |
|  | (1.086) | (0.0527) | (0.0183) | (0.0544) | (0.0132) | (0.00800) | (0.0123) |
| Sales \$40,000-99,000 | -0.597 | 0.562*** | $-0.0733^{* * *}$ | $0.635^{* * *}$ | $-0.108^{* * *}$ | 0.0192* | 0.0261 |
|  | (1.007) | (0.0800) | (0.0220) | (0.0867) | (0.0183) | (0.0112) | (0.0171) |
| Sales \$20,000-39,000 | -0.309 | 0.510*** | -0.0798** | $0.564^{* * *}$ | $-0.0917^{* * *}$ | 0.00618 | 0.0239 |
|  | (1.472) | (0.145) | (0.0350) | (0.156) | (0.0312) | (0.0189) | (0.0299) |
| Sales \$10,000-19,000 | 1.150 | $0.831{ }^{* * *}$ | -0.00547 | $0.948^{* * *}$ | -0.0395 | -0.0255 | 0.0569 |
|  | (1.442) | (0.304) | (0.0611) | (0.310) | (0.0545) | (0.0280) | (0.0467) |
| Sales \$9,999 or less | -0.836 | 0.936 ${ }^{* * *}$ | -0.0468 | 0.937*** | -0.0882 | 0.00664 | -0.0602 |
|  | (1.890) | (0.318) | (0.0632) | (0.344) | (0.0539) | (0.0316) | (0.0582) |
| Acres operated | -4.82e-05 | $-1.95 \mathrm{e}-05^{* * *}$ | $6.87 \mathrm{e}-06^{* * *}$ | $-1.91 \mathrm{e}-05^{* * *}$ | $2.45 \mathrm{e}-06$ | $-3.49 \mathrm{e}-06^{* * *}$ | $1.59 \mathrm{e}-06$ |
|  | (0.000123) | (5.73e-06) | (2.59e-06) | (6.25e-06) | (1.82e-06) | (6.39e-07) | (1.30e-06) |
| Share acres owned | -0.810 | $-0.116^{* * *}$ | -0.0222** | -0.103** | $0.0461^{* * *}$ | -0.0119* | -0.0158 |
|  | (0.818) | (0.0368) | (0.0109) | (0.0409) | (0.0152) | (0.00639) | (0.00979) |
| Total off-farm income | $7.71 \mathrm{e}-07$ | -5.93e-08 | -1.26e-08 | -7.11e-08 | $4.94 \mathrm{e}-08^{* * *}$ | $-1.43 \mathrm{e}-08^{* * *}$ | -3.20e-09 |
|  | (7.62e-07) | (4.99e-08) | (1.24e-08) | (5.36e-08) | (1.56e-08) | (5.52e-09) | (1.93e-08) |
| Percent cropland | 0.0492 | -0.000268 | -0.00184** | -0.000163 | 0.000248 | -0.000437 | -0.000119 |


| Operator age |
| :---: |
| Wheat |
| Corn |
| Soybean |
| Sorghum |
| Rice |
| Tobacco |
| Cotton |
| Peanut |
| Other crops |
| Fruit |
| Vegetable |
| Nursery |
| Cattle |
| Hogs |
| Poultry |
| Dairy |



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\begin{gathered}
(0.0876) \\
-0.0151 \\
(0.160) \\
0.120^{*} \\
(0.0688) \\
0.0973 \\
(0.143) \\
-0.0707 \\
(0.265) \\
0.0637 \\
(0.0639) \\
-0.0684 \\
(0.150) \\
-0.153 \\
(0.119) \\
0.00660 \\
(0.00495) \\
\text { YES } \\
\text { YES } \\
\text { YES } \\
5.251^{* * *} \\
(0.407) \\
13,244 \\
0.255 \\
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\begin{gathered}
(0.0128) \\
0.0590^{* *} \\
(0.0285) \\
-0.0177^{*} \\
(0.00971) \\
0.000796 \\
(0.0230) \\
-0.0164 \\
(0.0632) \\
-0.00356 \\
(0.00964) \\
0.0524^{* *} \\
(0.0246) \\
0.00832 \\
(0.0157) \\
0.00121 \\
(0.000940) \\
\text { NO } \\
\text { YES } \\
\text { YES } \\
0.178^{* * *} \\
(0.0558) \\
13,322 \\
0.026 \\
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(0.0205) \\
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(0.0365) \\
-0.0260^{*} \\
(0.0156) \\
-0.0406 \\
(0.0343) \\
-0.0700 \\
(0.0952) \\
-0.0165 \\
(0.0198) \\
-0.0149 \\
(0.0306) \\
-0.0273 \\
(0.0258) \\
-0.00454^{* * *} \\
(0.00129) \\
\text { NO } \\
\text { YES } \\
\text { YES } \\
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(0.0716) \\
13,322 \\
0.057 \\
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|  | term | interestrate | numoploans | interestrate | fcsloan | fsaloan | bankloan |
| Log(premium per acre) | $\begin{gathered} -0.730 \\ (0.484) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0409^{* * *} \\ (0.0152) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.00906 \\ (0.00615) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0392^{* *} \\ (0.0161) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.00246 \\ (0.00393) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.00347 \\ (0.00239) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.00545 \\ (0.00368) \end{gathered}$ |
| High school grad | $\begin{gathered} 8.046^{* * *} \\ (2.546) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0866 \\ & (0.108) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0264 \\ (0.0349) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0905 \\ & (0.111) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0334 \\ (0.0236) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.00831 \\ & (0.0140) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.0153 \\ & (0.0221) \end{aligned}$ |
| Some college | $\begin{gathered} 9.270^{* * *} \\ (3.049) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.0114 \\ & (0.110) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.00656 \\ & (0.0354) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.00247 \\ (0.113) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0465^{*} \\ (0.0244) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.00285 \\ & (0.0145) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0298 \\ (0.0228) \end{gathered}$ |
| College grad | $\begin{gathered} 9.218^{* * *} \\ (2.802) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.113 \\ & (0.110) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0603^{*} \\ & (0.0364) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.0998 \\ & (0.113) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0600^{* *} \\ (0.0248) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.00716 \\ & (0.0146) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0468^{* *} \\ (0.0232) \end{gathered}$ |
| Education other | $\begin{gathered} 10.73^{* * *} \\ (4.005) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0456 \\ & (0.280) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.274^{* *} \\ & (0.131) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.113 \\ (0.308) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.116 \\ (0.0712) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.165^{* * *} \\ (0.0613) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0522 \\ (0.0632) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales \$250,000-499,000 | $\begin{gathered} 2.087 \\ (1.791) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.342^{* * *} \\ (0.0484) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0511^{* * *} \\ (0.0168) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.380^{* * *} \\ (0.0520) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0464^{* * *} \\ (0.0125) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0215 * * * \\ & (0.00774) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0164 \\ (0.0115) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales \$100,000-249,000 | $\begin{gathered} -0.386 \\ (1.186) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.461^{* * *} \\ (0.0579) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0611^{* * *} \\ (0.0199) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.485^{* * *} \\ (0.0600) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0743^{* * *} \\ (0.0148) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0212^{* *} \\ & (0.00909) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.00619 \\ & (0.0137) \end{aligned}$ |
| Sales \$40,000-99,000 | $\begin{aligned} & -2.188^{*} \\ & (1.310) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.681^{* * *} \\ (0.0877) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.103^{* * *} \\ (0.0258) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.747^{* * *} \\ (0.0957) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0992^{* * *} \\ (0.0206) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0303^{* *} \\ & (0.0126) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.00535 \\ & (0.0191) \end{aligned}$ |
| Sales \$20,000-39,000 | $\begin{aligned} & -4.105^{*} \\ & (2.398) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.716^{* * *} \\ (0.169) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.113^{* *} \\ (0.0450) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.762^{* * *} \\ (0.181) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0794^{* *} \\ (0.0372) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0239 \\ (0.0228) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.000880 \\ (0.0355) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales \$10,000-19,000 | $\begin{aligned} & -3.252 \\ & (2.569) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1.119^{* * *} \\ (0.345) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0227 \\ (0.0721) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1.257^{* * *} \\ (0.351) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0635 \\ (0.0597) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0194 \\ (0.0303) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0528 \\ (0.0500) \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales $\$ 9,999$ or less | $\begin{aligned} & -6.178^{*} \\ & (3.434) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1.335^{* * *} \\ (0.387) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0564 \\ (0.0793) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1.361^{* * *} \\ (0.422) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0527 \\ (0.0652) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0110 \\ (0.0360) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.0800 \\ & (0.0672) \end{aligned}$ |
| Acres operated | $\begin{gathered} -0.000115 \\ (0.000125) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -1.85 \mathrm{e}-05^{* * *} \\ (6.48 \mathrm{e}-06) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.84 \mathrm{e}-06 * * * \\ (2.99 \mathrm{e}-06) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -1.81 \mathrm{e}-05^{* *} \\ (7.15 \mathrm{e}-06) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3.16 \mathrm{e}-06 \\ (2.06 \mathrm{e}-06) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -3.36 \mathrm{e}-06^{* * *} \\ (6.56 \mathrm{e}-07) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1.17 \mathrm{e}-06 \\ (1.44 \mathrm{e}-06) \end{gathered}$ |
| Share acres owned | $\begin{aligned} & -1.308 \\ & (0.932) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.111^{* *} \\ & (0.0436) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0329 * * \\ (0.0139) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.103^{* *} \\ & (0.0484) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0478^{* * *} \\ (0.0178) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.0101 \\ (0.00720) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.0173 \\ & (0.0114) \end{aligned}$ |
| Total off-farm income | $\begin{gathered} 7.80 \mathrm{e}-07 \\ (5.36 \mathrm{e}-07) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -4.61 \mathrm{e}-08 \\ & (5.19 \mathrm{e}-08) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -1.05 \mathrm{e}-08 \\ & (1.14 \mathrm{e}-08) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -6.03 \mathrm{e}-08 \\ & (5.62 \mathrm{e}-08) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4.76 \mathrm{e}-08^{* * *} \\ (1.51 \mathrm{e}-08) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -1.36 \mathrm{e}-08^{* *} \\ (5.67 \mathrm{e}-09) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4.91 \mathrm{e}-09 \\ (1.83 \mathrm{e}-08) \end{gathered}$ |
| Percent cropland | -0.0286 | 0.00302 | $-0.00347^{* * *}$ | 0.00296 | -0.000111 | $8.95 \mathrm{e}-05$ | -0.000708 |







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(0.0282) \\
-0.0753^{*} \\
(0.0397) \\
-0.0343^{* *} \\
(0.0166) \\
-0.0478 \\
(0.0366) \\
-0.0714 \\
(0.112) \\
(0.0190) \\
-0.0247 \\
(0.0335) \\
-0.0613^{* *} \\
(0.0289) \\
-0.00504^{* * *} \\
(0.00138) \\
\text { NO } \\
\text { YES } \\
\text { YES } \\
0.824^{* * *} \\
(0.0738) \\
11,400 \\
0.058 \\
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| Other livestock |
| :---: |
| Nonfarm employment |
| Not in workforce |
| Occupation other |
| Retired from farming |
| Female |
| Nonwhite or Hispanic |
| Age of loan (years) |
| Lender Controls |
| State FE |
| Year FE |
| Constant |
| Observations $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ |

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| Coverage level | (1) totalshort | (2) <br> financed | (3) dshort | $\begin{gathered} (4) \\ \text { repaid } \end{gathered}$ | (5) leverage | (6) denied | $(7)$ deterfromcredit | $\begin{gathered} (8) \\ \text { creditprob } \end{gathered}$ | $(9)$ avgopinterestrate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 4,255*** | $0.00672^{* * *}$ | 2,037** | 2,218** | 0.00171 | 0.00108 | $3.54 \mathrm{e}-06$ | 0.00107 | -0.00796 |
|  | $(1,439)$ | (0.00249) | (883.1) | $(1,003)$ | (0.00131) | (0.000924) | (0.000497) | (0.000953) | (0.00614) |
| Attitude toward risk | 20,343*** | $0.0203 * * *$ | 7,631*** | 12,712*** | -0.000417 | $0.0217^{* * *}$ | -0.00459** | $0.0176^{* * *}$ | -0.0180 |
|  | $(3,979)$ | (0.00775) | $(2,803)$ | $(2,432)$ | (0.00420) | (0.00280) | (0.00178) | (0.00299) | (0.0183) |
| Share acres under RP | 2,056 | -0.0336 | -3,927 | 5,984 | 0.0425* | 0.0148 | -0.00290 | 0.0124 | 0.0644 |
|  | $(23,835)$ | (0.0453) | $(16,983)$ | $(16,153)$ | (0.0244) | (0.0171) | (0.0109) | (0.0184) | (0.127) |
| Insured: Soybeans | 189,683* | -0.0359 | 137,889 | 51,795 | -0.0435 | 0.0311 | $-0.0689^{* * *}$ | -0.0320 | -0.425 |
|  | $(110,943)$ | (0.0849) | $(102,588)$ | $(41,993)$ | (0.0270) | (0.0485) | (0.0171) | (0.0492) | (0.342) |
| Insured: Wheat | -1,924 | -0.00386 | 870.0 | -2,794 | -0.0261 | -0.0147 | -0.0242 | -0.0390 | 0.127 |
|  | $(34,023)$ | (0.0663) | $(23,882)$ | $(17,888)$ | (0.0270) | (0.0250) | (0.0147) | (0.0264) | (0.172) |
| Insured: Cotton/Generic | -10,079 | 0.00393 | 5,099 | -15,177 | -0.0275 | 0.0163 | -0.0194 | -0.00170 | 0.142 |
|  | $(45,991)$ | (0.0727) | $(29,473)$ | $(26,506)$ | (0.0318) | (0.0294) | (0.0163) | (0.0307) | (0.194) |
| Insured: Rice | 21,171 | -0.0537 | -56,006 | 77,176 | 0.0681 | $0.145^{* * *}$ | -0.0138 | 0.128** | 0.170 |
|  | $(94,772)$ | (0.115) | $(42,243)$ | $(79,912)$ | (0.0845) | (0.0526) | (0.0295) | (0.0538) | (0.343) |
| Insured: All other | 34,197 | 0.0667 | -153,332** | 187,528* | 0.364 | 0.0969 | $-0.0744^{* * *}$ | 0.0230 | -0.362 |
|  | $(122,590)$ | (0.116) | $(67,154)$ | $(102,741)$ | (0.384) | (0.0817) | (0.0228) | (0.0833) | (0.418) |
| High school grad | -15,370 | 0.0511 | 35,582* | -50,952 | -0.00257 | $-0.153^{* * *}$ | -0.0154 | -0.168*** | 0.194 |
|  | $(62,991)$ | (0.0714) | $(20,926)$ | $(54,849)$ | (0.0276) | (0.0429) | (0.0255) | (0.0426) | (0.252) |
| Some college | -27,014 | 0.0201 | 24,657 | -51,671 | -0.0267 | $-0.136^{* * *}$ | -0.00513 | $-0.140^{* * *}$ | 0.0469 |
|  | $(62,796)$ | (0.0718) | $(20,432)$ | $(54,781)$ | (0.0274) | (0.0432) | (0.0258) | (0.0429) | (0.250) |
| College grad | -23,707 | 0.0339 | 39,747* | -63,453 | -0.00183 | $-0.164^{* * *}$ | -0.0180 | $-0.180 * * *$ | 0.0633 |
|  | $(65,807)$ | (0.0752) | $(23,855)$ | $(56,460)$ | (0.0294) | (0.0436) | (0.0259) | (0.0433) | (0.251) |
| Sales \$250,000-\$499,999 | $-243,417^{* * *}$ | -0.00389 | $-116,381^{* * *}$ | -127,035*** | -0.00531 | -0.0285 | 0.00418 | -0.0237 | $0.386^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(36,870)$ | (0.0377) | $(17,934)$ | $(25,897)$ | (0.0211) | (0.0197) | (0.00935) | (0.0200) | (0.110) |
| Sales \$100,000-\$249,999 | $-235,358^{* * *}$ | 0.0318 | $-127,693^{* * *}$ | -107,665*** | -0.0257 | $-0.0807^{* * *}$ | 0.0228** | -0.0595*** | 0.273 ** |
|  | $(47,004)$ | (0.0485) | $(21,305)$ | $(34,218)$ | (0.0325) | (0.0212) | (0.0112) | (0.0217) | (0.136) |
| Sales \$40,000-\$99,999 | -236,041*** | 0.0212 | -133,709*** | -102,331** | -0.0307 | $-0.108^{* * *}$ | 0.0371 ** | $-0.0755^{* * *}$ | $0.702^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(55,360)$ | (0.0728) | $(24,762)$ | $(40,299)$ | (0.0644) | (0.0250) | (0.0148) | (0.0262) | (0.183) |
| Sales \$20,000-\$39,999 | -228,372*** | -0.0807 | -135,005*** | -93,367** | -0.0908** | $-0.202^{* * *}$ | 0.0251 | -0.181*** | $0.993{ }^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(61,144)$ | (0.123) | $(27,300)$ | $(44,150)$ | (0.0365) | (0.0342) | (0.0219) | (0.0370) | (0.323) |
| Sales \$10,000-\$19,999 | -189,757*** | -0.102 | $-126,797^{* * *}$ | -62,960 | -0.150*** | $-0.220^{* * *}$ | 0.0713* | -0.155*** | -0.137 |
|  | $(63,386)$ | (0.146) | $(27,787)$ | $(47,928)$ | (0.0318) | (0.0410) | (0.0396) | (0.0489) | (0.473) |
| Sales $\$ 9,999$ or less | -236,878*** | 0.0670 | -148,920*** | -87,958* | -0.194*** | $-0.234^{* * *}$ | $0.103 * *$ | $-0.146^{* * *}$ | 0.437 |
|  | $(69,461)$ | (0.357) | $(32,148)$ | $(51,393)$ | (0.0331) | (0.0416) | (0.0458) | (0.0505) | (0.325) |











| Acres operated |
| :---: |
| Share acres owned |
| Total off-farm income |
| Percent cropland |
| Operator age |
| Wheat |
| Corn |
| Soybeans |
| Sorghum |
| Rice |
| Tobacco |
| Cotton |
| Peanut |
| Other crops |
| Fruit |
| Vegetable |
| Nursery |
| Cattle |
| Hogs |
| Poultry |

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(0.0731) \\
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(0.0376) \\
-0.0365 \\
(0.0704) \\
-0.00118 \\
(0.0209) \\
-0.0488 \\
(0.0424) \\
0.00562 \\
(0.00795) \\
-0.0148 \\
(0.0349) \\
-0.0508 \\
(0.0414) \\
-0.0369 \\
(0.0639) \\
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0.471^{* * *} \\
(0.113) \\
5,063 \\
0.088
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(0.583) \\
0.181 \\
(0.379) \\
-0.948^{* *} \\
(0.452) \\
-0.107 \\
(0.132) \\
-0.0837 \\
(0.432) \\
-0.0880^{*} \\
(0.0453) \\
0.259 \\
(0.306) \\
0.390^{*} \\
(0.284) \\
1.584^{* *} \\
(0.742) \\
\text { YES } \\
5.105^{* * *} \\
(0.701) \\
1,681 \\
0.123 \\
\hline
\end{gathered}
$$





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[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ These crops include: barley, canola, corn (for grain or silage), cotton, oats, sorghum, soybeans, and wheat. According to the RMA, in 2014 these crops together made up about $80 \%$ of all federal crop insurance program liabilities.

[^2]:    ${ }^{2}$ In recent years this question was included for all farms in ARMS Phase III, while before 2013 it was only included for a subset of sampled farms that completed the Cost and Returns Report (CRR). This limitation precludes us from constructing a panel using data from the loan table.

[^3]:    ${ }^{3}$ Due to changes in the ARMS survey instrument, the "acres enrolled" dummy is only available for 20022013, excluding 2012.

[^4]:    Includes controls for farm and operator characteristics
    $* * * p_{i} 0.01,{ }^{* *} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{i}} 0.05, * \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{i}} 0.1$

[^5]:    Robust standard errors in parentheses *** pi0.01, ${ }^{* *}$ pi0.05, * pi0.1

[^6]:    Robust standard errors in parentheses
    ${ }^{* * *} \mathrm{p}<0.01,{ }^{* *} \mathrm{p}<0.05,{ }^{*} \mathrm{p}<0.1$

[^7]:    Robust standard errors in parentheses
    $* * * p<0.01, * * p<0.05, * p<0.1$

