

New Directions in Productivity Measurement and Efficiency Analysis

Counting the Environment and Natural Resources

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This book explores novel research perspectives on the intersection of environmental/natural resource economics and productivity analysis, emphasizing the link between productivity and efficiency measurement and environmental impacts. The purpose of the book is to present new approaches and methods for measuring environmentally adjusted productivity and efficiency, and for incorporating natural resources in standard national accounting practices. These methods are applicable in many contexts, including air and water pollution, climate change, green accounting, and environmental regulation

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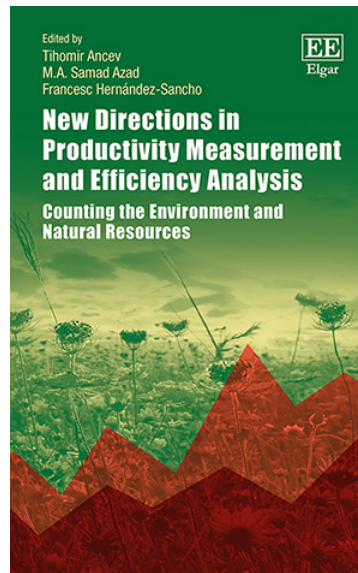
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'Consistent growth of productivity is key to improving standards of living, but not if it comes at the expense of environmental quality. This important and timely book provides a compact yet rigorous survey of methods for measuring environmentally adjusted productivity with several chapters demonstrating methodological advances. Empirical applications range from total factor productivity in a large panel of OECD countries, to productivity of shrimp farming in Bangladesh, and crop-farming in southern Australia where deteriorating weather conditions had masked productivity growth.'

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