

ABSTRACT

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**Household Production Accounts for Canada, Mexico, and the United States:
Methodological Issues, Results, and Recommendations**

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The focus of this paper is on household production accounts for Canada, Mexico, and the United States, specifically accounts constructed by Hamdad [2003] (Canada), Harvey and Mukhopadhyay [2005] (Canada), Gómez Luna [undated] (Mexico), and Landefeld, Fraumeni, and Vojtech [2006] (United States).¹ Construction of these accounts depends on time use surveys. There are major conceptual and methodological issues surrounding both nonmarket or household production accounts and time use surveys. Each of the accounts and time use surveys to be discussed have made different choices about how to implement these accounts, including what activities and what populations to cover. This paper will discuss these differences, present the major results of the accounts, and propose ways to move forward to improve the accounts and increase international comparability with an eye to facilitating public policy formulation.

¹ Two household production accounts are included for Canada as Harvey and Mukhopadhyay [2005] use a distinctly different methodology from the others.