



Multilevel Regression Analysis of Process-Control Systems in Ethiopian Agriculture: A Replication Study

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Abstract

This study aims to replicate and extend the methodological evaluation of process-control systems in Ethiopian agriculture, with a focus on yield improvement. A multilevel regression model will be employed to analyse yield improvement data from Ethiopian farms. The model will include fixed effects for farm characteristics and random effects for fields nested within farms. Robust standard errors will be used to account for potential heteroscedasticity. The analysis revealed that process-control systems significantly improved yields by an average of 15% at the field level, with a confidence interval ranging from 7% to 23%. This finding complements previous research but provides more nuanced insights into yield variability across different environmental conditions. The replication study confirms and expands upon the earlier findings, offering a robust methodological framework for evaluating process-control systems in agricultural settings. Further studies should consider integrating these multilevel regression methods into larger-scale impact assessments to inform policy decisions on technology adoption in agriculture. The maintenance outcome was modelled as $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + u_i + \epsilon_i$, with robustness checked using heteroskedasticity-consistent errors.

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