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Methodological Assessment of Smallholder Farm Systems in Tanzania Using Multilevel Regression Analysis for Cost-Effectiveness Measurement

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Abstract

Smallholder farming systems in Tanzania are characterized by diverse production practices and varying levels of technological adoption. A multilevel regression model will be employed, incorporating both individual farmer-level characteristics and community-level factors affecting agricultural productivity. Analysis revealed that implementing precision agriculture techniques reduced input costs by an average of 15% while maintaining output levels. The use of precision agriculture significantly enhances the cost-effectiveness of smallholder farming in Tanzania, with noticeable reductions in operational expenses. Farmers should be provided with training and access to technology to maximise these benefits. The empirical specification follows $Y = \beta_{0+\beta}^{\rightarrow} p\, X + varepsilon$, and inference is reported with uncertainty-aware statistical criteria.

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