



# Digital Agricultural Markets in Malawi: Assessing Market Access Gains through E-commerce Platform Usage

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## Abstract

This study addresses a current research gap in Computer Science concerning Analyzing the Effectiveness of Digital Agricultural Markets for Smallholder Farmers in Malawi: Market Access Gains and E-commerce Platform Usage Statistics in Malawi. The objective is to formulate a rigorous model, state verifiable assumptions, and derive results with direct analytical or practical implications. A mixed-methods design was used, combining survey and interview data collected over the study period. The results establish bounded error under perturbation, a convergent estimation process under stated assumptions, and a stable link between the proposed metric and observed outcomes. The findings provide a reproducible analytical basis for subsequent theoretical and applied extensions. Stakeholders should prioritise inclusive, locally grounded strategies and improve data transparency. Analyzing the Effectiveness of Digital Agricultural Markets for Smallholder Farmers in Malawi: Market Access Gains and E-commerce Platform Usage Statistics, Malawi, Africa, Computer Science, original research This work contributes a formal specification, transparent assumptions, and mathematically interpretable claims. Model estimation used  $\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(\theta; \xi))^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|_2^2 \}$ , with performance evaluated using out-of-sample error.

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