

Review of: "Economics of Cattle Fattening - A Case of Bangladesh"

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Interesting paper.

To my opinion, too long introduction, as the some of the context elements have to be merged with the introduction, and others have to be placed within the methodology.

The methodology has to be further developed. Why are data collected in 2018, only being published in 2023. Were the enquiries or surveys conducted before or after the Eid Al Azha?

Some words or units have to be explained cleraly: bepari (avoid that and instead write middleman), taka, convert all the money units to US\$ to make the reader feel at ease with the numbers.

With regard to the results, it would have been interesting to explain whether the steers were purchased or obtained from cows raised within the farms. The difference is very significative in the profitability of fating cattle. In addition, there are too many tables, and there is an effort needed to synthetize the data obtained in less tables. Using figures might also be adapted, to show for examples the correlation between profitability and some variables.

When mentioning the care needed by animals, the authors only mention 3.7 hours per day. What does this duration consist in: feeding? Cleaning the barn? Cutting grass? Additional information is needed.

It is also worth noting that no information is given on hired labor in comparison to family members' labor. How much is paid one day of hired labor? And how is estimated the cost of family members' labor? The hypothesis used for the calculations are not clearly presented.

The section 'Factors affecting profitability' is not well developed. Which factors significantly affect profitability? How are these explained?

The conclusion needs to be written again. Avoid the use of numerous data, and focus on the main findings of the study. In addition, there is an effort needed to draw perspectives from the data obtained in the paper: what can be done to improve the performances of cattle fattening? Which efforts are needed to improve marketing channels, especially during the event of Eid Al Azha? How are cattle excreta used within farms? Does this helps maintaining the agronomic and economic equilibrium in farms?

