

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

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The need to provide beef is a global requirement, and it is factual that meat is becoming one of the most expensive food components. However, in this study, the problem is not clear, neither is the justification for conducting such a study. Significant results are deliberately not reported in the abstract, and the authors concentrated on known and obvious results. Unfortunately, there is repetition of facts, and the readership of the manuscript is flawed. I recommend that the authors engage an animal scientist to reduce a lot of the obvious mistakes exhibited in the manuscript. Some of the variables in the equations are not described. The sample size, in my view, was not representative enough, considering the fact that Bangladesh has 160 million people who all celebrate Eid-Ul-Azha. Again, no information was given as to the population size of the districts and the number of farmers practising pen fattening. It is disturbing that farmers lose because of the disparities, and the conclusion or recommendations from this study are silent about this, although they recognize that the farmer-to-consumer market system was the best.

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