

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

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The paper is based on surveys conducted in 2018 to assess the profitability of cattle fattening in Bangladesh and to describe and understand the functioning of the value chain (from farmers to consumers). The data collected are very interesting to be published, as they can be used to have a reflexive thinking about technical and organisational practices.

Specific comments:

The article could begin with the sentence, "Bangladesh is a low-lying, densely populated country with more...", where the problem and the methodology are described. As far as I am concerned, I think that the previous part is not obligatory to understand the outlines of the paper.

For the state of the art, I suggest reorganizing the part by structuring it according to the different topics and not according to the different authors.

This should help to get a synthetic view of what already exists and what is needed to be produced (i.e., by the authors of the current paper).

« The questionnaires were developed in such a manner that all relevant data could be obtained. » This is very interesting: what does it mean? Could you explain more precisely?

In all the text, prices (economic values) should be given in US dollars, for a more understandable message by the international community.

Concerning Table 3 and « the factors affecting the profitability », it could be interesting to give some information about farming practices (feeding, breeds, animal characteristics, etc.). This would give indicators to improve the process for farmers having the lower profitability and would be useful for an advising process. It could be also useful to discuss how to increase the sustainability of the fattening process, according to some parameters that the authors may provide in the paper (not only the profitability).

There are many figures in this paper. I don't know if the authors have thought to produce a data paper. I assume it could be very useful, and I suggest, if they think this is possible, to submit such a data paper to the journal 'Animal Open Space' (after reading carefully the recommendations to the authors).

