

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

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This is a substantial attempt to characterise costs and prices along a specific livestock supply chain. The authors are to be congratulated on the quality of work and the level of precision achieved.

I support the publication of this paper.

I do, however, raise a few issues that should be addressed ahead of publication.

1. The background information provided is somewhat long-winded. In some cases, it is also unsupported (first page: "Fattening of animals is a highly profitable venture with a return of premium to the farmer." This is to be established rather than asserted). Such unsupported text needs to be located in the paper and removed.
2. Although some performance metrics are defined, others (e.g., farmers' share, which does not address physical conversion rates; Benefit-Cost ratio and how it is used) are not defined, and it is difficult to understand some of the results. The very high retention of value by farmers, as described, seems difficult to interpret.
3. The conclusions could be used to suggest solutions to the problems identified.
4. Overall, the paragraphs in the paper are excessively long, and its ease of reading would be assisted by breaking these up.