

Review of: "The Disruption of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Farm Produce and its Implications for the Future of Food Security - A review"

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An interesting article that deals with a current topic that threatened food security and affordability in the entire world in 2020. Starting from the general to the specific, the topic is researched and elaborated in more detail from the perspective of Southeast Asia. In addition to numerous aspects that have been covered, one has been bypassed, even though it is also important. These are disruptions in the world food trade that are beyond the reversals of the world trade in food, not only due to transport barriers, but also due to restrictions on food exports by countries that have a food surplus. Thus, countries that are traditionally net importers of food and that could not produce enough food for their needs even before the pandemic were exposed to trade shocks and the food security of their population worsened. It deserves to be included in this comprehensive review. Also, table number one compares food production in 2020 with the best year in 2018, and all reductions in the amount of food produced are attributed to the pandemic, primarily to the lack of labor, while ignoring other factors that could also have influenced the lower food production in 2020 (e.g. climate). This is a fairly systematic review of the state of food security in the world, and the impact of the simultaneous global pandemic phenomenon on food production and consumption. A special contribution of this article is the regional approach and research of the impact of COVID-19 on FVC in countries where this topic has not been particularly researched. The lessons learned and recommendations of this group of researchers are their valuable contribution to the explination of selected topic and a contribution to better preparation for responding to a similar challenge in the future.

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