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PART 1:

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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Lines 20-24 – Your results implicate deficiencies with the extension service, an important finding which affects many other areas. This should be included in the Abstract as well. Line 125 and just above Line 131 in Table 1 - the US currency is listed as US\$385.99.00 – there is an extra decimal in this number somewhere Line 140 – why was Inadequate market information (-0.615) and its discussion removed in this revision? In Line 165, there is a comment on the “length of time crops can be stored”. Does this refer to soybean? In North America, soybean is harvested and stored at a low moisture condition. Is this the same in Benue State or are soybeans harvested while green and in a high moisture condition? Line 169 – please make a better connection to your demographic data (Lines 103-106). Where is the disconnect between educated farmers, transfer of innovation, and poor knowledge of improved production techniques? Line 176 – change sentence to read: to enable them to solve their Lines 177 to 180 – please make a better connection to your demographic data (Lines 100-103 and 109-111). You state that farmers <i>could</i> access extra labour inputs, but from your results it's clear that they actually don't. Lines 238-240 – please add training and re-training of extension workers	Done. The extra decimal has been removed. -0.615 was removed because only attributes with loadings of 0.40 and above were considered in naming the factors. It is the same in Benue State. However, there are no stalls in the local markets where soybeans can be stored for a longer period before sales, leaving farmers with no option but to sell their produce at the prevailing market price each market day. This reduces the gain they would make if soybeans were kept till prices appreciated. Done. Done. Done. Done.