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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	None.	
Minor REVISION comments	1. When writing a number at the beginning of a sentence, it should not be written numerically, but rather in letters. This phenomenon is repeated so many times in the article. 2. There are some editing shortcomings. Examples of that are some commas missing, some wrong wording (for instance, putting the word "that" instead of "than", and the like. An editor needs to take care of that throughout the article. 3. The paper follows the British style of writing which does not match the American style of writing. I am not that much familiar with the first, but definitely the paper does not follow the American style of writing. This is not a deficiency in the paper, but needs someone familiar to take care of the British editing style. 4. The analysis performed in the paper is characterized as being "simple" and a little "straightforward". The use of the Gross Margin as an indication of profitability could have been done in a more sophisticated manner. This is especially true when seeing seven researchers writing this article! I believe doing some more analysis would have enriched the paper.	1. Noted and correction effected 2. Noted and corrected 3. Noted 4. Gross margin methodology updated but the paper was made simple to appeal not just to the economics and agricultural communities but to the business community as well. Subsequent papers that have agricultural economics focus will be as technical as suggested.
Optional/General comments	1. I do not know why the paper has not addressed the differences between male and female farm managers. It appears the sample has a significant number of both types. Probably some ANOVA analysis can address this issue, despite that the paper can still go through without performing this suggested statistical analysis.	1. Comments noted but as stated area the focus of this paper needs simplicity to achieve the required aim. 2. The profitability gap has been talked about so much but in the Ghanaian setting there is no



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	2. The main result of the paper which states that traders make more money than farmers is indeed happening in so many parts of the less-developed world. What is bad about the paper is that this conclusion is no surprise! 3. I have not seen a comprehensive review of literature in this paper. Is that due to saving some pages or a deficiency on the part of the researchers? And when it is done, the review talks about farmers of the developed world. Some literature review that addresses similar cases in the less-developed countries is recommended.	official documentation. This may not be surprising but it is an empirical confirmation of a perception that needs documentation. 3. The literature included in the paper are about 80% Africa and Sub Saharan Africa based. Just a few are about the developed world but even then necessary to establish the wide spread interest in the subject matter
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