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research findings", one get the impression that the study does not explicitly bring out the correlation between agricultural expenditure and output as suggested by the topic.

The summary only highlighted the following: "the hindrance- factor (.i.e. inflation and interest rates) that is responsible for the slow pace of the growth of agricultural sector hence economic growth, the inverse relationship between inflation rate and interest rate with the economic growth of Nigeria within the period under review and the macroeconomic environmental problems such as inflation pressure, general price level, interest rate, exchange rate, etc. BUT is silent on the main focus of the study which is to establish the impact of agricultural expenditure on output.

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