

Reviewer's Comment:

My three main reasons are (a) that the author(s) use a very simplistic model without proper assumptions and explanation, (b) that the author(s) does not link their work up with a rich, international literature on the optimization of agricultural business units and (c) the fluency, style, quality, language and grammar of the paper is not on an international scholarly standard. (My last concern can be corrected by a good editor, but the first two concerns are major concerns.)

Author's Feedback:

MY REACTION TO THE AFORE-MENTIONED COMMENTS OF THE REVIEWER:

The revised paper contained explanations that would dismiss the first reason/concern. It is a known fact that modeling of crop and livestock together has been a major challenge in mathematical programming due to calibration problems. Given the small scale nature of the farmers in the area of our study, we imposed certain restriction and have defined our units of measurement in the revised version of our paper.

There is dearth of literature on application of linear programming involving crop and livestock combination. We could not just bring in any work on optimization of agricultural units when it is not about linear programming and/or related to the line of our study.

We have revised the paper and do hope the fluency, style, quality, language and grammar have improved. If any editorial touch is strongly made and returned to us or the paper considered yet unsatisfactory, we shall look into that appropriately.