

On Farm Validation of Technology Packages for Supporting Durum Wheat Extension Package Formulation in Ethiopia

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Abstract: This study aims at assessing three different packages for their benefits to the farmer's extension intervention, based on the economic benefit to maximize profit gains. The comparisons of average differences in the on farm economic performance of the packages applied are compared to each other with cost and benefits using variable cost for production season of durum wheat producers. The result of one year on farm cost of production for the three packages varies accordingly; the total variable cost (TVC) per h⁻¹ was found 14,645.25, 16,888.50 and 14,645.25 Ethiopian Birr for extension, ATA and farmer packages while the grain yield was found 3830, 4010 and 3130 Kg respectively. The net revenue gains from grain yield and straw was found 53,498 Birr from extension package; 54,600 Birr from ATA package and 41,126 Birr from farmer practiced trials. From the h⁻¹ on farm trials with the recommended packages durum production was found profitable the net profit was found all attractive as the cost incurred didn't outweigh the benefits gain. The price of grain yield at the present market prices was 17.00 Birr per Kg; while the straw price per Kg was found 3.75 Birr; on the other side seed price per Kg was 17 Birr. The break-even price for extension, ATA, and farmer practice packages varies as they had difference TVC, grain yield and TRV.

Keywords: Yield, TVC, Break-even Price, Break-even Yield, MRR

1. Introduction

Durum is a tetraploid species of wheat [1]. It is the second most cultivated species of wheat after common wheat, although it represents only 5% to 8% of global wheat production [2]. There are six types of Triticum species [3], of which *Triticumaestivum* and *Triticumturgidum* are the most dominantly grown species in Ethiopia. *Triticum durum* was believed to be originated thousands of years ago from hybridization between the wild diploid *T. monococcum* L. subsp. and *T. speltoides* (Tauschi) Gren; or its closely related species [3]. Ethiopia is believed to be secondary center of diversity of the crop. A very large amount of genetic diversity exists for this crop [4]. Naked emmer reached Ethiopia approximately 5000 years ago [5], probably arriving

from the Levantine, through Egypt, along the Silk Road [6]. Today emmer wheat occupies approximately 7% of the wheat production in Ethiopia under the local name of aja. Recent molecular data [7] indicated that Ethiopian farmers repeated what had been achieved already in West Asia before, by deriving durum wheat anew through the further domestication of emmer. This new origin of the same crop gave rise to a subspecies known as *T. turgidum* ssp. *aethiopicum* or *abyssinicum*. Until relatively recently, landraces belonging to this subspecies were widely cultivated by smallholder farmers in Ethiopia, with up to 80% of the total durum land farmed with these unique biotypes [8].

Ethiopia is the largest producer of durum wheat, with approximately 0.6 million ha [9], but national average yield of durum wheat is low 2.4t ha⁻¹ [10]

As it is known world wide, Durm wheat is good for pasta

making better than common wheat because of its nature. In Ethiopia when there is low production of durum wheat, there is a common trade of using common wheat for making pasta. Durum in Latin means "hard", and the species is the hardest of all wheats. This refers to the resistance of the grain to milling, in particular of the starchy endosperm; implying dough made from its flour is weak or "soft". This makes durum favorable for semolina and pasta and less practical for flour, which requires more work than with hexaploid wheats like common bread wheats. Despite its high protein content, durum is not strong wheat in the sense of giving strength to dough through the formation of a gluten network. Durum contains 27% extractable wet gluten, about 3% higher than in common wheat [11].

Durum flour and semolina are good for making pasta because they do not create doughs hard to shape, e.g. into sheets. Technically, the dough is relatively plastic, contrasting with the strong elastic doughs obtained from bread flours. Pure durum wheat breads are often dense, containing little air bubbles, with relatively little elastic structure (continuum). The uncooked dough splits easily and is easier to shape, as for instance to make pies or pastas [12].

The Ethiopian government is now pushing the farmers to produce more durum wheat to supply the agro industries for the production of high standard pasta. The government policy to be realized, the research system has developed many improved varieties. Up to now, 36 improved durum wheat varieties have been released [12]. Through the years of durum wheat breeding, genetic gain studies revealed that the average annual genetic gain in yield was 1.5% from 1966 to 2015 [13]. These varieties have been tested in many major durum wheat growing areas of the country with its full package and they were accepted by the farmers. Later on the agricultural transformation agency (ATA) brought an idea that these varieties when they are tested with the higher amount of fertilizer, they are more productive than what is reported by the research. Based on this information, the Ethiopian government suggested ATA recommendation to be

validated.

The Agricultural transformation agency urea fertilizer recommendation in 2017 was 350 Kg/ha. Whereas, the current urea fertilizer package for durum wheat is 250 Kg/ha for black soil and 200Kg/ha for light soil. The ATA recommendation urea rate/ha has been increased from the current package with the assumption of increasing wheat yield of durum wheat. But this has to be validated by research. Therefore, the objectives of this experiment were:

1. To compare the yield advantage of ATA recommendation and the existing extension package.
2. To compare the benefit cost ratio of ATA recommendation and the extension package of durum wheat

2. Material and Methods

2.1. Descriptions of Experimental Sites

The experimental site was in Amhara region, *Minjar shenkora* district. The experiment was done in two on farm sites (*Memhir ager and Sama sembet*) with the altitude range of 1900- 2000m. The experimental plot area was 20m x 25m with a total area of 500m² for each treatment/recommendation package. The type of soil was black. The durum wheat recommendation package validation trial had three recommendation package types using a common *utuba* durum wheat variety (Table 1).

1. The ATA recommendation package: 300Kg UREA, two third at planting and one third 35 days after planting. 100Kg NPS fertilizer at planting. Fungicide application for rust disease was done without considering the prevailing condition of the disease. Palace herbicide was used for weed (Table 1)
2. Extension package recommendation: 250Kg UREA, one third at planting and two third 35 days after planting. 100Kg NPS fertilizer at planting. Fungicide application for rust disease was when it is necessary (Table 1).

Table 1. Recommended packages of ATA, extension and farmers' practice with extension package.

Experiments	Fertilizer		Time of application	Pesticide/herbicides			
	Rate			Rust disease		Weed	
	UREA	NPS		Pesticide	Herbicide	Rate	Time of application
ATA package	300Kg	100Kg	2/3 at planting, 1/3 at 35 days after planting	Rexdo	Pallas	0,5 lt/ha	At 45 days & heading At 30 days
Extension package	250 Kg	100 Kg	1/3 at planting, 2/3 at 35 days after planting		Manual		
Farmers' practice	250 Kg	100 Kg	2/3 at planting, 1/3 at 35 days after planting		Manual		

Source: Trial experiments on recommendations 2019

2.2. Data Collection

Relevant agronomic and cost data were collected from the experimental trial. Primary data on grain yield, above ground biomass, straw, labor and oxen rent, and application rates of inputs such as seed, fertilizer and pesticides were based on recommendations used for the trial. Data were initially calculated for each farmer separately and then combined across three locations. All costs and revenues were quantified

based on 500m² and converted to hectare base; furthermore mean extrapolated to the hectare basis.

2.3. Data Analyses

Analysis of variance was carried in the agronomic data (grain yield, aboveground biomass and straw yield) using the two test sites as replications in a randomized complete block design. Partial budget was calculated for each four treatment by estimating the value of production, which gives the gross

benefit, the costs of different inputs applied, and eventually calculating the net benefit for each of the treatments. The marginal rate return (MRR) for each treatment was calculated as the ratio of additional net benefit to the extra cost resulting from the adoption of increasing level of input.

The two concepts of analysis followed in this research were:-

1. Partial budget approach indicates the net benefit characteristic to change in different treatments. Cost or return items which remain constant were not included in the analysis.
2. Marginal analysis method designates the increase in cost and in income obtained by stirring from one treatment or combination to another. These make it possible to categorize the point at which a given increase in the cost of production no longer yields an equal or greater increase in income.

Because of the wide variety of cost concepts, it is not possible to deal with all of them in a single section for reason only the following items dealt with for short term benefit.

1. Total variable costs (TVC)
2. Average variable costs (AVC)
3. Marginal costs (MC)
4. Gross margin
5. Benefits cost ratio (BCR)
6. Gross benefits (GB)
7. Marginal rate of return (MRR)

Variable costs: - Variable costs are a function of output and are only incurred if there is production. There is therefore a relationship between the volume of production and costs. For this study variable costs are seed, fertilizer, pesticide, wage rate, and oxen rent if production decisions have to be made of the quantities of variable inputs that must be used to maximize benefits over the short term, only variable costs are relevant since fixed costs remain constant.

Total costs:-Total costs are the sum of the total fixed and total variable costs, for this study of the short term analysis variable only variable cost was taken.

Average costs: - Average or unit costs are the costs per unit such as cost per kilogram or quintal, per hectare, per liter. Average variable and average total costs can, depending on the circumstances, be calculated by dividing the specific cost amount of the corresponding units.

$$AVC = \frac{TVC}{\text{yield of durum wheat}} \text{ (Kg)} \quad (1)$$

As in short run analysis, focus on the operational cost analysis and the fixed cost is constant then;

$$AVC = \frac{VC}{\text{yield of Durum wheat}} \text{ (Kg)} \quad (2)$$

The assumption is that for this research the fixed cost is constant and taken the variability among the costs that can be used for validation of benefits for different practices; so that ATC equals to AVC.

Marginal costs: - marginal costs are the extra or additional costs attached to the last unit of output marginal costs are calculated by dividing the change in costs (Δ costs) by the

change in output (Δ yield), that is: Marginal costs are only determined by an increase in variable costs. As long as marginal income is bigger than marginal costs, the benefit will be increased.

$$MC = \frac{\Delta TC}{\Delta Q} \quad (3)$$

Tells us how much cost rises per unit increase in yield of Durum wheat.

The Marginal cost of any change in output is equal to the shape of the total cost curve along that interval of yield.

If the $MC > AVC$; the average cost is rising for a kilogram of durum wheat yield per plot or per hectare. If the $MC = AVC$ than the average cost is at its lowest point.

If $MC < AVC$; the average cost is falling for a kilogram of yield.

Gross margin:-

Benefit cost ratio: -is an indicator, used in cost-benefit analysis, which attempts to summarize the overall value for money of a *Durum wheat* production treatment. It is an important tool to assess the economics of farming. It is the ratio of all net value of *Durum wheat* produced after deducting the costs of different inputs after their summation in the production process.

$$BCR = \frac{GB - TVC}{TVC} \quad (4)$$

Where:

BCR= benefit cost ratio

GB= gross benefits

TVC= total variable cost

The Marginal rate of return: Technically, the marginal rate of return (MRR) is the marginal return or the amount of revenue per additional item, divided by marginal cost (the cost per additional item produced). In other words, it's the amount of additional revenue that a Durum wheat production can expect to earn per each additional Birr that it spends on producing. Using the marginal rate of return, a farmer can determine whether or not its operations have a benefit or loss. The marginal rate of return becomes most powerful when it's used as a decision-making tool. As long as an MRR is greater than one, a farmer can make a profit by producing one additional unit. Because MRR tends to decrease as more and more units are produced, a farmer will maximize its benefits by expanding production until its marginal rate is one. Basically, this is where marginal revenue equals marginal cost ($MR = MC$). If a company produces beyond this point, the MRR drops below one ($MR < 1$), and the company will be spending more per each additional item than it is bringing in revenue. [14] Suggested that a minimum rate of return of 50%-100% is the rate at which farmers may be willing to accept the new technologies or practical shows that the decision to change from extension to the innovation package.

3. Result and Discussion

The agronomic result per plot (500²) indicates that in

Farm₁ of Table 2 show highest tiller that farmers practice package treatment was 7.2 while it was 5.1 in Farm₂ in extension package A tiller is a stem produced by grass plants, and refers to all shoots that grow after the initial parent shoot grows from a seed. Tillers are segmented, each segment possessing its own two-part leaf. They are involved in vegetative propagation and, in some cases, also seed production); while spike (An ear is the grain-bearing tip part

of the stem of a cereal plant, such as wheat. The ear is a spike, consisting of a central stem on which tightly packed rows of flowers grow. These develop into fruits containing the edible seeds. In corn, it is protected by leaves called husks) which was 18.4 on Farm₁ while 16.9 on Farm₂ with farmers practices. The highest seed per plant was found in extension package 53.3 while the highest yield was recorded in ATA package 200Kg in 500² (Table 2).

Table 2. Average agronomic data of the validation experiment yield and yield component.

Experiment Packages	Farm ₁				Farm ₂					
	Tillers	Spike	Seeds/plant	TSW	Yield _{kg}	Tillers	Spike	seeds/plant	TSW	Yield _{kg}
ATA	5.3	17.9	51.1	40	200	4.9	16.4	52.6	36	201
Extension	5.0	18.3	53.3	40	190	5.1	15.0	47.9	36	193
Farmer	7.2	18.4	50.1	40	154	4.2	16.9	53	32	159

Source: Own data computed 2019

Table 3 indicates the protein contain of the packages trial in the two sample farms; the percentages of the quality parameters of the protein in percent differ only in the extension package of the Farm₁ was found 13.0%. Each of the hundreds of varieties of wheat cultivated in Ethiopia fall under one of six

classes depending on its planting time, harvest, hardness, color and shape. The protein content of these wheat varieties ranges from 10 to 15 percent; durum wheat is the second highest. One hundred grams of durum wheat have 12.7% grams of protein on average in the three different packages.

Table 3. Average protein test result of validation experimental packages.

Quality parameter	Farm ₁			Farm ₂		
	ATA	Extension	Farmer	ATA	Extension	Farmer
Protein (%)	12.7	13.0	12.8	12.8	12.6	12.7

Source: Own data computed 2019

The results indicated in Table 4 that on average the total variable costs varies ATA packages with the two others (extension package and farmers practices); the first one had 16,888.50 Eth. Birr while the two had similar costs that was 14,624.25 Eth. Birr because of application of inputs are almost similar. On the other hand the yield varies accordingly 3830, 4010 and 3130 kilograms per hectare was found in the packages of the treatment for extension, ATA and Farm practice respectively. The net revenue of the experiments was compared in Eth. Birr per h⁻¹ with the grain price per Kg was 17.00 while the straw price was 3.75 Eth. Birr (See Annex). The net gain for extension, ATA and farmers practices packages were found 53,498, 54,600.25 and 41,126 Eth. Birr per hectare in the durum wheat production system of on farm trial in *Minjar-shenkora* districts of Amhara regional state of Ethiopia. As the result indicates the ATA package has a 1,102

benefits as compared to the extension package; yet the ATA has applied different chemicals and fertilizer that can have an implication on long term negative effect it should be tested for its different implicit implication to the other sides of monetary terms (Table 4).

As long as an MRR is greater than one, a production can make a profit by producing one additional unit. Because MRR tends to decrease as more and more units are produced, a farmer will maximize its profits by expanding production until its marginal rate is one. In other words; MRR is the rate of return for a marginal increase in investment on durum wheat; roughly, this is the additional output resulting from a one-unit increase in the use of a variable input (seed, fertilizer, labor, pesticides, or oxen) -one of them, while the other inputs are constant. The MRR of the ATA package is profitable whenever there is a shift from the extension package.

Table 4. Partial budget analysis.

Inputs costs	Category								
	Extension Package			ATA Package			Farmers Practice		
	Farm1	Farm2	Average	Farm1	Farm2	Average	Farm1	Farm2	Average
Seed/fertilizers/pesticides (Birr/ha)	6465.00	6030.50	6247.75	9130.00	8,652.00	8891.00	6465.00	6030.50	6247.75
Seed	1700.00	1700.00	1700.00	1700.00	1,700.00	1700.00	1700.00	1,700.00	1700.00
Fertilize	4765.00	4330.50	4547.75	5430.00	4,952.00	5191.00	4765.00	4,330.50	4547.75
Fungicide	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Herbicide	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Human Labor costs (Birr/ha)	5,800.00	4495.00	5147.50	4,600.00	4,895.00	4747.50	5,800.00	4,495.00	5147.50
Oxen plowing and threshing (Birr/ha)	3,300.00	3,200.00	3250.00	3,300.00	3,200.00	3250.00	3,300.00	3,200.00	3250.00
Total inputs costs (Birr/ha) Variable	15,565.00	13,725.50	14645.25	17,030.00	16,747.00	16888.50	15,565.00	13,725.50	14645.25
Yield (Kg/ha)	3860	3800	3830	4020	4000	4010	3180	3080	3130
Straw	828	790	809	872	898	885	672	694	683

Inputs costs	Category								
	Extension Package			ATA Package			Farmers Practice		
	Farm1	Farm2	Average	Farm1	Farm2	Average	Farm1	Farm2	Average
Grain value (Birr/ha)	65,620.00	64,600.00	65110.00	68,340.00	68,000.00	68170.00	54,060.00	52,360.00	53210.00
Straw value (Birr/ha)	3,105.00	2,962.50	3033.75	3,270.00	3,367.50	3318.75	2,520.00	2,602.50	2561.25
Total revenue (Birr/ha)	68725.00	67,562.50	68143.75	71,610.00	71,367.50	71,488.75	56,580.00	54,962.50	55771.25
Net revenue (Birr/ha) ₁	53,160.00	53,837.00	53,498.50	54,580.00	54,620.50	54,600.25	41,015.00	41,237.00	41,126.00
Benefit-Cost Ratio	3.42	3.92	3.67	3.20	3.26	3.23	2.64	3.00	2.82
Costs that vary ₂	10,565.00	8,825.50	9695.25	10,030.00	9,847.00	9938.50	10,565.00	8,825.50	9695.25
Net revenue (Birr/ha) ₂	58,160.00	58,737.00	58448.5	61,580.00	61,520.50	61,550.25	46,015.00	46,137.00	46076.00
MNR ₂	-	-	-	3,420.00	2,783.50	3,101.75	-12,145.00	-12,600.00	-12372.5
MVC ₂	-	-	-	-535.00	1,021.50	243.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
MRR ₂	-	-	-	-639.3%	272.5%	1275.1%	-	-	-
Rank			2			1			3

Source: own data computed 2019

N.B.

$$MRR = \frac{MNR_2}{MVC_2}$$

As one of the starting thoughts was if it will be at all feasible to sell the amounts of units in a realistic time to break even and make a profit from durum wheat production, we come to the limitations of the break-even analysis. While it gives us theoretical number on, for example, how much the producers have to sell to reach the break-even point or make a specific profit, it does not take into account the general market. All in all, the break-even point and its different extensions to calculate the break-even point in units, the break-even points in sales value, the target sales in units, and also the margin of safety was a good starting point to analyze potential level of sales. Margin of safety (MOS) is the difference between actual sales and break-even sales. In other words, all sales revenue above the break-even point represents the margin of safety.

In the first case of Table 5 indicates that the result for break-even yield was found 861.47, 993.44 and 861.49 Kg of durum wheat per h⁻¹ for extension, ATA and farmers practice packages while the break-even price was 3.82, 4.21 and 4.68

as the result indicates respectively (Table 5).

The margin of safety is how much output can fall before the production reaches its break-even point. If a farmer in the durum wheat production system applies the three different package treatments it will have 2968.51, 3016.88 and 2268.51 Kg per h⁻¹ for extension, ATA and farmer practice packages (Table 5).

In calculating the efficiency ratio of durum wheat for the three different packages for smallholder producers the on farm trial results indicate positive returns for all but when compare to each extension package is more beneficial. We applied $\frac{expenses}{revenue}$ for testing efficiency ratio. Table 5; result indicates that the efficiency ratio was found 0.27, 0.31 and 0.36 for extension, ATA and farmer practices package respectively. For instance in the case extension package which was 0.27 Birr that states cost of the producers was 0.27 Birr to generate 1 Birr of revenue (Table 5). The lower the ratio in the production process, the better; 50% is generally regarded as the maximum optimal ratio. An increase in the efficiency ratio indicates either increasing costs or decreasing revenues of the durum wheat producers.

Table 5. Break-even analysis.

Category	Extension Package			ATA Package			Farmers Practice		
	Farm ₁	Farm ₂	Average	Farm ₁	Farm ₂	Average	Farm ₁	Farm ₂	Average
Breakeven yield	915.59	807.38	861.49	1001.76	985.12	993.44	915.59	807.38	861.49
Breakeven price	4.03	3.61	3.82	4.24	4.19	4.21	4.89	4.46	4.68
Marginal safety	2944.41	2992.62	2968.51	3018.24	3014.88	3016.56	2264.41	2272.62	2268.51
Margin of safety%	76.28	78.75	77.52	75.08	75.37	75.23	71.21	73.79	72.50
Efficiency ratio	0.29	0.25	0.27	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.38	0.33	0.36

Source: own data computed 2019

NB: Marginal safety [current output – break-even output]

4. Conclusion and Recommendations

According to the effect of UREA fertilizer on durum wheat biological and economical yield, and the other traits result of the 2018 validation test, there was no significant difference between ATA UREA fertilizer recommendation rate (300Kg/ha) and extension package UREA fertilizer recommendation rate (250Kg/ha). Last year validation result was the same, but the ATA UREA fertilizer recommendation rate was higher than this year which was 350Kg/ha. Therefore, as long as there was no

significant difference effect of urea fertilizer rate on durum wheat yield and yield related traits between innovation and extension recommendation package, use of extension recommendation package rate is advantageous for small holder farmers in terms of cost and environmental safeness.

The statistical result indicates that the ATA packages had a benefit of 1,102 Eth. Birr/ha as compared to extension recommendation package; yet it applies different chemical to gain this amount which has a negative implication to the environment, but if this is applied to economics of scale the

gross return might increase.

Appendix

Table A1. Farm 1.

Inputs	Item	Measurement (Unit)	Extension package				
			Amount/pl	Unit price	Total cost/pl	Amount/ha	Total cost/ha
Seed -Utuba		Kg	5.00	17.00	85.00	100.00	1700.00
Fertilizer	Urea	Kg	12.50	13.30	166.25	250.00	3325.00
	NPS	Kg	5.00	14.40	72.00	100.00	1440.00
Pesticide	Fungicide1	M-liter/Rexido			0.00	0.00	0.00
	Herbicide1	M-liter/Pallas			0.00	0.00	0.00
Total cost							6465.00

Inputs	Item	ATA package				
		Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Amount/ha	Total cost/ha
Seed -Utuba		5.00	17.00	85.00	100.00	1700.00
Fertilizer	Urea	15.00	13.30	199.50	300.00	3990.00
	NPS	5.00	14.40	72.00	100.00	1440.00
Pesticide	Fungicide1	0.03	1500.00	37.50	0.50	750.00
	Herbicide1	0.03	2500.00	62.50	0.50	1250.00
Total cost						9130.00

Inputs	Item	Farmer practice				
		Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Amount/ha	Total cost/ha
Seed -Utuba		5.00	17.00	85.00	100.00	1700
Fertilizer	Urea	12.50	13.30	166.25	250.00	3325
	NPS	5.00	14.40	72.00	100.00	1440
Pesticide	Fungicide1				0.00	0
	Herbicide1				0.00	0
Total cost						6465

Inputs	Item	Measurement (Unit)	Extension package				
			Amount/pl	Unit price	Total cost/pl	Amount/ha	Total cost/ha
Seed -Utuba		Kg	5.00	17.00	85.00	100.00	1700.00
Fertilizer	Urea	Kg	12.50	13.30	166.25	250.00	3325.00
	NPS	Kg	5.00	14.40	72.00	100.00	1440.00
Pesticide	Fungicide1	M-liter/Rexido			0.00	0.00	0.00
	Herbicide1	M-liter/Pallas			0.00	0.00	0.00
Total cost							6465.00

Inputs	Item	ATA package				
		Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Amount/ha	Total cost/ha
Seed -Utuba		5.00	17.00	85.00	100.00	1700.00
Fertilizer	Urea	15.00	13.30	199.50	300.00	3990.00
	NPS	5.00	14.40	72.00	100.00	1440.00
Pesticide	Fungicide1	0.03	1500.00	37.50	0.50	750.00
	Herbicide1	0.03	2500.00	62.50	0.50	1250.00
Total cost						9130.00

Inputs	Item	Farmer practice				
		Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Amount/ha	Total cost/ha
Seed -Utuba		5.00	17.00	85.00	100.00	1700
Fertilizer	Urea	12.50	13.30	166.25	250.00	3325
	NPS	5.00	14.40	72.00	100.00	1440
Pesticide	Fungicide1				0.00	0
	Herbicide1				0.00	0
Total cost						6465

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	Extension Package			
			Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Total cost/ha
Labor						
Planting		Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	600.00
Fertilizer application	1st	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	300.00
	2nd	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	300.00

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	Extension Package			
			Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Total cost/ha
Hand weeding	1st	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	1200.00
	2nd	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	600.00
Fungicide	1st		0	0	0	0
Herbicide	1st	Days (hr)	0	0	0	0
Total						3,000.00

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	ATA package			
			Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Total cost/ha
Labor						
Planting		Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	600.00
Fertilizer application	1st	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	300.00
	2nd	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	300.00
Hand weeding	1st	Days (hr)	0	0	0.00	0.00
	2nd	Days (hr)	0	0	0.00	0.00
Fungicide	1st		1	150	150.00	300.00
Herbicide	1st	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	300.00
Total						1,800.00

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	Farmers practices			
			Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Total cost/ha
Labor						
Planting		Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	600.00
Fertilizer application	1st	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	300.00
	2nd	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	300.00
Hand weeding	1st	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	1200.00
	2nd	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	600.00
Fungicide	1st		0	0	0	0
Herbicide	1st	Days (hr)	0	0	0	0
Total						3,000.00

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	Extension Package			
			Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Total cost/ha
Labor						
Harvesting		Days (hr)	1	200	200	1600
Transporting		Days (hr)	1	200	200	400
Threshing		Days (hr)	1	200	200	800
Oxen for plowing					0	0
	1st	Oxen pair	1	200	200	800
	2nd	Oxen pair	1	200	200	800
	3rd	Oxen pair	1	200	200	800
Threshing	No. of livestock	No.	5	100	500	900
Total						6,100.00

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	ATA package			
			Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Total cost/ha
Labor						
Harvesting		Days (hr)	1	200	200	1600
Transporting		Days (hr)	1	200	200	400
Threshing		Days (hr)	1	200	200	800
Oxen for plowing					0	0
	1st	Oxen pair	1	200	200	800
	2nd	Oxen pair	1	200	200	800
	3rd	Oxen pair	1	200	200	800
Threshing	No. of livestock	No.	5	100	500	900
Total						6,100.00

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	Farmers practices			
			Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Total cost/ha
Labor						
Harvesting		Days (hr)	1	200	200	1600
Transporting		Days (hr)	1	200	200	400
Threshing		Days (hr)	1	200	200	800
Oxen for plowing						
	1st	Oxen pair	1	200	200	800

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	Farmers practices			
			Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Total cost/ha
Threshing Total	2nd	Oxen pair	1	200	200	800
	3rd	Oxen pair	1	200	200	800
	No. of livestock	No.	5	100	500	900
						6,100.00

Output	Measurement	Extension Package				
		Amount	Unit price	Revenue /pl	Amount/ha	Revenue/ha
Grain	Kg	193	17	3281	3860	65620.00
Straw	Kg	41.4	3.75	155.25	828	3105.00
Total					68,725.00	

Output	Measurement	ATA package				
		Amount	Unit price	Revenue/pl	Amount/ha	Revenue/ha
Grain	Kg	201	17	3417	4020	68340.00
Straw	Kg	43.6	3.75	163.50	872	3270.00
Total					71,610.00	

Output	Measurement	Farmers practices				
		Amount	Unit price	Revenue/pl	Amount/ha	Revenue/ha
Grain	Kg	159	17	2703	3180	54060
Straw	Kg	33.6	3.75	126	672	2520
Total					56580	

Table A2. Farm 2.

Inputs	Item	Measurement (Unit)	Extension package			
			Amount/pl	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Total cost/ha
Seed-Utuba			5	17.00	85.00	1700.00
Fertilizer	Urea	Kg	13	12.43	155.38	3107.50
	NPS	Kg	5	12.23	61.15	1223.00
Pesticide	Fungicide2	Liter	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Herbicide1	M-liter/Pallas	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total cost						6030.50

Inputs	Item	ATA package				
		Amount	Unit cost	Total cost	Amount/ha	Total cost/ha
Seed-Utuba		5	17.00	85.00	100.00	1700.00
Fertilizer	Urea	15	12.43	186.45	300.00	3729.00
	NPS	5	12.23	61.15	100.00	1223.00
Pesticide	Fungicide2	0.03	1500.00	37.50	0.50	750.00
	Herbicide1	0.03	2500.00	62.50	0.50	1250.00
Total cost						8652.00

Inputs	Item	Farmer practice				
		Amount	Unit cost	Total cost	Amount/ha	Total cost /ha
Seed-Utuba		5.00	17.00	85.00	100	1700.00
Fertilizer	Urea	12.50	12.43	155.38	250	3107.50
	NPS	5	12.23	61.15	100	1223.00
Pesticide	Fungicide2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
	Herbicide1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Total cost						6030.50

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	Extension Package			
			Amount/pl	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Total cost/ha
Labor						
Planting		Days (hr)	1	175	175.00	525.00
Fertilizer application	1st	Days (hr)	1	100	100.00	200.00
	2nd	Days (hr)	1	100	100.00	200.00
Hand weeding	1st	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	900.00
	2nd	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	900.00
Fungicide	1st		0	0	0.00	0.00
Herbicide	1st	Days (hr)	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total						2,725.00

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	ATA package			
			Amount	Unit cost	Total cost	Total cost/ha
Labor						
Planting		Days (hr)	1	175	175.00	525.00
Fertilizer application	1st	Days (hr)	1	100	100.00	200.00
	2nd	Days (hr)	1	100	100.00	200.00
Hand weeding	1st	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	900.00
	2nd	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	900.00
Fungicide	1st		1	100	100.00	200
Herbicide	1st	Days (hr)	1	100	100.00	200
Total						3,125.00

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	Farmers practices			
			Amount	Unit cost	Total cost	Total cost/ha
Labor						
Planting		Days (hr)	1	175	175.00	525.00
Fertilizer application	1st	Days (hr)	1	100	100.00	200.00
	2nd	Days (hr)	1	100	100.00	200.00
Hand weeding	1st	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	900.00
	2nd	Days (hr)	1	150	150.00	900.00
Fungicide	1st				0.00	0.00
Herbicide	1st	Days (hr)			0.00	0.00
Total						2725.00

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	Extension Package			
			Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Total cost/ha
Labor						
Harvesting		Days (hr)	1	170.00	170.00	1020.00
Transporting		Days (hr)	1	150.00	150.00	300.00
Threshing		Days (hr)	1	150.00	150.00	450.00
	1st	Oxen pair	1	200.00	200.00	600.00
Oxen for plowing	2nd	Oxen pair	1	200.00	200.00	600.00
	3rd	Oxen pair	1	200.00	200.00	600.00
	4th	Oxen pair	1	200.00	200.00	600.00
Threshing	No. of livestock	No.	6	100.00	600.00	800.00
Total						4,970.00

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	ATA package			
			Amount	Unit cost	Total cost/pl	Total cost/ha
Labor						
Harvesting		Days (hr)	1	170.00	170.00	1020.00
Transporting		Days (hr)	1	150.00	150.00	300.00
Threshing		Days (hr)	1	150.00	150.00	450.00
	1st	Oxen pair	1	200.00	200.00	600.00
Oxen for plowing	2nd	Oxen pair	1	200.00	200.00	600.00
	3rd	Oxen pair	1	200.00	200.00	600.00
	4th	Oxen pair	1	200.00	200.00	600.00
Threshing	No. of livestock	No.	6	100.00	600.00	800.00
Total						4,970.00

Inputs	Item	Unit of measurement (Unit)	Farmers practices			
			Amount	Unit cost	Total cost	Total cost/ha
Labor						
Harvesting		Days (hr)	1	170.00	170.00	1020.00
Transporting		Days (hr)	1	150.00	150.00	300.00
Threshing		Days (hr)	1	150.00	150.00	450.00
	1st	Oxen pair	1	200.00	200	600.00
Oxen for plowing	2nd	Oxen pair	1	200.00	200	600.00
	3rd	Oxen pair	1	200.00	200	600.00
	4th	Oxen pair	1	200.00	200	600.00
Threshing	No. of livestock	No.	6	100.00	600	800.00
Total						4970.00

Output	Measurement	Extension Package				
		Amount	Unit price	Revenue/pl	Amount/ha	Revenue/ha
Grain	Kg	190	17.00	3230.00	3800	64600.00
Straw	Kg	39.5	3.75	148.13	790.00	2962.50
Total						67,562.50

Output	Measurement	ATA package				
		Amount	Unit price	Revenue/pl	Amount/ha	Revenue/ha
Grain	Kg	200	17.00	3400.00	4000	68000.00
Straw	Kg	44.9	3.75	168.38	898.00	3367.50
Total						71,367.50

Output	Measurement	Farmers practices				
		Amount	Unit price	Revenue/pl	Amount/ha	Revenue/ha
Grain	Kg	154	17.00	2618.00	3080	52360.00
Straw	Kg	34.7	3.75	130.13	694	2602.50
Total						54962.50

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