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Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript is crucial for the scientific community as it provides a comprehensive economic analysis of soybean production, highlighting the differences in resource allocation and profitability across various farm sizes. The findings offer valuable insights into the efficiency and sustainability of agricultural practices in a key region of India, which can inform both policy and practical interventions. I appreciate the manuscript's detailed approach and its potential to bridge gaps between local and global productivity levels, thereby contributing to economic stability for farmers. The study's originality in using primary data and its emphasis on strategic investments in mechanization make it a significant contribution to the literature on sustainable agriculture.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The current title, "Cost and Returns of Soybean Production in Amravati District", is clear and directly reflects the main focus of the study. However, to make it more engaging and to highlight the comprehensive analysis conducted, you might consider an alternative title that emphasizes both the economic assessment and the geographical focus. (1) "Economic Assessment of Soybean Production in Amravati District: Costs, Returns, and Farm Size Dynamics", (2) "Analyzing the Economics of Soybean Cultivation in Amravati District: A Comparative Study of Farm Sizes", (3) "Soybean Production in Amravati District: Evaluating Costs, Returns, and Efficiency Across Farm Sizes"	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract is comprehensive and provides a clear overview of the research objectives, methodology, findings, and implications. However, to enhance the clarity and impact of the abstract, I have a few suggestions for adjustments and additions: 1. You mentioned primary data collection from 120 farmers but did not specify how the data was collected (e.g., surveys, interviews). Including this detail will strengthen the methodology description. 2. While the findings are well-presented, adding specific comparative figures between small, medium, and large farms can make the differences more pronounced. 3. The conclusion could be strengthened by explicitly stating how the study's findings can influence policy or practical applications in the agricultural sector.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	The subsections and structure of your manuscript are logically organized, which is important for scholarly communications.	
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