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Title of the Manuscript:	An Economic Analysis of Maize Production across Major Producing States of India
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Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	<p>The title could be enhanced for clarity and specificity by emphasizing the main focus areas, like profitability, cost analysis, and regional variations.</p> <p>Suggested Title Alternatives: Economic Drivers and Profitability of Maize Production in Major States of India – This highlights the main economic factors and outcomes. Profitability and Cost Analysis of Maize Production in Key Indian States: A 19-Year Study – Emphasizes both the duration and analytical focus on profitability and costs. Regional Variations in the Economic Viability of Maize Production in India – Highlights regional differences in economic outcomes.</p>	

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<p>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.</p>	<p>The abstract is fairly comprehensive, covering key elements like the study's objective, methodology, and main findings. However, a few adjustments could improve its clarity and completeness:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight Study Objectives More Clearly: While it mentions analyzing cost, returns, and profitability, specifying that this analysis aims to identify key economic drivers and challenges in maize production would strengthen the purpose. Include Methodology Details: Briefly noting the main statistical tools (e.g., Cuddy-Della Valle Index, growth rates) would enhance the reader's understanding of the approach taken. Clarify Key Findings with More Precision: For instance, while the abstract mentions profitability across states, it could specify the states where profitability was notably high or low, and briefly state the policy implications. Adding the implication that findings may assist in better decision-making for policy and investment could also be beneficial. Focus on Policy Implications: Since the study has relevant policy recommendations, including a sentence summarizing these implications would make the abstract more impactful for readers interested in policy. 	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>The manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound due to its comprehensive data collection and rigorous analytical methodology. The study spans 19 years, using secondary data across multiple maize-producing states in India, ensuring a thorough evaluation of trends and growth rates. By employing statistical tools like relative change, linear growth rate, and the Cuddy-Della Valle Index, the authors assess cost instability and profitability with precision, providing insights into the economic viability of maize cultivation. The significance tests and low to medium instability values in most states reinforce the reliability of the results, supporting sound policy recommendations for maize production improvement.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. :-</p>	<p>Add more references at least 16 Other studies to consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamics of Maize Production in Different Agro-Climatic Regions by Zadran and Sharma (2019) • Assessment of Maize Production Systems, Constraints, and Research Priorities in India by Joshi et al. (2005): • Growth and Instability in Agricultural Production: A District-Level Analysis of Haryana by Sihmar (2014): • Economic Analysis of Crop Production: Maize Production in India by Kumar, Srinivas, and Sivaramane (2013) • Cost-Benefit Analysis of Agricultural Inputs on Cereal Production by Mahapatra and Behera (2020): 	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
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