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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>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.</p>	<p>This manuscript, focused on evaluating capital utilization efficiency in agricultural firms through a three-stage DEA model combined with the Malmquist Productivity Index, holds significant value for the scientific community. It offers a robust methodology to analyze the performance of capital utilization in a key sector that is often influenced by government policies and external factors. This work contributes to a deeper understanding of efficiency dynamics in the agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry, and fishery industries, which are essential for sustainable economic growth.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The current title, "Evaluation of Capital Utilization Efficiency in Agricultural Listed Firms Based on a Three-Stage Data Envelopment Analysis," is suitable but could be more descriptive. A suggested alternative is, "Assessing Capital Utilization Efficiency in Chinese Agricultural Listed Firms: A Three-Stage DEA and Malmquist Index Approach."</p>	
<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 comprehensive and provides an overview of the methodology, findings, and implications. However, a clearer mention of the specific impact of each sub-industry on capital utilization efficiency could improve clarity and relevance for readers.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>The manuscript's structure is well-organized, with clear subsections that guide the reader through the methodology and findings. The use of subsections for the three-stage DEA process enhances the readability and flow of information.</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>This manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound, as it employs a systematic approach to isolate and assess capital utilization efficiency. By adjusting for external environmental factors, the study presents a more accurate reflection of technical and scale efficiencies, particularly through empirical data analysis of listed firms. The use of a three-stage DEA model combined with the Malmquist Productivity Index is well-justified, making the conclusions credible and well-supported.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p>	<p>The references are adequate and fairly recent, covering relevant studies that use DEA in diverse contexts. For broader context, consider including additional studies on efficiency in agriculture, specifically from recent research in Asian economies.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>Introduction: Expanding on the broader relevance of capital efficiency in agriculture would further emphasize the study's importance. Methodology: The methodology is well-explained, but additional details on data source reliability would add further credibility. Discussion and Conclusion: Providing a more direct comparison with other similar studies would make the conclusions more impactful.</p>	

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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