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| Journal Name: | [**Asian Journal of Agricultural and Horticultural Research**](https://journalajahr.com/index.php/AJAHR) |
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| **PART 1: Comments** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment**  **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **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)* |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | The manuscript provides valuable insights into the recent trends, performances, and achievements in the horticulture sector of Himachal Pradesh. It highlights the economic impact of horticulture, particularly apple production, on the state's income. This study is crucial for policymakers and researchers seeking to improve agricultural productivity and sustainability in the region. | **Agreed and acknowledged with thanks** |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The title is appropriate and reflects the main focus of the study. However, a more precise title could be: "Assessing the Recent Trends and Economic Contributions of Horticulture in Himachal Pradesh" to emphasize both performance and economic impact. | **Accepted and agreed and accordingly the title has been modified.** |
| **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 adequately summarizes the study but can be improved by clearly stating the methodology and key findings. Suggested revision: Include specific numerical data on production trends and income variations to strengthen the abstract. | **Agreed and specific numerical data on production trends and income variations has been highlighted.** |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | The manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound. The methodology is appropriate, relying on secondary data analysis and descriptive statistics. However, a more in-depth discussion on the causes of the decline in apple productivity would enhance the study. | **Accepted and the causes behind the decline in fruits productivity has been discussed.** |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | The references are relevant, but some are outdated. Suggest adding more recent studies from 2022-2024 to strengthen the literature review. | **Accepted and some recent studies from 2022-24 has been included in the paper.** |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | The manuscript is well-written but requires minor grammatical corrections. Some sentences are too long and complex; simplifying them would improve readability. | **Checked carefully and modified as far as possible.** |
| **Optional/General** comments | The discussion section should explore possible policy interventions to address declining horticultural productivity. A comparative analysis with other states or regions would add more depth to the findings. Visual representations (graphs/tables) should be more clearly labeled and explained. | **Policy suggestions are explained in the concluding remarks.** |

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| **PART 2:** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment** | **Author’s comment** *(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* | Thers is no ethical issues in the manuscript.  I agreed with the reviewer and also modified the suggested area in the manuscript. |