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**PART 1: Comments**

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| **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.** | **This study offers insights into India’s agricultural trade rends, which are very helpful for policymakers in developing trade and agricultural plans. The study supports evidence-based research by providing a thorough analysis of imports and exports of important agricultural commodities using secondary data from reliable sources. The topic of this study is timely and relevant for understanding India’s agriculture trade performance.** |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | **Yes** |  |
| **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.** | **Yes, the abstract of the article is comprehensive. There is no need of addition or deletion of any points in this section.** |  |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | Yes, the manuscript is scientifically correct as the research is based on secondary data and the data is compiled from reliable sources. |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | There are only 10 references in this article, which is relatively limited. Adding more references would strengthen this study. |  |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | yes |  |
| **Optional/General** comments | This paper makes a commendable effort to analyse trade performance of India’s agricultural commodities over two decades. Data is compiled from the reputable sources like DGCIS, APEDA, and FAO. The attempt to examine trends in exports and imports and CAGR adds depth to the analysis.    **Review Comments on the Paper:**    1.Inconsistent year format: In table 1, years are inconsistently formatted (e.g., 2007-08, 200809 vs. 2009-2010, 2010-2011). A consistent format should be used.  2.Time series not defined: Despite the fact that the study includes data from 2000 to 2022, neither the definition of time series nor any time series methodologies are stated.  3.Figure B and C lack explanation: Graphs are presented without their interpretation in fig b and fig c; they should be explained in the text.    4.The paper does not mention the software used for calculating CAGR.    5.No reasoning behind trend peaks and dips: There is no explanation and reasons for the highest and lowest ratios in Import and export of agricultural products as a share of Total Export and Import of India.  6.No country-specific trade details: The paper does not mention the name of countries, which are highly exporting and importing agricultural commodities with India.    7.Reason not mentioned for inconsistent time span: Table on commodity-wise export and import (Tables 3 and 4) starts from 2009-10, not from 2000-01 like the rest of the data, this inconsistency should be noted and justified.    8.Formatting needs improvements: There is inconsistent in headings and paragraphs alignment. |  |

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