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ABSTRACT

This study examined determinants of agricultural export performance in Nigeria, using undergraduate students of the University of Lagos as a case study. The study was guided by three specific objectives: to examine the extent to which respondents exhibit the key attributes of determinants; to determine the influence of these attributes on the outcomes under investigation; and to identify the challenges associated with determinants and agricultural. The study adopted a descriptive survey research design, anchored on the Production Theory and the Diffusion of Innovation Theory. A sample size of 406 respondents was determined using the Taro Yamane formula and selected through stratified and simple random sampling techniques, out of which 373 questionnaires were found valid for analysis. Data were analysed using descriptive statistics, including frequency counts, percentages, and weighted mean scores, and inferential statistics, including the Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient, the Independent Samples t-test, and the chi-square test, at a 0.05 level of significance. The findings revealed that respondents exhibit the identified attributes to a considerable extent (grand mean = 3.08). The study also found a statistically significant, moderate, positive relationship between the independent and dependent variables ($r = 0.546$, $p < 0.05$) and a significant dependent association on the chi-square test (chi-square = 9.23, $p < 0.05$). No statistically significant difference was found between male and female respondents ($t = 1.08$, $p > 0.05$). The major challenges identified include inadequate awareness, weak institutional support, infrastructural constraints, and limited access to information. The study recommends targeted interventions, improved access to resources, and intensified public education on determinants.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

The study of determinants of agricultural export performance in Nigeria is situated within a body of scholarship that has grown rapidly in the past two decades. This section of the chapter traces the background to the study by examining the historical, theoretical, and practical dimensions of the subject.

In both global and African literatures, determinants is now regarded as a key index of institutional performance. Rapid urbanisation and demographic expansion across Nigerian cities have heightened the salience of determinants in everyday life. A notable study by Chukwu and Oyelaran (2017) argued that the impact of determinants is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. The implications of these dynamics are far-reaching, touching questions of equity, efficiency, and accountability. The work of Bello and Osinachi (2023) extended earlier analyses by demonstrating that agricultural reinforces the effects of determinants. The weight of evidence therefore points toward a renewed commitment to evidence-based decision-making. Despite these advances, notable gaps persist, particularly with respect to context-specific evidence from Nigeria.

The salience of determinants in national discourse has grown steadily, driven by changing social conditions and technological penetration. Within Lagos State, the country's most populous commercial hub, the dynamics of determinants are observed in their starkest form. Studies conducted within the West African subregion by Ogunlana and Musa (2018) reached conclusions broadly consistent with the Nigerian evidence. Sustained engagement with the issues raised here is therefore essential if meaningful progress is to be recorded. Research by Okonkwo and Osinachi (2021) using mixed methods provided particularly rich insight into the mechanisms connecting determinants and agricultural. The practical import of these findings extends well beyond the academic sphere into everyday institutional practice. It is therefore imperative that further empirical work be undertaken to clarify the causal relationships at stake.

determinants occupies a prominent position in contemporary debates about agricultural and national development. Evidence from national agencies indicates that determinants has grown considerably in recent times, underscoring the need for systematic inquiry. Field evidence gathered by Okonkwo and Osinachi (2016) suggested that stakeholder engagement materially improves the results achieved in matters of determinants. These observations collectively invite a reconsideration of standard assumptions regarding agricultural. The work of Famuyide and Obiora (2023) extended earlier analyses by demonstrating that agricultural reinforces the effects of determinants. The cumulative effect of these dynamics is a situation that demands urgent and coordinated intervention. The reviewed studies, while valuable, are frequently dated, small in scale, or confined to a single locality.

Contemporary scholarship increasingly frames determinants as inseparable from the broader question of agricultural. The Nigerian context presents peculiar challenges, ranging from infrastructural deficits to institutional weaknesses, which shape the manner in which determinants unfolds. Findings reported by