## **EDITORIAL COMMENTS FORM**

## EDITORIAL COMMENT'S on revised paper (if any)

The title of the paper is "The impact of FDI in China's Agricultural Economy". The paper presents the role of FDI, the importance for development, some statistical data regarding the evolution of FDI, number of enterprises, the countries of in-flows etc, some recommedations regarding what is need to be done, but nothing about the impact.

How did the auhor sustain that "foreign capital has played a positive role in the modernization of Chinese agriculture, optimization of industrial structure, and technological advancement? which are the indicators which show this?

The Introduction need a paragraph to explain the organization of the paper.

The author need to highlight his contribution.

## Authors' response to editor's comments

- 1. Since the impact is reflected through the analysis of the current situation, problems, and countermeasures, in order to express more clearly the impact of foreign direct investment on China's agricultural economy, I have revised the title to " The Current Situation, Issues, and Improvement Measures of Foreign Direct Investment in China's Agricultural Economy." This modification not only aligns more closely with the content of the article but also highlights the way the impact is manifested, ensuring that the research focus of the article can be clearly understood.
- **2.** The positive role of foreign investment in China's agricultural modernization, industrial structure optimization, and technological advancement is reflected through the analysis of the development stages of foreign direct investment (FDI) in Chinese agriculture, as well as the analysis of the scale and number of enterprises involved in agricultural FDI. Specifically:

Modernization: The introduction of foreign investment has greatly promoted the modernization process of Chinese agriculture. According to data, the total amount of foreign direct investment experienced significant fluctuations from 44.436 billion USD in 2013 to 1,082.7 billion USD in 2022. This growth not only reflects foreign investors' confidence in the modernization of Chinese agriculture but also provides financial support for the introduction and application of modern agricultural technologies. Foreign enterprises' investments in Chinese agriculture have transformed traditional agricultural production methods into modern and intensive models, improving overall production efficiency.

Structural Optimization: Foreign investment has played an important role in optimizing the agricultural industry structure. During the gradual expansion phase, the number of foreign investment projects increased to over 9,600, with a contract amount of approximately 6.5 billion USD, reflecting the active role of foreign capital in promoting high value-added agriculture. The concentrated investment of foreign capital, especially in the eastern coastal areas, has encouraged agricultural production to gradually develop towards diversification and efficiency. Data shows that foreign investment has not only enhanced the scale efficiency of agricultural production but also promoted the overall upgrading of the rural economy.

Technological Progress: The role of foreign investment in promoting technological progress is particularly evident. During the rapid development phase, the influx of foreign capital brought advanced production technologies and management models to Chinese agriculture. For example, the increase in foreign direct investment has significantly improved the unit yield of certain agricultural products in China. The introduction and application of this technology have not only increased agricultural production efficiency but also promoted green agricultural development, providing support to address global economic challenges and environmental pressures.

- 3. The organization of the paper is as follows: First, the introduction will outline the background and significance of the research, clarifying the key role of foreign direct investment in China's agricultural economy. Next, the second section will present a literature review of domestic and international studies to better understand the dynamics of related research. The third section will elaborate on the research methods and data sources to ensure the rigor of the study. The fourth section will review the development history of agricultural utilization of foreign direct investment, laying the foundation for subsequent analysis. The fifth section will analyse the current status of foreign direct investment in Chinese agriculture in detail, including changes in investment scale and dynamics of the number of enterprises. The sixth section will explore the current issues facing foreign direct investment, focusing on the rationality of the investment environment and source distribution. Subsequently, the seventh section will propose corresponding optimization strategies aimed at improving the investment environment and attracting high-quality foreign capital. Finally, the conclusion will summarize the main findings of the research and look forward to future research directions.
- **4.** In this paper, my main contributions are reflected in several aspects. First, an in-depth quantitative and qualitative analysis of the current situation of foreign direct investment in China's agricultural sector was conducted, revealing changes in investment scale and corporate dynamics, thus providing a solid empirical foundation for related research. Second, in response to the challenges currently faced by foreign direct investment, particularly in terms of the investment environment and source distribution, a series of practical optimization strategies were proposed. These strategies not only focus on improving the investment environment but also emphasize the importance of attracting high-quality foreign capital, providing practical references for policy formulation. In addition, this paper also looks forward to future research directions, pointing out potential development trends and providing useful insights for subsequent research.

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