



DETERMINANTES OF THE ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY OF WHITE ONION PRODUCTION (CRYSTAL) IN NINEVEH GOVERNORATE FOR THE PRODUCTION SEASON 2022 (A FIELD STUDY IN SHEKHAN DISTRICT)

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The research aimed to study the determinants of economic efficiency and the amount of surplus the deficit in the quantities used in the production of dry onions (crystal) in Nineveh Governorate and for the 2022 production season. The study included 52 farms that produce onions in the Sheikhan district. Data on the study were obtained through a questionnaire form dedicated to this purpose and through interviews with farmers. The variables studied included the quantity of production in Each farm as a dependent variable, and each of the (cultivated area, seeds, no fertilizers, labor, mechanical work, pesticides, and irrigation hours) as independent variables, using the data envelopment analysis DEA) method and the statistical program Deap). Economic efficiency results and components have the results of economic efficiency and, as well as determining the amount of surplus or deficit in each farm. Both economic, allocative, and economic efficiency in Palm reached an average of about (86%, 68%, 60%) in the research sample farms, respectively, while All farms included in the study achieved a surplus in the use of the quantity of resources, with the exception of the resource of irrigation hours, where the deficit rate reached an average of about 27% for the sample, while the rate of waste in the quantities of other resources ranged between 4.5% to 36%. The researcher recommends that farmers take care of price relationships and not purchase supplies. Production in instalments or on deferred payments, as well as the need to know the standard quantities of resources needed by crops and follow scientific instructions in this regard.

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INTRODUCTION

Determining the size of the resources available in the agricultural sector and the efficiency of their exploitation is an important necessity in order to reveal the existing possibilities for developing these resources. Despite the importance of vegetables and their role in promoting health, some of their species offer significant benefits, including onions of all kinds, known for their value. Nutrition and therapeutic capacity (Al- Habar, 2018) and its suitability for food flavors and its role Economic, health, and social, especially in enhancing food security, generating income for many farmers, and reducing poverty by creating job opportunities, as well as the medicinal properties that distinguish it. It has been proven that both garlic and

onions have applications as antimicrobials, anticoagulants, and antitumor. It lowers blood lipids, anti-arthritis, and lowers blood sugar. In recent years, extensive research has focused on the useful and medical properties of garlic and onions. In particular, the use of these agents in the treatment and prevention of heart disease is due to their OH content. It is rich in vitamins, minerals, and plant compounds that enhance human health (Thomson and Afzal, 2000)., onions are consumed in large quantities in Iraq and vary in size, shape, color, and flavor. Red, yellow, and white onions are among the most common and consumed species worldwide (onions, ww) grow onions in all countries of the world, including Iraq, where they are grown in most governorates of Iraq in varying area. Nineveh governorate is characterized by the production of all types of onions, especially red and white, and consumed by the entire population in large quantities. However, the population's need is not met by local production, so they resort to Importing the crop from some countries, especially neighboring countries, and the production of onions of all kinds is afflicted with many economic and environmental problems and obstacles, which are among the primary determinants of onion production, especially with regard to the efficient use of quantitative inputs identified for economic efficiency, and thus reduced crop production .

Research problem

The research problem summarizes that despite the availability of all production capabilities and requirements, there is no production of dry onion crops. There is a decrease and fluctuation in the cultivated areas below the required level, as well as a decrease in actual production and its distance from optimal production as a result of the lack of optimal use of the productive resources used and thus the failure to achieve economic efficiency. in a way that maximizes production at the lowest cost, and therefore the product does not receive profitable profits as a result of the above, as well as ignorance. Some farmers in managing and cultivating the crop. All this has led to many farmers' reluctance to grow the crop, which requires studying the determinants of production efficiency to identify the deviation of the use of resources from the optimal use and the extent to which economic efficiency is achieved in the research sample farms.

Importance of the research

The importance of the research comes from importance of the onion crop as it is one of the important food sources for which there are no alternatives at all, in addition to its high nutritional value and health benefits, its use as a treatment for many diseases, and its consumption by all members of society, in addition to its role in enhancing food security and providing opportunities. It is work and a source of income for many families. Identifying the factors that influence and determine economic efficiency and explaining their optimal use to avoid waste and misuse is of great importance to decision makers and farm owners when drawing up their farm plans and formulating agricultural policy. In addition, the issue of resource size and efficiency is an important need to clarify the possibility of improving crop production.

The research hypothesis

It is based on the hypothesis that there are many production determinants used in the production of the white onion crop in the research sample farms, which are

used in different quantities and result in varying production that reflects the difference in the use of productive resources and thus a difference in economic efficiency in the research sample farms.

The research aims

The aim of the research was to estimate the economic determinants of the production efficiency of white (crystal) onions in Nineveh Governorate and for the 2022 agricultural season and determine the optimal quantities achieved for economic efficiency, including diagnosing the deviation rates in the quantities of resources used in producing the crop for a sample of onion farmers in the Sheikhan region.

Research method

The research was adopted to achieve the goal of combining the descriptive analysis method, which is based on economic theories that studied economic efficiency and its components, and previous studies to identify some study variables and the results achieved from these studies in order to make a comparison between the results of our study and the results of other studies to identify the differences and similarities. The quantitative analysis method is to assess the applicable aspect, drawing on some economic, normative and statistical indicators to interpret and test relationships between variables, using data development analysis and using the statistical programmed platform.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The crop has been grown on large areas in recent years in the Sheikhan district of Nineveh Governorate as a result of many factors, the most important of which is the availability of irrigation water sources represented by wells and modern irrigation networks, as well as the quality of agricultural land, the availability of labor, and remunerative selling prices for the crop, as the cultivated areas amounted to about 8,62 dunum. Growing in Al- Sheikha district during the productive season 20-22 , and due to the small size of the community (52 farmers), the entire research community was selected , and the cultivated areas in the research sample ranged between 4-33 without m With a total capacity of (862) dunums, and an average of (16.56) dunums/farm The sample's production reached (7533) tons , with an average of (144,865) tons/farm, and the average dunum productivity in the research sample farms was (8738) kg/dunum..

In order to achieve the goal of the research, we relied on data from its original sources and for every farmer, the crop in the Sheikhan district in Nineveh Governorate reached (52) farms and collected crops. The data was obtained through a structured questionnaire form in which the research requirements were specified, and through direct interrogation with the farmers of the research sample. The focus was on the economic determinants of white onion production, which included (cultivated areas, quantity of seeds and fertilizers of all kinds, manpower, mechanical work, pesticides, and number of irrigation hours. In addition to the quantities of the crop produced on each farm, the research also relied on published and unpublished secondary data from official institutions and ministries such as FAO, the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, statistics of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Iraqi Ministry of Planning. To achieve its objectives, the research relied on the use of descriptive economic analysis and standard economic analysis, and on the

use of some statistical methods and mathematical models Using the restricted frontier methodology or what is called data envelopment analysis (DEA), the values of economic efficiency and its components in onion production farms were obtained, the optimal use of the productive resources used was determined, and the degree or percentage of excess or deficiency of the resources used was determined using the statistical program (Deap).

Economic efficiency and its components, technical efficiency and allocative efficiency, are the most important indicators of use and are an effective tool that contributes to achieving the sustainability of limited resources by ensuring their optimal use (Kehlud and Awoyemi, 2009) It refers to the relationship between inputs and outputs and represents the proportion of actual production corresponding to the limits of production with the use of a certain level of inputs (AL- Nuaimy, and Abd, 2013), and means the use of economic resources in a way that aims to maximize these resources by maximizing the level of production, (Nahm, and Sutummakid, 2003) Productive efficiency or so-called technical efficiency means optimal use of available resources, (Dawoud and Abd, 2013). Technical efficiency reflects the producer's ability to achieve the maximum possible production using the same quantities of productive resources used or to achieve a certain amount of production with the least quantities of resources (Mohammed, and Ali, (2018). To be economically effective, the farm must be technically effective (Sa'il *et al*, 2020), and it represents the operational state of the production unit compared to the maximum limits of the unit that produces at the level of the maximum limits, as it is technically efficient (Emrouznejad and Thanassoulis, 2010). It achieves full technical efficiency, and the efficiency value is equal to the right value. The second source of economic efficiency is allocative efficiency, which means the ability of the production unit to use the optimal combination of productive resources that can be used to produce a certain amount of production at the lowest cost, taking into account the prices of these resources and available production technologies (Coelli, 1995), and is measured in terms of a curve. Iso - quite costs and by finding the tangency point between the iso -quite output curve and the cost line (Iso-Cost This point is considered to achieve both technical and efficiency allocative and therefore economic efficiency, (Hussain and Chaudhary, 1995).

There are two methods for estimating economic efficiency, one is called the random method and the maximum likelihood method is used to estimate Parameters of the random frontier production function (Tsionas. 2012). The other method is a non-parametric method that is used to estimate efficiency in the case of multiple inputs and outputs and for each farm separately. It is known as the (data envelopment analysis method (DEA) (Data Envelopment Analysis) (Mhasin. 2021) which is an indicator for producers about the proportions and quantities used of productive resources and determining the volume of resources achieving economic efficiency at the lowest cost (Sa'il *et al*, 2020). There are several models for measuring the efficiency index using the data envelopment method (DEA), the most important of which are the constant returns to scale model (CRS) and the returns to scale model. Variable (VRS) (Podinovski, 2004). Through them, efficiency can be measured from the input side and it is called the (Input Orientated Measures) Or from the output side, which is called the (Output Orientated Measures model (Cooper and To. 2007) to

measure economic efficiency and its components and determine the size of the optimal resources from the independent production elements that achieve economic efficiency, using data envelopment analysis and the input-oriented model for product control. For inputs more than outputs and resource quantities affecting dry onion production in research sample farms and their prices in light of changing volume returns (VRS). Using a linear programming problem, the economic efficiency model can be depicted as follows (Parikh and Shah, 1995):

$$\text{Min}_{\lambda, \theta} W^T X^*$$

Subject to:

$$-y_i + \theta Y_i \geq 0$$

$$\theta x_i - \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j x_{ij} \geq 0$$

$$N, \lambda = 1$$

$$\lambda \geq 0$$

X = Vector for minimizing farm costs

W = vector of input prices

YI = output vector

Economic efficiency is calculated EE Depending on both technical competence (TE) Allocative efficiency (AE, (EE=TE \times AE, (Al-Guindy and Hanna, 2020) The volume of surplus or insufficient resources to achieve economic efficiency was calculated by comparing the actual volume of resources used in the production process for each farm with the volume of resources achieved for economic efficiency, from which the percentage of waste or deficit in the volume of resources was calculated through the following equations:

Amount Surplus or deficit = the amount of productive resources actually used in each field - the amount of resources achieved for economic efficiency at the lowest cost (Saleh and Jbara, 2022).

Either the percentage of surplus or deficit It = the amount of increase or decrease in productive resources / the amount of actual use of productive resources. (Mohammad and Zuweid, 2022).

Many researchers have conducted studies on the determinants of the economic efficiency of productive resources for agricultural crops during the past decades, including a study (Haile, 2015) of the determinants of the technical, employment and economic efficiency of some onion farms in Ethiopia for a random sample of 200 farmers. The required data was collected using the questionnaire form and using the production function. Random borders. The study revealed that the most important economic determinants of economic efficiency are land fertility and irrigation water, and the most important social determinants are age, experience, and farm income, as well as extension visits. The study recommended improving institutional services This has been done (Manerehu and Libeli, 2020) to assess the economic efficiency of input groups for onion farmers in Rwanda, based on a random sample of 94 farmers, using the random frontier function method derived from the Cobb-Douglas function. The function parameters were estimated using the maximum likelihood method (ML). The results of the analysis showed that seeds and organic fertilizers are the most influential determinants. It was found that the sum of the input parameters was

1.03, which is greater than one. It indicates that onion production in the farms of the research sample was in the stage of increasing returns. The results indicated the significance of education and family size. The study suggested strengthening vocational training for farmers and reintroducing Intensifying agricultural extension to achieve optimal use of inputs.

Target (Al- sanosy, 2020) Study also productive and economic indicators as well as the most important cost items and determine the factors affecting the production of the winter onion crop in Sohag Governorate, using the standard estimate of the functions for producing the crop and a sample of onion farmers for the 2019 agricultural season. The results showed that the optimal size of production and maximum profits for an acre is 23.8 tons, and the volume achieved for the lowest production cost averaged 19.5 tons. Cost elasticity reached 96%, and production takes place in the first stage of production.

(Yahya Abdullahi, 2021) studied the economic efficiency of onion production in Kebbi State, for a random sample of 210 producers, using a questionnaire form, descriptive statistical analysis method, trend analysis, randomization, and the frontier cost function. The study showed that the average cultivated area was 0.8 hectares, and the estimated coefficients for labor cost were 0.345, seeds were 0.167, and organic fertilizer was 0.263. Accordingly, the total cost of onion production was found to have increased, and the economic efficiency of producers ranged from 20% to 91%, averaging 70.30%. The researcher recommends linking onion production with financial affairs, soft loan institutions, and insurance to increase cost effectiveness and improve suitable varieties.

(AL- Haboobi, 2020) began a study to analyse income items and costs and identifying the economic feasibility of onion production and calculating efficiency and its components. The sample was from onion farmers in Diyala Governorate and Khanaqin District for the 2014-2015 production season. The research sample included 12 farms; the area ranged from one to ten square feet. The results of the research showed that the average net cash income reached (672.97) dinars / dunum, and the average economic profit reached (468.65) dinars / dunum. While the average efficiency reached (0.91, 0.45, 0.41) technical, allocative, and economic, respectively, it was found that there were positive returns and most of the financial indicators. The study recommended ending the fragmentation of ownership and adopting support policies for onion farmers.

Onion crops of all kinds are grown in most countries of the world, and the continent of Asia occupies first place, contributing to the production of about 67% of global production. India, China and Egypt are among the largest onion producing countries, with the production of these countries estimated at (23,641,008, 24,163,008, 3,312,469) tons annually, respectively. The crop is grown in large areas, and India occupies the largest area (16,181,500) Hectare (World Food and Agriculture Organization) (FAO). Crop productivity per hectare varies according to varieties, production conditions, planting season, and farm efficiency, and ranges between 15 to 40 tons. The Arab world contributes 5.51% of the cultivated area in the world, as the cultivated area reached 302.04 thousand hectares, while it was The Arab world's contribution to global production is 7.71%, and the Arab world's productivity was greater than the world's productivity, as the Arab world's

productivity reached 6674 kg/dunum, while the world's productivity reached 4771 kg/dunum.

Table (1): The reality of the area, productivity and production of dry onions in Iraq and the Arab world for the period 2001-2020.

Percentage of Iraq's contribution to the Arab world		The Arab world			Iraq			year
Production	Space	Production (thousand tons)	Productivity (kg/acre)	Area (thousand hectares)	Production (thousand tons)	Productivity (kg/acre)	Area (thousand hectares)	
9.165	14.05	4211320	4553	231250	386000	2969.23	32500	2001
3.771	7.230	4136560	4824	214380	156000	2516.12	15500	2002
2.819	8.101	4113560	5207	197490	116000	1812.5	16000	2003
2.287	5.788	5026740	5708	220250	115000	2254.90	12750	2004
3.044	8.150	5321540	5490	242310	162000	2050.63	19750	2005
1.744	5.176	5616950	5486	255970	98000	1849.05	13250	2006
2.159	5.243	5822730	6073	293710	125734	2041.13	15400	2007
1.995	5.161	5854000	5454	268310	116807	2108.42	13850	2008
0.760	2.315	6011130	5571	269740	45735	1830.86	6245	2009
0.705	2.294	6323700	6182	255770	44596	1899.64	5869	2010
1.421	4.594	6348230	6183	256700	90247	1913.14	11793	2011
1.981	5.002	6294230	5956	264190	124693	2358.92	13215	2012
1.995	5.759	6464440	6207	260380	129003	2150.48	14997	2013
0.981	3.381	7646560	6193	275700	75085	2013.65	9322	2014
0.291	0.84	6366790	5212	305360	18583	1794.41	2589	2015
0.187	0.652	7252270	6333	286260	13592	1820.03	1867	2016
0.168	0.722	7613630	6459	294660	12842	1507.27	2130	2017
0.165	0.574	7875030	6219	316680	13024	1789.01	1820	2018
0.356	1.258	8261706	6818	302949	29471	1932.27	3813	2019
0.816	2.718	8063920	6674	302040	65829	2004.53	8210	2020

Source: Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, Arab Agricultural Statistics Yearbook, various issues.

Iraq contributes 2.71% in terms of the cultivated area in the Arab world and came in seventh place among the total Arab countries. Egypt and Sudan ranked first in terms of area, as each of them contributed (27.36%, 24.46%) respectively. In terms of production, Algeria ranked first, contributing 20.65% of the Arab world's production. Sudan came in second place, contributing 17.46% of the Arab world's

production. Iraq in 12th place with its contribution to Arab production reaching 81.0%. For the 2020 production season, in terms of productivity, Jordan ranked first, with the productivity of one dunum reaching 12,222 kg, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia ranked second. For Iraq's one dunum productivity, it was 1,753 kilograms during the productive season 2020, and it ranked seventeenth among the group of Arab countries and beyond. As shown in Table (1).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

First: the results of the analysis of economic efficiency and its components on the farms of the research sample

Its components Economic efficiency (EE) and, technical efficiency (TE) and allocative efficiency (AE), were estimated from the input side and using the data envelopment model (DAE) and the statistical program Deap). Depending on the quantity of inputs and their prices, economic efficiency and its components were estimated, assuming variable returns to scale VRSThe inputs included the explanatory variables (X1 area, X2 seeds, X3 fertilizers, X4 labor, X5 mechanical work, X6 pesticides, X7 irrigation hours) and the dependent variable, the quantity of production on each farm.

Technical efficiency

By reviewing the results of Table (2), it becomes clear that the level of technical efficiency in the farms of the research sample reached between a minimum of 21.1% for the fourth farm and a maximum of 100%. The farms achieving full technical efficiency constituted 36.5% of the total farms of the research sample, and the average technical efficiency reached 85.9. % This level is considered very good and indicates experience and know-how in managing agricultural operations and choosing the most optimal combination of nutrients, despite the presence of waste in the use of resources used in the production process. Based on the average technical efficiency in the farms of the research sample, the estimated amount of waste in the amount of resources was reached. About 14.1%, in other words, the farmer can produce the same level of current production with a smaller amount of inputs used, by 14.1%. Therefore, farms seeking to achieve full technical efficiency must strive to make optimum use of the resources used, especially farms that have achieved lower than average technical efficiency.

Allocative efficiency

Using the quantity of inputs used in the farms of the research sample and their prices, and using the data envelopment analysis (DAE) method, the allocative efficiency shown in the data in Table (2) was obtained, as it reached an average of 68.9%, which indicates the presence of a surplus in the production costs used in producing the level The current production in the research sample farms is 31.1% of the total costs spent in the research sample farms. This result entails that producers can achieve a higher level of current production using the same current costs, or that redistributing the use of inputs will save an estimated 31.1% (2) of The total costs, and by observing the data in the table, it was shown that the minimum allocative efficiency in the farms of the research sample reached 43.6%, and the maximum limit was 100%, and was achieved by only four farms, which constituted 7.69% of the

total number of farms in the research sample, and these are the only farms that achieved optimal production and use. The optimum is at the point where the production possibilities curve touches the is cost curve. The results of the analysis show that the farms that achieve the lowest allocative efficiency must reduce their costs by 56.4% in order to achieve the optimal allocative efficiency and achieve the optimal use of inputs without incurring losses. It is noted that the technically efficient projects were not. This may be due to the lack of interest of some farmers in the price relations between the resources used and the lack of interest in the prices of resources, as most farmers resort to purchasing production requirements on credit (payment is made until the production season), which results in the price being higher than their cash prices. Average allocative efficiency mean increase in the level of costs used in production above gravity costs, equivalent to 43.6% of total costs.

Economic efficiency

With regard to economic efficiency, its levels were directly affected by the levels of both technical efficiency and allocative efficiency. The results of the analysis in Table (2) indicate that it ranged between a minimum of 12.9% and a maximum of complete economic efficiency. The percentages of farms achieving complete economic efficiency constituted 7.69% of the total number of farms in the research sample, while the average economic efficiency in the farms in the research sample was 59.9%. This enables farmers to achieve the same level of output in light of reducing production costs or reducing the quantities of resources used by about 41.1%. The low average allocative efficiency indicates misuse of resources, which results in it having to increase the quantities used and thus increase production costs. Observing the results of the analysis, it turns out that the farms that were allocatively efficient have become economically efficient. Farmers' avoidance of achieving high levels of economic efficiency is due to high production costs, which led to the is cost line falling above the production possibilities curve. To achieve Economic efficiency requires reducing costs and moving the is cost line to be tangent to the production potential curve and upward to be tangent to the cost line curve. Thus, farms are technically and allocatively efficient and thus economically efficient.

Second: Results of estimating the amount of resources achieved for economic efficiency and the quantity and percentage of surplus and deficit on the farms of the research sample

To estimate the amount of resources that achieve economic efficiency and determine the amount of production at the lowest cost, based on the resources used in onion production and their prices, which are represented by (cultivated area, seeds, fertilizers, labor). The worker (mechanical work, pesticides, irrigation hours), and using the data envelopment analysis method and the statistical program Deap, allocative efficiency was calculated, including calculating the amount of surplus or waste by comparing the actual quantities with the quantities achieved for efficiency, as well as calculating the percentage of surplus or deficit by apportioning the amount of surplus or deficit. Actual quantities are multiplied by 100.

Table (2): The economic efficiency and its components of the dry onion crop in the research sample farms.

The farmer	Technical efficiency	Allocative efficiency	Economic efficiency	The farmer	Technical efficiency	Allocative efficiency	Economic efficiency
1	1.000	0.790	0.790	27	1.000	0.317	0.317
2	0.948	0.438	0.416	28	.996	0.785	0.782
3	0.455	0.453	0.206	29	0.842	0.487	0.410
4	0.211	0.613	0.129	30	0.809	0.622	0.503
5	0.740	0.656	0.485	31	1.000	0.404	0.404
6	0.767	0.436	0.335	32	0.526	0.622	0.327
7	0.958	0.977	0.936	33	0.695	0.482	0.334
8	0.811	0.847	0.686	34	0.857	0.362	0.310
9	0.582	0.509	0.296	35	1.000	0.332	0.332
10	0.726	0.735	0.534	36	1.000	0.911	0.911
11	0.811	0.594	0.482	37	1.000	0.764	0.764
12	0.540	0.555	0.300	38	0.800	0.699	0.559
13	1.000	1.000	1.000	39	1.000	0.571	0.571
14	1.000	0.968	0.968	40	0.822	0.638	0.525
15	0.831	0.812	0.675	41	0.924	0.659	0.609
16	0.866	0.752	0.651	42	0.794	0.678	0.538
17	1.000	1.000	1.000	43	1.000	0.852	0.852
18	0.928	0.676	0.628	44	0.931	0.393	0.366
19	0.849	0.715	0.606	45	0.876	0.556	0.487
20	1.000	0.897	0.897	46	0.763	0.794	0.605
21	1.000	1.000	1.000	47	0.802	0.714	0.573
22	1.000	0.911	0.911	48	1.000	1.000	1.000
23	0.989	0.638	0.631	49	0.730	0.717	0.524
24	1.000	0.791	0.791	50	1.000	0.506	0.506
25	1.000	0.968	0.968	51	0.725	0.498	0.361
26	0.791	0.806	0.637	52	1.000	0.705	0.705
Average					0.859	0.685	0.599

Source: Outputs of the statistical program deap

The actual and achieved quantities of economic efficiency and the quantities and percentage of surplus or deficit area resource in the farms of the research sample

indicates data Table (3) that the quantities achieved for economic efficiency in the farms of the research sample for the area resource amounted to an average of 823 dunums, which is less than the actual area. This resulted in a surplus capacity of 39 dunums and a surplus percentage that averaged 4.5%, and the largest surplus percentage was about 28.5%. For farm (3), the largest waste rate was 32.5% for farm (5). This means that this farm must increase the actual area by 32.5% in order to achieve production at the lowest cost.

The actual and achieved quantities of economic efficiency and the quantities and percentage of surplus or deficit seed supply on the farms of the research sample

Indicates data Table (3) that the quantities achieved for economic efficiency in the farms of the research sample for the seed supplier amounted to an average of 1131 kg, which is less than the amount of seeds used. This resulted in a surplus

capacity of 120 kg and a surplus percentage that averaged 9.36%, and the largest surplus percentage was about 55%. For farm the largest waste rate was 52%, and the owner of this farm must increase the amount of seeds by 50% to ensure optimal production is achieved at the lowest cost.

Table (3): The actual and achieved quantities of economic efficiency and the quantities and percentage of surplus or deficit for suppliers of area and seeds on the farms of the research sample.

T	Space resource				Seed supplier			
	Actual quantities	Quantities achieving efficiency	Surplus or deficit	Surplus or deficit ratio %	Actual quantities	Quantities achieving efficiency	Surplus or deficit	Surplus or deficit ratio %
1	25	23.5	1.5	6	36	32.5	3.5	9.722
2	7	6.38	0.61	8.84	18	9.787	8.213	45.628
3	7	5	2	28.57	18	8	10	55.556
4	4	5	-1	25	38	18	12	40
5	15	19.87	-4.87	32.5	29	27.25	1.75	6.034
6	17	16.68	0.31	1.83	24	23.125	0.875	3.645
7	25	23.8	1.2	4.8	40	33	7	17.5
8	20	22	-2	10	42	30	12	28.571
9	6	6.06	-0.0	1.05	15	9.375	5.625	37.5
10	17	16.68	0.312	1.83	30	23.125	6.875	22.967
11	18	17.75	0.25	1.388	35	24.5	10.5	30
12	4	5	-1	25	20	8	12	60
13	5	5	0	0	8	8	0	0
14	6	5	1	16.66	10	8	2	20
15	17	15.62	1.37	8.08	25	21.75	3.25	13
16	17	16.68	0.31	1.83	30	23.125	6.875	22.967
17	23	22	1	4.34	30	30	0	0
18	30	23.8	6.2	20.66	35	33	2	5.714
19	20	22	-2	10	40	30	10	25
20	24	18.81	5.18	21.61	20	25.875	-5.875	29.375
21	30	25	5	16.66	35	35	0	0
22	25	23.5	1.5	6	38	32.5	5.5	14.473
23	15	12.43	2.56	17.08	15	17.625	-2.625	17.5
24	5	5	0	0	8	8	0	0
25	5	5	0	0	10	8	2	20
26	10	9.78	0.21	2.19	18	14.187	3.813	21.183
27	6	6.06	-0.06	1.05	20	15	5	25
28	28	23.5	4.5	16.07	25	32.5	-7.5	30
29	15	16.68	-1.68	11.25	25	23.125	1.875	7.5
30	26	23.5	2.5	9.61	35	32.5	2.5	7.142
31	5	5	0	0	8	8	0	0
32	14	16.688	-2.688	19.2	30	23.125	6.875	22.967
33	8	8.188	-0.188	2.35	15	12.125	2.875	19.167
34	6	6.063	-0.063	1.05	18	9.375	8.625	47.916
35	4	5	-1	25	10	8	2	20
36	24	25	-1	4.166	33	35	-2	6.06
37	24	25	-1	4.1666	30	35	-5	16.66
38	29	25	4	13.793	33	35	-2	6.060
39	21	20.938	0.062	0.295	22	28.625	-6.625	30.11
40	21	24.4	-3.4	16.190	35	34	1	2.857
41	25	23.8	1.2	4.8	30	33	-3	-10

42	10	8.719	1.281	12.81	15	12.813	2.187	14.58
43	18	17.75	0.25	1.388	15	2 1.5	- 6.5	43.333
44	7	7.125	-0.125	1.785	10	10.75	-0.75	7.5
45	16	14.563	1.437	8.981	15	20.375	-5.375	35.833
46	26	23.5	2.5	9.615	30	32.5	-2.5	8.333
47	25	24.1	0.9	3.6	30	33.5	-3.5	11.66
48	33	33	0	0	27	27	0	0
49	30	24.4	5.6	18.66	33	34	-1	3.030
50	5	5	0	0	8	8	0	0
51	10	7.656	2.344	23.44	13	11.437	1.563	12.023
52	29	25	4	13.79	20	35	-15	75
	862	823.03	38.97	4.52	1252	1131.349	120.651	9.63

Source: It was calculated by the researcher based on the questionnaire form and the outputs of the analysis of the statistical program deap.

The actual and achieved quantities of economic efficiency and the quantities and percentage of surplus or deficit fertilizer supplier in the farms of the research sample

Data from Table (4) indicate that the quantities achieved for economic efficiency in the farms of the research sample for the fertilizer supplier amounted to an average of 46,581 kg, which is less than the amount of fertilizer used. This resulted in a surplus capacity of 10,358 kg and a surplus percentage that averaged 18.19%, and the largest surplus percentage was about 25 %. The largest waste rate was 48%, and the owner of this farm must increase the amount of fertilizer by 48% to ensure optimal production at the lowest cost.

Table (4): The actual and achieved quantities of economic efficiency and the quantities and percentage of surplus or deficit for fertilizer suppliers and labor on the farms of the research sample.

T	Seed supplier				Manpower supplier			
	Actual quantities	Quantities achieved for efficiency	Quantities of surplus or deficit	Surplus or deficit ratio	Actual quantities	Quantities achieved for efficiency	Quantities of surplus or deficit	Surplus or deficit ratio
1	1700	1325	375	22.058	35	20	15	42.857
2	400	346.094	53.906	13.4765	10	7.138	2.862	28.62
3	300	275	25	8.333	4	6	-2	-50
4	200	275	-75	-37.5	4	6	-2	-50
5	1350	1040.625	309.375	22.916	30	18.25	11.75	39.166
6	1150	876.562	273.438	23.777	23	15.625	7.375	32.065
7	1800	1360	440	24.444	35	20	15	42.857
8	1500	1150	350	23.333	33	20	13	39.39
9	400	329.687	70.313	17.578	10	6.875	3.125	31.25
10	1125	876.562	248.438	22.083	25	15.625	9.375	37.5
11	1200	931.25	268.75	22.395	23	16.5	6.5	28.260
12	300	275	25	8.333	3	4	- 1	33.33
13	300	275	25	8.333	7	6	1	14.285
14	225	275	-50	22.222	5	6	-1	-20
15	1050	821.875	228.125	21.726	22	14.75	7.25	32.954
16	1125	876.562	248.438	22.083	23	15.625	7.375	32.065
17	1500	1150	350	23.333	30	20	10	33.333
18	1725	1360	365	21.159	35	20	15	42.857
19	1500	1150	350	23.333	30	20	10	33.33

20	1275	985.937	289.063	22.671	26	17.375	8.625	33.173
21	1875	1500	375	20	40	20	20	50
22	1700	1325	375	22.058	36	20	16	44.444
23	825	657.813	167.187	20.265	15	12.125	2.875	19.166
24	225	275	-50	22.22	6	6	0	0
25	275	275	0	0	6	6	0	0
26	700	521.094	178.906	25.558	13	9.938	3.062	23.55
27	375	329.687	45.313	12.083	10	6.875	3.125	31.25
28	1690	1325	365	21.59	35	20	15	42.857
29	1125	876.562	248.438	22.083	26	15.625	10.375	39.903
30	1750	1325	425	24.285	36	20	16	44.444
31	300	275	25	8.333	6	6	0	0
32	1125	876.562	248.438	22.083	24	15.625	8.375	34.89
33	525	439.062	85.938	16.369	12	8.625	3.375	28.125
34	375	329.687	45.313	12.083	7	6.875	0.125	1.785
35	200	275	-75	-37.5	4	6	-2	-50
36	1900	1500	400	21.052	35	20	15	42.85
37	2000	1500	500	25	36	20	16	44.444
38	2100	1500	600	28.571	37	20	17	45.945
39	1500	1095.313	404.687	26.979	30	19.125	10.875	36.25
40	1800	1430	370	20.555	36	20	16	44.444
41	1725	1360	365	21.159	36	20	16	44.444
42	600	466.406	133.594	22.265	15	9.063	5.937	39.58
43	1200	931.25	268.75	22.395	26	16.5	9.5	36.538
44	450	384.375	65.625	14.583	9	7.75	1.25	13.888
45	975	767.188	207.812	21.314	19	13.875	5.125	26.973
46	1600	1325	275	17.187	33	20	13	39.393
47	1650	1395	255	15.454	33	20	13	39.393
48	1850	2750	-900	48.648	36	20	16	44.444
49	1800	1430	370	20.55	38	20	18	47.368
50	225	275	-50	22.22	6	6	0	0
51	500	411.719	88.281	17.656	10	8.188	1.812	18.12
52	1875	1500	375	20	39	20	19	48.717
	56940	46581.87	10358.12	18.19	1163	737.952	425.048	36.54

Source: Calculated by the researcher based on the questionnaire form and the outputs of the analysis of the statistical program deap.

The actual and achieved quantities of economic efficiency and the quantities and percentage of surplus or deficit labor supply on the farms of the research sample

Indicates data Table (4) indicate that the quantities achieved for economic efficiency in the farms of the research sample for the labor supply amounted to an average of 737 workers, which is less than the number of workers employed. This resulted in the presence of a surplus capacity of 425 workers and a surplus percentage that reached an average of 36.54%, and the largest surplus percentage was about 47 % for the farm (49), and the largest waste rate was 50%. The owner of this farm must increase the number of workers by 50% to ensure optimal production is achieved at the lowest cost.

The actual and achieved quantities of economic efficiency and the quantities and percentage of surplus or deficit resource Mechanical work on farms of the research sample

Indicates data Table (5) that the amounts achieved for economic efficiency in the farms of the research sample for the mechanical labor resource amounted to an average of 14,732 working hours, which is less than the amount of labor used. This resulted in a surplus capacity of 3,242 hours and a surplus percentage that averaged 18%, and the largest surplus percentage amounted to about 34% for farm (20), and the largest waste rate was 76% The owner of this farm must increase the amount of mechanical work hours by 76% to ensure optimal production is achieved at the lowest cost

The actual and achieved quantities of economic efficiency and the quantities and percentage of surplus or deficit pesticide supply on the farms of the research sample

Table (5) shows that the quantities achieved to achieve economic efficiency in the pesticide supplier's research sample farms averaged 690 mm, less than the amount of pesticides used. This resulted in a surplus capacity of 82 mm and a surplus percentage that averaged 10%, and the largest surplus percentage was about 60%. For farm (2), the largest waste rate was 66%, and the owner of this farm must increase the amount of pesticides by 66% to ensure optimal production is achieved at the lowest cost.

Table (5): The actual and achieved quantities of economic efficiency and the quantities and percentage of surplus or deficit for suppliers of pesticides and mechanical work on the farms of the research sample.

T	Mechanical work				Pesticide supplier			
	Actual quantities	Quantities achieving efficiency	Surplus or deficit	Surplus or deficit ratio	Actual quantities –	Quantities achieving efficiency	Surplus or deficit	Surplus or deficit ratio
1	520	434	86	16.538	25	20	5	20
2	125	121.6	3.4	2.72	5	6.975	-1.975	39.5
3	130	106	24	18.461	5	2	3	60
4	60	106	-46	76.667	6	6	0	0
5	400	274	126	31.5	18	16.5	1.5	8.333
6	350	238	112	32	15	14.25	0.75	5
7	600	461.2	138.8	23.13	23	18	5	21.73
8	500	298	202	40.4	20	18	2	10
9	100	118	-18	18	5	6.75	-1.75	35
10	350	238	112	32	15	14.25	0.75	5
11	350	250	100	28.571	16	15	1	6.25
12	100	106	-6	6	4	6	-2	50
13	90	106	-16	17.778	4	6	-2	50
14	75	106	-31	41.333	3	1	-2	66.66
15	300	226	74	24.67	15	13.5	1.5	10
16	350	238	112	32	15	14.25	0.75	5
17	500	298	202	40.4	20	18	2	10
18	500	461.2	38.8	7.76	23	20.4	2.6	11.304
19	500	298	202	40.4	18	18	0	0
20	400	262	138	34.5	18	15.75	2.25	12.5
21	600	570	30	5	25	22	3	12

22	500	434	66	13.2	22	20	2	9.090
23	250	190	60	24	11	11.25	-0.25	2.272
24	75	106	-31	41.333	3	3	0	0
25	80	106	-26	32.5	5	6	-1	20
26	200	160	40	20	9	9.375	-0.375	4.166
27	115	118	-3	2.608	5	6.75	-1.75	35
28	525	434	91	17.333	23	20	3	13.043
29	400	238	162	40.5	15	14.25	0.75	5
30	490	434	56	11.42	22	20	2	9.090
31	100	106	-6	6	5	6	-1	20
32	350	238	112	32	15	14.25	0.75	5
33	200	142	58	29	8	8.25	-0.25	3.125
34	110	118	-8	7.272	5	6.75	-1.75	35
35	60	86	-26	30.23	5	6	-1	20
36	600	570	30	5	25	22	3	12
37	650	570	80	12.307	25	22	3	12
38	550	570	-20	3.636	25	22	3	12
39	500	286	214	42.8	20	17.25	2.75	13.75
40	600	515.6	84.4	14.067	22	21.2	0.8	3.636
41	500	461.2	38.8	7.76	20	20.4	-0.4	2
42	200	148	52	26	8	8.625	-0.625	7.815
43	400	250	150	37.5	18	15	3	16.66
44	200	130	70	35	6	7.5	-1.5	25
45	300	214	86	28.667	15	12.75	2.25	15
46	520	434	86	16.554	25	20	5	20
47	550	488.4	61.6	11.2	25	20.8	4.2	16.8
48	600	522	78	13	25	17	8	32
49	600	515.6	84.4	14.067	25	21.2	3.8	15.2
50	100	106	-6	6	5	6	-1	20
51	150	136	14	9.333	8	7.875	0.125	1.562
52	600	570	30	5	25	22	3	12
	17975	14732	3242.2	18.03	773	690.5	82.5	10.67

Source: Calculated by the researcher based on the questionnaire form and the outputs of the analysis of the statistical program deap.

The actual and achieved quantities of economic efficiency and the quantities and percentage of surplus or deficit resource of irrigation hours in the farms of the research sample

Table (6) indicate that the amounts achieved for economic efficiency in the farms of the research sample for the irrigation hours resource amounted to an average of 56,618 irrigation hours, which is greater than the irrigation hours used. This resulted in a deficit of 12,288 hours, and the percentage of the deficit amounted to an average of 27%, and the largest percentage of deficit reached. 62% for farm 42. The owner of this farm must increase irrigation hours by 62% to ensure optimal production at the lowest cost.

Table (6): The actual and achieved quantities of economic efficiency and the quantities and percentage of surplus or deficit for the resource of irrigation hours on the farms of the research sample.

T	Irrigation hours supplier			
	Actual quantities	Quantities achieving efficiency	Surplus or deficit	Surplus or deficit ratio
1	1300	1575	-275	21.153

2	250	313.437	- 63.467	25.38
3	330	400	-70	21.212
4	175	200	-25	14.28
5	1000	1406.25	-406.25	40.625
6	1000	1190.625	-190.625	19.062
7	1300	1580	-280	21.538
8	1200	1550	-350	29.166
9	300	471.875	-171.875	57.291
10	850	1190.625	-340.625	40.073
11	850	1262.5	-412.5	48.529
12	250	400	-150	60
13	250	400	-150	60
14	200	300	-100	50
15	800	1118.75	-318.75	39.843
16	800	1190.625	-390.625	48.828
17	1200	1550	-350	29.166
18	1400	1580	-180	12.857
19	1200	1550	-350	29.166
20	1000	1334.375	-334.375	33.437
21	1400	1600	-200	14.285
22	1350	1575	-225	16.66
23	600	903.125	-303.125	50.520
24	200	280	-80	40
25	250	400	-150	60
26	400	523	- 123	30.75
27	350	471.875	-121.875	34.821
28	1400	1575	-175	12.5
29	1000	1190.625	-190.625	19.062
30	1300	1575	-275	21.153
31	225	350	- 125	55.55
32	800	1190.625	-390.625	48.828
33	400	615.625	-215.625	53.906
34	350	471.875	-121.875	34.821
35	200	400	-200	100
36	1400	1600	-200	14.285
37	1400	1600	-200	14.285
38	1500	1600	-100	6.666
39	1100	1478.125	-378.125	34.375
40	1350	1590	-240	17.777
41	1350	1580	-230	17.037
42	400	651.563	-251.563	62.890
43	1000	1262.5	-262.5	26.25
44	400	543.75	-143.75	35.937
45	900	1046.875	-146.875	16.319
46	1200	1575	-375	31.25
47	1500	1585	-85	5.666
48	1500	1800	-300	20
49	1300	1590	-290	22.307
50	250	400	-150	60
51	400	579.688	-179.688	44.922
52	1500	1600	-100	6.666
	44330	56618.7502	-12288.7502	27.72

Source: Calculated by the researcher based on the questionnaire form and the outputs of the analysis of the statistical program deap.

CONCLUSIONS

The research sample farms achieved high technical efficiency compared to the level of both allocative and economic efficiency, reaching an average of about 86%, while the research sample farms achieved an average of 68% and 60%, respectively. This means that the farmers have knowledge and experience in the technical aspect and technical relations. for productive resources. The number of technically efficient farms exceeded the number of specialized and economically efficient farms, which confirms farmers' neglect of the price relations of resources. This was reflected at the level of both allocative and economic efficiency. Redistributing the amounts of resources used in onion production in the farms of the research sample and full knowledge of prices will enable them to save production costs amounting to an average of about 40%, or farmers can obtain higher production from using the same amount of costs. There is a surplus in most of the quantities of resources used in producing onions in the farms of the research sample, with the exception of the resource of irrigation hours, as it was found that there is a shortage in their use, at a rate of 27% at the level of the research sample.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The necessity of redistributing economic resources in a way that ensures achieving full economic efficiency and reaching the optimal size of production to avoid wasting the quantities of resources used. Farmers' interest in price relations and avoiding access to resources at future prices because they lead to higher production costs and thus lower economic efficiency. It is necessary to study and review the approved standard indicators for using quantities of resources and to follow scientific instructions and guidance in using them to avoid high rates of surplus or deficit in the quantities used for resources. It is necessary to study the water needs of the onion crop and follow modern irrigation systems to avoid losses during irrigation operations and to focus on the drip irrigation system to ensure that the crop meets the standard requirements.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The researcher supports the idea that this work does not conflict with the interests of others.

**محددات الكفاءة الاقتصادية لإنتاج البصل الأبيض (الكرستال) في محافظة نينوى للموسم الإنتاجي 2022
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الخلاصة

استهدف البحث دراسة محددات الكفاءة الاقتصادية ومقدار الفائض أو العجز في الكميات المستخدمة في إنتاج محصول البصل الجاف (الكريستال) في محافظة نينوى وللموسم الإنتاجي 2022 وشملت الدراسة 52 مزرعة تنتج البصل في قضاء الشيوخان وتم الحصول على البيانات المتعلقة بالدراسة عن طريق استمارة استبيان مخصصة لهذا الغرض وبالمقابلات الشخصية مع المزارعين وشملت المتغيرات المدروسة كمية الإنتاج في كل مزرعة كمتغير تابع وكل من (المساحة المزروعة والبذور ولا أسمدة والأيدي العاملة والعمل الميكانيكي والمبيدات وساعات الري) كمتغيرات مستقلة وباستخدام أسلوب تحليل مغلف البيانات (DEA) والبرنامج الإحصائي Deap. تم الحصول على نتائج الكفاءة الاقتصادية ومكوناتها فضلا عن تحديد مقدار الفائض أو العجز في كل مزرعة وقد بلغت كل من الكفاءة الاقتصادية والتخصيصية والاقتصادية في المتوسط في مزارع عينة البحث حوالي (86%، 68%، 60%) على التوالي في حين حققت جميع المزارع المشمولة بالدراسة فائضا في استخدام كمية الموارد باستثناء مورد ساعات الري حيث بلغت نسبة عجز بلغت في المتوسط للعينة حوالي 27% بينما تراوحت نسبة الهدر في كميات الموارد الأخرى بين 4.5% إلى 36%، ويوصي الباحث ضرورة اهتمام المزارعين بالعلاقات السعرية وعدم شراء مستلزمات الإنتاج بنظام التقسيط أو الآجل وكذلك ضرورة الاطلاع على الكميات القياسية لاحتياج المحصول من الموارد واتباع الإرشادات العلمية في هذا الشأن. الكلمات المفتاحية: الكفاءة الاقتصادية، محصول البصل، الفائض أو العجز.

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