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TITLE: PRICE TRANSMISSION AND MARKET STRUCTURE OF MAJOR CASH CROPS PRODUCED IN EASTERN HARARGHE, ETHIOPIA

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ABSTRACT:

The impact of agricultural commercialization on small-holder farmers depends on how agricultural product markets operate in reality. Hence, the policies aiming at reducing rural poverty by increasing agricultural sales should take this fact into account. In order to investigate the latter, different approaches can be adopted. One of them is the analysis of price transmission and market structure, which is a method widely used in the international literature. Nevertheless only few studies apply it to Ethiopia. Moreover, most of them focus only on single product markets, lacking generality and any comparative analysis of the extent to which farmers suffer from the overall existing structure.

This paper investigates price transmission and market structure of major cash crops produced in Eastern Hararghe by using data collected in some *weredas* with parallel surveys on farmers, wholesalers and retailers. The aim is to show symmetry/asymmetry in price transmission, to measure earning differential between farmers and traders, to indicate the extent of traders' domination in prices determination, and to compare market concentration between farmers and traders.

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