

ANALYSIS OF FOOD DEMAND AMONG RURAL HOUSEHOLDS IN KWARA STATE, NORTH CENTRAL NIGERIA

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Abstract

This study was designed to examine the factors affecting the budget share of food consumption by the rural households in Kwara State. A two-stage simple random sampling technique was employed in collecting data used for the study. The main tool of analysis used in this study was the Linearized-Almost Ideal Demand System (LA-AIDS) model. The Linearized-Almost Ideal Demand System shows that roots/tubers and legumes constituted the highest and the lowest proportion of the budget share at 23.5% and 5.3% respectively. The study also suggests the need for increased production and processing of cereals as well as roots/tubers and the inclusion of same in the agricultural reform programme of the Kwara State government.

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