Title: Price Seasonality in the Catfish Value Chain in Uganda

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Abstract:
Seasonal patterns in production and demand are common in many agricultural markets. Charting these patterns provides information that complements fundamental and technical analyses. It is in this spirit that this paper seeks to examine price seasonality in the catfish value chain in Uganda. The analysis draws on monthly prices taken from secondary source recorded data and uses moving average index to chart price patterns. The results reveal distinct seasonal patterns in the farm-gate, ex-vessel, retail, and wholesale market channels. Across market channels, the results for farm-gate versus ex-vessel prices reveal that farm-gate prices are more affected by seasonal effects compared to ex-vessel prices. On the contrary, both price series in the retail versus wholesale market channels show a declining trend, with the wholesale price series showing stronger variability compared to the retail price series.

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