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Interactive comment on “Assessing the economic impacts of drought from the perspective of profit loss rate: a case study of the sugar industry in China” by Y. Wang et al.

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In this paper, the authors propose to analyse the impacts of drought on an economic chain, the sugar industry. Their case study is located in China and the data used refer to the 2009 drought. The economic chain they study is composed of a sugar company and several sugar-cane growers. Their main contribution is to propose a method to set representative prices for sugar with and without drought and to compare profit loss of the two actors of the economic sector they take as case study. The conclusion is really interesting and reveals the fact that when intermediaries fix the price of order, growers have no possibility to compensate the loss of yield by an increase in price. The structure of the paper is clear. However, I think this paper could be improved.

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I proposed some remarks and recommendations for each section in the following document.

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