

## ***Interactive comment on “Characterization agricultural vulnerability to drought in the Northeast of Brazil” by Bruce K. N. Silva et al.***

**Anonymous Referee #2**

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Title: Characterization agricultural vulnerability to drought in the Northeast of Brazil  
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Some general comments.

The paper presents an extensive piece of work. However, I am not convinced on the scientific benefit and propriety of this study. As a result, I do not find myself in the position of recommending the publication of the manuscript in NHES.

First, the authors do not give proper credit to related work (see References).

Besides, the presentation it is not clear. The language and the presentation of the paper make it quite difficult to fully understand methods and hypotheses and to follow

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the results: unfortunately this problem is extended to almost all the paper.

Finally, I have some doubts on the scientific propriety of this study. The methodology is not clear and my main concern is about the robustness of the results, especially in view of the uncertainties in observations and in the analysis. Somehow I feel that this uncertainty is not sufficiently assessed and acknowledged, which results in perhaps overly confident statements.

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