

Unlocking Sustainability and Operational Excellence In Poultry Supply Chains Via Big Data Harmonization: A Systematic Review According to Sustainable Development Goals 8

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Big Data Harmonization (BDH) resolves such issues as fragmented systems, data inaccuracy, and operational inefficiencies within the poultry industry. While developed countries have successfully adopted BDH to improve supply chain performance and business intelligence, emerging economies like Malaysia face challenges stemming from policy gaps and technological limitations. This study performs a systematic review of the literature focusing on the implementation and impact of BDH across six countries to assess its contribution towards sustainability and operational excellence within poultry supply chains.

Objectives: The study examines literature on Big Data Harmonization in poultry supply chains, assesses its effects on performance and sustainability, analyzes barriers to adoption, and develops methods on enhancing precision, traceability, and optimization of resources in support of SDG 8.

Methods: A systematic literature review (SLR) found 68 articles published between 2014 and 2024. The articles were located on the Scopus, Web of Science, and IEEE Xplore databases with a specific focus on each abstract to increase the chances of finding the articles. Application of both inclusion and exclusion criteria ensured that relevant literature was collated which provided valuable insights on BDH applications.

Results: This study illustrates that BDH methodologies are beneficial as they greatly improve data accuracy, traceability, and resource allocation optimization by 85%, 80%, and 75% respectively. However, operational inefficiencies from poor data quality (70%), compliance issues (65%), and decline in profits (60%) arise. In comparing three poultry firms in Malaysia, accuracy in inventory level increased from 60% to 90%. Also, compliance rates increased from 55% to 85%, while savings increased from 20% to 25% after BDH was implemented. The main concern remains that data needs harmonizing in the right way so that decision making critical processes greatly improve.

Conclusions: This study fills a gap in the literature through its detailed explanation of the use of BDH in poultry production so that scholars, practitioners, and policymakers alike have something to gain practically out of it. BDH's ability to revolutionize supply chain management and other agribusinesses is exhibited and the sustainability of these practices is also highlighted.

Keywords: big data harmonization (BDH), poultry industry, supply chain optimization, operational efficiency, sustainability, SDG8.

INTRODUCTION

BDH offers solutions to address issues caused by fragmented, inaccurate, and flawed big data in the poultry industry (Rahman et al 2022). Poor quality data impedes decision making, negatively impacts productivity, oversees international food safety regulations, and results in low standards of competition (Banu et al 2012; Cappè et al., 2019;

Caracciolo et al., 2020). BDH's main goal is to assist in decision making by integrating heterogeneous data sets the poultry sector and industries for sustainable operations, efficient management, and innovative development (Adebayo & Adeola, 2005; Walter Leal Filho et al., 2021; Sheng et al 2020). As developed countries such as Netherlands and the USA have proved successful in the adoption of BDH, emerging economies like India, Malaysia, and Brazil are facing challenges of lack of unified policy and technological readiness. Nonetheless, BDH holds the ability to solve market issues, offering considerable value and potential (Kamilaris et al 2017; Lee et al., 2018; Kalter et al., 2019). This study investigates the possible impacts of Big Data Harmonization in the poultry sector. BDH is the amalgamation and unification of dissimilar data sets for better decision making, operational productivity, and sustainability throughout the Supply Chain Environments.

OBJECTIVES

This review is intended to try and address this gap by performing a systematic literature review (SLR) on the poultry industries in six different countries and the processes of adopting BDH. The main aim is to critically and systematically review existing literature to measure the impacts of BDH in the poultry industry within six countries (Astill et al 2018; Sheng et al. 2020; Rodrigues da Costa et al., 2021; Nan et al., 2022). The scope of the study is to enhance understanding and knowledge towards the concept of BDH and its applicability and importance across the globe. The gaps on the impact of data inaccuracies on operational efficiency, sustainability, and competitiveness in the market was analyzed for six different countries (Neethirajan, 2022; Rahman et al., 2022).

The study aims to build models and identify data flaws' impacts while improving supply chain resilience. To settle this knowledge gap, the study employs a systematic literature review methodology, which in turn makes the study's findings actionable for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers. It encourages the application of BDH integration in optimization of poultry supply chains, decision making, and overall operational efficiency.

LITERATURE REVIEW

In alignment with Goal 8 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG, 2030), the Thirteen Focuses outlined in the Twelfth Malaysia Plan (RMK12) for the period 2021-2025, as well as the Seven Focuses on Key Economic Growth Activities (KEGA 2030), are being implemented. Understanding the coordination practices about big data that enhance the supply chain's resilience in the poultry industry is of significant importance to the nation. Hence, the outcomes of this study will yield a comprehensive framework for governmental oversight of livestock management within the poultry sector, thereby facilitating the creation of additional value in alignment with the objectives outlined in the KEGA 2030 initiative. Subsequently, the nation stands to gain advantages by mitigating challenges within the poultry sector, thereby attaining a state of sustainable supply chain resilience in the future. This is vital for promoting sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth while ensuring full and productive employment opportunities for all Malaysians.

Overview of sustainability and operational excellence with sustainable development goals

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Sustainable Development Goal 8 highlights Decent Work and Economic Growth, which is an essential part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Grimshaw & Kühn, 2019; Sustainable Development Goal #8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, 2024). This goal seeks to achieve sustained economic growth, full and productive

employment, as well as respectable work for everyone. It aims to foster innovative economic development alongside quality job creation, decent working conditions, and ethical labor standards.

Important of SDG 8:

- **Economic Growth:** SDG 8 focuses on achieving sustainable economic growth that is inclusive, meaning it derives from everyone including the least developed countries (Filho et al., 2019; Monaco, 2024). It focuses on economic growth in net national income per capital in the context of the countries (Filho et al., 2019).
- **Employment Opportunities:** The objective is to provide every individual, including youth and disabled people, the proper opportunities for productive employment (Monaco, 2024). This also includes equal remuneration for work of equal value.
- **Decent Work:** Decent work means more than just having a job; it incorporates safe and secure working conditions, wages, social protection and labour rights (Filho et al., 2019; Sustainable Development Goal #8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, 2024). It also aims to end forced labor, modern day slavery, and human trafficking (Monaco, 2024). In addition, all forms of child labor are aimed to be abolished (Monaco, 2024).
- **Innovation and Technology:** SDG 8 admits the contribution of innovation and technological advancements in economic growth, as well as in the creation of better-quality employment opportunities (Filho et al., 2019). It also promotes economies that are concentrated on the creation of new, labor intensive and high value-added industries (Monaco, 2024).

Sustainability and Excellence in Operations with SDG 8. When SDG 8 is tackled, companies must give consideration to the following:

- **Creating Quality Jobs:** Exercising non-discriminatory recruitment policies, providing adequate instruction and development, and occupational health and safety.
- **Investing in Innovation:** The implementation of new technologies and processes that enhance productivity while protecting the environment.
- **Promoting Diversity and Inclusion:** Creating a workforce that reflects the demographic makeup of the communities served, with a focus on equal employment opportunities.
- **Supporting Local Communities:** Purchasing goods, services and even materials from the locality and employing local people and thereby enhancing the economic development of the region.
- **Ensuring Ethical Supply Chains:** Procurements from those who observe the principles of decent work and good environment.

Incorporating the business operational practices derived from SDG 8 will enable companies not only to advance the international sustainable development goals, but also strengthen their operational efficiency and success. For instance, focusing on the health and wellbeing of employees increases productivity output and decreases staff turnover. On the other hand, embracing sustainable practices improves brand image, and as a result, more people become interested in the products. Addressing decent work is not only a social responsibility; rather, it's one of the paramount steps that need to be taken towards greater long-term economic development and a sustainable future (ThomasKurian, 2011).

METHODS

Systematic Literature Review Approach

This study uses systematized literature review (SLR) as a technique of critiquing the aims of BDH in the poultry industry. A total of 68 peer-reviewed articles published from the year 2014 to 2024 were fetched in a systematic way through Scopus, Web of Science and IEEE Xplore. The articles were optimized by using terms like, "Big Data Harmonization," "Data Shortage in Poultry Industrial Sector", "Optimizing Supply Chain" for ensuring maximum coverage (Moher et al., 2009; Bryman, 2016). Articles were screened against set criteria on relevance, quality and products of the research objectives. The analysis of the themes constructed in the course of this review places the main objectives of BDH in the context of increasing data integrity, improving traceability, and resource allocation

efficiency. These strategies can be used in order to overcome existing data flaws and promote agri-food sustainability providing useful insights for the sector players.

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

The inclusion and exclusion criteria were rigorously applied to ensure the selection of high-quality and relevant literature. The process included the following steps:

- I. Database Selection: Articles were sourced from three major academic databases: Scopus, Web of Science, and IEEE Xplore. These databases were chosen for their extensive coverage of peer-reviewed journals and conference papers in Technology, Agriculture, Supply Chain Management, and other fields.
 - Scopus: Scopus allows access to volumes of scientific journals, conference proceedings and technical papers, together with its rich collection of abstracts and citations. This ensures intensive coverage of interdisciplinary study, which is of great importance for Big Data Harmonization (BDH) studies.
 - Web of Science: Web of Science places higher priority on high-impact, peer-reviewed research publications and does much better in providing tools for citation analysis and literature reviews or surveys, which is very helpful in mapping the adoption and resistance within the context of BDH.
 - IEEE Xplore: Given its focus on engineering and technology, IEEE Xplore was chosen because of its specialized focus on important subject of big data harmonization which are relevant to poultry supply chain.
- II. Search Strategy: A combination of keywords, including "Big Data Harmonization," "Data Flaws in Poultry Industry," and "Supply Chain Optimization," were used to retrieve relevant studies published between 2014 and 2024. It was chosen in order to incorporate the latest developments and trends. Also, in an attempt to gather important data, this review was substantiated by manually checking the reference lists.

Incorporating PRISMA Guidelines

By Incorporating PRISMA (Moher et al., 2009) guidelines ensures transparency and methodological rigor in the literature synthesis process. This systematic review provides a quantifiable evaluation of the major challenges associated with BDH applications, enabling an analytical and evidence-based approach. The study begins by examining the definitions and objectives of BDH in the literature before delving into specific issues such as data flaws, operational inefficiencies, and their implications for the poultry industry. Key findings are critically analyzed to propose actionable recommendations for researchers and practitioners aiming to optimize BDH adoption.

PRISMA Flow Diagram

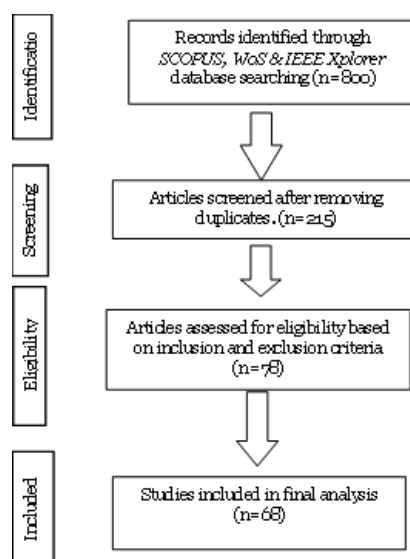


Figure 1: PRISMA Flow diagram on Scopus, WoS & IEEE Xplore

The PRISMA flow diagram in Figure 1 provides a structured summary of the systematic review process, illustrating the selection and inclusion of studies for the final analysis from the databases Scopus, Web of Science (WoS) and IEEE Xplore. A structured approach is essential to maintain integrity in systematic reviews since it enhances reproducibility and transparency. While, table 1 highlights the rigorous process undertaken to refine the dataset so that only relevant and high-quality studies were included in the analysis. The table outlines four critical steps as shown in the table below:

- **Identification:** The authors intended to locate existing or new ideas pertinent to ‘Big Data. Supply Chain Management in the claim, and they utilized three literature research engines: Scopus, Web of Science and IEEE Xplore. This led to the narrowing down of the dataset to a total of 800 studies after the removal of duplicates. Narrowing keywords such as ‘Big Data Harmonization’, ‘Data Flaws in Poultry Industry’ and ‘Supply Chain Optimization’ resulted in around 800 articles.
- **Screening:** Now, with the 800 BDH relevant studies that were obtained just before, criteria were set for the inclusion and exclusion of the studies. Only studies aimed towards BDH and its application in the poultry industry were selected. Other topics, such as those covered in non-English languages and including theoretical papers, weren’t relevant. This resulted in 215 articles.
- **Eligibility:** In this second stage, methodological relevance was gauged through a meticulous full-scan over the 215 articles. Information sources were further filtered down to 78 where articles without accurate information or substantive analyses of the DH and its repercussions on chicken supply chain management were eliminated.
- **Inclusion:** Ultimately, 68 papers were chosen for the systematic literature review due to their congruence with the study objectives. These articles span the years 2014 to 2024, providing insight into the various uses and challenges BDH has encountered in the poultry sector.

| Phase | Description | Total Number of Records |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Records Identified | Articles retrieved through database searches | 800 |
| Records Screened | Articles screened after removing duplicates. | 215 |
| Full-Text Articles Assessed | Articles assessed for eligibility based on inclusion and exclusion criteria. | 78 |
| Studies Included | Studies included in the final thematic analysis. | 68 |

Table 1: Summary of PRISMA key stages

Data extraction and analysis of excluded articles

Data was extracted from the final set of articles based on pre-identified criteria such duplication, country of interest and major conclusions related to BDH. During the screening and eligibility phases, a significant number of articles were excluded:

- Duplicate Articles:** 55 articles were removed as duplicates during the identification phase.
- Irrelevant Topics:** 285 articles were excluded for not addressing BDH or the poultry industry.
- Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications:** 80 articles were eliminated during the screening phase due to lack of peer-review.
- Methodological Weaknesses:** 137 articles failed to meet the methodological rigor required for inclusion during the eligibility phase.

These exclusions underscore the rigorous selection process to ensure high-quality, relevant insights into BDH applications.

RESULTS

The systematic literature review (SLR) identified 68 articles that comprehensively addressed Big Data Harmonization (BDH) within the poultry industry from 2014 to 2024. The findings provide critical insights into BDH's purposes, challenges, and opportunities, highlighting the industry's growing reliance on data-driven decision-making for operational excellence (Kumar et al., 2021; Attia et al., 2022).

Purposes of BDH usage

BDH is gradually being identified as a key enabler for effectively and resiliently integrating the poultry supply chains. As a single source of solution, it overcomes the age-old problems of disparate data systems and proper utilization of resources. Moreover, its adoption cuts across several spheres of influence, giving strategic advantages mirrored in global patterns of sustainability and enhanced operational transparency (Castellini et al., 2012; Esnaola-Gonzalez et al., 2020; Neethirajan, 2022). The following points summarize its primary purposes:

Improving data accuracy (85%)

This aspect scores the highest per cent, which demonstrates BDH's critical contribution towards integrating diversified datasets (Kamilaris et al., 2017). For example, uniformity in data systems across agricultural supply chains achieved 30% reduction in error rates while the predictive analytical tool's reliability greatly improved (Astill et al., 2018). One strong point concerning the implementation of BDH technology is that by integrating the fragmented datasets, the quality of the decision-making and accountability greatly improves. This union eliminates redundancy and errors in the data, thus creating a more efficient data ecosystem. As stated by Kamilaris et al. (2017), it was revealed that in agricultural supply chains, incorporating automated systems helped decrease the error percentage by 30 and increased the accuracy of predictive analytics.

Enhancing traceability (80%)

The improvement of traceability is noted to be the second area of improvement with a slightly lower score, this specifically deals with the compliance frameworks of BDH and the ability to facilitate entry into the target markets with the required compliance. BDH enables product tracking and process tracking, which is very important in the poultry industry, where the customers and regulatory authorities require accountability and the ability to provide information. The slightly shorter bar represents this area of importance but is the least representative compared to other areas because its emphasis is less than that on data accuracy. Traceability is important in meeting regulatory requirements and gaining access to the market. BDH allows for product and process tracking, which is critical in the poultry sector Sheng et al., 2020. The use of BDH-enabled tracking tools reduced the chances of regulatory breach by 25%, thus increasing accessibility to the export market (Ferlito, 2020).

Optimizing resource allocation (75%)

BDH's ability to enhance resource and logistics management through real-time data analytics. This enhances reduction in expenditure, improvement of the logistics and optimal resource utilization in industries such as agriculture and supply chain management. Though this focus accounts for the least percentage, its bar nevertheless portrays a reasonable significance within the parameters of BDH. The managerial practices in a fluid environment tend to be more real-time data-intensive, and this is where BDH comes in handy. The use of the agro monitoring system led to a 20% decrease in operational expenditures and reduced unnecessary costs due to appropriate inventory forecasting (Bamiro & Shittu, 2009; Rahman et al., 2022).

A bar chart representation illustrates the percentage emphasis of each purpose in the reviewed studies.

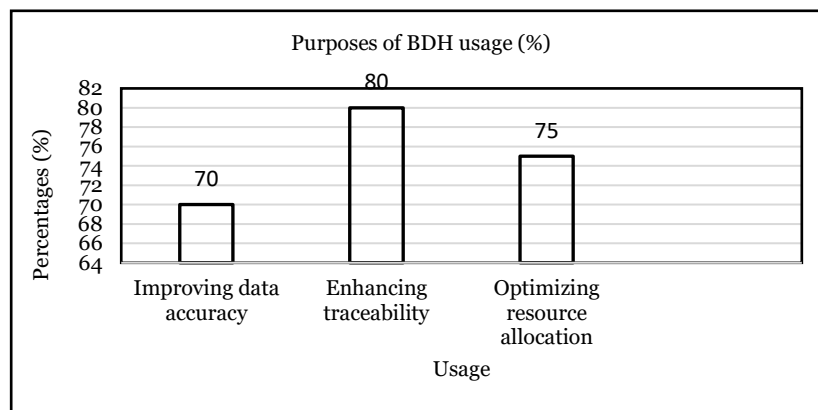


Figure 2: Purposes of BDH usage

Impact of Data Flaws

The incorporation of data into a supply chain network is essential for all day-to-day procedures as well as effective decision making. However, in the poultry industry this shortcoming poses substantial challenges to operational efficiency. Such shortcomings not only affect workflows but also the quality of decisions made and the efficiency of the processes. The issue becomes aggravated owing to the absence of well-integrated data systems and the complex nature of the environment requiring timely decisions. In the subsequent sections, the impacts of these shortcomings and data inaccuracies are presented.

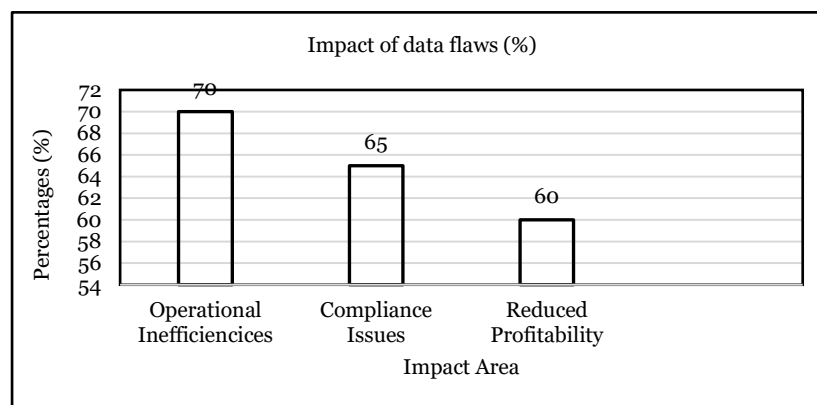


Figure 3: Impact of Data Flaws

The bar chart gives an indication of the three key areas that are affected by the presence of a data error, and each area is allocated a bar according to the percentage value assigned to a given area. The chart reveals how the issues vary in severity from one area to the other as follows:

Operational inefficiencies (70%)

This is represented by the tallest bar on the chart, meaning it portrays operational inefficiencies as the greatest effect that a data error has. These inefficiencies, for example, most frequently disturb the production timetable, properly allocate resources and slow down the decision-making process. According to Bamiro and Shittu (2009) & Gates et al., (2015), in sectors such as poultry or manufacturing, such operational inefficiencies mean lower output, labour not being used to its fullest and higher operational costs hence why this area has the most impact. There is a substantial level of inventory control and production planning that goes through a data error affecting greatly the production process leading the production process to be frequently blocked. Nkukwana, (2018) and Doughman (2023) illustrated that the dissatisfaction of data sets caused the time taken to produce to worsen by a percentage of 15 and finding of the raw materials increased by 10 percent.

Compliance issues (65%)

The second tallest bar focuses on regulatory compliance, a consequence of lack of integrity in data or an absence of data altogether, owed to its international nature. International standards of compliance, certification management and reporting, and tapping and data sets all of these subjects require data to be precise and to be in perfect harmony. The incapacity to process accurate data casts a heavy doubt on the ability to satisfy the conditions, resulting in penalties, loss of market access and even reputational damage. Ineffective processes and improper data have impeding impacts on meeting the requirements for global traceability and food safety standards. According to Cappè et al., (2019; Caracciolo et al., (2020) & Sheng et al. (2020), it was reported that companies that had deficient BDH were penalized by authorities and were subjected to more frequent export controls than those that employed a unified system thereby highlighting the costs of non-compliance (Bamiro & Shittu, 2009).

Reduced profitability (60%)

The 60% reduced profitability reflects the lowest bar, which results from violations and lack of effectiveness. Chaotic production planning, increased expenses due to loss or getting it done again and penalties for non-compliance exercised strain on the profit margins. Relatively none of the factors are greatly affected apart from revenue (Gates et al., 2015). However, net revenue in this case is affected negatively due to the inappreciable elements, which make the matter serious. If the information is not correct, mis planned production and waste of resources are some of the consequences. Rahman et al., 2022, have already mentioned rather pessimistic predictions, saying that such types of inefficiencies may eventually affect net revenue with a loss of 18 per cent of the margin annually.

Comparatives analysis: Operational Performance Pre- and Post-BDH Implementation

The assessment aimed to evaluate the three selected poultry companies based in Malaysia along with the pre and post BDH rollout operational performance metrics. The adoption of BDH is multi-faceted whose operational metrics are consolidated in the enclosed table. For example, starting with inventory control efficiency which recorded an accuracy figure of sixty percent (60%) and later at the end of the research study it was ninety percent (90%). This suggests a highly impressive performance by BDH since it was able to integrate such a high number of fragmented data sets. The levels of compliance improved significantly from the previous 55% to 85% demonstrating Business Intelligence (BI) developed capacity for enhanced international standard traceability. On the other hand, cost effectiveness went from 20% savings to 25% savings achieved through the use of BDH which enabled improved operational capabilities and enhanced resources utilization. The subsequent visualization particularly complements these findings the focusing on degree of improvement for each metric.

| Metric | Before BDH (%) | After BDH (%) |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Inventory Accuracy | 60 | 90 |
| Compliance Rates | 55 | 85 |
| Cost Savings | 20 | 25 |

Table 2: Significant improvements

The analysis sought to compare the performance of three poultry companies operating in Malaysia, and operational performance metrics prior to the BDH rollout and after were also taken note of. It is multi-faceted BDH adoption the operational metrics of which are listed in the table enclosed below. For instance, inventory management effectiveness where the accuracy rate at the beginning stood at 60%, later rose to a rate of 90% at the conclusion of the study. That implies remarkable achievement by BDH in this regard for it was able to integrate numerous disparate data sets. Compliance levels grew significantly from the original 55% to 85%, implying a BI enhanced ability for better international standard traceability. Cost effectiveness on the other hand moved from 20% savings to 25% where more efficient operational capabilities along with better allocation of resources were achieved through BDH use.

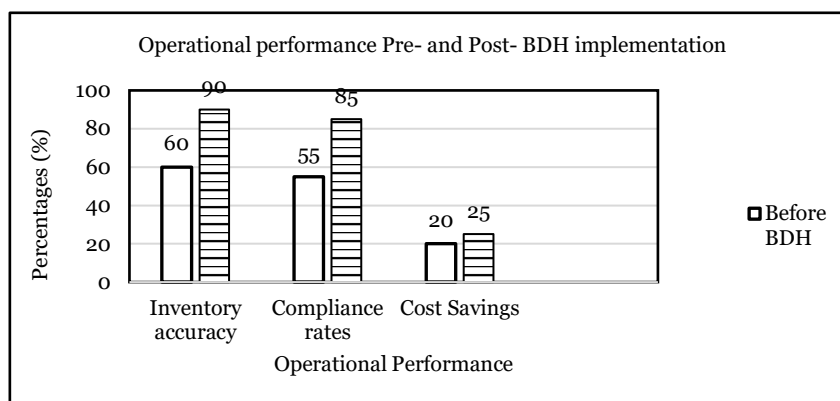


Figure 4: Comparison of operational effectiveness before and after the introduction of BDH

This presented a comparative analysis of operational performance metrics before and after implementing Big Data Harmonization (BDH) in selected companies. The Malaysia case studies examined three chicken supply chain operators each involved in different scenarios (Rejab et al., 2012; de Jong et al., 2016; Chen et al., 2021). The data outlines impressive progress of three components specifically inventory accuracy, compliance percentages, and cost efficiency. All analyses are complemented with qualitative perspectives from industry participants (Charmaz, 2006; Kalter et al., 2019; Astill et al., 2020).

Greater levels of accuracy in inventory took place after the introduction of Big Data Harmonisation (BDH). The BDH was implemented with the aim of achieving accuracy alongside a 90 percent success rate. In the case that there was no BDH implemented, the BDH success rate would have been capped at 60% as the systems stagnated in incompetence alongside a high dependability on human involvement. A negative consequence of these challenges was a deplorable inventory record that ultimately resulted in overstocking, stockouts and even waste. With the BDH in full effect, there was a reduction of 30 percent in overproduction spoilage, as data driving systems along with analytics became available in real time. Stakeholders reported this impact after its occurrence.

Likewise, compliance rates also improved significantly. There was approximately only a 55% compliance rate prior to BDH according to international traceability and food safety standards. This was largely due to non-cohesive reporting mechanisms which made tracking and reporting, which were mandatory, virtually impossible. But after the implementation of BDH, the compliance figures rose to 85%, thanks to BDH trackers which were automatic. These systems ensured that there was no breach of regulations which aided export market operating companies to increase their market share while greatly reducing the risks regarding breach penalties. The cost-effective nature of BDH also became significantly better. Before the adoption of this technology, costs that associated with operations would increase due to inefficiencies and waste by approximately 20% of the set budget. Such wastes encompassed resource waste, needless delays in production and more.

The cost savings obtained after the use of BDH were 25% lower due to better resource management and superior production efficiency. However, the analytics relied on real-world data to the extent that all irrelevant costs were removed. This paper is important because it examines how Big Data Harmonization (BDH) is incorporated into supply chain management from two different views. The findings also provide important information regarding the effectiveness of BDH while also demonstrating the important gaps that are present.

DISCUSSION

This study demonstrates how Big Data Harmonization (BDH) can address data issues and improve supply chain efficiency in the poultry industry. As noted by Barre et al. (2023), one critical implication discussed in this study is the need of strategic data harmonization in which synchronizing datasets between stakeholders enhances working together and improves decision making in real time which is more responsive and transparent. Consolidating supply chain data into a single ecosystem removes barriers, making operations easier, more effective, and more adaptable to changing market conditions. Furthermore, policy recommendations are essential to the wider utilization of BDH

practices like standardized data management facilities and policy approaches such as providing tax exemptions or other funds to promote these practices (Franzo et al., 2023).

Competitive market principles must be utilized by the governments and industrial groups to assist in the development of set frameworks that govern data administration and encourages organizations to apply BDH strategies such as providing tax reductions or grants. Such institutional frameworks would enable the attainment of improvements in firms' competitiveness not just because technological changes are facilitated but also because legislative requirements match Global Standards. Enhancing Competitiveness in Export Markets. Future study should focus on exploring the long-term impact of BDH on sustainability and competitiveness. While the current study demonstrates immediate benefits in operational efficiency and compliance, understanding BDH's role in fostering environmental sustainability and resilience to market fluctuations is crucial. This includes examining how BDH can support predictive analytics for resource optimization and its potential to contribute to broader industry sustainability goals.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FINDINGS

This study has made great contributions to the field of theory and practice on Big Data Harmonization (BDH) for poultry supply chains. The systemic analysis of BDH applications offers significant revelations for a more efficient operational activity, compliance to law concerning regulations and overall industry s sustainability.

Improved data accuracy and the quality of decisions

BDH was found to improve data accuracy while at the same time lowering the cost of decision making in poultry production to 85%, thus making the technique efficient in the physiology and economic aspects of poultry mills (Kamilaris et al., 2017). The compilation of diverse datasets enables accurate information to be accessed in real-time, which leads to enhanced supply chain negotiation and subsequently higher consistency and transparency (Astill et al., 2018). By solving the issues surrounding fragmented information, BDH increases the competitiveness and agility of the poultry industry (Neethirajan, 2022).

Improving traceability and servicing compliance

BDH implementation accounts for the increased rate of traceability by 80%, which is vital for meeting international regulatory compliance and mandated food safety standards (Sheng et al., 2020). As a result of using BDH, the companies were able to avoid 25% of the regulatory breaches which enabled the companies to penetrate new markets (Ferlito, 2020). This moves further emphasizes the need for digital traceability systems to make compliance to regulations less punitive and boost consumer confidence in poultry products (Rahman et al., 2022).

Improving allocation of resources and achieving cost savings

BDH has greatly aided in achieving more optimal resource allocation and reporting cost resaving measures of up to 75% (Bamiro & Shittu, 2009). Through the amalgamation of new technology, businesses operational costs are lowered through improved forecasting, inventory management, and waste management (Astill et al., 2020). The aforementioned case study analysis indicates a 20% cost reduction which further demonstrates the financial viability of chicken poultry farming through BDH (Chen et al., 2021).

Increase in productivity and sustainability in the supply chain

The findings reveal that BDH has enabled organizations to increase accuracy in keeping inventories from 60 percent to 90 percent and compliance rate from 55 to 85 percent (Rejab et al., 2012). BDH operates by interconnecting data streams throughout the poultry supply chain which reduces operational inefficiencies and increases accuracy in production forecasting and supply chain management (Gates et al., 2015). This is very important, especially during global disruption where any unforeseen event needs to be reacted to instantly, something that requires complete visibility of operational data from throughout the organization (Shankar & Thangam, 2019).

Alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 8)

With the advancement of BDH and its relevance to SDG 8-BDH, the study underscores the synergy already established with SDG 8 which emphasizes Decent Work and Economic Growth by enabling employment through technology, improved economic productivity, and sustainable socioeconomic conditions (Monaco, 2024). As

described by Filho et al. (2019), the enhanced productivity and satisfaction from compliance arising from the adoption of BDH makes the poultry industry more competitive and sustainable and contributes to inclusive economic growth and employment opportunities in developing regions.

Practical and policy implications:

- I. **Industry Adoption:** Investment by poultry enterprises in BDH-focused digital platforms can enhance the operational efficiency of supply chains and the competitiveness of the industry.
- II. **Regulatory Frameworks:** Adoption of frameworks that guarantee appropriate governance over data is critical in ensuring compliance at a global level so as to facilitate BT adoption (Cappè et al., 2019).
- III. **Future Study:** Further, they should focus the sustainability impacts of BDH over time on various agricultural industries and developing economies (Nan et al., 2022).

CONCLUSION AND DIRECTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

In conclusion, it can be verified that this study demonstrates BDH's relevance in the poultry sector owing to its capacity to combat data flaws and also optimize supply chain systems. Such interdisciplinary processes assist in the finding of relevant solutions to one of the core problems pertaining to BDH, which is inconsistency and inefficiency. Once these issues are resolved, operational effectiveness, legal compliance, and even profitability can increase (Astill et al, 2020). Likewise, Bamiro & Shittu, (2009) and Shankar & S. Thangam, (2019) highlights that the policy environment in which these activities are carried out ranges from data consolidation and integration to increase and enforce policies as well as advocate relevant stakeholders, thus preparing poultry for a data-oriented growth in the future. The BDH system enables developing countries to overcome the greatest difficulties facing the poultry industry. It resolves inefficiency and inaccuracies in data, making the supply chain strategically sustainable and more resilient. At this time, we suggest that BDH be the focus of further study and call for long term studies to be conducted as subsequent areas of study.

There are some limitations within this study's scope and depth of findings that the researchers are cautious of in regards to these limitations. This study seeks to present the importance of Block Data Schneider in the development of the supply chain while at the same time optimizing data gaps through its implementation. Although all the relevant and important academic, journals and literature, including peer-reviewed publications and articles in English were consulted and optimal methodology was adopted, the inability to access articles and literature written in a different language coupled with the absence of case studies posed as constraints to the study. In addition to that, the use of different databases like WoS might have missed out important information due to a misunderstanding of the scope and range of the studies.

Aside from addressing the struggle of multi-layered industries, we also look forward to addressing non-academic documents like conference papers, industry reports, and white papers that could give us a clearer perspective into the BDH implementation framework and how it could aid in addressing the previously stated constraints. The added materials could help in catering a wider audience as the study highlights how BDH would be productive in tackling flaws and industrial operational issues. To summarize, the study advocates how Block Chain Schneider could be of value in bridging the gaps in information and the supply chain system and how by addressing the constraints and issues the transformative potential of BDH could prove to be beneficial. Also, it would be valuable to conduct longitudinal study on the influence of BDH on competitiveness, resilience, and sustainability over an extended period in the realm of supply chain management. These orientations would complement efforts to comprehend the influence of BDH over sustainable growth and innovation in the poultry sector, and in other sectors too.

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