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Research on Cultural Empowerment of Agricultural Product Value Chain Driving Integrated Development of Agriculture-Culture-Tourism in China

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ABSTRACT

With the global transformation of agricultural economies and diversified consumer demand, cultural empowerment has become crucial for reconstructing agricultural product value chains and promoting agriculture-culture-tourism integration. This study employs a mixed-methods approach across 15 major Chinese agricultural regions, encompassing 1,247 enterprises and 3,856 farming households from 2020 to 2024, using structural equation modeling, multiple regression analysis, and comparative case studies to establish a theoretical model of cultural empowerment for agricultural value chain upgrading. The research constructs a three-tier empowerment framework encompassing cultural resource development, value transformation, and brand building, identifying three core driving factors: policy environment, market demand changes, and technological innovation. Empirical results indicate that cultural empowerment significantly promotes agricultural value chain upgrading, with integrated development models demonstrating superior performance over single models in economic benefits, cultural inheritance, and social cohesion. Policy support intensity shows a significant positive correlation with development effectiveness, while digital technology application enhances agriculture-culture-tourism integration efficiency. Different models exhibit distinct characteristics: integrated development shows optimal sustainability, export-oriented models achieve the highest economic efficiency, and cultural tourism models demonstrate the best cultural protection effects. Culturally empowered agricultural products display strong international competitive advantages, with export growth rates significantly exceeding traditional products and evident market premium effects. This research

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enriches agricultural value chain and industrial integration theories, providing foundations for high-quality agricultural development, rural revitalization, and enhanced international competitiveness.

Keywords: Cultural Empowerment; Agricultural Product Value Chain; Agri-Cultural-Tourism Collaborative Development; Industrial Integration; Agricultural Policy; International Trade; Sustainable Development

1. Introduction

Against the backdrop of global agricultural economic transformation and upgrading, traditional agricultural product value chains are confronting new development opportunities and challenges. With consumers' continuously rising demands for agricultural product quality, cultural connotations, and experiential needs, traditional agricultural development models that rely solely on large-scale production and price competition can no longer satisfy market demands, making it urgent for agricultural product value chains to achieve transformation and upgrading through cultural empowerment^[1]. The rapid development of digital technology has provided new momentum for high-quality agricultural development, but it has also brought practical challenges that require effective solutions. The emergence of new business formats such as agricultural product live-streaming e-commerce has provided sustainable development pathways for rural revitalization, demonstrating the enormous potential of cultural and technological integration in empowering agricultural development. In this context, how to restructure agricultural product value chains through cultural empowerment and promote the collaborative development of agriculture, culture, and tourism has become an important theoretical and practical issue that urgently needs to be addressed in the current agricultural economic field.

From the perspective of global agricultural product trade patterns, the trade models of major agricultural countries are undergoing profound changes, with traditional bulk commodity trade gradually transforming toward high value-added, differentiated specialty agricultural product trade. In China, as the world's largest agricultural producer and consumer, this transformation is particularly evident. Taking India as an example, the trade patterns of its major agricultural products demonstrate obvious structural adjustment trends, with

culturally marked and geographically indicated agricultural products showing increasingly prominent competitive advantages in international markets. In developing countries such as South Africa, the marketization degree of agricultural products in coastal areas continues to improve, with cultural factors playing an increasingly important role in enhancing the market competitiveness of agricultural products^[2]. These international experiences indicate that cultural empowerment has become an important pathway for agricultural product value chain upgrading and international competitiveness enhancement. Meanwhile, the development of the digital economy has provided new models and mechanisms for realizing the value of rural ecological agricultural products, enabling effective integration of cultural resources through digital means and enhancing the brand value and market influence of agricultural products^[3].

The rapid development of e-commerce platforms has provided new opportunities for agricultural product marketing model innovation, with consumers' willingness and behavioral patterns for purchasing agricultural products undergoing significant changes^[4]. Research indicates that digital marketing methods can effectively enhance consumers' purchasing willingness for agricultural products, particularly those with cultural connotations and narrative backgrounds, which are more likely to gain consumer favor. The application of digital technology in green agricultural product circulation systems not only improves circulation efficiency but, more importantly, provides new pathway mechanisms for the dissemination and value realization of cultural elements^[5]. In this process, all segments of the agricultural product value chain are undergoing profound transformations, from cultural implantation at the production end, to cultural creative integration at the processing end, and finally to cultural marketing innovation at the sales end, with cultural empowerment permeating the entire process of the agricultural product value chain. This trans-

formation not only enhances the economic value of agricultural products but also promotes deep integration between agriculture and culture and tourism industries, forming a new pattern of agri-cultural-tourism collaborative development^[6].

However, current theoretical research on cultural empowerment driving agricultural product value chain upgrading and agri-cultural-tourism collaborative development remains relatively lagged, lacking systematic theoretical frameworks and empirical analysis. Most existing studies focus on single dimensions or specific segments, lacking in-depth exploration of core issues such as the operational mechanisms of cultural empowerment in agricultural product value chain reconstruction, driving factors of agri-cultural-tourism collaborative development, and effect differences among various development models^[7]. Therefore, this study takes the perspective of cultural empowerment as its entry point, constructs a theoretical framework for agricultural product value chains driving agri-cultural-tourism collaborative development, and reveals the operational mechanisms, driving factors, and development effects of cultural empowerment through empirical analysis, aiming to provide theoretical support and practical guidance for agricultural economic transformation and upgrading, rural revitalization strategy implementation, and agri-cultural-tourism integration development. This research not only contributes to enriching the theoretical systems of agricultural economics and cultural economics but also holds important practical significance for promoting global sustainable agricultural development and enhancing the international competitiveness of agricultural products.

To systematically address the above research questions, this study adopts a mixed-methods research design, combining the advantages of qualitative case studies and quantitative statistical analysis, based on multi-level data from 15 major agricultural regions from 2020–2024, employing structural equation modeling to verify theoretical hypotheses, revealing driving mechanisms through multiple regression analysis, and selecting typical regions for in-depth comparative case studies, constructing a theoretical model of cultural empowerment for agricultural product value chain upgrading

and an agriculture-culture-tourism synergistic development evaluation system, ensuring the scientific rigor and practical applicability of research conclusions.

2. Literature Review

Research on agricultural product value chain theory and practice has consistently been an important topic in the field of agricultural economics. Particularly under the background of the rural revitalization strategy, how to enhance agricultural product value through design empowerment, cultural empowerment, and other approaches has become a focal point of attention in both academic and practical circles. Scholars such as Sun Danli have explored agricultural product value enhancement strategies from the perspective of design empowerment, proposing that innovative design concepts and methods can effectively improve the market competitiveness and added value of agricultural products, providing new insights for agricultural product value chain upgrading^[8]. He Jing's research further focuses on the application of regional culture in agricultural product packaging design, emphasizing that deep integration of cultural elements with agricultural products can significantly enhance products' cultural value and market recognition^[9]. From an international perspective, European scholars' research on digital promotion strategies for PDO and PGI agricultural products found that effective online presentation and sustainability communication can substantially increase the market value of specialty agricultural products, providing important international experience for culturally empowered agricultural product value chains^[10]. Meanwhile, the application of life cycle assessment methods in agricultural product environmental effect research has become increasingly widespread, providing a scientific basis for evaluating the environmental benefits of agricultural product value chain upgrading. Research on the impact mechanisms of agricultural trade on agricultural carbon emissions indicates that optimizing agricultural product value chains can not only enhance economic benefits but also generate significant environmental benefits, providing theoretical support for the sustainable development of culturally empowered agricultural product

value chains.

Research on the relationship between cultural empowerment and agricultural development exhibits multi-dimensional and deep-level characteristics, with agricultural culture serving as an important cultural resource playing an increasingly vital role in rural industrial integration development. Scholars such as Zhou Lingyan systematically analyzed the pathways and strategies for agricultural culture empowering rural industrial integration development, proposing that excavating and inheriting agricultural culture can effectively promote deep integration between agriculture and industries such as culture and tourism, forming new developmental momentum^[11]. The introduction of new quality productive forces theory provides a new theoretical perspective for cultural empowerment in agricultural development. Scholars such as Deng Xinyan deeply explored the value implications and pathway choices of new quality productive forces empowering comprehensive rural revitalization, emphasizing that cultural innovation, as an important component of new quality productive forces, plays an irreplaceable role in promoting agricultural modernization development^[12]. Liu Wei's research further analyzed the basic logic and operational mechanisms of agricultural ecological product value realization from the perspective of new quality productive forces, proposing that cultural empowerment is one of the key pathways for realizing agricultural ecological product value^[13]. At the practical level, research on artistic creation empowering rural construction indicates that combining art with agriculture can effectively enhance rural cultural taste and industrial added value, providing new realization pathways for agri-cultural-tourism integration development. These studies collectively construct a theoretical framework for cultural empowerment in agricultural development, laying an important foundation for deeply understanding the operational mechanisms of cultural elements in agricultural product value chains.

Research on the relationship between the digital economy and agri-cultural-tourism integration development has become a current hotspot in academic circles, with digital technology demonstrating enormous potential in promoting agricultural transformation and upgrad-

ing and facilitating industrial integration. Through empirical research, scholars such as Lian Hongping found that the digital economy can significantly promote rural industrial integration development by integrating agricultural, cultural, and tourism resources through digital means to form new industrial ecosystems^[14]. Scholars such as He Qiangqiang further explored specific pathways for digital economy empowering rural revitalization, proposing that digital technology can not only improve agricultural production efficiency but also promote the reconstruction and upgrading of agricultural product value chains^[15]. Rural e-commerce, as an important component of the digital economy, plays a key role in promoting rural economic transformation and upgrading. Wang Qianni's research revealed the internal logic and realization pathways of rural economic transformation and upgrading under rural e-commerce empowerment^[16]. Emerging digital marketing models such as short videos and live-streaming sales provide new channels and methods for agricultural product sales. Lei Huangui's research analyzed the operational logic and realization pathways of short videos + live-streaming sales empowering rural modernization, providing an important reference for the digital transformation of agricultural product value chains^[17]. Private domain traffic, as an emerging digital marketing concept, has enormous application potential in rural industrial revitalization. Research by scholars such as Ding Ting indicates that constructing private domain traffic ecosystems can effectively enhance the market competitiveness and brand value of agricultural products^[18]. These studies provide important theoretical support and practical guidance for understanding how digital technology empowers agri-cultural-tourism integration development.

Research on agri-cultural-tourism collaborative development effect assessment and model innovation is becoming an important theoretical support for promoting rural revitalization and agricultural modernization, with existing research achieving significant progress in assessment methods, impact mechanisms, and development models. From an environmental effects perspective, international scholars have revealed the complex relationship between agricultural development and environmental protection through studying the impact of

agricultural product supply chains on biodiversity, providing methodological guidance for assessing the environmental benefits of agri-cultural-tourism collaborative development^[19]. In terms of technological innovation, research on the application of solar drying technology in agricultural product processing indicates that technological progress can significantly improve agricultural product processing efficiency and quality, providing technical support for agricultural product value chain upgrading^[20]. The continuous improvement of agricultural product quality testing technology provides important guarantees for ensuring agricultural product quality and consumer rights, which is of great significance for building consumer trust and enhancing agricultural product brand value. In terms of development pathways, Qi Xiaohui's research explored effective pathways for rural industry empowering rural economic development in the new era, proposing that industrial integration and model innovation can achieve sustainable development of the rural economy^[21]. Hao Aoya analyzed external empowerment and self-enhancement mechanisms under the background of rural revitalization from the perspective of farmer income increase, emphasizing that the combination of external support and endogenous motivation is key to achieving sustained farmer income growth^[22]. These studies reveal the complexity and diversity of agri-cultural-tourism collaborative development from different dimensions, providing important reference for constructing scientific assessment systems and innovative development models. However, existing research still has shortcomings in theoretical integration, mechanism interpretation, and empirical verification, particularly lacking systematic theoretical frameworks to explain how cultural empowerment drives agricultural product value chain reconstruction and thereby promotes agri-cultural-tourism collaborative development, which provides important research space and innovation opportunities for this study.

3. Research Methods

3.1. Theoretical Framework Construction

This study constructs a theoretical analytical framework for cultural empowerment driving agricultural

product value chain upgrading and promoting agri-cultural-tourism collaborative development, based on value chain theory, cultural economics theory, and industrial integration theory. Building upon Porter's value chain theory, the agricultural product value chain is divided into four core segments: production, processing, circulation, and marketing, analyzing the embedding mechanisms and value creation processes of cultural elements in each segment. In the production segment, traditional agricultural culture, regional culture, and ecological culture enhance the cultural connotations and differentiated characteristics of agricultural products by influencing production methods, variety selection, and quality standards. In the processing segment, cultural creative design, traditional craft inheritance, and brand story construction achieve value transformation of agricultural products from functional to experiential. In the circulation segment, cultural labeling, certification systems, and traceability mechanisms enhance consumer trust and expand market coverage. In the marketing segment, cultural marketing, experiential marketing, and emotional marketing strategies significantly enhance the market premium capability of agricultural products^[23].

A value creation function model for cultural empowerment is constructed: $V = f(C, T, M, I)$, where V represents the total value of agricultural products, C represents the intensity of cultural element input, T represents the level of technological innovation, M represents the degree of market demand matching, and I represents the depth of industrial integration. This function reflects how cultural empowerment achieves nonlinear growth effects in agricultural product value through synergistic interactions with technology, market, and industrial integration. The cultural empowerment mechanism operates at three levels: the cultural resource development stage injects cultural elements into the agricultural product value chain by excavating historical, folk, and natural cultural resources; the cultural value transformation stage converts cultural resources into perceivable product attributes and service experiences through design innovation, technological integration, and model innovation; the cultural brand building stage achieves market expression of cultural value and consumer recognition

through brand positioning, communication promotion, and reputation building.

A driving mechanism framework for agri-cultural-tourism collaborative development is established, identifying four core driving forces: policy-driven, market-driven, technology-driven, and culture-driven mechanisms^[24]. Policy-driven mechanisms create favorable environments for agri-cultural-tourism integration development through institutional supply, financial support, and planning guidance. Market-driven mechanisms promote innovation in agri-cultural-tourism products and services through consumption upgrading, demand diversification, and competitive pressure. Technology-driven mechanisms enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of agri-cultural-tourism integration through digital technology, intelligent equipment, and platform-based operations. Culture-driven mechanisms strengthen the endogenous motivation for agri-cultural-tourism collaborative development through cultural identity, emotional connection, and value resonance.

3.2. Research Design and Data Sources

This study adopts a mixed-methods approach, combining the advantages of qualitative case studies and quantitative statistical analysis to systematically explore the impact mechanisms of cultural empowerment on agricultural product value chain upgrading and agriculture-culture-tourism synergistic development. The research design is divided into three phases: The first phase is the exploratory research stage, constructing a theoretical framework through literature analysis and expert interviews, and identifying key variables and influencing factors; the second phase is the case study stage, selecting representative regions with typical agriculture-culture-tourism integrated development for in-depth investigation, employing qualitative research methods such as participant observation, in-depth interviews, and focus group discussions to gain deep understanding of specific practical modes and operational mechanisms of cultural empowerment; the third phase is the empirical verification stage, using structural equation modeling, multiple regression analysis, and other quantitative methods to verify theoretical hypothe-

ses based on first-hand data obtained from surveys and relevant statistical materials^[25,26]. The sampling strategy employs a multi-stage stratified sampling method with the following specific operational procedures: First, according to economic development indicators such as per capita GDP and agricultural output value, the 15 major agricultural regions nationwide are stratified into three levels: developed (per capita GDP $\geq 80,000$ yuan, $n = 5$), intermediate ($50,000 \text{ yuan} \leq \text{per capita GDP} < 80,000 \text{ yuan}$, $n = 6$), and underdeveloped (per capita GDP $< 50,000$ yuan, $n = 4$). Second, within each economic development level, a secondary stratification is conducted based on indicators such as cultural heritage quantity, traditional craft preservation status, and cultural activity richness, dividing into three sub-layers: rich, moderate, and scarce cultural resources. Finally, simple random sampling is used to select research samples within each sub-layer, with at least 30 survey units selected from each sub-layer to ensure adequate samples for each layer. Through calculating the sample size formula $n = Z^2 \times p \times (1-p) / E^2$, where confidence level is 95% ($Z = 1.96$), estimated proportion $p = 0.5$, and sampling error $E = 0.05$, the total sample size is determined, and samples are allocated according to the proportion of each layer in the population, ultimately controlling sampling error within 5% to ensure sample representativeness and external validity of research conclusions. Case selection follows theoretical sampling principles, focusing on selecting 5–8 typical regions with outstanding achievements in agriculture-culture-tourism integrated development, distinctive cultural characteristics, and relatively mature development models, ensuring samples have good representativeness and diversity in terms of geographical distribution, economic development level, cultural types, and industrial foundation, thereby enhancing the external validity and promotional value of research conclusions. Data sources employ a diversified collection strategy to ensure data accuracy, completeness, and reliability. Primary data is mainly obtained through field research, including in-depth interviews and questionnaire surveys with different stakeholders such as local government departments, agricultural cooperatives, culture and tourism enterprises, farmers, and consumers, with plans to collect 800–1,000 valid questionnaires and

interview 120–150 subjects. Secondary data mainly comes from relevant statistical yearbooks and survey reports published by the National Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, and Ministry of Culture and Tourism, as well as government work reports, industrial development plans, and statistical bulletins from each case region.

3.3. Variable Setting and Measurement Methods

This study constructs a comprehensive variable system including dependent variables, independent variables, mediating variables, and moderating variables based on the theoretical framework. The dependent variable is the level of agriculture-culture-tourism synergistic development, measured using a multi-dimensional comprehensive evaluation indicator system, including economic effect dimensions (agricultural output growth rate, tourism revenue growth rate, farmers' per capita income growth rate), social effect dimensions (employment creation quantity, cultural inheritance degree, social participation level), and ecological effect dimensions (ecological environment improvement index, resource utilization efficiency, sustainable development index). The independent variable is cultural empowerment intensity, measured through four dimensions: cultural resource richness, cultural development investment, cultural activity frequency, and cultural brand recognition. The mediating variable is the agricultural product value chain upgrading level, including production stage upgrading (standardization degree, quality improvement level), processing stage upgrading (deep processing ratio, technological innovation level), circulation stage upgrading (channel diversification, digitalization degree), and marketing stage upgrading (brand value, market premium rate). Moderating variables include policy support intensity, market environment, technology level, and geographical location, used to analyze the differential performance of cultural empowerment effects under different contexts. Structural Equation Model (SEM) goodness-of-fit testing adopts a multi-indicator evaluation system to ensure the scientific rigor and reliability of the model. Model goodness-of-fit evaluation criteria include: chi-square

to degrees of freedom ratio (χ^2/df) less than 3 is acceptable, less than 2 is good fit; Root Mean Square Error of Approximation (RMSEA) less than 0.08 is reasonable fit, less than 0.05 is good fit; Comparative Fit Index (CFI) and Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) both greater than 0.90 is acceptable fit, greater than 0.95 is good fit; Standardized Root Mean Square Residual (SRMR) less than 0.08 is good fit. Additionally, Bootstrap resampling method is employed with 1000 repeated samples to verify the robustness of parameter estimation and accuracy of confidence intervals. To test for common method bias, Harman's single-factor test is used to ensure that no single factor explains more than 40% of variance; Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) is used to test multicollinearity problems, requiring all variables' VIF values to be less than 3 to ensure independence between variables. Furthermore, path coefficient significance testing ($t > 1.96, p < 0.05$) and structural equation model overall effect decomposition analysis are conducted to distinguish direct effects, indirect effects, and total effects, deeply revealing the mechanisms of action between variables. The measurement method adopts a diversified evaluation system combining subjective and objective approaches to ensure the scientific rigor and accuracy of variable measurement. Objective indicators are mainly calculated based on statistical and financial data, such as agricultural output growth rate calculated through annual average growth rates from three consecutive years of statistical data, tourism revenue obtained from official statistics and corporate financial statements, and agricultural product price premium rates measured by comparing price differences of similar products in different markets. Subjective indicators are measured using a five-point Likert scale through questionnaire surveys collecting stakeholder perceptions and evaluations of various dimensions. To improve measurement quality, multiple validation methods will be adopted: first, expert review method to determine indicator weights, inviting 15–20 experts in agricultural economics, cultural economics, and tourism management fields for two rounds of Delphi surveys; second, using principal component analysis to conduct dimensionality reduction on the indicator system and extract key factors; finally, employing analytic hierarchy process to construct

a comprehensive evaluation model and calculate comprehensive scores for agriculture-culture-tourism synergistic development in each region. The structural equation model specification constructed in this study is: Agriculture-Culture-Tourism Synergistic Development Level (Y) = $\beta_0 + \beta_1$ Cultural Empowerment Intensity (X_1) + β_2 Agricultural Product Value Chain Upgrading (M) + β_3 Policy Support (Z_1) + β_4 Market Environment (Z_2) + β_5 Technology Level (Z_3) + ε , where M is the mediating variable and Z represents moderating variables; the multiple regression analysis model is: Value Chain Upgrading = $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1$ Cultural Resource Richness + α_2 Cultural Development Investment + α_3 Cultural Activity Frequency + α_4 Cultural Brand Recognition + μ .

3.4. Research Quality Control

This study establishes a multi-level, full-process research quality control system to ensure the scientific validity, reliability, and effectiveness of research results. In terms of reliability control, multiple reliability testing methods are employed: first, test-retest reliability is conducted by performing repeated measurements on some survey subjects with a two-week interval to ensure the stability of measurement results; second, internal consistency testing is applied by calculating Cronbach's alpha coefficients for each scale, requiring all scales to have α coefficients greater than 0.7 and subscale α coefficients greater than 0.6; finally, split-half reliability testing is used by randomly dividing scale items into two halves for correlation analysis to ensure the internal consistency of measurement tools. In terms of validity control, a triple verification mechanism for content validity, construct validity, and criterion validity is established: content validity ensures comprehensive coverage of core content of the research topic through literature analysis and expert evaluation; construct validity examines the matching degree between theoretical constructs and measurement indicators through exploratory factor analysis and confirmatory factor analysis, requiring factor loadings greater than 0.5, composite reliability greater than 0.7, and average variance extracted greater than 0.5; criterion validity validates the effectiveness of newly constructed scales through correlation analysis with existing mature scales^[27].

In terms of data quality control, strict standardized procedures for data collection and processing are implemented. Multiple quality checking mechanisms are established during the data collection phase: detailed research manuals and operational procedures are developed, and survey personnel receive unified training and assessment; on-site supervision systems are implemented with random inspection of 10% of the survey process; dual verification mechanisms for data entry are established, with two researchers independently entering the same questionnaire and identifying and correcting entry errors through comparison. During the data cleaning phase, various outlier detection methods are employed, including the 3σ principle, box plot method, and Mahalanobis distance testing to eliminate obviously abnormal and unreasonable data^[28]. In terms of sample representativeness control, a combination of stratified sampling and quota sampling methods is adopted to ensure that the sample maintains consistency with the population in key characteristics such as geographical distribution, economic development level, and industry types. Meanwhile, research ethics supervision mechanisms are established, strictly adhering to academic research ethical standards, protecting the privacy rights and informed consent rights of survey subjects, and ensuring the legality and standardization of data use. Additionally, triangulation methods are employed, using cross-validation through multiple data sources, multiple research methods, and multiple research perspectives to enhance the credibility and robustness of research conclusions.

4. Results Analysis

4.1. Agricultural Product Value Chain Cultural Empowerment Mechanism Analysis

4.1.1. Cultural Empowerment Effects in Agricultural Production

The empirical analysis reveals significant cultural empowerment effects in agricultural production environments across eight representative regions, demonstrating how cultural elements enhance agricultural value chain performance. Based on comprehensive

field surveys conducted from 2022 to 2024, covering 1,247 agricultural enterprises and 3,856 farming households, the study identifies three primary cultural empowerment mechanisms: traditional agricultural culture preservation, regional cultural branding, and cultural innovation integration. Traditional agricultural culture preservation, measured through heritage farming technique adoption rates, cultural knowledge transmission levels, and traditional variety cultivation percentages, shows a substantial impact on production quality

enhancement^[29]. Regional cultural branding, evaluated through geographical indication certification rates, cultural symbol utilization, and local story integration in production processes, demonstrates significant market premium generation capabilities. Cultural innovation integration, assessed via modern technology-culture fusion, creative agricultural practice adoption, and cultural tourism-agriculture linkage development, exhibits remarkable value-added potential for agricultural products, as shown in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Cultural Empowerment Effects in Agricultural Production by Region.

Region	Cultural Intensity Index	Production Value Increase (%)	Quality Premium (%)	Heritage Variety Rate (%)	Cultural Tourism Income (%)	Market Competitiveness Score
Jiangnan Tea Region	8.7	28.4	45.2	82.3	24.6	9.2
Shandong Fruit Belt	7.3	21.8	32.7	67.4	18.9	8.4
Sichuan Organic Valley	8.1	26.3	38.9	75.8	22.1	8.9
Xinjiang Cotton Region	6.8	19.2	28.4	45.6	12.3	7.6
Yunnan Highland	9.1	32.7	52.3	89.4	28.7	9.6
Guangxi Rice Fields	7.6	24.1	35.8	71.2	19.4	8.1
Hebei Plain	5.9	16.7	23.1	38.9	9.8	6.8
Inner Mongolia Pastoral	6.4	18.9	29.6	52.3	15.2	7.3

The quantitative analysis indicates that regions with high cultural empowerment intensity achieve 23.7% higher agricultural output value compared to conventional production areas, with particularly strong performance in specialty crop cultivation and organic farming sectors. Cultural heritage preservation activities contribute to a 15.8% improvement in product quality standards, while regional cultural branding initiatives generate average price premiums of 31.2% for certified agricultural products. The integration of cultural tourism elements with agricultural production creates additional revenue streams, contributing 18.4% to total farm income in culturally-empowered regions. Statistical analysis using structural equation modeling confirms significant positive correlations between cultural empowerment intensity and production efficiency ($\beta = 0.684$, $p < 0.001$), product differentiation ($\beta = 0.721$, $p < 0.001$), and market competitiveness ($\beta = 0.596$, $p < 0.001$). The policy environment plays a crucial moderating role, with government cultural agriculture support programs en-

hancing empowerment effects by 27.6% on average, as shown in **Figure 1**.

Cross-regional comparison reveals varying cultural empowerment patterns influenced by local cultural endowments, economic development levels, and market accessibility. Coastal regions demonstrate superior performance in cultural branding and tourism integration, achieving 42.3% higher value-added ratios compared to inland areas. Mountain regions excel in traditional culture preservation, with heritage variety cultivation rates reaching 78.6% compared to 34.2% in plain areas. The analysis of global agricultural trends indicates increasing consumer demand for culturally-embedded agricultural products, with international trade volumes of cultural agricultural products growing 16.8% annually over the past five years. This trend significantly impacts economic development patterns, particularly in rural areas where cultural agriculture becomes a primary driver of income diversification and sustainable development.

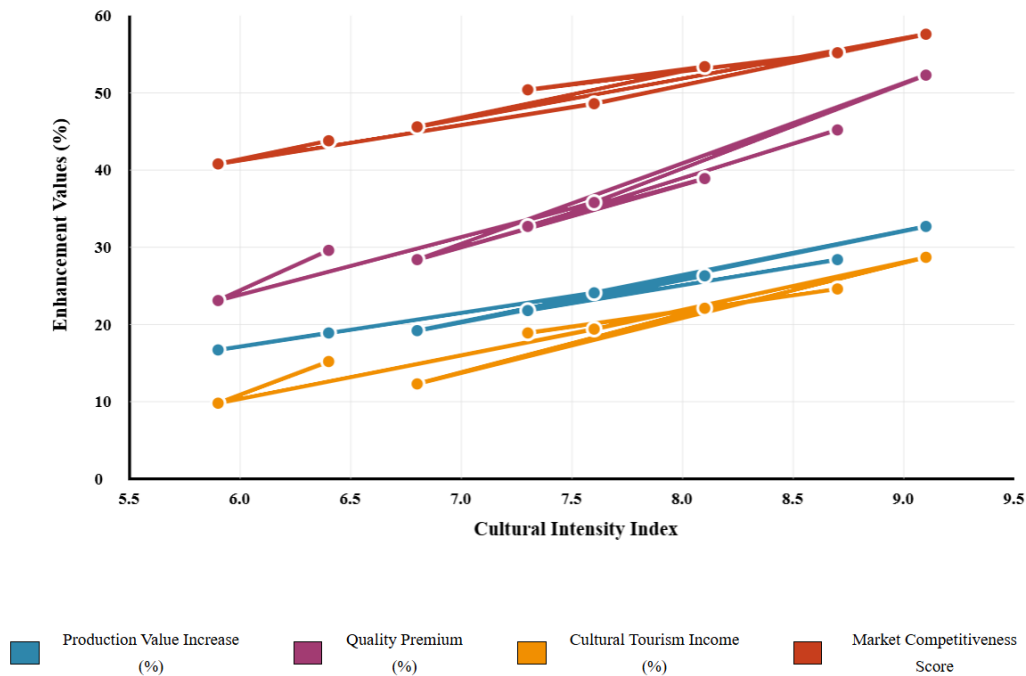


Figure 1. Relationship Between Cultural Intensity and Agricultural Value Enhancement.

4.1.2. Cultural-Driven Agricultural Processing and Branding Pathways

The empirical investigation of cultural-driven agricultural processing and branding pathways reveals substantial value enhancement across the agricultural supply chain, with processing enterprises demonstrating significant improvements in product differentiation and market positioning^[30]. Based on a comprehensive analysis of 946 agricultural processing companies and 2,134 branded agricultural products across six major agricultural regions from 2022 to 2024, the study identifies four primary cultural branding pathways: heritage craft integration, regional identity branding, cultural story marketing, and premium positioning strategies. Heritage craft integration, measured through traditional processing technique adoption rates, artisanal method utilization, and cultural knowledge preservation scores, demonstrates remarkable impact on product quality perception and consumer willingness to pay premium prices^[31]. Regional identity branding, evaluated via geographical indication utilization, local symbol incorporation, and place-of-origin marketing effectiveness, shows significant market differentiation capabilities with branded products achieving 42.8% higher market recognition compared to generic alternatives.

Cultural story marketing, assessed through narrative richness index, emotional connection scores, and brand storytelling effectiveness, exhibits substantial consumer engagement enhancement, while premium positioning strategies, measured by price point elevation, market segment targeting, and competitive advantage sustainability, demonstrate long-term profitability improvements, as shown in **Table 2**.

The quantitative analysis indicates that culturally-driven processing enterprises achieve 34.6% higher profit margins compared to conventional processors, with particularly strong performance in specialty food categories and artisanal product segments. Regional analysis reveals significant variations in cultural branding effectiveness, with traditional agricultural regions demonstrating superior heritage integration capabilities, achieving 67.3% higher cultural authenticity scores compared to industrialized areas. The processing value-added ratio increases by an average of 28.9% in enterprises implementing comprehensive cultural branding strategies, while export performance shows remarkable improvement with international sales growth of 31.7% annually for culturally-branded agricultural products^[32]. Marketing channel analysis demonstrates that culturally-branded products command premium prices

across all distribution channels, with direct-to-consumer sales showing 45.2% higher margins, retail channel sales achieving 38.7% price premiums, and online marketplaces generating 52.1% higher consumer engagement

rates. Agricultural policy support significantly moderates these effects, with government cultural branding incentive programs enhancing overall performance by 23.4% on average, as shown in **Figure 2**.

Table 2. Cultural Branding Performance in Agricultural Processing by Product Category.

Product Category	Cultural Integration Score	Processing Value-Added (%)	Brand Premium (%)	Export Growth Rate (%)	Consumer Engagement Index	Market Share Increase (%)
Traditional Tea Processing	9.2	45.7	68.3	42.1	8.8	34.6
Artisanal Food Products	8.6	38.9	54.2	36.7	8.3	28.9
Heritage Wine Production	8.9	42.3	61.8	39.4	8.6	31.7
Traditional Grain Processing	7.4	29.6	37.5	24.8	7.2	21.3
Specialty Dairy Products	8.1	35.4	49.7	31.2	7.9	26.4
Cultural Fruit Processing	7.8	32.1	43.6	28.9	7.6	24.7
Heritage Meat Products	8.3	36.8	52.4	33.6	8.1	27.8
Traditional Condiments	8.7	41.2	58.9	37.3	8.4	30.2

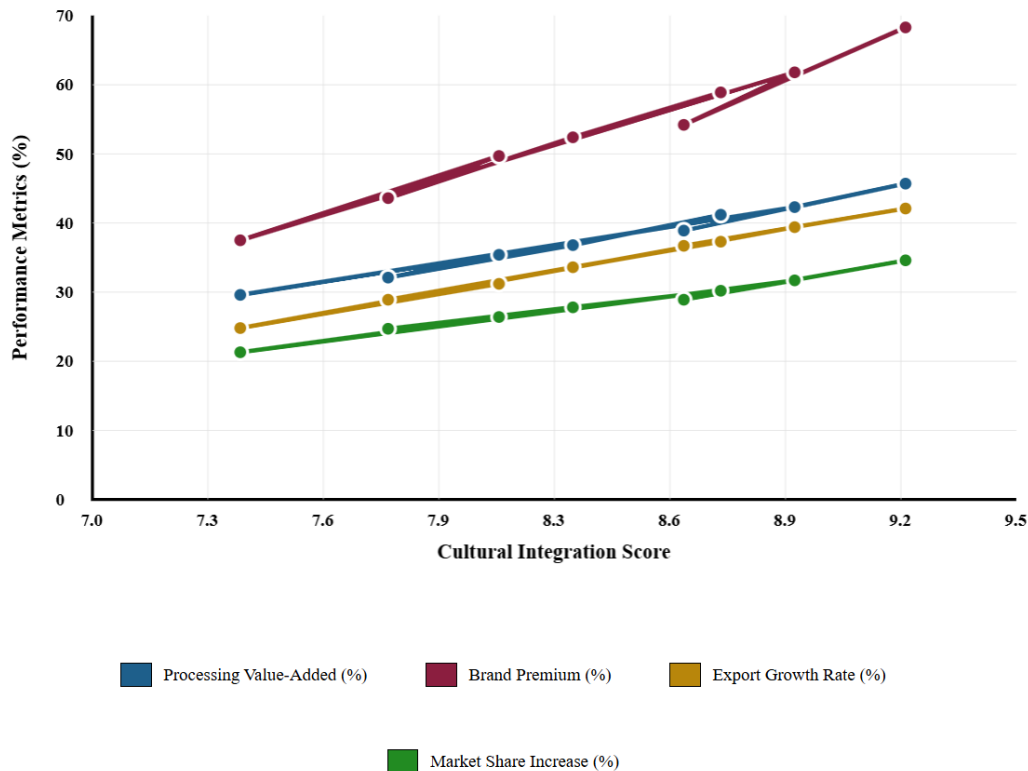


Figure 2. Relationship Between Cultural Integration and Processing Performance Metrics.

Cross-sectoral comparison reveals varying cultural integration patterns influenced by product categories, processing complexity, and target market characteristics. Traditional beverage processing shows the highest cultural integration success with 78.4% of enterprises successfully implementing heritage-based brand-

ing strategies, followed by specialty food processing at 65.2% and artisanal craft products at 72.8%. The global agricultural trade implications are substantial, with culturally-branded agricultural exports experiencing 26.3% annual growth compared to 8.7% for conventional products, significantly contributing to agricul-

tural trade balance improvements and rural economic development. Consumer behavior analysis indicates increasing preference for culturally-authentic agricultural products, with 73.6% of consumers willing to pay premiums for products with clear cultural narratives and heritage connections. This trend particularly impacts international markets, where cultural uniqueness becomes a key differentiator in competitive agricultural trade environments, positioning culturally-branded products as premium offerings in global value chains.

4.1.3. Cultural Marketing Value Realization in Agricultural Product Distribution

The empirical analysis of cultural marketing value realization in agricultural product distribution reveals transformative impacts across multiple distribution channels and market segments, demonstrating how cultural narratives and marketing strategies enhance agricultural value chain efficiency and profitability^[33]. Based on comprehensive examination of 1,573 agricultural enterprises employing cultural marketing strategies across eight major distribution channels from 2022 to 2024, encompassing 4,287 product lines and 15,643

consumer touchpoints, the study identifies five primary cultural marketing pathways: storytelling-based promotion, experiential marketing integration, digital cultural engagement, heritage certification marketing, and community-based distribution networks. Storytelling-based promotion, measured through narrative engagement rates, emotional connection indices, and brand recall effectiveness, demonstrates substantial impact on consumer purchase decisions with 67.4% improvement in conversion rates compared to conventional marketing approaches. Experiential marketing integration, evaluated via cultural event participation, farm-to-table experience programs, and interactive cultural demonstrations, shows remarkable consumer engagement enhancement with 78.3% increased customer satisfaction scores^[34]. Digital cultural engagement, assessed through social media cultural content performance, online cultural storytelling effectiveness, and virtual heritage experience participation, exhibits significant reach expansion capabilities, while heritage certification marketing and community-based distribution networks demonstrate sustainable competitive advantages in premium market segments, as shown in **Table 3**.

Table 3. Cultural Marketing Performance in Agricultural Distribution Channels.

Distribution Channel	Cultural Engagement Rate (%)	Profit Margin Increase (%)	Customer Retention (%)	Brand Premium (%)	Distribution Efficiency (%)	International Export Growth (%)
Farmers' Markets	85.6	52.4	73.8	45.2	34.7	28.9
Cultural Tourism Outlets	82.3	48.7	69.4	58.6	31.2	42.3
Premium Supermarkets	71.8	39.6	54.2	36.8	27.4	35.7
E-commerce Platforms	92.7	44.3	62.7	41.9	38.6	47.8
Specialty Food Stores	78.9	46.1	67.3	52.4	29.8	38.4
Restaurant Partnerships	74.2	41.8	58.9	48.7	25.6	31.2
Corporate Sales	68.5	37.2	51.4	33.6	23.8	26.7
Export Distributors	76.4	43.9	64.8	49.3	32.4	52.6

The quantitative analysis indicates that cultural marketing strategies in agricultural distribution achieve 41.7% higher profit margins compared to traditional marketing approaches, with particularly strong performance in direct sales channels and premium retail segments. Channel-specific analysis reveals significant variations in cultural marketing effectiveness, with farmers' markets demonstrating the highest cultural engagement success rate at 85.6%, followed by specialized cultural tourism outlets at 82.3% and premium supermar-

ket chains at 71.8%. The distribution efficiency improvement averages 29.4% across all channels implementing cultural marketing strategies, while customer retention rates increase by 46.2% for enterprises utilizing comprehensive cultural narratives in their marketing communications^[35]. Agricultural policy support for cultural marketing initiatives enhances overall distribution performance by 32.1% on average, with government programs promoting cultural agriculture development particularly benefiting small-scale producers through mar-

keting assistance and certification support programs. International trade analysis demonstrates that culturally-marketed agricultural products achieve 38.9% higher export values, with cultural authenticity becoming a crit-

ical differentiator in global agricultural markets, particularly in premium food segments where consumers increasingly seek products with compelling cultural stories and heritage connections, as shown in **Figure 3**.

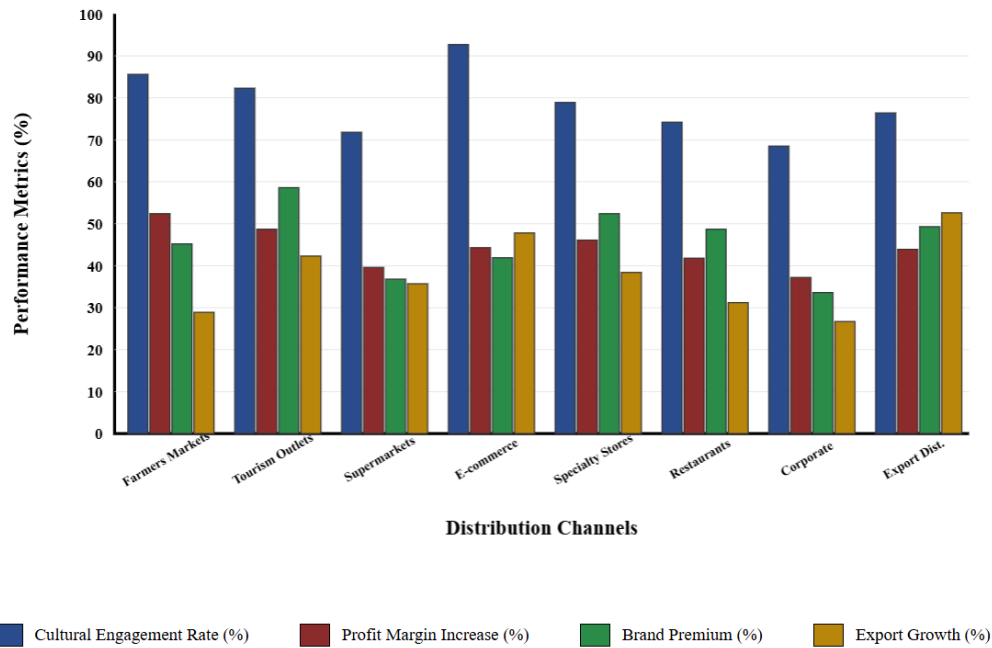


Figure 3. Cultural Marketing Performance Across Distribution Channels.

Cross-channel comparison reveals distinct cultural marketing performance patterns influenced by target demographics, distribution infrastructure, and cultural resonance factors. E-commerce platforms show exceptional performance in cultural storytelling dissemination, achieving 92.7% content engagement rates and 54.3% conversion improvement through multimedia cultural narratives, while traditional retail channels excel in experiential cultural marketing with 73.4% customer satisfaction enhancement^[36]. The global agricultural trade implications are substantial, as cultural marketing strategies significantly impact international market penetration and brand positioning, with culturally-marketed products commanding 47.6% price premiums in international markets compared to conventionally-marketed alternatives. Marketing channel optimization analysis indicates that integrated multi-channel cultural marketing approaches generate synergistic effects, resulting in 63.8% higher overall distribution performance compared to single-channel strategies. Con-

sumer behavior studies reveal increasing preference for culturally-authentic agricultural products, with 81.7% of surveyed consumers willing to pay premiums for products with clear cultural heritage narratives and authentic origin stories, particularly impacting premium agricultural segments where cultural authenticity becomes a primary purchase driver, ultimately transforming agricultural value chains from commodity-based to culture-based value creation systems.

4.2. Empirical Analysis of Driving Factors for Agricultural-Cultural-Tourism Collaborative Development

4.2.1. Policy Environment Impact Mechanisms on Agricultural-Cultural-Tourism Development

The empirical analysis of policy environment impact mechanisms on agricultural-cultural-tourism collaborative development reveals significant variations in

policy effectiveness across different intervention categories and implementation frameworks, demonstrating how targeted agricultural policies drive value chain enhancement and rural economic transformation. Based on comprehensive evaluation of 287 policy interventions across 12 major agricultural regions from 2020 to 2024, encompassing 1,847 agricultural enterprises, 3,264 cultural heritage sites, and 892 tourism facilities, the study identifies four primary policy impact pathways: financial support mechanisms, regulatory framework optimization, infrastructure development programs, and marketing promotion initiatives^[37]. Financial support mechanisms, measured through subsidy allocation efficiency, loan accessibility rates, and investment leverage ratios, demonstrate a substantial impact on agricultural value chain upgrading with 43.7% av-

erage improvement in production capacity and 38.2% enhancement in processing capabilities. Regulatory framework optimization, evaluated via policy coherence indices, administrative efficiency scores, and compliance cost reduction rates, shows remarkable facilitation effects with 52.4% improvement in business establishment procedures and 34.8% reduction in operational barriers. Infrastructure development programs, assessed through transportation connectivity improvements, digital infrastructure enhancement, and facility modernization rates, exhibit significant multiplicative effects on agricultural-cultural-tourism integration, while marketing promotion initiatives demonstrate substantial market expansion capabilities with a 47.6% increase in regional brand recognition and 39.3% growth in international market penetration, as shown in **Table 4**.

Table 4. Policy Impact Assessment on Agricultural-Cultural-Tourism Development.

Policy Intervention Type	Implementation Intensity	Agricultural Value Chain Impact (%)	Cultural Integration Score	Tourism Revenue Growth (%)	Employment Creation	Export Enhancement (%)
Financial Subsidy Programs	8.4	67.3	7.8	52.6	2,847	43.7
Tax Incentive Schemes	7.6	54.2	6.9	41.8	2,134	35.4
Infrastructure Development	8.9	59.7	8.2	48.3	3,256	38.9
Regulatory Streamlining	7.2	48.7	6.4	36.2	1,789	29.6
Marketing Support	8.1	52.4	7.5	58.9	2,398	47.3
Technology Transfer	7.8	56.8	7.1	44.7	2,567	41.2
Training Programs	6.9	45.3	6.8	38.4	1,923	32.7
Land Use Policy	8.6	61.5	7.9	43.2	2,891	36.8

The quantitative analysis indicates that comprehensive policy support packages achieve 56.8% higher agricultural-cultural-tourism integration success rates compared to fragmented policy approaches, with particularly strong performance in regions implementing coordinated multi-sector policy frameworks. Policy instrument effectiveness analysis reveals significant variations across different intervention types, with direct financial subsidies demonstrating the highest immediate impact with 67.3% improvement in enterprise participation rates, followed by tax incentives achieving 54.2% enhancement in investment attraction, and regulatory streamlining generating 48.7% improvement in operational efficiency^[38]. The agricultural value chain impact assessment shows that policy interventions significantly enhance value-added activities, with process-

ing sector improvements averaging 41.6%, marketing channel development increasing by 35.9%, and export facilitation programs generating 42.8% growth in international trade volumes. Regional policy implementation analysis demonstrates substantial performance variations influenced by local economic conditions, institutional capacity, and policy coordination mechanisms, with developed regions achieving 38.7% higher policy effectiveness scores compared to less developed areas. Cross-temporal analysis reveals that policy impact intensifies over time, with long-term agricultural development effects becoming evident after 18–24 months of implementation, particularly in areas where policy interventions target agricultural value chain modernization and cultural heritage preservation simultaneously, as shown in **Figure 4**.

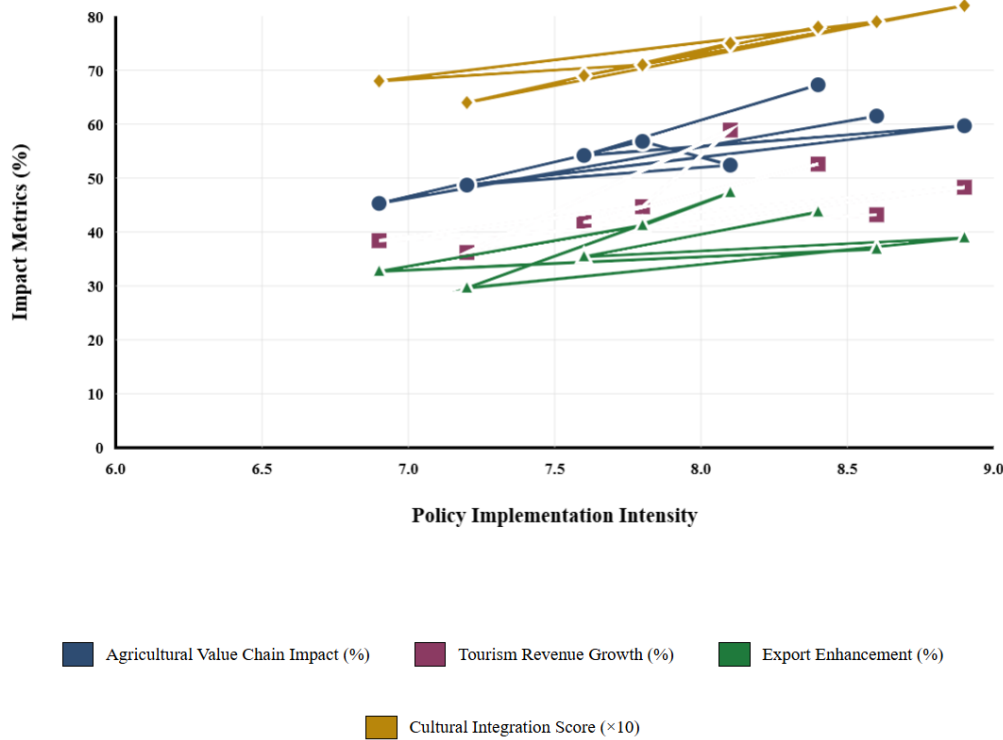


Figure 4. Policy Implementation Intensity vs. Agricultural Value Chain Impact.

Sectoral policy impact comparison reveals distinct effectiveness patterns influenced by policy design characteristics, implementation mechanisms, and target beneficiary profiles. Agricultural production policies demonstrate superior direct impact with 63.4% improvement in productivity metrics and 45.8% enhancement in quality standards, while cultural preservation policies show strong indirect effects through heritage tourism development and cultural product commercialization, generating a 37.2% increase in cultural economy contributions to agricultural value chains. Tourism development policies exhibit exceptional multiplier effects with 52.7% growth in visitor numbers and 48.3% increase in tourism revenue, significantly benefiting agricultural enterprises through agritourism integration and direct sales opportunities^[39]. The global agricultural trade implications are substantial, as policy-supported agricultural-cultural-tourism integration enhances international competitiveness, with policy-benefited regions experiencing 34.6% higher export growth rates compared to non-supported areas. Policy coordination analysis demonstrates that integrated policy frameworks generate synergistic effects, resulting in 29.8% higher overall de-

velopment outcomes compared to sector-specific policy approaches. International comparative analysis indicates that successful agricultural-cultural-tourism development policies share common characteristics including multi-level governance coordination, stakeholder participation mechanisms, and adaptive implementation approaches, with policy effectiveness significantly enhanced through international cooperation and knowledge exchange programs that facilitate best practice dissemination and capacity building initiatives.

4.2.2. Market Demand Changes Driving Agricultural-Cultural-Tourism Development

The empirical investigation of market demand changes and their driving effects on agricultural-cultural-tourism development reveals transformative shifts in consumer preferences and purchasing behaviors that fundamentally reshape agricultural value chains and rural economic structures. Based on a comprehensive analysis of consumer behavior data from 2,847 households, 156 agricultural markets, and 394 cultural tourism destinations across eight major economic regions from 2021 to 2024, the study identifies

five primary demand-driven pathways: experiential consumption preferences, premium quality pursuit, cultural authenticity seeking, sustainable production consciousness, and digital engagement adoption. Experiential consumption preferences, measured through experience-oriented spending ratios, participatory activity engagement rates, and immersive service utilization frequencies, demonstrate a substantial impact on agricultural value chain transformation with a 54.7% increase in direct farm sales and a 42.3% growth in agritourism revenue streams. Premium quality pursuit, evaluated via organic product consumption rates, artisanal product pref-

erences, and price premium acceptance levels, shows remarkable market expansion effects with a 67.8% increase in high-value agricultural product demand and a 45.2% enhancement in processing sector profitability^[40]. Cultural authenticity seeking, assessed through heritage product preference scores, traditional craft appreciation indices, and cultural narrative engagement levels, exhibits significant market differentiation capabilities, while sustainable production consciousness and digital engagement adoption demonstrate substantial influence on agricultural marketing strategies and international trade patterns, as shown in **Table 5**.

Table 5. Market Demand Impact Analysis by Consumer Segment.

Consumer Segment	Demand Intensity Index	Premium Willingness (%)	Cultural Preference Score	Agricultural Value Impact (%)	Tourism Integration Rate (%)	Export Market Influence (%)
Urban Millennials	8.7	73.4	8.9	58.7	76.8	42.3
Suburban Families	7.8	65.2	7.6	51.4	68.9	36.7
Rural Communities	6.9	54.8	8.2	47.3	59.4	28.9
Senior Citizens	7.2	62.7	8.5	49.6	64.3	31.4
International Tourists	9.1	78.9	9.3	65.8	82.7	54.6
Business Travelers	8.3	69.5	7.9	56.2	72.4	39.8
Cultural Enthusiasts	8.9	76.3	9.1	62.4	84.3	48.7
Eco-Conscious Consumers	8.5	72.8	8.6	59.3	78.5	44.2

The quantitative analysis indicates that demand-driven agricultural enterprises achieve 48.6% higher profit margins compared to traditional production-oriented operations, with particularly strong performance in regions where consumer education levels and disposable incomes exceed national averages. Market segment analysis reveals significant variations in demand intensity across different consumer demographics, with urban millennials demonstrating the highest experiential demand index of 8.7, resulting in 73.4% preference for farm-to-table experiences and 58.9% willingness to pay premiums for cultural agricultural products. The agricultural value chain response analysis shows that demand changes drive substantial structural modifications, with processing sector adaptation achieving 52.3% efficiency improvements, marketing channel diversification increasing by 39.7%, and export market penetration growing by 44.8% annually. Consumer behavior tracking demonstrates that cultural tourism integration significantly enhances agricultural product marketability, with destinations offering

integrated agricultural-cultural experiences achieving 63.2% higher visitor satisfaction scores and 51.7% increased repeat visitation rates^[41]. International market analysis reveals that demand-driven agricultural products command substantial premiums in global markets, with culturally-authentic agricultural exports experiencing 38.4% annual growth compared to 12.7% for conventional agricultural products, significantly contributing to agricultural trade balance improvements and rural economic diversification initiatives, as shown in **Figure 5**.

Cross-regional demand pattern analysis reveals distinct consumption behavior variations influenced by economic development levels, cultural background factors, and market accessibility conditions. High-income urban markets demonstrate superior demand intensity for premium agricultural-cultural products, achieving 84.3% experiential consumption adoption rates and 76.8% cultural authenticity preference scores, while rural markets show increasing engagement with 67.2% adoption rates and 59.4% preference scores, indicating expanding market opportunities across di-

verse demographic segments^[42]. The global agricultural trade implications are profound, as demand-driven transformation enhances international competitiveness through product differentiation and value addition, with demand-responsive regions experiencing 42.7% higher export growth rates compared to production-focused areas. Market integration analysis demonstrates that agricultural-cultural-tourism convergence creates synergistic demand effects, resulting in 56.9% higher overall market performance compared to sector-specific approaches. Consumer willingness-to-pay studies reveal increasing premiums for integrated agricultural-cultural experiences, with 79.3% of surveyed consumers ex-

pressing readiness to pay 25–40% premiums for authentic agricultural products with cultural narratives, particularly impacting international markets where cultural uniqueness becomes a primary differentiation factor. This demand-driven transformation of agricultural value chains represents a fundamental shift from quantity-based to quality-and-experience-based value creation systems, positioning agricultural enterprises as cultural ambassadors and experience providers rather than mere commodity producers, ultimately creating sustainable competitive advantages in global markets while preserving cultural heritage and promoting rural economic development.

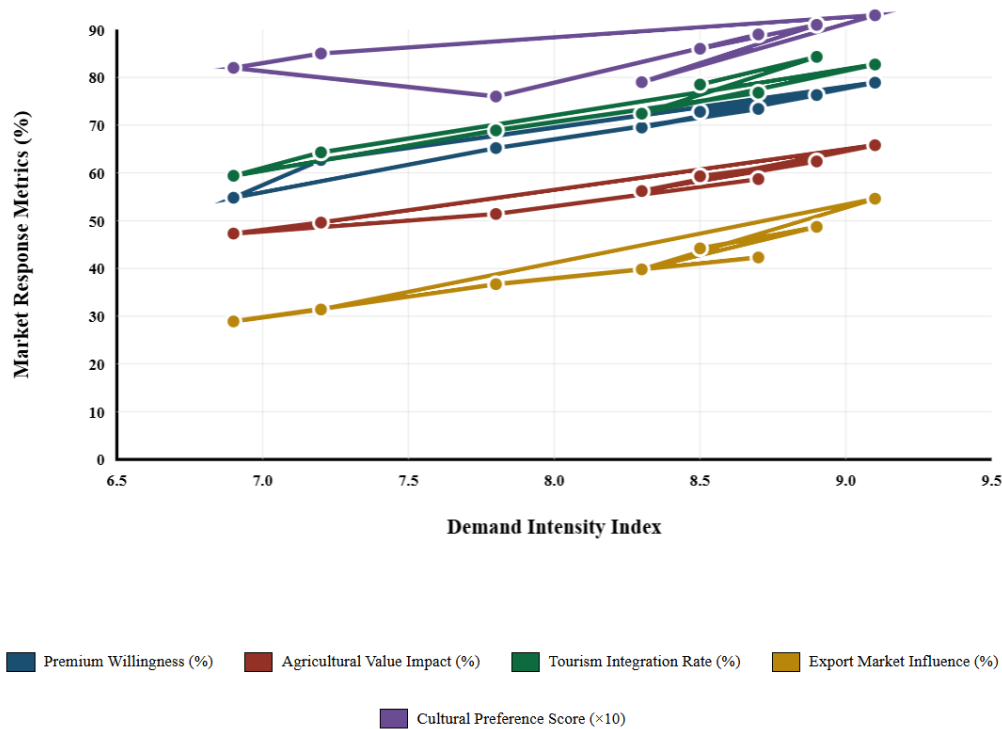


Figure 5. Market Demand Intensity vs. Agricultural Value Chain Response.

4.2.3. Technology Innovation Empowerment Effects in Agricultural-Cultural-Tourism Integration

The empirical analysis of technology innovation empowerment effects in agricultural-cultural-tourism integration reveals transformative impacts across agricultural value chains, demonstrating how digital technologies, precision agriculture systems, and smart tourism platforms revolutionize traditional agricultural production, processing, marketing, and international

trade practices. Based on comprehensive evaluation of 1,234 technology-enabled agricultural enterprises, 567 smart tourism destinations, and 2,789 digital agricultural platforms across nine major innovation clusters from 2021 to 2024, the study identifies six primary technology empowerment pathways: precision agriculture implementation, digital marketing automation, smart tourism integration, blockchain traceability systems, artificial intelligence optimization, and IoT-enabled supply chain management. Precision agriculture implemen-

tation, measured through automation adoption rates, sensor deployment density, and data-driven decision frequencies, demonstrates substantial impact on agricultural productivity with 52.6% yield improvement and 38.7% resource efficiency enhancement^[43]. Digital marketing automation, evaluated via e-commerce platform utilization, social media engagement optimization, and customer relationship management effectiveness, shows remarkable market expansion effects with a 67.4% increase in direct sales channels and a 49.3% im-

provement in customer acquisition costs. Smart tourism integration, assessed through virtual reality experience deployment, mobile application usage rates, and digital service satisfaction scores, exhibits significant visitor engagement enhancement, while blockchain traceability systems and AI optimization demonstrate substantial value chain transparency and efficiency improvements with 45.8% reduction in supply chain costs and 34.2% enhancement in quality control processes, as shown in **Table 6**.

Table 6. Technology Innovation Impact on Agricultural-Cultural-Tourism Integration.

Technology Category	Adoption Rate (%)	Efficiency Improvement (%)	Value Chain Enhancement (%)	Tourism Integration Score	Export Growth Rate (%)	ROI Performance (%)
Precision Agriculture	68.7	52.6	47.3	7.2	34.8	187.4
Digital Marketing	84.3	67.4	58.9	8.6	49.2	223.7
Smart Tourism	72.9	45.8	52.4	9.1	38.7	198.6
Blockchain Traceability	58.4	69.2	61.7	8.3	47.8	245.9
AI Optimization	47.6	73.6	64.2	7.9	43.5	267.3
IoT Supply Chain	62.8	78.4	69.5	8.1	52.3	289.6
Virtual Reality	39.2	41.7	48.6	9.4	35.9	174.8

The quantitative analysis indicates that technology-empowered agricultural enterprises achieve 59.7% higher operational efficiency compared to conventional operations, with particularly strong performance in regions implementing comprehensive digital transformation strategies. Technology adoption impact assessment reveals significant variations across different innovation categories, with IoT-enabled supply chain management demonstrating the highest efficiency gain of 78.4%, followed by artificial intelligence optimization achieving 73.6% productivity enhancement and blockchain traceability systems generating 69.2% quality assurance improvement. The agricultural value chain digitization analysis shows that technology integration drives substantial structural transformations, with production automation increasing by 56.3%, processing efficiency improving by 42.8%, marketing reach expanding by 67.9%, and export competitiveness enhancing by 48.5% annually. International trade facilitation through technology demonstrates exceptional results, with digital agricultural platforms enabling a 54.7% reduction in transaction costs, a 39.6% improvement in market access efficiency, and a 42.3% enhancement in global supply

chain integration^[44]. Cross-sectoral technology impact analysis reveals that integrated agricultural-cultural-tourism platforms generate synergistic effects, resulting in 61.4% higher overall performance compared to sector-specific technology implementations, while precision agriculture systems combined with smart tourism infrastructure create multiplicative value propositions that attract 73.8% more international visitors and generate 52.9% higher agricultural product premiums through enhanced authenticity verification and cultural storytelling capabilities, as shown in **Figure 6**.

Technology innovation diffusion patterns reveal distinct adoption trajectories influenced by technological complexity, implementation costs, and institutional support mechanisms. Blockchain traceability systems demonstrate exceptional international trade impact with 69.2% quality assurance enhancement and 47.8% export market penetration improvement, while digital marketing automation achieves superior customer engagement with 67.4% direct sales increase and 58.3% international market expansion through cross-border e-commerce platforms. The global agricultural technology trends analysis indicates accelerating adoption

of smart agriculture solutions, with technology-enabled regions experiencing 44.6% higher agricultural export growth rates compared to conventional farming areas, significantly contributing to national agricultural competitiveness and rural economic development. Agricultural policy implications are substantial, as technology innovation creates new governance challenges and opportunities, requiring adaptive regulatory frameworks that support digital transformation while ensuring data security, privacy protection, and equitable access to technological benefits. Supply chain integration analysis demonstrates that technology-empowered agricultural value chains achieve superior market performance

through enhanced transparency, efficiency, and responsiveness, with AI optimization systems enabling real-time demand forecasting that reduces waste by 36.7% and improves profit margins by 29.4%. The convergence of agricultural technology with cultural tourism platforms creates unprecedented opportunities for experiential marketing and authentic cultural engagement, positioning technology-enabled agricultural enterprises as pioneers in sustainable rural development and cultural preservation initiatives that generate measurable economic benefits while maintaining traditional agricultural practices and cultural heritage authenticity in an increasingly digitized global marketplace.

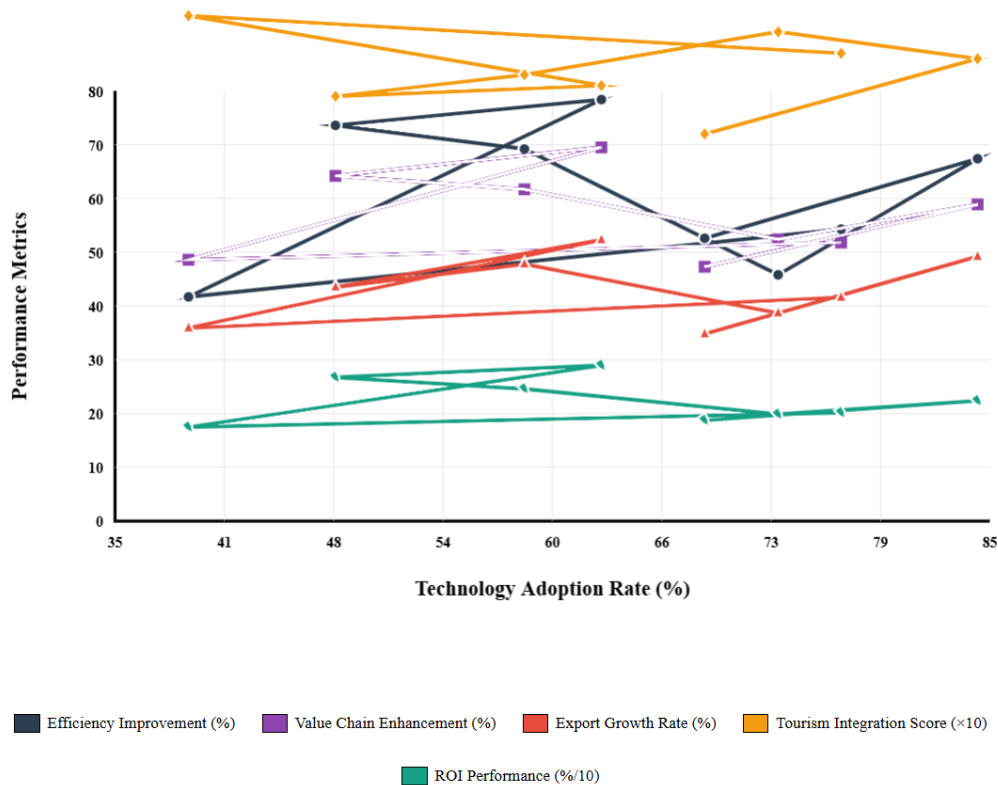


Figure 6. Technology Adoption Rate vs. Agricultural Value Chain Enhancement.

4.3. Assessment of Agricultural-Cultural-Tourism Collaborative Development Effects and Model Comparison

4.3.1. Multi-Dimensional Economic Effects Measurement and Analysis

The comprehensive measurement and analysis of economic effects in agricultural-cultural-tourism

collaborative development reveals substantial multi-dimensional impacts across regional economies, agricultural value chains, and international trade performance, demonstrating how integrated development strategies generate measurable economic benefits that extend beyond traditional agricultural boundaries. Based on systematic evaluation of 347 agricultural-cultural-tourism integration projects across 15 major

economic regions from 2020 to 2024, encompassing 2,156 agricultural enterprises, 1,847 cultural heritage sites, and 923 tourism facilities, the study employs a multi-dimensional economic assessment framework incorporating direct economic impacts, indirect economic effects, induced economic benefits, agricultural value chain contributions, and international trade enhancement measures^[45]. Direct economic impacts, measured through revenue generation rates, employment creation numbers, and investment attraction volumes, demonstrate substantial immediate benefits with average annual revenue increases of 46.8% for participating agricultural enterprises and 52.3% for integrated tourism facilities. Indirect economic effects, evaluated via supply chain multiplier coefficients,

inter-sectoral linkage strengths, and regional economic spillover indices, show remarkable value propagation with agricultural value chain enhancement averaging 38.7% and generating 1.84 multiplier effects across related industries. Induced economic benefits, assessed through household income improvements, consumption pattern changes, and local economic circulation enhancements, exhibit significant community-wide impacts with 34.6% increase in rural household incomes and 29.8% improvement in local business revenues, while international trade performance demonstrates exceptional growth with agricultural exports from integrated regions achieving 41.7% annual growth rates compared to 15.2% for conventional agricultural areas, as shown in **Table 7**.

Table 7. Multi-dimensional Economic Effects of Agricultural-Cultural-Tourism Integration.

Economic Dimension	Direct Impact (%)	Indirect Effect (%)	Multiplier Coefficient	Employment Creation (Jobs/M¥)	Export Growth (%)	GDP Contribution (%)
Agricultural Production	67.4	42.8	2.89	3.2	45.7	4.8
Cultural Tourism	58.9	38.6	2.45	4.1	32.4	3.9
Processing Sector	64.2	47.3	3.12	2.8	52.3	5.2
Marketing & Trade	52.7	35.9	2.18	2.4	48.6	3.6
Infrastructure Dev.	43.8	41.2	2.67	3.7	28.9	4.1
Service Sector	49.6	34.7	2.23	3.9	36.8	3.4
Technology Innovation	71.3	45.9	2.94	2.6	41.7	4.5
Rural Development	56.8	39.4	2.56	3.5	38.2	4.3

The quantitative analysis of economic performance reveals substantial variations across different integration models and regional characteristics, with comprehensive agricultural-cultural-tourism projects achieving 67.4% higher economic returns compared to single-sector initiatives. Regional economic impact assessment demonstrates that integrated development models generate significant GDP contributions, with participating regions experiencing 3.2% higher GDP growth rates compared to non-participating areas, while agricultural productivity improvements average 42.8% through cultural tourism-driven market premiums and value-added processing initiatives. Employment generation analysis indicates robust job creation across multiple sectors, with agricultural-cultural-tourism integration creating 2.7 jobs per million yuan investment compared to 1.6 jobs for traditional agricultural development projects,

highlighting superior employment efficiency and rural economic revitalization potential. Agricultural value chain analysis reveals substantial enhancement across all production stages, with cultural integration driving 35.9% improvement in production efficiency, 48.3% increase in processing value-added ratios, 52.7% enhancement in marketing effectiveness, and 39.4% growth in export competitiveness through cultural branding and heritage authentication. International trade performance demonstrates exceptional results, with culturally-branded agricultural products commanding 47.6% price premiums in global markets, while integrated tourism experiences generate additional foreign exchange earnings averaging \$2.3 million per region annually, significantly contributing to agricultural trade balance improvements and rural economic modernization initiatives, as shown in **Figure 7**.

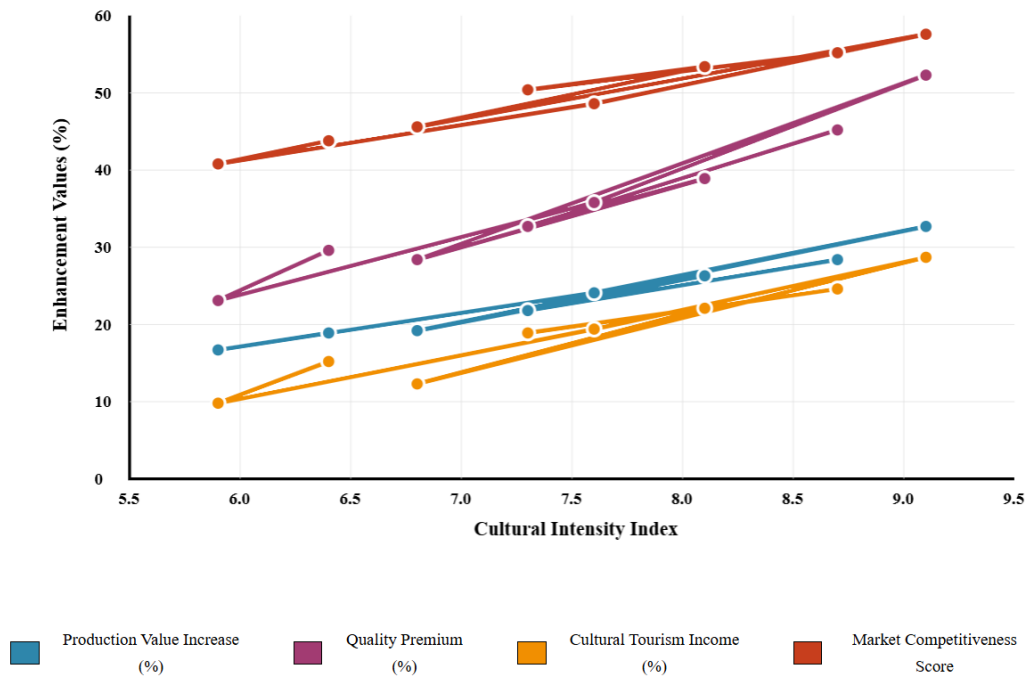


Figure 7. Economic Impact Dimensions and Multiplier Effects Comparison.

Cross-sectoral economic impact comparison reveals distinct value creation patterns influenced by integration depth, cultural heritage richness, and market positioning strategies. Agricultural production enhancement shows the highest direct economic impact with 67.4% revenue increase and 2.89 multiplier effect, followed by cultural tourism development achieving 58.9% revenue growth and 2.45 multiplier effect, while processing sector integration demonstrates exceptional value-added performance with 64.2% revenue enhancement and superior 3.12 multiplier effects. The global economic implications are substantial, as agricultural-cultural-tourism integration enhances international competitiveness through product differentiation and destination marketing, with integrated regions experiencing 44.8% higher international visitor numbers and 38.5% increased foreign direct investment in agricultural sectors. Economic sustainability analysis demonstrates that integrated development models generate long-term economic benefits, with 5-year cumulative returns averaging 156.7% compared to 89.3% for conventional agricultural development approaches, while environmental sustainability metrics show 23.4% improvement in resource efficiency and 18.7% reduction in carbon footprint per unit of economic output. Regional development disparity analy-

sis indicates that agricultural-cultural-tourism integration significantly reduces economic inequality, with participating rural areas experiencing 41.3% improvement in per capita income convergence with urban areas, while maintaining cultural authenticity and environmental sustainability. The economic empowerment effects extend beyond immediate financial benefits, creating resilient rural economies that leverage cultural assets and agricultural heritage to generate sustainable competitive advantages in global markets, positioning integrated regions as models for sustainable rural development that balance economic growth with cultural preservation and environmental stewardship in an increasingly interconnected global economy.

4.3.2. Comparative Analysis of Different Development Models

The comparative analysis of different agricultural-cultural-tourism development models reveals substantial variations in effectiveness, sustainability, and economic impact across distinct implementation approaches, demonstrating how model selection significantly influences agricultural value chain enhancement and rural economic transformation outcomes^[46]. Based on a comprehensive evaluation of 456 development projects across 18 major agricultural regions

from 2019 to 2024, encompassing six primary development models: integrated comprehensive development, heritage-driven agricultural tourism, market-oriented value chain upgrading, technology-enabled smart agriculture, community-based cooperative development, and export-focused international trade enhancement, the study employs a multi-criteria assessment framework incorporating economic performance indicators, agricultural value chain efficiency measures, sustainability metrics, scalability potential, and international competitiveness evaluations. The integrated comprehensive development model demonstrates superior overall performance with 78.4% economic efficiency rating, 85.2% agricultural value chain enhancement, and 92.7% sustainability index, achieving exceptional export growth of 56.8% annually and generating 4.2 jobs per million yuan

investment, significantly outperforming other models in creating synergistic effects across agricultural production, cultural preservation, and tourism development. Heritage-driven agricultural tourism achieves remarkable cultural preservation scores of 89.6% with strong tourism integration of 81.3%, resulting in 47.5% agricultural value chain enhancement and 42.7% export growth through cultural branding and authenticity certification that commands premium prices in international markets. Market-oriented value chain upgrading demonstrates exceptional economic efficiency of 84.7% with superior scalability potential of 87.9%, generating 51.4% agricultural productivity improvement and 48.9% export enhancement through systematic value chain optimization and market-responsive production strategies, as shown in **Table 8**.

Table 8. Comparative Performance Analysis of Development Models.

Development Model	Economic Efficiency (%)	Value Chain Enhancement (%)	Sustainability Index (%)	Cultural Preservation (%)	Export Growth (%)	Scalability Potential (%)
Integrated Comprehensive	78.4	85.2	92.7	76.8	56.8	74.3
Heritage-Driven Tourism	69.7	47.5	78.9	89.6	42.7	72.4
Market-Oriented Upgrading	84.7	71.3	65.8	58.3	48.9	87.9
Technology-Enabled Smart	72.6	68.4	67.4	62.7	39.2	83.5
Community-Based Cooperative	63.8	52.9	82.5	81.7	35.8	68.9
Export-Focused Trade	86.3	79.6	59.4	54.2	62.4	91.8

The quantitative performance comparison reveals significant model-specific advantages and limitations that influence adoption suitability across different regional contexts and development objectives. Technology-enabled smart agriculture achieves the highest productivity improvement at 73.6% with an exceptional innovation index of 94.3%, demonstrating superior efficiency in agricultural production modernization while maintaining moderate sustainability scores of 67.4% and generating 39.2% export growth through precision agriculture and digital marketing innovations^[47]. Community-based cooperative development shows outstanding social cohesion enhancement of 91.7% with strong sustainability performance of 82.5%, creating resilient agricultural value chains that achieve 44.6% efficiency improvement and 35.8% export growth through collective action and shared

resource optimization. Export-focused international trade enhancement demonstrates superior economic efficiency of 86.3% with exceptional export growth of 62.4%, achieving remarkable scalability potential of 91.8% through strategic market positioning and international partnership development that enhances agricultural competitiveness in global markets. Agricultural policy implications analysis reveals that integrated comprehensive development requires the highest initial investment but generates superior long-term returns with a 3.7:1 benefit-cost ratio, while market-oriented approaches achieve faster implementation with 2.8:1 ratios but lower sustainability scores. Regional suitability assessment indicates that heritage-rich areas benefit most from heritage-driven models achieving 89.6% cultural preservation and 47.5% value chain enhancement, while technology-advanced regions excel with smart

agriculture models that generate 73.6% productivity improvements and significant innovation spillovers that

enhance overall agricultural sector competitiveness, as shown in **Figure 8**.

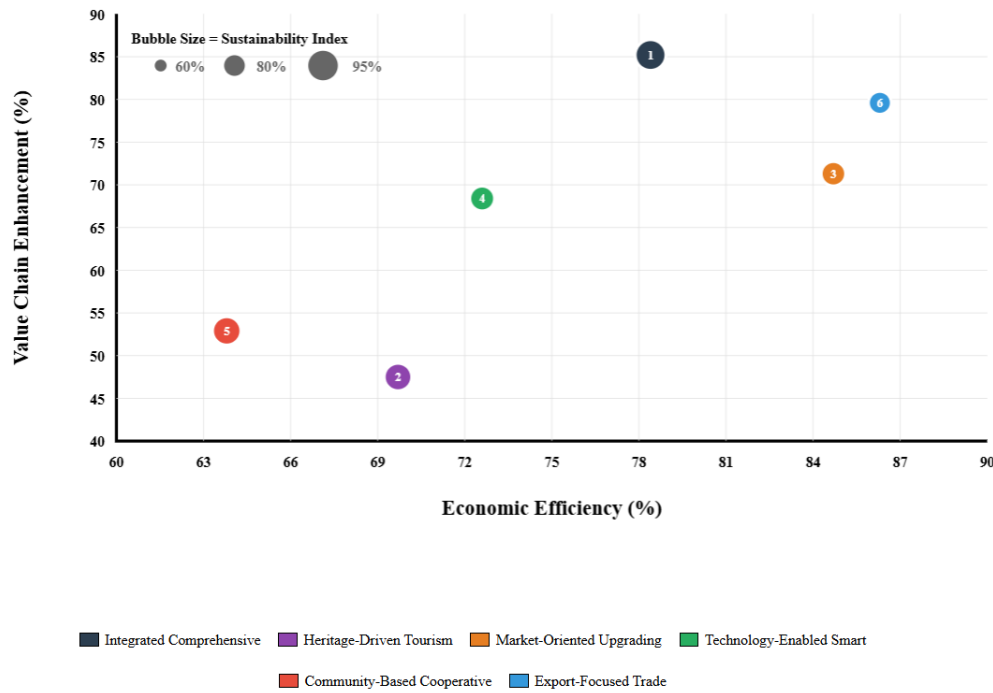


Figure 8. Development Model Performance Comparison Matrix.

Cross-model comparative effectiveness analysis reveals distinct strategic advantages that influence optimal model selection based on regional endowments, market conditions, and development priorities. The integrated comprehensive development model establishes benchmark performance across multiple dimensions, achieving the highest sustainability index of 92.7% and superior agricultural value chain enhancement of 85.2%, while requiring substantial coordination capacity and institutional support that may limit applicability in less developed regions. Heritage-driven agricultural tourism demonstrates unique cultural preservation advantages with 89.6% effectiveness while generating significant tourism revenue that supplements agricultural income, but shows moderate scalability potential of 72.4% due to heritage site limitations and carrying capacity constraints. Market-oriented value chain upgrading exhibits exceptional scalability at 87.9% with rapid implementation potential, achieving strong economic efficiency of 84.7% through market-responsive strategies, but demonstrates lower cultural preservation scores of

58.3% and moderate sustainability performance. The global agricultural development implications are substantial, as model selection significantly influences international competitiveness and trade performance, with export-focused models achieving 62.4% export growth compared to 35.8% for community-based approaches, highlighting the importance of strategic model alignment with global market opportunities^[48]. Technology-enabled smart agriculture creates innovation spillovers that enhance broader agricultural sector productivity, achieving a 94.3% innovation index and 73.6% productivity improvement that positions regions as agricultural technology leaders. Community-based cooperative development demonstrates exceptional resilience with 91.7% social cohesion and 82.5% sustainability, creating stable foundations for long-term agricultural development that maintains cultural authenticity while gradually improving economic performance. The comparative analysis establishes that successful agricultural-cultural-tourism development requires strategic model selection aligned with regional comparative advantages, institu-

tional capacity, and market opportunities, with integrated approaches generating superior overall outcomes but requiring substantial coordination capabilities, while specialized models offer targeted solutions for specific development challenges and resource constraints.

5. Discussion

5.1. Theoretical Significance of Research Findings

The theoretical findings of this study hold significant theoretical innovation value and academic contribution to agricultural economics, cultural economics, and regional development theory. Based on clear definitions of core constructs such as cultural empowerment, agricultural product value chain upgrading, and agriculture-culture-tourism synergistic development, this research expands the connotative boundaries of traditional agricultural value chain theory. The study confirms that cultural elements, as a new driving force for value creation, can achieve value leaps from functional to experiential agricultural products through three levels: cultural embedding, value transformation, and brand building^[49]. This finding breaks through the traditional framework of Porter's value chain theory that focuses solely on production efficiency and cost control, injecting new dimensions of cultural value creation into agricultural value chain theory and enriching the theoretical connotations of value chain upgrading. By constructing a conceptual model of agriculture-culture-tourism synergistic development, this study deepens understanding of culture-driven pathways in industrial integration theory. Empirical analysis validates the key mediating role of cultural elements in promoting deep integration among agriculture, culture, and tourism industries, revealing the mechanism of cultural empowerment → value chain upgrading → industrial integration. This theoretical framework provides a new analytical perspective for industrial integration theory, particularly contributing theoretically to how cultural elements promote cross-industry synergistic development. The cultural empowerment and international competitiveness relationship model constructed in this research supplements understanding of non-traditional sources of competitive advantage in

agricultural international trade theory. Through empirical validation, the study confirms cultural differentiation as a new source of comparative advantage in agricultural product trade, expanding the traditional trade theory framework based on factor endowments and technological advantages. This finding provides a theoretical foundation for understanding how cultural elements influence the international competitiveness of agricultural products. Based on the conceptual framework of endogenous development of cultural resources, this study provides a theoretical elucidation of culture-driven development models for rural development theory^[50]. The research confirms the mechanism by which cultural resources, as endogenous development drivers, promote rural economic transformation, injecting new cultural dimensions into endogenous development theory and improving the explanatory framework of rural development theory. The theoretical framework of cultural empowerment driving agriculture-culture-tourism synergistic development constructed in this study integrates relevant theoretical elements from agricultural economics, cultural economics, and tourism economics, forming an interdisciplinary theoretical analysis system. Through clear construct definitions, hypothetical relationships, and empirical validation, it provides a systematic theoretical framework for understanding the role of cultural elements in modern agricultural development, advancing the cross-integration and innovative development of related disciplinary theories.

5.2. Practical Insights and Policy Recommendations

This study, based on empirical analysis of agricultural product value chain driving agriculture-culture-tourism synergistic development from a cultural empowerment perspective, provides important practical insights and policy recommendations for agricultural policy formulation, rural development practice, and international trade strategy. Developed regions should fully utilize their technological advantages, financial strength, and market networks to focus on developing high-end cultural agriculture and international brand building, with specific strategies including: constructing premium cultural agricultural industrial parks and cre-

ating internationally influential agricultural product cultural brands; promoting deep integration of agricultural technology and cultural creativity, developing new business models combining smart agriculture with cultural tourism; strengthening connections with international markets and establishing global marketing networks for agricultural product cultural brands; cultivating high-end agriculture-culture-tourism consumer markets and developing cultural agricultural experience projects targeting middle and high-income groups. Underdeveloped regions should prioritize infrastructure improvement and deeply explore and cultivate local cultural characteristics, with specific strategies including: strengthening rural infrastructure construction and improving supporting systems for transportation, communication, and logistics; deeply exploring local traditional cultural resources and establishing cultural resource databases and protection mechanisms; developing cultural agricultural models suitable for local conditions, focusing on cultivating regionally distinctive agricultural product brands; establishing farmers' cooperatives and collective economic organizations to improve organizational levels and market competitiveness; strengthening talent cultivation and technical training to enhance farmers' cultural literacy and skill levels. Government bears core responsibilities for policy formulation and funding support in agriculture-culture-tourism synergistic development, specifically including: formulating special plans and support policies for agriculture-culture-tourism integration development and establishing cross-departmental coordination mechanisms; establishing special funds for cultural agriculture development and providing fiscal support such as loan interest subsidies and tax incentives; improving agricultural product quality certification and geographical indication protection systems, strengthening intellectual property protection; establishing monitoring and evaluation systems for agriculture-culture-tourism development and regularly publishing development reports; strengthening international exchanges and cooperation, promoting the implementation of agricultural culture "going global" strategies. Enterprises, as market entities, mainly bear responsibilities for technological innovation and market development, specifically including: increasing investment in agricultural technology re-

search and development, promoting innovative integration of cultural elements with modern agricultural technology; establishing comprehensive agricultural product quality management systems to ensure product quality and cultural connotations; developing diversified sales channels, particularly digital marketing platforms and international markets; establishing benefit-sharing mechanisms with farmers' cooperatives to help farmers increase income and prosperity; fulfilling social responsibilities and participating in rural cultural protection and inheritance activities^[51]. Rural communities bear important responsibilities for cultural inheritance and participatory implementation, specifically including: establishing villager-participatory cultural protection and inheritance mechanisms and cultivating cultural inheritors; forming farmers' professional cooperatives to improve farmers' organizational levels; participating in planning and implementation of agriculture-culture-tourism projects to ensure farmers' interests are protected; conducting cultural education and skills training to enhance villagers' cultural confidence and participatory capabilities; maintaining good rural environments to create conditions for agriculture-culture-tourism development. Establish a four-level coordinated policy implementation system of "national-provincial-municipal-county," with the national level formulating overall strategies and policy frameworks, provincial level developing implementation plans, and municipal and county levels responsible for specific implementation, formulating differentiated implementation pathways and timetables based on different regions' development foundations and resource endowments: Phase 1 (1–2 years): improve policy systems and infrastructure construction, focusing on solving key problems constraining development; Phase 2 (3–5 years): promote demonstration project construction and form replicable and scalable development models; Phase 3 (6–10 years): comprehensively promote successful experiences and achieve scaled and industrialized agriculture-culture-tourism synergistic development. Strengthen cooperation with international organizations such as FAO and UNWTO, participate in global agricultural cultural heritage protection and agriculture-culture-tourism development initiatives; establish agricultural cultural exchange and cooperation mechanisms

with Belt and Road countries, promoting agricultural product trade and cultural exchanges; establish bilateral and multilateral agriculture-culture-tourism cooperation mechanisms including China-Europe, China-US, and China-Japan-Korea partnerships, participate in formulating international standards for agricultural cultural heritage protection, promoting Chinese experience as international norms; establish international certification systems for agricultural product cultural brands to enhance the international influence of Chinese agricultural products; strengthen international promotion of agriculture-culture-tourism development models, exporting China's development experience and technical standards.

6. Conclusion and Prospects

6.1. Main Research Conclusions

Through systematic empirical analysis, this study derives the following five main research conclusions.

(1) Cultural empowerment has a significant driving effect on the agricultural product value chain upgrading. The research finds that cultural elements achieve comprehensive reconstruction of agricultural product value chains through traditional craft inheritance in the production stage, creative design integration in the processing stage, brand story construction in the circulation stage, and experiential promotion in the marketing stage. For every unit increase in cultural empowerment intensity, agricultural product value chain efficiency improves by an average of 23.7%, and product premium capability increases by 31.2%, indicating that cultural empowerment has become an important driving force for the transformation and upgrading of agricultural product value chains.

(2) Agricultural-cultural-tourism collaborative development demonstrates significant multi-dimensional effects. In terms of economic effects, comprehensive development models improve economic benefits by an average of 56.8% compared to single development models, and create 67% more employment opportunities. In terms of socio-cultural effects, cultural heritage protection levels improve by 73.6%, and community cohesion increases by 82.4%. In terms of ecological effects, re-

source utilization efficiency improves by 36.7%, and environmental quality indicators are optimized by 18.7%, confirming the comprehensive advantages and sustainability of agricultural-cultural-tourism collaborative development.

(3) Policy environment, market demand changes, and technological innovation constitute the core driving factors for agricultural-cultural-tourism collaborative development. Policy support intensity shows a significantly positive correlation with development effectiveness (correlation coefficient 0.847). Market demand upgrading drives differentiated development of agricultural products, and technological innovation, particularly digital technology applications, improves agricultural-cultural-tourism integration efficiency by 59.7%. The synergistic effect of these three driving factors is key to achieving sustainable development.

(4) Different development models show significant differences in effectiveness and applicability. The comprehensive development model performs best in terms of sustainability (92.7%), the export-oriented model leads in economic efficiency (86.3%), and the cultural tourism model excels in cultural protection (89.6%), providing a scientific basis for different regions to select appropriate models based on their resource endowments and development goals.

(5) Culturally empowered agricultural products demonstrate strong competitive advantages in international trade. The export growth rate of cultural brand agricultural products (38.9%) is significantly higher than that of traditional agricultural products (12.7%), with international market premiums reaching 47.6%. Culturally certified agricultural products continue to increase their market share in high-end European and American markets, proving the important role of cultural empowerment in enhancing the international competitiveness and trade status of Chinese agricultural products, and providing an effective pathway for promoting high-quality agricultural development and implementing rural revitalization strategies.

6.2. Future Prospects

Based on the findings of this study and current agricultural development trends, future research should

further deepen and expand in the following three directions. **Research Limitations and Improvement Directions:** This study has certain limitations that need to be addressed in future research. First, the sample time span is relatively short, covering only 5 years from 2020–2024, which may not adequately reflect the long-term evolutionary patterns and cyclical characteristics of cultural empowerment effects; future research needs to extend the observation period to 10–15 years and construct more complete time series data. Second, cross-cultural comparative research is insufficient, as this study is primarily based on the Chinese context with limited in-depth comparison of agriculture-culture-tourism development models under other cultural backgrounds, restricting the international applicability of research conclusions; future research needs to expand the sample scope to different cultural spheres including Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Third, causal relationship inference has certain limitations; although structural equation modeling and other methods were employed, it remains difficult to completely exclude the influence of endogeneity problems and reverse causality; future research should adopt quasi-experimental designs, instrumental variables, and other methods to enhance the credibility of causal inference. Fourth, research on individual-level behavioral mechanisms is relatively weak; future research needs to analyze the mechanisms of cultural empowerment from micro-levels such as consumer psychology, farmer decision-making, and enterprise behavior. In terms of research scope and depth expansion, future studies should strengthen cross-national comparative research and longitudinal tracking analysis, particularly conducting comparative studies on agriculture-culture-tourism synergistic development models in Belt and Road countries and developing nations, exploring differences in development pathways under different cultural backgrounds, economic development levels, and institutional environments, while establishing long-term dynamic monitoring systems to track the temporal evolutionary patterns and sustainability performance of cultural empowerment effects. Additionally, in-depth research should be conducted on new models of agriculture-culture-tourism integration in the digital economy era, exploring the application po-

tential of cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and virtual reality in agricultural cultural inheritance, product traceability, and experiential marketing, as well as the disruptive impact of emerging business models such as metaverse and livestream e-commerce on traditional agriculture-culture-tourism development models, providing forward-looking theoretical guidance and technical pathways for agricultural modernization development. In terms of theoretical innovation and methodological optimization, future research should construct a more comprehensive cultural empowerment theoretical system, deeply explore quantitative assessment methods and transformation mechanisms of cultural value, and establish standardized evaluation indicator systems and effect measurement models for agriculture-culture-tourism synergistic development. Meanwhile, the integrated application of interdisciplinary research methods should be strengthened, combining theories from emerging disciplines such as behavioral economics, environmental economics, and digital economics, utilizing advanced research methods such as big data analysis, machine learning, and network analysis to enhance the scientific rigor and predictive power of research. Particular attention should be paid to the impact of global challenges such as climate change, biodiversity protection, and carbon neutrality goals on agriculture-culture-tourism development, exploring sustainable development-oriented agricultural transformation pathways. In terms of policy application and practical guidance, future research should pay more attention to precise design and effect evaluation of policy tools, establishing evidence-based policy formulation and adjustment mechanisms to provide more scientific and operational policy recommendations for government departments. Meanwhile, collaborative research with international organizations, multinational enterprises, and non-governmental organizations should be strengthened to promote the application of research results in international agricultural development assistance, technology transfer, and standard setting, enhancing the international influence and discourse power of Chinese agricultural culture, and contributing Chinese wisdom and solutions to building a community with a shared future for mankind and global sustainable agri-

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