Abstract

Purpose – The purpose of the paper is to sought to know the implication of COVID-19 lockdown for food security in Nigeria

Design/methodology/approach – The study examined implication of COVID-19 lockdown for food security. The cross sectional survey research design was employed. Information was elicited from respondents through the social medium (Facebook). The question response format of the instrument was of the five-point Likert scale type. Research data were analysed using one sample t-test and least squares (regression).

Findings – The results show that COVID-19 lockdown can significantly constrain farm labour, transportation and security, while food security can be threatened by insufficient labour, transportation, farmers’ morale and farm coordination

Research limitations/implications – A major limitation was the restriction to only online data collection method owing to the researcher’s inability to administer the instrument physically as a result of the lockdown. This had an implication on randomisation.

Social implications – Long stay of people at home and away from farm activities will threaten food security on the long run and thus, precipitate social vices due to the attendant hunger and deprivation Originality/value – In empirical examination of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic lockdown on food ecurity, thereby providing statistical evidence that will be useful in the sensitisation of stakeholders on the need to thread on the part of caution to avoid the possible consequences of restricting farmers’ operations through the COVID-19 lockdown.