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## Factors influencing farmer choices of use of shade trees in coffee fields around Mount Elgon, Eastern Uganda

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## Abstract

The debate on integration of shade trees on farmers' fields is lately becoming more pronounced due to the increasing land fragmentation, particularly in the highlands where the number of trees on farm is reducing drastically. In these farmlands, the choice of shade trees is the result of complex farmers' analyses and valuation of tradeoffs among the increasing productivity, socioeconomic and environmental benefits. However, little is known about what coffee farmers specifically base their decisions on to select and grow shade trees in their fields.

