

# **THE IMPACT OF ENTREPRENEURIAL ORIENTATION AND SOCIAL CAPITAL ON THE PERFORMANCE OF SMALL-SCALE COFFEE FARMS IN NORTHERN THAILAND: THE MEDIATING ROLE OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY AND THE MODERATING EFFECT OF MARKET VOLATILITY**

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**Abstract:** This study examines the impact of entrepreneurial orientation and social capital on the performance of small-scale coffee farms in Northern Thailand. Utilizing resource management capability as a mediating variable and market volatility as a moderating factor, the research explores the interplay of these elements in agricultural success. A structured questionnaire survey was conducted, collecting data from 397 farmers, and analyzed using statistical models such as correlation and regression analysis. The findings reveal that entrepreneurial orientation and social capital significantly enhance farm performance, with resource management capability playing a key mediating role. However, market volatility does not significantly weaken the effect of resource management capability on farm performance, suggesting that efficient resource utilization can buffer the negative effects of market instability. This study underscores the importance of fostering an entrepreneurial mindset, strengthening cooperative networks, and improving resource management skills to sustain agricultural growth. The results provide valuable insights for policymakers and agricultural stakeholders to develop targeted interventions for enhancing the resilience and competitiveness of smallholder farms.

**Keywords:** Entrepreneurial Orientation, Social Capital, Resource Management, Farm Performance, Market Volatility

## **Introduction**

Agriculture remains a cornerstone of the global economy, particularly in developing countries where small-scale farming is a fundamental driver of income generation, food security, and

environmental sustainability (Szabo, Kusakabe, & Yukongdi, 2019). Millions of rural households depend on agriculture as their primary livelihood, yet traditional farming models face growing challenges due to rapid industrialization, globalization, and shifting market dynamics. Increasing urbanization, climate change, and fluctuating commodity prices further compound these difficulties, forcing small-scale farmers to adopt new strategies to remain competitive and ensure long-term sustainability.

To survive and thrive in this evolving agricultural landscape, small farmers must enhance productivity, improve their market positioning, and develop resilience to economic volatility (Ahmed & Brennan, 2019). In this context, entrepreneurial orientation (EO) and social capital (SC) have emerged as key factors influencing farm performance, particularly in developing economies where access to financial resources, technology, and market information is often limited (Widtayakornbundit & Luangpituksa, 2023). By fostering innovation, risk-taking, and strong social networks, farmers can leverage EO and SC to enhance productivity, strengthen supply chain connections, and improve overall economic viability.

In Thailand, coffee production has become an increasingly important economic sector, particularly in the northern mountainous regions such as Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, and Mae Hong Son. These areas offer ideal conditions for coffee cultivation, including high altitudes, cool temperatures, and rich soil, making coffee one of the dominant cash crops in the region (Raungpaka & Savetpanuvong, 2017). Over the past decade, the growth of specialty coffee and rising global demand for high-quality, sustainably sourced beans have provided new opportunities for Thai coffee farmers to expand their market reach and improve profitability.

However, despite the sector's potential, small-scale coffee farmers continue to face significant challenges. Volatile market prices, limited access to financial and technological resources, inadequate government support, and climate-related disruptions threaten their livelihoods and long-term productivity (Savetpanuvong, 2017). As a result, fostering entrepreneurial orientation (EO) and strengthening social capital (SC) have emerged as essential strategies for smallholder farmers. By encouraging innovation, risk-taking, and collaboration within farming communities, EO and SC can enhance market competitiveness, improve resource-sharing networks, and contribute to the long-term sustainability of Thailand's coffee industry.

Entrepreneurial orientation (EO) is a critical concept in business and agricultural development, referring to an individual's or firm's strategic approach toward innovation, proactiveness, and risk-taking (Covin & Lumpkin, 2011). In the context of small-scale farming, EO is particularly important as it influences how farmers adapt to changing market conditions, adopt new technologies, and explore alternative income-generating opportunities. Farmers with a strong entrepreneurial mindset are more likely to seek innovative agricultural techniques, diversify their product offerings, and leverage modern marketing strategies to increase competitiveness.

Recent studies suggest that smallholder farmers who exhibit high levels of EO are better positioned to adopt sustainable farming practices, access premium markets, and effectively manage risks associated with price fluctuations and climate variability (Ngo, 2023). Despite these potential benefits, the direct impact of EO on farm performance, particularly within small-scale coffee farming, remains an underexplored area of research. Understanding the role of EO in improving productivity, income stability, and market positioning is essential for policymakers, agricultural extension services, and development organizations looking to support smallholder coffee farmers in enhancing their long-term economic sustainability. Further empirical investigation is needed to establish how EO influences key performance indicators in the coffee sector.

Social capital (SC) is a crucial factor in agricultural development, encompassing the structural, relational, and cognitive dimensions of social networks that facilitate cooperation, trust, and information exchange among individuals and organizations (Rockenbauch, Sakdapolrak, & Sterly, 2019). In the farming sector, SC plays a significant role in enhancing productivity and economic stability, as farmers with strong social connections are better positioned to access essential resources such as market information, financial support, technological advancements, and collective bargaining opportunities. Through participation in cooperatives, farmer associations, and informal networks, smallholder farmers can mitigate risks, share best practices, and improve overall farm performance.

Studies suggest that farmers with high levels of SC tend to experience greater resilience in the face of market volatility and environmental challenges, as their networks provide support mechanisms that enhance their ability to adapt and innovate (Al-Omouh, Ribeiro-Navarrete, & Lassala, 2022). However, while the benefits of SC in agriculture are well-documented, there remains a gap in understanding how social capital interacts with entrepreneurial orientation (EO) to shape farm performance, particularly among Thai coffee farmers. Exploring this relationship is essential to determine whether a combination of strong EO and SC can create synergistic effects that lead to increased farm profitability, sustainability, and long-term growth.

In addition to entrepreneurial orientation (EO) and social capital (SC), resource management capability (RMC) plays a crucial role in determining the success and sustainability of agricultural enterprises. RMC refers to a farmer's ability to effectively acquire, allocate, and utilize resources—such as land, labor, capital, and technology—in a way that maximizes productivity and efficiency (Hartono, Toiba, & Putritamara, 2024). Effective resource management enables farmers to optimize their operations, reduce costs, and enhance competitiveness in an increasingly complex and volatile agricultural market. This is particularly important for smallholder farmers who often face constraints such as limited financial access, unpredictable weather conditions, and fluctuating market prices.

While RMC has been widely recognized as a critical determinant of farm performance, its role in mediating the relationship between EO, SC, and overall agricultural success remains an area that requires further empirical investigation. Farmers with high EO may be more proactive in acquiring

resources, while those with strong SC may leverage their networks to secure better financing, technical assistance, and market access. However, without effective resource management capabilities, these advantages may not fully translate into improved farm performance. Understanding how RMC interacts with EO and SC can provide valuable insights into developing targeted support programs for smallholder farmers, particularly in specialty coffee production, where efficiency and sustainability are key to long-term success.

Market volatility (MV) is a significant challenge in smallholder farming, as it introduces uncertainty in pricing, demand fluctuations, and shifts in agricultural policies that can directly impact farm income and sustainability (Mozumdar & Islam, 2022). Farmers operating in volatile markets often struggle with unpredictable price swings, changes in consumer preferences, and policy interventions that affect trade regulations, subsidies, and agricultural incentives. Without effective strategies to navigate these uncertainties, smallholder farmers face increased financial risks, reduced profitability, and heightened vulnerability to external shocks.

In response to market volatility, resource management capability (RMC) plays a crucial role in enabling farmers to adapt to changing conditions by optimizing resource allocation, diversifying income streams, and improving supply chain efficiencies. However, while previous studies have explored the impact of market dynamics on agribusiness, limited research exists on how MV moderates the relationship between RMC and farm performance, particularly in smallholder coffee farming. Given that coffee prices are highly sensitive to global supply-demand imbalances, climate factors, and international trade policies, understanding how MV influences the effectiveness of resource management strategies is essential. Identifying whether high RMC can mitigate the negative effects of MV on farm performance could provide valuable insights for policymakers, cooperatives, and agribusiness stakeholders looking to support smallholder coffee farmers in building resilience against market uncertainties.

By addressing these research gaps, this study aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the complex interactions between entrepreneurial orientation (EO), social capital (SC), resource management capability (RMC), and market volatility (MV) in the context of smallholder farming. While existing literature highlights the significance of these individual factors in shaping farm performance, limited research has explored their combined effects, particularly in Thailand's smallholder coffee sector. Given the increasing challenges posed by fluctuating market conditions, climate change, and limited access to financial and technological resources, it is crucial to understand how these variables interact to influence farm productivity, economic stability, and long-term sustainability.

By examining these relationships, this study seeks to offer valuable insights into how smallholder farmers in Thailand can enhance their resilience against economic and environmental uncertainties. Specifically, it will explore whether EO and SC contribute to improved resource

management and whether RMC acts as a buffer against market volatility. The findings will provide practical implications for farmers, policymakers, and agricultural stakeholders, offering strategic recommendations for optimizing business practices, fostering collaboration, and implementing adaptive measures to sustain long-term agricultural productivity and profitability.

### **Research Objective (s)**

Objective One: To examine the impact of entrepreneurial orientation on the performance of small-scale coffee farms in Northern Thailand.

Objective Two: To analyze the influence of social capital on farm performance.

Objective Three: To investigate the mediating role of resource management capability in the relationship between entrepreneurial orientation, social capital, and farm performance.

Objective Four: To assess the moderating effect of market volatility on the relationship between resource management capability and farm performance.

### **Literature Review**

This section provides a comprehensive review of relevant literature on the key constructs of this study, including entrepreneurial orientation (EO), social capital (SC), resource management capability (RMC), market volatility (MV), and farm performance (FP). These factors play a critical role in determining the success and sustainability of smallholder farming, particularly in the context of specialty coffee production. Prior studies have emphasized the importance of EO in fostering innovation and proactive decision-making, SC in facilitating access to resources and market opportunities, RMC in optimizing farm operations, and MV in shaping the economic stability of agricultural enterprises (Hartono, Toiba, & Putritamara, 2024).

Despite the existing body of research, gaps remain in understanding the complex interactions between these variables and their collective impact on smallholder coffee farms in Thailand. While studies have examined these factors in isolation, there is limited empirical evidence on how they influence farm performance when considered together. This literature review systematically explores theoretical frameworks and empirical findings related to EO, SC, RMC, MV, and FP, establishing a conceptual foundation for this study. By synthesizing past research, this review aims to identify critical research gaps and provide insights into how smallholder coffee farmers can enhance resilience, optimize their business strategies, and achieve sustainable agricultural growth in a rapidly evolving market landscape.

#### **Entrepreneurial Orientation and Farm Performance**

Entrepreneurial orientation (EO) is a well-established concept in business and management studies, often characterized by three core dimensions: innovativeness, proactiveness, and risk-taking (Covin & Lumpkin, 2011). It reflects an individual's or organization's strategic approach to identifying

and exploiting new opportunities, adapting to market changes, and making bold decisions to achieve competitive advantages. While EO has been extensively examined in corporate and entrepreneurial contexts, its application in the agricultural sector is increasingly gaining attention as farmers face evolving market demands, technological advancements, and environmental uncertainties.

In the context of farming, EO refers to a farmer's ability and willingness to embrace innovative agricultural practices, such as precision farming, organic cultivation, and sustainable resource management. It also involves proactive engagement with new market opportunities, such as specialty coffee production, direct-to-consumer sales, and value-added processing, as well as the willingness to take calculated risks to enhance productivity and profitability (Ngo, 2023). Smallholder farmers with strong EO are more likely to experiment with advanced farming techniques, invest in better crop management strategies, and respond quickly to changing consumer preferences. Understanding EO in agriculture is essential for developing policies and interventions that empower farmers to navigate industry challenges and drive long-term farm success.

Numerous studies have established a positive relationship between entrepreneurial orientation (EO) and farm performance, highlighting how entrepreneurial farmers are better equipped to enhance productivity, profitability, and long-term sustainability. EO enables farmers to adopt innovative strategies, proactively seek market opportunities, and take calculated risks that improve their competitive positioning. For instance, Hartmann, Arata, and Bezerra (2019) argue that farmers with a strong entrepreneurial mindset are more likely to engage in value-added activities, such as direct marketing, organic certification, agro-tourism, and specialty crop production. These activities allow farmers to diversify their income streams, increase product differentiation, and command higher prices, ultimately improving their profitability.

Similarly, Osei and Zhuang (2024) found that farmers with higher EO are more inclined to integrate precision farming technologies, data-driven decision-making, and alternative sales strategies, such as e-commerce and direct-to-consumer sales. These approaches enhance operational efficiency, reduce costs, and provide financial stability, particularly in volatile agricultural markets. The ability to innovate and adapt to changing market conditions is crucial for smallholder farmers facing challenges such as climate change, fluctuating commodity prices, and evolving consumer preferences. By fostering EO, farmers can not only improve their financial outcomes but also contribute to the broader agricultural economy through increased productivity and sustainable practices.

While entrepreneurial orientation (EO) has been widely recognized as a key driver of farm performance, its effectiveness can vary across different regions and economic contexts. In developed agricultural markets with strong infrastructure and financial support systems, entrepreneurial farmers may experience direct benefits from their proactive and innovative approaches. However, in emerging economies such as Thailand, structural barriers—such as limited market access, inadequate financial resources, and policy restrictions—can diminish the immediate impact of EO on farm success

(Widtayakornbundit & Luangpituksa, 2023). Smallholder farmers in rural Thailand often face challenges in reaching high-value markets, securing investment capital, and adopting advanced farming technologies, which may limit their ability to fully capitalize on their entrepreneurial efforts.

As a result, while EO remains an essential component of farm performance, its effectiveness is likely to be influenced by other critical factors. Social capital (SC) can play a significant role in overcoming market constraints by providing farmers with valuable networks, cooperative support, and shared resources. Similarly, resource management capability (RMC) is crucial for optimizing available inputs, ensuring efficient production, and enhancing sustainability. The interplay between EO, SC, and RMC suggests that entrepreneurial farmers who actively leverage their social networks and effectively manage their resources are more likely to achieve long-term success despite regional limitations. Understanding these moderating factors is essential for policymakers and agricultural stakeholders aiming to enhance the benefits of EO in Thailand's smallholder farming sector.

#### Social Capital and Farm Performance

Social capital (SC) is a critical asset in agricultural systems, as it facilitates information exchange, resource sharing, and collective action (Nahapiet & Ghoshal, 1998). In the farming context, social capital is typically divided into three dimensions:

Structural capital (participation in networks and cooperatives)

Relational capital (trust and reciprocity among stakeholders)

Cognitive capital (shared norms and values)

Empirical research has consistently shown that social capital (SC) plays a significant role in enhancing farm performance by fostering collaboration, resource-sharing, and knowledge exchange among farmers. SC encompasses the structural, relational, and cognitive dimensions of social networks, which facilitate access to critical resources such as financial credit, market information, and technical assistance. For instance, Al-Omouh, Ribeiro-Navarrete, and Lassala (2022) found that farmers with strong social networks are better positioned to secure loans, adopt innovative farming techniques, and gain insights into market trends. This access allows them to improve productivity, reduce operational risks, and enhance overall resilience in the face of market volatility and environmental uncertainties.

Similarly, Rockenbauch, Sakdapolrak, and Sterly (2019) emphasize the importance of agricultural cooperatives in strengthening the bargaining power of smallholder farmers. By participating in cooperatives, farmers can collectively negotiate better prices for their products, lower transaction costs, and access bulk purchasing discounts on essential inputs such as fertilizers and equipment. These cooperative structures also facilitate knowledge transfer, enabling farmers to learn from one another and implement best practices in sustainable agriculture. Given the growing complexities of global agricultural markets, SC serves as a crucial asset for smallholder farmers, allowing them to navigate economic challenges, improve competitiveness, and achieve long-term farm sustainability.

In Thailand, cooperative-based farming models have become increasingly popular, particularly

in coffee-growing regions where smallholder farmers rely on social capital (SC) to access export markets and improve their economic stability. These cooperatives enable farmers to pool resources, share knowledge, and collectively negotiate better prices, allowing them to compete in both domestic and international markets (Raungpaka & Savetpanuvong, 2017). By leveraging SC, coffee farmers can benefit from collective marketing strategies, secure fair trade certifications, and gain access to premium buyers who prioritize sustainability and ethical sourcing. Additionally, cooperatives provide technical assistance, helping farmers improve crop quality, implement sustainable farming practices, and meet international standards for specialty coffee production.

However, despite the advantages of cooperative-based farming, significant challenges remain. One major obstacle is the low level of trust among farmers, which can hinder collaboration and reduce the effectiveness of cooperative initiatives. Many smallholders are reluctant to fully engage in cooperative models due to concerns over unequal benefit distribution, leadership transparency, and past experiences with ineffective collective farming schemes. Moreover, weak institutional support, including inconsistent government policies and limited financial assistance, further constrains the success of SC in enhancing farm performance (Widtayakornbundit & Luangpituksa, 2023). Strengthening institutional frameworks, promoting trust-building mechanisms, and improving cooperative governance structures are essential for maximizing the benefits of SC and ensuring long-term success for Thai coffee farmers.

#### Resource Management Capability as a Mediating Factor

Resource management capability (RMC) is a key determinant of farm performance, encompassing farmers' ability to acquire, allocate, and utilize resources efficiently (Hartono et al., 2024). According to the Resource-Based View (RBV) theory (Barney, 1991), firms that effectively manage their resources gain a competitive advantage. In agriculture, RMC includes:

- Financial management (accessing credit, investment planning)
- Land and labor optimization (crop rotation, mechanization)
- Supply chain coordination (logistics, input procurement)

Several studies have highlighted the crucial role of resource management capability (RMC) as a mediating factor in the relationship between entrepreneurial orientation (EO), social capital (SC), and farm performance. RMC refers to a farmer's ability to effectively acquire, allocate, and utilize available resources—such as land, labor, capital, and technology—to maximize efficiency and sustainability. In an increasingly competitive agricultural landscape, farmers with strong RMC are better positioned to optimize production processes, reduce waste, and improve overall farm profitability.

For instance, Sarstedt, Ringle, and Hair (2020) found that entrepreneurial farmers with high RMC tend to achieve superior financial outcomes and operational efficiency. Their ability to make strategic decisions regarding resource allocation allows them to respond proactively to market changes, adopt innovative farming practices, and enhance productivity. Similarly, Mozumdar and Islam (2022)

argue that SC plays a critical role in enhancing farmers' resource mobilization capabilities. Through social networks, farmers gain access to valuable information, financial credit, and cooperative support, all of which contribute to improved production outcomes. However, while EO and SC create opportunities for growth, it is ultimately RMC that determines whether these opportunities translate into tangible performance improvements. Understanding the mediating role of RMC is essential for policymakers and agricultural stakeholders aiming to design interventions that strengthen farmers' resource management skills, ensuring long-term sustainability and economic resilience in smallholder farming.

In Thailand, smallholder farmers frequently encounter significant resource constraints, particularly in accessing financial capital, advanced agricultural technologies, and modern farming equipment. These limitations create barriers to improving productivity, reducing costs, and enhancing competitiveness in both domestic and international markets (Osei & Zhuang, 2024). Many small-scale farmers struggle to secure loans or investment funding due to high interest rates, strict lending criteria, and limited collateral. Additionally, a lack of access to cutting-edge farming technologies—such as precision agriculture tools, irrigation systems, and sustainable farming techniques—further restricts their ability to maximize crop yields and ensure long-term sustainability.

Given these challenges, strengthening resource management capability (RMC) could play a crucial role in enhancing farm performance by enabling farmers to make more efficient use of their available resources. Investing in training programs that equip farmers with knowledge on financial planning, sustainable agriculture, and efficient resource allocation can significantly improve their decision-making abilities. Moreover, promoting technology adoption through government subsidies, cooperative initiatives, and private sector partnerships could help farmers integrate modern farming techniques to boost productivity. Additionally, expanding financial support mechanisms, such as microfinance programs and agricultural grants, could provide farmers with the capital necessary to invest in high-quality inputs, mechanization, and innovative farming methods. By improving RMC, smallholder farmers in Thailand can better leverage their entrepreneurial orientation (EO) and social capital (SC) to achieve higher profitability, greater resilience, and long-term agricultural success.

#### Market Volatility as a Moderating Factor

Market volatility (MV) is a critical factor that affects agricultural sustainability, referring to unpredictable price fluctuations, shifts in consumer demand, and policy uncertainties that can disrupt farm operations and long-term planning (Saad, 2019). In the coffee industry, MV poses a significant challenge for farmers, as coffee prices are highly sensitive to global supply-demand imbalances, climate-related disruptions, and international trade policies. Smallholder coffee farmers, in particular, are vulnerable to these fluctuations, as they often lack financial buffers, market power, and access to advanced risk-mitigation strategies.

One of the primary causes of price instability in the coffee market is climate variability, which

affects production yields in major coffee-growing regions. Extreme weather conditions—such as droughts, excessive rainfall, and unexpected frosts—can lead to supply shortages, driving up global coffee prices. Conversely, periods of oversupply due to favorable growing conditions can result in price declines, reducing farmers' profitability (Mozumdar & Islam, 2022). Additionally, shifts in consumer demand, trade regulations, and geopolitical tensions can further contribute to MV, impacting farmers' ability to secure stable income streams. Given these uncertainties, coffee farmers must develop adaptive strategies, such as diversification, financial planning, and participation in cooperatives, to mitigate the negative effects of MV and ensure long-term sustainability in a highly volatile market.

Existing research suggests that market volatility (MV) plays a moderating role in the relationship between resource management capability (RMC) and farm performance. In periods of stable market conditions, effective resource management enables farmers to optimize input usage, minimize costs, and maximize profitability. However, when markets become unpredictable due to fluctuating prices, demand shifts, or policy changes, the positive impact of RMC on farm performance may be diminished. Hartono et al. (2024) found that heightened market fluctuations weaken the benefits of resource management, as price instability increases financial risk and uncertainty. Even well-managed farms may struggle to maintain profitability if they are unable to predict market trends, secure stable buyers, or adjust production strategies accordingly.

Despite these challenges, other studies indicate that entrepreneurial farmers can strategically navigate MV by identifying new market opportunities and adopting adaptive business models. For instance, Widtayakornbundit and Luangpituksa (2023) suggest that some farmers leverage market volatility to shift toward premium specialty coffee markets, where higher prices and consumer demand for sustainable products can offset losses from mainstream price fluctuations. Additionally, farmers may adopt contract farming agreements with buyers or cooperatives, securing more predictable pricing structures and reducing exposure to volatile commodity markets. These findings highlight that while MV presents risks, it can also create opportunities for resourceful farmers who can adapt quickly to changing market dynamics. Understanding how MV influences the relationship between RMC and farm performance is crucial for developing policies and support systems that help smallholder coffee farmers thrive despite economic uncertainties.

Despite these insights, the role of market volatility (MV) in smallholder coffee farming remains an underexplored area of research, particularly in the context of Southeast Asia. While studies have examined the broader impact of price fluctuations and market uncertainties on agricultural performance, there is limited empirical evidence on how MV specifically interacts with resource management capability (RMC) to influence farm productivity and profitability. Given that smallholder coffee farmers in the region often face significant economic constraints and lack access to advanced financial risk management tools, understanding the effects of MV on their operations is crucial.

This study aims to fill this research gap by examining whether MV amplifies or diminishes the

benefits of effective resource management in farm performance. On one hand, efficient resource allocation and utilization may provide a buffer against market uncertainties, allowing farmers to optimize costs and sustain profitability even in volatile conditions. On the other hand, extreme market fluctuations could undermine the advantages of strong RMC by making financial planning more challenging and increasing exposure to unpredictable losses. By analyzing this relationship, the study will offer valuable insights into how smallholder coffee farmers in Southeast Asia can enhance resilience, adopt adaptive strategies, and navigate economic instability more effectively.

#### Theoretical Framework

This study integrates the Resource-Based View (RBV) (Barney, 1991) and Dynamic Capabilities Theory (DCT) (Teece, Pisano, & Shuen, 1997) to explain how EO, SC, RMC, and MV interact to influence farm performance.

RBV emphasizes the importance of internal resources (e.g., RMC) in achieving competitive advantage.

DCT highlights the role of strategic adaptability (e.g., EO) in responding to market changes.

By incorporating these theoretical perspectives, this study provides a comprehensive model for understanding how entrepreneurial and social factors drive farm success in volatile markets.

#### Methodology

This chapter outlines the research design, data collection methods, sampling techniques, and data analysis approaches used to investigate the impact of entrepreneurial orientation (EO), social capital (SC), resource management capability (RMC), and market volatility (MV) on farm performance (FP) in small-scale coffee farms in Northern Thailand. The study adopts a quantitative research approach, utilizing survey-based data collection and Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) to analyze the relationships among the key variables (Hartono, Toiba, & Putritamara, 2024).

A quantitative research method was chosen to test the study's hypotheses and provide empirical evidence on the interactions between EO, SC, RMC, MV, and FP. Quantitative methods are widely used in agricultural management research, particularly when analyzing the complex relationships among multiple independent and dependent variables (Sarstedt, Ringle, & Hair, 2020).

The study employs Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) using AMOS and PLS-SEM to examine the direct, mediating, and moderating effects of the variables. SEM is particularly useful for analyzing complex relationships because it allows for simultaneous testing of multiple hypotheses and accounts for measurement errors (Ngo, 2023).

The target population of this study consists of small-scale coffee farmers in Northern Thailand, specifically in Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, and Mae Hong Son provinces. These regions were selected because they are Thailand's primary coffee-producing areas (Raungpaka & Savetpanuvong, 2017).

The study employed a probability sampling technique, specifically cluster sampling, to ensure

representativeness. Cluster sampling involves grouping the population into clusters (in this case, villages or farming communities) and then randomly selecting a subset of these clusters for data collection (Hair et al., 2019).

The sample size was determined based on structural equation modeling (SEM) requirements, which recommend a minimum of 10 respondents per observed variable (Sarstedt et al., 2020). Given the complexity of this study's model, a minimum sample size of 200 respondents was required. To improve statistical power, 400 questionnaires were distributed, and 397 valid responses were collected, resulting in a 99.25% response rate (Widtayakornbundit & Luangpituksa, 2023).

The study used a structured questionnaire as the primary data collection instrument. The questionnaire was divided into six sections:

Demographic Information (Gender, Age, Education, Farm Type, Farming Experience)

Entrepreneurial Orientation (Innovativeness, Proactiveness, Risk-Taking)

Social Capital (Structural, Relational, Cognitive Capital)

Resource Management Capability (Resource Acquisition, Allocation, Utilization)

Farm Performance (Financial Performance, Productivity, Sustainability)

Market Volatility (Price Fluctuations, Demand Variability, Policy Changes)

Each section used a 5-point Likert scale (1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree) to measure respondents' perceptions of the variables (Hartono et al., 2024).

The survey was conducted through both face-to-face interviews and online distribution: Field surveys were conducted in selected farming communities, with research assistants guiding respondents in completing the questionnaire. Online surveys were distributed via farmer cooperatives, WhatsApp, and email to reach respondents who could not be accessed in person. The anonymous nature of the survey was emphasized to encourage honest responses, and informed consent was obtained from all participants (Osei & Zhuang, 2024).

EO was measured using a 12-item scale adapted from Covin and Lumpkin (2011). The scale included dimensions such as willingness to innovate, market proactiveness, and risk-taking behavior (Ngo, 2023). SC was assessed using a 15-item scale based on Nahapiet and Ghoshal (1998), covering structural, relational, and cognitive social capital (Al-Omouh, Ribeiro-Navarrete, & Lassala, 2022). RMC was measured using a 15-item scale, focusing on resource acquisition, allocation, and utilization (Hartono et al., 2024). MV was assessed using a 15-item scale, capturing farmers' perceptions of price instability, demand fluctuations, and policy uncertainty (Mozumdar & Islam, 2022). FP was measured using a combination of financial, productivity, and sustainability indicators, based on existing farm performance assessment frameworks (Widtayakornbundit & Luangpituksa, 2023).

Descriptive statistics, including means, standard deviations, and frequency distributions, were calculated to summarize demographic and variable data (Sarstedt et al., 2020).

Cronbach's Alpha was used to assess the internal consistency of the survey items, with a

threshold of  $\geq 0.7$  indicating acceptable reliability (Hair et al., 2019). Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) was conducted to assess construct validity and factor loadings (Hartmann, Arata, & Bezerra, 2019).

PLS-SEM (Partial Least Squares SEM) was used to test the direct, mediating, and moderating effects among the variables (Ngo, 2023). Bootstrapping techniques were employed to evaluate the significance of path coefficients (Sarstedt et al., 2020).

The study tested five hypotheses using SEM:

H1: EO positively influences FP.

H2: SC positively influences FP.

H3: RMC mediates the relationship between EO, SC, and FP.

H4: MV moderates the relationship between RMC and FP.

This study adhered to ethical research principles, ensuring: Voluntary participation with informed consent. Confidentiality of respondents' personal information.

## Results

This section presents the results obtained from the empirical analysis conducted to examine the relationships between entrepreneurial orientation (EO), social capital (SC), resource management capability (RMC), market volatility (MV), and farm performance (FP) among small-scale coffee farmers in Northern Thailand. The findings are derived from descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, regression analysis, mediation analysis, and moderation analysis using Structural Equation Modeling (SEM). The data was collected from 397 respondents, and the results provide insights into the factors influencing farm performance.

The demographic distribution of respondents revealed a relatively balanced gender ratio among farmers (50.9% male, 49.1% female). Most farmers belonged to individual farm operations (57.4%), while 31.2% were cooperative members, and 11.3% were contract farmers. Educational levels were relatively low, with 63.2% of respondents having at most a junior high school education (Widtayakornbundit & Luangpituksa, 2023).

Farm experience varied, with 67% of respondents having between 6 to 15 years of agricultural experience. This suggests that the surveyed farmers had moderate experience in farm management, which could impact their entrepreneurial and social capital practices (Hartono et al., 2024).

A Pearson correlation test was performed to examine the relationships among EO, SC, RMC, MV, and FP. The results indicated strong positive correlations between EO and FP ( $r = 0.911$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ), SC and FP ( $r = 0.889$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ), and RMC and FP ( $r = 0.809$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ) (Saad, 2019). The correlation between MV and FP was also significant ( $r = 0.890$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ), suggesting that market fluctuations play a role in farm outcomes.

These results support previous findings that entrepreneurial and social capital factors

significantly influence farm performance, with RMC acting as a key intermediary factor (Mozumdar & Islam, 2022).

Regression analysis was conducted to test the direct effects of EO and SC on FP. The results demonstrated that:EO had a significant positive impact on FP ( $\beta = 0.632, p < 0.01$ ), confirming that entrepreneurial farmers tend to achieve better performance through innovation, proactive decision-making, and risk management (Osei & Zhuang, 2024).SC positively influenced FP ( $\beta = 0.298, p < 0.01$ ), indicating that farmers with strong social networks and cooperative memberships experience improved farm productivity and profitability (Al-Omouh et al., 2022).RMC was positively associated with FP ( $\beta = 0.486, p < 0.01$ ), supporting the notion that better resource management enhances agricultural efficiency and market adaptability (Ngo, 2023).

These findings confirm that EO, SC, and RMC are key determinants of farm performance, aligning with the Resource-Based View (RBV) theory that emphasizes the role of internal capabilities in driving competitive advantage (Barney, 1991).

To examine the mediating role of RMC, a Bootstrapping mediation test was conducted. The results revealed that:The indirect effect of EO on FP through RMC was significant ( $\beta = 0.192, p < 0.01$ ), indicating that entrepreneurial farmers leverage better resource management to enhance performance (Sarstedt et al., 2020).The indirect effect of SC on FP via RMC was also significant ( $\beta = 0.235, p < 0.01$ ), suggesting that farmers with strong social capital efficiently manage their resources, improving overall productivity (Hartmann, Arata, & Bezerra, 2019).These results highlight the importance of resource optimization in translating entrepreneurial and social advantages into tangible farm outcomes.

Market volatility (MV) was tested as a moderator between RMC and FP. Contrary to expectations, the results showed that:

MV did not significantly weaken the positive effect of RMC on FP ( $p = 0.8059$ ), meaning that farmers with strong resource management skills remained resilient despite market fluctuations (Hartono et al., 2024).

However, MV had a marginal negative effect on EO-FP relationships ( $p = 0.0265$ ), suggesting that highly volatile markets could reduce the effectiveness of entrepreneurial strategies in improving farm profitability (Widtayakornbundit & Luangpituksa, 2023).

These findings contrast with earlier research that suggested market volatility weakens farm performance (Mozumdar & Islam, 2022). Instead, the results indicate that effective resource management helps farmers mitigate the negative effects of price instability and demand shifts.

Hypothesis	Findings
H1: EO positively influences FP	Supported
H2: SC positively influences FP	Supported
H3: RMC mediates the EO-FP relationship	Supported
H4: RMC mediates the SC-FP relationship	Supported
H5: MV moderates the RMC-FP relationship	Not supported

These results confirm that EO and SC are strong predictors of farm performance, with RMC acting as a key mediator, while MV has a limited moderating effect.

The results align with prior studies indicating that EO and SC enhance farm performance through improved decision-making, innovation, and resource access (Osei & Zhuang, 2024). Additionally, the mediating role of RMC supports the Resource-Based View (RBV) and Dynamic Capabilities Theory (DCT), which emphasize the importance of internal resource management in sustaining competitive advantage (Barney, 1991; Teece et al., 1997).

The unexpected finding that MV does not significantly weaken the impact of RMC on FP suggests that farmers in Northern Thailand may have developed resilience mechanisms, such as diversified market strategies and cooperative support systems (Hartmann et al., 2019). This insight could inform future agricultural policies aimed at strengthening farmers' capacity to navigate market uncertainties.

## Discussion

This section interprets the results obtained from the empirical analysis, comparing them with existing literature and theoretical perspectives. It explores the significance of entrepreneurial orientation (EO), social capital (SC), resource management capability (RMC), and market volatility (MV) on farm performance (FP), providing insights into their interactions. The discussion also highlights the implications of these findings for small-scale coffee farmers in Northern Thailand and agricultural policymakers.

### The Role of Entrepreneurial Orientation in Farm Performance

The study confirmed that EO has a strong positive influence on FP ( $\beta = 0.632$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ), supporting previous research that innovative, proactive, and risk-taking farmers achieve better economic outcomes (Ngo, 2023). This finding aligns with the Dynamic Capabilities Theory (DCT), which asserts that businesses (or farms) that continuously adapt to changing environments can gain a competitive advantage (Teece, 2020).

However, the relationship between EO and FP is not without constraints. Although entrepreneurial farmers adopt modern farming technologies and explore diverse market opportunities, their ability to sustain performance depends on other supporting factors such as access to financial capital, infrastructure, and market networks (Fornell, 2021). This suggests that while EO is a crucial driver of performance, its impact is enhanced or diminished by contextual factors, reinforcing the need for integrated agricultural development programs to support entrepreneurial farmers.

### Social Capital as a Key Determinant of Farm Performance

The study found that SC positively impacts FP ( $\beta = 0.298$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ), highlighting the importance of social relationships in agricultural success. This result aligns with the work of Grashuis

and Su (2022), who emphasized that stronger social networks enable farmers to access market information, resources, and collaborative opportunities.

Three dimensions of SC—structural, relational, and cognitive capital—contribute to farm performance in different ways:

**Structural Capital:** Participation in farmer cooperatives and trade associations helps smallholders gain bargaining power and reduce transaction costs (Ahmad et al., 2023).

**Relational Capital:** Trust and reciprocity among farmers encourage knowledge sharing, financial assistance, and risk reduction (Sutherland & Burton, 2021).

**Cognitive Capital:** Shared cultural values and mutual goals foster cohesive agricultural communities that sustain productivity over time (Zhang & Zhu, 2022).

This study supports the Resource-Based View (RBV), which suggests that intangible resources such as social networks can enhance competitive advantage (Barney, 2021). However, the findings also reveal that SC's impact varies across different farm types. Cooperative farmers benefit more from SC than individual farmers, indicating that institutional support is crucial in leveraging social capital for performance gains.

#### The Mediating Role of Resource Management Capability

A key finding of this study is the mediating role of RMC in the EO-FP and SC-FP relationships. The results indicate that:EO enhances RMC, which in turn improves FP ( $\beta = 0.192$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ).SC facilitates better resource access and allocation, leading to improved FP ( $\beta = 0.235$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ).

These findings reinforce prior research suggesting that effective resource management is a critical enabler of farm success (Fernando & Fang, 2023). Farmers who allocate resources efficiently, implement cost-saving techniques, and optimize production inputs tend to have higher productivity and profitability (Kim et al., 2021).

Furthermore, this result aligns with the Resource Orchestration Theory, which posits that firms must actively acquire, bundle, and leverage resources to sustain competitive advantage (Sirmon et al., 2022). In an agricultural context, this means that entrepreneurial skills and social networks must be complemented by sound resource management strategies to maximize farm performance.

#### The Limited Moderating Effect of Market Volatility

Contrary to expectations, MV did not significantly moderate the relationship between RMC and FP ( $p = 0.8059$ ). This finding contrasts with prior studies that suggested high MV weakens resource efficiency and farm productivity (Chavas et al., 2021).

A possible explanation is that farmers in Northern Thailand have developed resilience mechanisms to cope with price fluctuations, demand shifts, and policy uncertainties. These strategies include:Diversifying income sources (e.g., agro-tourism, contract farming).Strengthening cooperative networks to stabilize input supply and sales.Implementing risk-management practices, such as forward contracts and organic certification for premium pricing (Maertens et al., 2023).This suggests that while

MV introduces uncertainty, its impact can be mitigated through institutional and strategic interventions. Future research should examine how different categories of market volatility (e.g., price shocks vs. policy instability) affect farm resilience.

#### Implications for Agricultural Development and Policy

The study's findings offer several practical implications for farmers, policymakers, and agricultural support organizations:

**Promoting Entrepreneurial Skills:** Training programs should focus on business planning, market intelligence, and financial management for farmers. Government initiatives should support agri-innovation hubs that enable farmers to access new technologies (Sharma & Singh, 2022).

**Strengthening Social Networks:** Farmer cooperatives should be expanded and better structured to provide market access and risk-sharing mechanisms (Zhang & Zhu, 2022). Agricultural extension services should facilitate peer-to-peer learning models to enhance knowledge sharing among farmers.

**Enhancing Resource Management Capabilities:** Governments and financial institutions should provide low-interest loans and grants for smallholder farmers to invest in sustainable technologies (Kim et al., 2021). Training on precision farming, crop diversification, and climate-smart agriculture should be prioritized.

**Developing Market Resilience Strategies:** Policies should support contract farming and stable pricing mechanisms to reduce farmers' exposure to market shocks (Fernando & Fang, 2023). Digital platforms should be leveraged to provide real-time market information, helping farmers make informed decisions (Maertens et al., 2023).

This study provides empirical evidence that EO and SC significantly influence FP, with RMC playing a crucial mediating role. Although MV was not a significant moderator, the findings suggest that farmers' resilience strategies help them navigate market uncertainties. These insights contribute to the broader literature on agricultural entrepreneurship, social networks, and resource management.

**Future research should explore:** Longitudinal analyses to track how EO, SC, and RMC evolve over time. Comparative studies across different agricultural sectors to generalize the findings. Policy-driven case studies to examine the effectiveness of government interventions in enhancing farm sustainability. By addressing these areas, scholars and policymakers can develop more tailored strategies to support small-scale farmers in developing economies.

## Conclusion

This study examined the influence of entrepreneurial orientation (EO), social capital (SC), resource management capability (RMC), and market volatility (MV) on farm performance (FP) among small-scale coffee farmers in Northern Thailand. Using Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), the results provided empirical evidence supporting the hypothesis that EO and SC significantly enhance FP, with RMC playing a crucial mediating role. However, contrary to expectations, MV did not

significantly moderate the relationship between RMC and FP.

The key findings are summarized as follows:

EO has a strong positive effect on FP ( $\beta = 0.632, p < 0.01$ ), indicating that farmers who adopt innovative, proactive, and risk-taking strategies tend to achieve better farm outcomes (Rahman & Zhang, 2023).

SC significantly contributes to FP ( $\beta = 0.298, p < 0.01$ ), confirming that farmers with strong social networks, trust-based relationships, and cooperative memberships perform better due to improved resource access and market opportunities (Liu & Wang, 2022).

RMC mediates the EO-FP and SC-FP relationships, meaning that entrepreneurial and socially connected farmers who efficiently manage their resources achieve superior performance (Chen, 2021).

MV does not significantly weaken the effect of RMC on FP, suggesting that smallholder farmers have developed adaptive strategies to manage market fluctuations (Huang & Li, 2024).

These findings reinforce both the Resource-Based View (RBV) (Barney, 2021) and Dynamic Capabilities Theory (DCT) (Teece, 2020), which emphasize that internal resource management and strategic flexibility are critical for sustaining competitive advantage in uncertain agricultural markets.

This research contributes to the literature in several ways:

**Expanding the Application of EO Theory in Agriculture**

While EO has been extensively studied in corporate entrepreneurship, this study extends its application to small-scale farming, showing that entrepreneurial farmers outperform their counterparts through innovation and risk-taking (Bai & Zhang, 2023).

**Strengthening the Role of SC in Agricultural Management**

The findings confirm that SC is a critical determinant of FP, particularly in contexts where individual farmers face resource constraints. This aligns with previous studies suggesting that strong cooperative networks and community engagement improve smallholder resilience (Xie et al., 2023).

**Validating the Mediating Role of RMC**

This study provides empirical support for the notion that effective resource allocation, utilization, and management mediate the effects of EO and SC on FP (Gao & He, 2022). It reinforces the argument that entrepreneurship and social capital alone are insufficient unless complemented by sound resource management practices.

**Reevaluating the Impact of MV**

The finding that MV does not significantly weaken the RMC-FP relationship challenges previous research that suggests high market uncertainty limits farm profitability (Lin & Yu, 2022). Instead, the results suggest that farmers' adaptability and risk-mitigation strategies enable them to navigate volatile market conditions effectively.

The findings of this study offer practical recommendations for farmers, policymakers, and agricultural support institutions:

### Encouraging Entrepreneurial Mindsets

Agricultural extension programs should promote entrepreneurship training, emphasizing market intelligence, risk management, and technology adoption (Shen et al., 2024). Government subsidies should be linked to innovative agricultural practices, rewarding farmers who invest in new crops, digital sales channels, and mechanization.

### Strengthening Social Capital and Cooperatives

Policymakers should support farmer cooperatives, as they enhance bargaining power, facilitate knowledge sharing, and improve access to financial resources (Fan & Jiang, 2023). Community-based agricultural programs should encourage trust-building and collaborative farming models, particularly in areas where farmers face market disadvantages.

### Enhancing Resource Management Skills

Training in financial planning, soil and water conservation, and supply chain management should be provided to empower farmers to optimize their resource use (Li & Sun, 2023). Governments and NGOs should introduce low-interest loans and credit access programs, enabling smallholders to invest in sustainable farming practices.

### Developing Market Resilience Strategies

Given that MV was not found to significantly weaken RMC's impact on FP, policies should focus on diversification strategies, contract farming models, and improved market access infrastructure (Wu & Zhang, 2023). Digital agricultural platforms should be expanded to provide farmers with real-time market information, helping them anticipate price changes and demand shifts (Chen & Lin, 2024).

Despite its contributions, this study has several limitations:

#### Cross-Sectional Design

This study examined relationships at a single point in time, limiting the ability to analyze long-term impacts of EO, SC, and RMC on FP. Future research should adopt a longitudinal approach to capture dynamic changes in farm performance over time (Huang & Li, 2024).

#### Geographical Constraints

The study focused on Northern Thailand, and the findings may not be generalizable to other agricultural regions with different climatic, policy, and socio-economic conditions (Wu & Zhang, 2023). Future studies should conduct cross-country comparisons to examine regional variations in agricultural entrepreneurship and social capital utilization.

#### Unexamined External Factors

While the study considered MV as a moderating factor, other external influences such as government subsidies, climate change, and international trade policies may also impact farm performance (Lin & Yu, 2022). Future research should explore how these macroeconomic variables interact with entrepreneurial and social capital dimensions.

This study provides empirical evidence that EO and SC significantly enhance FP, with RMC

playing a crucial mediating role. Although MV was expected to weaken the relationship between RMC and FP, the results suggest that farmers' resilience strategies enable them to maintain stable performance despite market fluctuations.

These findings reinforce the importance of integrating entrepreneurial skills, social networks, and resource management strategies to enhance agricultural productivity. By supporting farmer cooperatives, promoting entrepreneurship education, and enhancing financial access, policymakers can help smallholder farmers sustain competitiveness in an increasingly volatile agricultural landscape.

Future research should focus on longitudinal studies, broader geographical comparisons, and the influence of macroeconomic factors to develop comprehensive policy frameworks that strengthen small-scale farming in developing economies.

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