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Summary:

Diversification is a norm in every economy, particularly in rural Africa, where farming alone rarely provides sufficient income. This study examines the forms and determinants of nonfarm livelihoods among 320 rural households in Ogun State, Nigeria. Results show that nonfarm livelihoods contribute 63% of household income. The Simpson Index of Diversity shows moderate diversification (0.42) indicating a complementary role of farm and nonfarm activities. Education, household size, and income were significant predictors of diversification. Improving the capabilities of rural people through capacity building, credit, and broad-based development will increase participation in non-farm income and equally improve investment in agriculture.