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**Prelim Lab Activity 02 : Descriptive Analytics**

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## General Instructions

Given the dataset for agriculture data analysis LIVESTOCK.csv, perform the following:

- A. Compute the following measures of central location and interpret the results for all fields:
  - a. Mean
  - b. Median
  - c. Mode
- B. Compute the following and interpret the resulting values for all fields
  - a.  $Q_1$
  - b.  $Q_3$
  - c. 5<sup>th</sup> percentile
  - d. 95<sup>th</sup> percentile
- C. Compute the following and interpret the resulting values for all fields
  - a. Variance
  - b. Standard Deviation
- D. Create charts (histograms, boxplots) for all fields and interpret the results

Perform the required calculations using Excel and Python:

Python Script	Results	Interpretation																																																																																				
<pre>Python import pandas as pd import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt</pre>		This block imports the necessary Python libraries used for data analysis and visualization. Pandas is used for data manipulation, NumPy for numerical operations, and Matplotlib for creating graphical representations such as histograms and boxplots.																																																																																				
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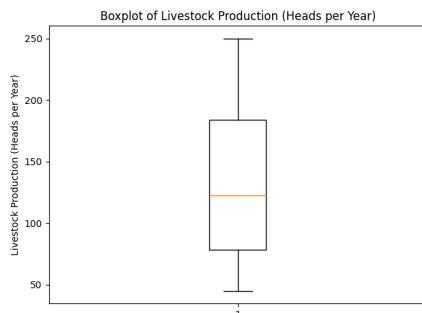
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plt.figure()
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    vert=True
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plt.title("Boxplot of
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(Heads per Year)")
plt.ylabel("Livestock
Production (Heads per
Year)")
plt.tight_layout()

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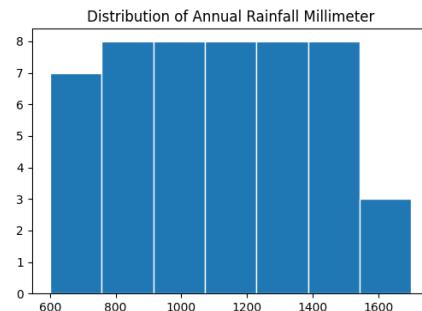


The boxplot summarizes the distribution of livestock production measured in heads per year. The median value represents the typical level of production, while the interquartile range shows the spread of the middle 50% of observations. The length of the whiskers indicates variability in production levels across observations. The absence of extreme outliers suggests that livestock production values are relatively consistent, with no unusually high or low production levels dominating the dataset.

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Python
plt.figure(figsize=(6,
4))
plt.hist(
    num_df[ "Annual_Rainfal
l_Millimeter"],
    bins=7,
    range=(600,1700),
    edgecolor="white"
)
plt.title("Distribution
of Annual Rainfall
Millimeter");

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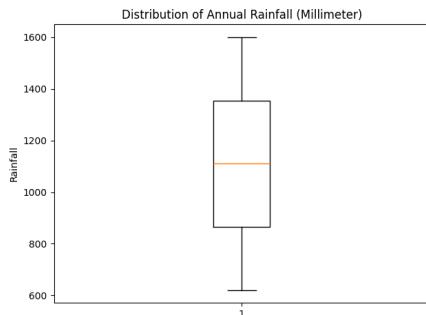


The histogram illustrates the frequency distribution of annual rainfall values measured in millimeters. The data are grouped into seven bins within the range of 600 to 1700 millimeters. Most observations are concentrated in the middle rainfall intervals, indicating that annual rainfall levels are generally moderate. The spread of the bars reflects variability in rainfall across observations, while the absence of extreme concentrations at the lowest or highest bins suggests no unusually dry or extremely wet conditions within the specified range.

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Python
plt.figure()
plt.boxplot(
    num_df["Annual_Rainfall_Millimeter"],
    vert=True
)
plt.title("Distribution of Annual Rainfall (Millimeter)")
plt.ylabel("Rainfall")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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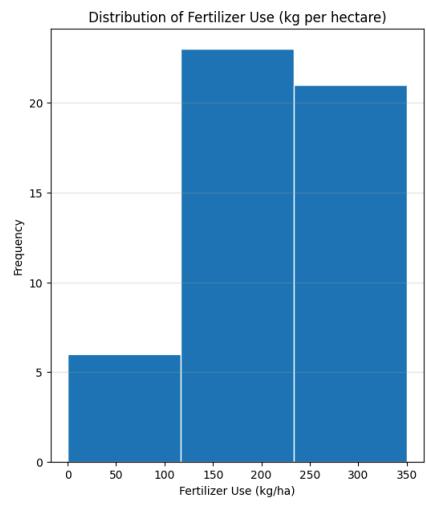


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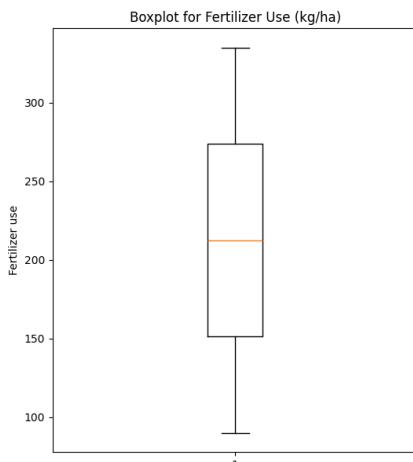
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plt.figure(figsize=(6, 7))
plt.hist(
    num_df["Fertilizer_Use_kg_per_ha"],
    bins=3,
    range=(0, 350),
    edgecolor="white"
)
plt.title("Distribution of Fertilizer Use (kg per hectare)")
plt.ylabel("Frequency")
plt.xlabel("Fertilizer Use (kg/ha)")
plt.grid(axis="y", alpha=0.3),
plt.show()

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The histogram displays the frequency distribution of fertilizer use measured in kilograms per hectare. Using three bins within the range of 0 to 350 kg/ha, most observations are concentrated in the middle interval, indicating that fertilizer application rates are generally moderate. The spread of the bars reflects variability in fertilizer use across observations. The limited number of bins provides a simplified overview of the distribution, emphasizing overall patterns rather than fine-grained details.

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Python
plt.figure(figsize=(6,
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plt.boxplot(
    num_df["Fertilizer_Use
_kg_per_ha"],
    vert=True
)
plt.title("Boxplot for
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(kg/ha)")
plt.ylabel("Fertilizer
use")
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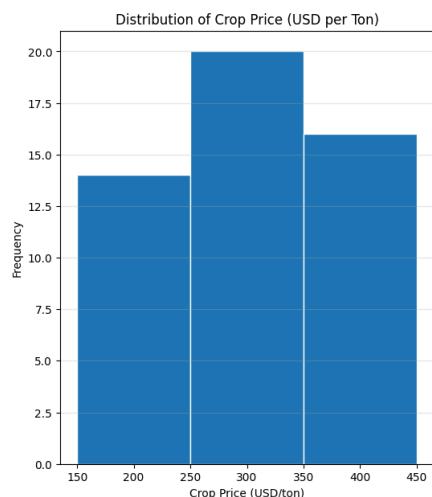


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Python
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 7))
plt.hist(
    num_df["Crop_Price_USD_per_ton"],
    bins = 3,
    range=(150, 450),
    edgecolor="white"
)
plt.title("Distribution of Crop Price (USD per Ton)")
plt.grid(axis="y", alpha=0.3)
plt.ylabel("Frequency")
plt.xlabel("Crop Price (USD/ton)")
plt.show()

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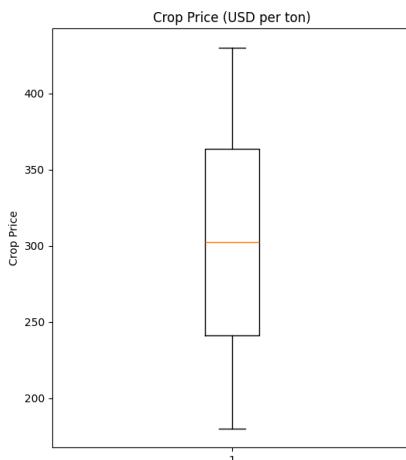


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Python
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 7))
plt.boxplot(
    num_df["Crop_Price_USD_per_ton"]
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plt.title("Crop Price (USD per ton)")
plt.ylabel("Crop Price")
plt.grid(axis="y", )
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*End of Python Script*

## **A. Measures of Central Location**

### **a. Mean**

The mean represents the average value for each variable. On average, farms produce approximately 131.7 heads of livestock per year, receive about 1,110 millimeters of annual rainfall, use around 212.5 kilograms of fertilizer per hectare, and have an average crop price of USD 302.60 per ton. These values describe the typical levels of production, environmental conditions, and economic factors across the farms.

### **b. Median**

The median represents the middle value of the dataset. Half of the farms produce below 122.5 heads of livestock, receive less than 1,110 millimeters of rainfall, use less than 212.5 kilograms of fertilizer per hectare, and have crop prices below USD 302.50 per ton, while the other half exceed these values. The median provides a measure of central tendency that is not affected by extreme values.

### **c. Mode**

No mode is observed for all variables. This indicates that no single value occurs more frequently than others in the dataset, suggesting that the data values are evenly distributed without repetition.

## **B. Measures of Position / Location**

### **a. First Quartile (Q1)**

The first quartile indicates that 25% of farms produce less than 78.5 heads of livestock, receive less than 865 millimeters of rainfall, use less than 151.25 kilograms of fertilizer per hectare, and have crop prices below USD 241.25 per ton.

### **b. Third Quartile (Q3)**

The third quartile shows that 75% of farms produce less than 363.75 heads of livestock, receive less than 1,360 millimeters of rainfall, use less than 275 kilograms of fertilizer per hectare, and have crop prices below USD 365.00 per ton.

#### **c. 5th Percentile**

The 5th percentile indicates that only 5% of farms produce less than 53.35 heads of livestock, receive less than 669 millimeters of rainfall, use less than 102.25 kilograms of fertilizer per hectare, and have crop prices below USD 192.25 per ton. These values represent the lower extreme of the dataset.

#### **d. 95th Percentile**

The 95th percentile shows that 95% of farms produce less than 232.75 heads of livestock, receive less than 1,551 millimeters of rainfall, use less than 322.75 kilograms of fertilizer per hectare, and have crop prices below USD 412.75 per ton, with only a few farms exceeding these values.

### **C. Measures of Relative Location (Variability)**

#### **a. Variance**

The variance measures the degree of spread in the data. Annual rainfall shows the highest variability with a variance of 85,000, while livestock production, fertilizer use, and crop price also show noticeable variation. This indicates differences among farms in terms of environmental conditions, input usage, and market prices.

#### **b. Standard Deviation**

The standard deviation provides the average distance of values from the mean. Livestock production varies by about 61.59 heads, annual rainfall by 291.55 millimeters, fertilizer use by 72.89 kilograms per hectare, and crop price by approximately USD 73.06 per ton. These values indicate moderate variability across all variables.

### **D. Graphical Representation and Interpretation**

Histograms and boxplots were created for all variables to visualize their distributions. The histograms show how frequently values occur and help identify the overall shape and spread of the data. The boxplots summarize the distributions using the median, quartiles, and potential outliers. Overall, the graphs confirm that the variables exhibit moderate variability, with no extreme outliers dominating the dataset, indicating relatively consistent patterns across farms.