

Table 3a Maximum likelihood estimates (MLE) of the Cobb-Douglas stochastic profit frontier

Variable	Parameters	Coefficients	Standard error	t-ratios
General model				
Constant	$\beta_0$	0.491***	0.188	2.617
Price of labour (₦)	$\beta_1$	-0.269**	0.106	2.54
Price of fingerlings (₦)	$\beta_2$	-0.679***	0.158	4.282
Price of fertilizer (₦)	$\beta_3$	-0.218***	0.0205	10.63
Price of feeds (₦)	$\beta_4$	-0.021**	0.015	1.997
Price of medications (₦)	$\beta_5$	-0.339 <sup>NS</sup>	0.295	1.150
Price of lime (₦)	$\beta_6$	-0.012 <sup>NS</sup>	0.013	0.923
Capital depreciation cost (₦)	$\beta_7$	-0.190***	0.016	11.78
Pond size (ha)	$\beta_8$	1.047***	0.047	22.28
Diagnostic statistic				
Sigma-square	$\sigma^2 = \sigma^2v + \sigma^2u$	0.575***	0.0389	14.782
Gamma	$\gamma = \sigma^2u/\sigma^2v + \sigma^2u$	0.488***	0.125	2.504
Log likelihood function (llf)		11.848		

Note: Source: Computer print-out of FRONTIER 4.1