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Waiting Time Analysis of Willingness to Pay for Rice Farming Insurance Premiums Using Cox Proportional Hazard Modeling and Weibull Method

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Abstract: Rice is a primary commodity in Indonesia's agricultural sector but is highly vulnerable to climate risks such as floods, droughts, and pest infestations. To mitigate these risks, the government, in collaboration with PT. Asuransi Jasa Indonesia (Jasindo), launched the Rice Farming Insurance Program (AUTP) in 2015. This study aims to analyze the willingness-to-pay time of farmers for AUTP premiums in Jayaraksa Village, Cimaragas Subdistrict, Ciamis Regency, using Weibull regression and Cox Proportional Hazard models. Factors such as education, secondary employment, rice production, and farming costs were examined to understand their influence on farmers' participation. Based on the analysis, the Weibull regression model, with a lower AIC value compared to Cox Proportional Hazard (270.4431 vs. 330.9111), demonstrated better performance in explaining the data. This research contributes to the development of more effective AUTP policies by identifying key factors influencing farmers' participation.

Keywords: Cox Proportional Hazard Regression; Farmers' Participation; Rice Farming Insurance; Weibull Regression; Willingness-to-Pay

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1. Introduction

Rice remains the main crop and staple food source for much of the Indonesian population [1-3]. Agricultural activities, especially rice farming, are highly vulnerable to climate-related disasters [4, 5]. Risks such as flooding, drought, and attacks by Plant Pest Organisms (PPO) almost always occur during each planting season [6, 7]. Most of the land in Indonesia is utilized for agriculture [8, 9], with nearly 50% of the total workforce depending on this sector to meet their livelihood needs. If this condition persists, there are concerns that it could impact the stability of national food security, particularly in terms of rice production and availability as a staple food [10-12]. To address this issue, the government, in collaboration with PT. Asuransi Jasa Indonesia (Jasindo), has provided protection for rice farming through the Rice Farming Insurance Program (AUTP) [13-15].

The AUTP is an agricultural insurance program that has been implemented in Indonesia since 2015 [16, 17]. Agricultural insurance is a form of risk transfer that provides compensation for losses incurred in agricultural activities, ensuring the sustainability of farming businesses [18, 19]. Through this insurance, farmers receive protection against crop damage caused by floods, droughts, as well as pest and disease attacks or PPO, allowing them to receive compensation that can be used as working capital to sustain their farming operations [20-22]. The premium for the AUTP program is paid every planting season, with an amount of IDR 36,000 per hectare. In the premium payment process, the willingness of rice farmers may vary, and some farmers are unwilling to participate in the AUTP program [17, 23, 24]. There are many factors that can influence the willingness of rice farmers to pay the AUTP premium.

The factors influencing farmers' willingness to pay for Agricultural Insurance Premiums (AUTP) are not limited to economic aspects but also include social and demographic factors [25, 26]. Several studies indicate that education level, farming experience, land size, and farmers' understanding of the benefits of insurance programs can influence their decision to participate [27-29]. Agricultural insurance is a new concept for farmers; therefore, understanding how farmers perceive and evaluate the AUTP program is crucial. Farmers may have varying perceptions, which can lead to differences in behavior and decisions regarding the AUTP program [15, 30]. Additionally, farmers' trust in insurance providers and access to information about AUTP are also important variables to consider in this analysis [15, 25]. By understanding these factors, more targeted interventions can be designed to increase farmers' participation in the AUTP program. Identifying these factors can be conducted using survival analysis with the Weibull Regression and Cox Proportional Hazard Regression methods.

Previous studies on survival analysis using the Weibull regression and Cox proportional hazard regression methods have been widely conducted. For example, research Mayawi et al. (2022) [31] identified significant factors affecting the recovery time of acute myocardial infarction patients and determined the best model for recovery time in these patients at Dr. Sardjito General Hospital, Yogyakarta. Similarly [32] examined the time to failure in COVID-19 patients at Taman Husada General Hospital, Bontang. Meanwhile Azizy et al. (2023) [33] investigated the factors influencing the mortality rate of inpatient COVID-19 patients at Abdul Wahab Sjahranie General Hospital, Samarinda, in 2022.

Based on the aforementioned background, this study aims to conduct survival analysis on rice farmers in Jayaraksa Village, Cimaragas Subdistrict, Ciamis Regency. The time observed in this study refers to the duration until rice farmers are willing to pay for the AUTP premiums, while the event observed is the farmers' willingness to pay for these premiums. The influence of factors affecting this willingness is analyzed using the Weibull regression and Cox proportional hazard regression methods. The results of this study are expected to provide additional information to the government and AUTP implementers regarding the condition of farmers in the field, serving as a basis for improving policies and program implementation in the future.

2. Methods

2.1. Research Data

The data used in the study is quantitative data which is secondary data in the period of 2021. In this study, the observation unit is rice farmers in Jayakarsa Village, Cimaragas District, Ciamis Regency, West Java.

Table 1. Research Variables.

No	Variables	Description
1	X ₁	Gender
2	χ_2	Age
3	X ₃	Marital Status
4	χ_4	Last Education
5	χ_5	Length of Farming
6	χ_6	Other Occupations
7	X 7	Land Area
8	χ_8	Rice Production
9	X 9	Farming Business Costs

2.2 Research Variables

The variables used in this study are listed in Table 1. With the dummy information in this study are:

- a. Gender is grouped into 2, namely 1. male farmers and 2. female.
- b. Marital Status is grouped into 2, namely 1. married and 2. unmarried.
- c. Last education is grouped into 5, namely 1. no school, 2. graduated from elementary school/ equivalent, 3. graduated from junior high school/ equivalent, 4. graduated from high school/ equivalent, 5. graduated from college.
- d. Other jobs are grouped into 2, namely 1. have other jobs and 2. do not have other jobs.

2.3. Testing Methods

2.3.1. Cox Proportional Hazard Regression Model

The Cox Proportional Hazard regression model is a statistical method used to analyze survival data, which is data related to the time until an event occurs, such as death or failure. This model connects the dependent variable in the form of survival time with one or more independent variables measured at the time of the study. Cox regression is modeled as [34, 35]:

$$h(t,X) = h_0(t)\psi(\beta_1 X_1), \quad t > 0$$
 (1)

The estimation of the regression model parameters is based on partial likelihood:

$$L(\beta) = \prod_{k \in D} \frac{\exp(x_k \beta)}{\sum_{j \in R_k} \exp(x_j \beta)}$$
 (2)

2.3.2. Weibull Regression Model

Weibull regression is a statistical method used to model the time until an event occurs, such as a failure or death. This model is based on the Weibull distribution, which is known for its flexibility in describing various types of time data. In the Weibull regression model, the scale parameter $\lambda = f_{\lambda}(X; \beta)$, and the shape parameter $\alpha = f_{\alpha}(X; \beta)$ with the form of an exponential function $\exp(\beta X)$ [36]. The model with $\lambda = f_{\lambda}(X; \beta) = \exp(X\beta)$ is monly

used, so the Weibull regression survival function is as follows:

$$S(t|x) = \exp(-(f\lambda(X;\beta)t)^{a})$$

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(3)

Or it can be written as:

$$S(t|x) = \exp\left[-\exp\left(\frac{y - X\beta}{\sigma}\right)\right] \tag{4}$$

What is referred to as the extreme value survival distribution function, with the location parameter being $\mu = -X\beta$ and the scale parameter $\sigma = 1/\alpha$ and its likelihood function is:

$$L(\beta, \sigma) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(t_i, \theta | X_i)^{\delta_i} S(t_i, \theta | X_i)^{1-\delta_i}$$
 (5)

2.4. Hypothesis Testing

2.4.1. Cox Proportional Hazard Regression Hypothesis Testing

a. Simultaneous Test

Simultaneous testing was carried out using the partial likelihood ratio test method. The hypotheses analyzed in this test are [37]:

 H_0 : $\beta_i = 0$, i = 1 (the treatment variable did not have a significant influence on the model).

 H_1 : There's at least one $\beta_i \neq 0$, i = 1 (the treatment variable has a significant influence on the model).

The level of significance used is α = 5%.

Test criteria: If $\rho - value < \alpha$ or $G_{\text{calculated}} > X^2$ (db = 1; α), So H_0 rejected.

Conclusion: If the decision taken is to refuse H_0 , then it can be concluded that there is at least one independent variable that has an influence on the dependent variable. So, the model is suitable for use.

b. Partial Test

Partial testing can use the Wald test, denoted by Z. The Z value follows a standard normal distribution and is compared with the value of $Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$ from the table. The hypotheses used in this test are as follows [38]:

 H_0 : $\beta_i = 0$, i = 1 (the treatment variable has a significant influence on the model).

 H_1 : There's at least one β_i≠0, i = 1 (the treatment variable has a significant influence on the model).

The level of significance used is α = 5%.

Test criteria: If $\rho - value < \alpha \ or \ |Z| > Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$, So H_0 rejected.

Conclusion: If the decision taken is to reject H_0 , So it can be concluded that the independent variable has an effect on the dependent variable.

2.4.2. Weibull Regression Hypothesis Testing

The significance testing of parameters is conducted both partially and overall. Partial testing aims to determine the influence of each independent variable on the dependent variable, while overall testing evaluates the simultaneous influence of the independent variables and assesses the feasibility of the regression model for use.

a. Simultaneous Test

The hypothesis used in this test is [39]:

 H_0 : $\beta_i = 0$, i = 7 (The independent variable does not have a significant influence on the model).

 H_1 : There is at least one $\beta_i \neq 0$, i = 7 (The independent variable has a significant influence on the model).

The level of significance used is $\alpha = 5\%$.

Test criteria: If $\rho - value < \alpha \, atau \, G_{\rm calculated} > X^2 (db = 1; \alpha)$, So H_0 rejected.

Conclusion: If the decision taken is to refuse H_0 , then it can be concluded that there is at least one independent variable that influences the dependent variable. So, the model is suitable for use.

b. Partial Test

The hypothesis used in this test is [39]:

 H_0 : β_i = 0, i = 7 (The independent variable has a significant influence on the model)).

 H_1 : There is at least one, i = 7 (treatment variables have a significant influence on the model).

The level of significance used is 5%.

Test criteria: If $\rho - value < \alpha \ or \ |Z| > Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$, So H_0 rejected.

Conclusion: If the decision taken is to refuse H_0 So it can be concluded that the independent variable has an effect on the dependent variable.

2.5. Determination of the Best Model

The best model can be obtained from the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) value with backward elimination in the following equation [40]:

$$AIC = -2 \ln L (\dot{\beta}) + 2k$$

$$AIC = -2 \ln L (\dot{\theta}) + 2k$$
(6)

2.6. Analysis steps

The following are the steps in the analysis carried out:

- Collecting data on rice farmers in Jayakarsa Village in 2021.
- b. Describing the data of rice farmers.

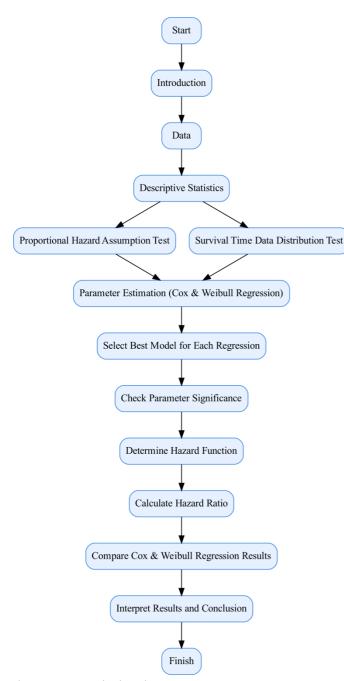


Figure 1. Research Flowchart.

- c. Conducting analysis through the following steps:
 - Testing the proportional hazard assumption.
 - Testing the survival time data distribution.
 - Estimating parameters in Cox proportional hazard regression and Weibull regression.

- Selecting the best model for both Cox proportional hazard regression and Weibull regression.
- Testing the significance of parameters in Cox proportional hazard regression and Weibull regression.
- Determining the hazard function for Cox proportional hazard regression and Weibull regression.
- Calculating the hazard ratio for each independent variable.
- Comparing the results of Cox proportional hazard regression and Weibull regression.
- d. Drawing conclusions from the analysis results.

2.7. Research Flowchart

The flowchart of the research in this study is presented in Figure 1.

3. Results and Discussion

Based on Table 2, the average willingness to pay time is 6.24, with a median of 8.00, a maximum value of 8.00, and a minimum value of 1.00. The difference between the mean and the median indicates a potential left-skewness in the data. The average age of respondents is 61.15 years, with a median of 62.00 years and an age range between 24 and 84 years. The average farming experience is 22.92 years, with a median of 22.50 years and a range of 2 to 50 years. The close values between the mean and median for the age and farming experience variables indicate a relatively symmetrical distribution. The average land area is 0.1704 hectares, with a median of 0.1400 hectares and a range of 0.0426 to 0.7000 hectares. The average rice production is 1.555 tons, with a median of 1.200 tons and a range of 0.400 to 9.000 tons. The average farming cost is 3.056, with a median of 2.256 and a range of 0.780 to 12.800.

3.1.1. Cox Proportional Hazards Assumption Test Hypotheses:

 H_0 : The proportional hazards assumption is met (residuals are time-independent).

 H_1 : The proportional hazards assumption is not met (residuals are time-dependent).

Test Criteria: Accept H_0 if the p-value > 0.05.

Table 2. Descriptive Analysis.

Variable	Mean	Median	Maximum	Minimum
Willingness-to-Pay Time	6.24	8.00	8.00	1.00
Age	61.15	62.00	84.00	24.00
Years of Farming Experience	22.92	22.50	50.00	2.00
Land Area	0.17	0.14	0.70	0.04
Rice Production	1.55	1.20	9.00	0.40
Farming Costs	3.06	2.26	12.80	0.78

Table 3. Results Cox Proportional Hazards Assumption Test.

Variable	P-Value	Decision	
X ₁	0.4170	Accepted Ho	
χ_2	0.5760	Accepted Ho	
X ₃	0.9530	Accepted Ho	
χ_4	0.0950	Accepted Ho	
χ_5	0.8500	Accepted Ho	
χ_6	0.9410	Accepted Ho	
X 7	0.3250	Accepted Ho	
χ_8	0.7520	Accepted Ho	
X 9	0.3150	Accepted Ho	
Global	0.1550	Accepted Ho	

Table 4. Parameter Estimation in the Initial Cox Proportional Hazards Regression Model.

Parameter	Parameter Estimation	Z	P-Value
X ₁	0.35818	0.8280	0.4078
χ_2	0.03101	1.3240	0.1854
X ₃	-0.87868	-1.5310	0.1257
χ_4	0.67182	2.6460	0.0081
χ_5	0.01296	0.6350	0.5256
χ_6	-1.17011	-2.8120	0.0049
X ₇	2.75103	0.3100	0.7568
χ_8	-0.55043	-1.4650	0.1428
X9	0.36581	0.8020	0.4226

Likelihood ratio test = 49.11 on 9 df, p= 2×10^{-7} Wald test = 50.66 on 9 df, p= 8×10^{-8}

3.1. Results of the Cox Proportional Hazards Regression Test

Based on Table 3, the results of the Cox Proportional Hazards assumption test indicate that the null hypothesis (H_0) states that the proportional hazards assumption is met, meaning the residuals are time-independent. According to the testing criteria, H_0 is accepted if the p-value is greater than 0.05. The test results show that all variables, namely X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 , X_5 , X_6 , X_7 , X_8 , and X_9 , have p-values greater than 0.05, so H_0 is accepted for each variable. Additionally, the global test provides a p-value of 0.155, which is also greater than 0.05, leading to the acceptance of H_0 overall. Therefore, it can be concluded that the proportional hazards assumption is satisfied both for each variable and globally. This indicates that the Cox Proportional Hazards model can be used in the analysis as its residuals are time-independent.

3.1.2. Simultaneous Test

Based on Table 4, the results of the Likelihood Ratio and Wald tests indicate that the tested model demonstrates very strong significance. In the Likelihood Ratio test, a p-value of 2×10^{-7} (which is very close to 0) indicates that the overall model is significant, meaning there is a significant relationship between the variables included in the

Table 5. Results of the Partial Significance Test.

Var-	Coeffi-	7.	P-	Decision
iable	cient	L	Value	Decision
χ_1	-0.4154	-1.2890	0.1970	Accepted H ₀
χ_2	-0.0118	-1.0370	0.3000	Accepted Ho
X 3	-0.9563	-2.1650	0.0304	Reject H ₀
χ_4	0.6405	4.3150	1. ×10 ⁻⁵	Reject H ₀
χ_5	-0.0094	-0.7310	0.4650	Accepted H ₀
χ_6	-1.2407	-3.8360	0.0001	Reject H ₀
X 7	3.1000	3.6040	0.0003	Reject H ₀
χ_8	0.2193	2.7930	0.0052	Reject H ₀
X9	0.1712	3.7980	0.0001	Reject H ₀

Table 6. Parameter Estimation of the Best Cox Proportional Hazards Regression Model.

Variable	Parameter Estimation	Z	P-Value
χ_4	0.3323	1.9700	0.0488
χ_6	-1.4520	-3.1540	0.0016
χ_8	-0.7967	-2.3760	0.0175
X9	0.6489	3.4730	0.0005

Likelihood ratio test = 43.66 on 4 df, p= 8×10^{-9} Wald test = 47.63 on 4 df, p= 1×10^{-9}

model and the measured outcome. A similar finding is observed in the Wald test, with a p-value of 8×10⁻⁸, which is also very close to 0, confirming that the tested model provides a significant contribution to explaining the data. Both tests consistently provide evidence that the model used is valid and relevant for the analysis.

3.1.3. Partial Test

Based on Table 5, the variables X1, X2, and X5 have pvalues greater than 0.05 (0.197, 0.3, and 0.465, respectively). This indicates that, statistically, these variables do not have a significant effect on the hazard rate. In other words, changes in X1, X2, and X5 do not significantly alter the risk of the observed event occurring in this model. The null hypothesis (no effect) is accepted for these variables. In contrast, the variables X3, X4, X6, X7, X8, and X9 show a significant influence on the hazard rate, as all have p-values less than 0.05. Specifically, variable X3, with a coefficient of -0.9563 and a p-value of 0.0304, significantly decreases the hazard rate. Conversely, X4, with a coefficient of 0.6405 and a very small p-value of 1.6×10⁻⁵, significantly increases the hazard rate. Variable X6 also plays a significant role in reducing the hazard rate, with a coefficient of -1.2407 and a p-value of 0.0001. Variable X7, with a coefficient of 3.1000 and a p-value of 0.0003, significantly increases the hazard rate. X8 and X9, with coefficients of 0.21926 and 0.17119 and p-values of 0.0052 and 0.0001, respectively, also contribute significantly to increasing the hazard rate.

Table 7. Parameter Estimation in the Initial Weibull Regression Model

Variable	Parameter Estimation	z-score	p-value
X ₁	-0.1995	-0.8300	0.40772
χ_2	-0.0179	-1.3700	0.17044
X ₃	0.4937	1.5400	0.12439
χ_4	-0.3981	-2.8300	0.00466
χ_5	-0.0083	-0.7400	0.46077
χ_6	0.6801	2.8300	0.00469
X 7	-180.39	-0.3700	0.71212
χ_8	0.3576	1.7300	0.08282
X 9	-0.2239	-0.8900	0.37200

Table 8. Statistics of the Simultaneous Test for Weibull Regression

Statistic	Value
Log-likelihood (Model)	-126.4
Log-likelihood (Intercept)	-153.8
Chi-squared (χ^2)	54.65
Degrees of Freedom	9
p-value	1.4×10^{-8}
Iteration Newton-Raphson	6
Number of Observations (n)	100

3.1.4. Best Model

The best model selection was conducted using the forward method. The forward selection results indicate that the four predictor variables included in the best Cox proportional hazards model are the highest level of education (*X*4), other occupations (*X*6), rice production (*X*8), and farming costs (*X*9), with a p-value of 0.0002.

Based on Table 6, the parameter estimation results for the best Cox regression model provided, the Cox Proportional Hazards regression equation can be written as follows:

$$h(t \mid X) = h_0(t) \cdot \exp(0.3323X_4) -1.452X_6 - 0.7967X_8 + 0.6489X_9)$$
 (7)

$3.2. \ Results$ of the Weibull Regression Test

3.2.1. Simultaneous Test

Based on Table 8, the log-likelihood value for the model with all predictor variables is -126.4, while the log-likelihood for the model with only the intercept is -153.8. This difference indicates that adding the predictor variables improves the model's fit to the data. The Chi-squared value for the model with 9 degrees of freedom (df) is 54.65, with a p-value of 1.4×10^{-8} (very small), leading to the conclusion that the model is statistically significant overall. This means there is sufficient evidence to state that at least one of the independent variables has an effect on the dependent variable.

Table 9. Partial Test for Weibull Regression.

Var-	Coeffi-	Z-score	P-	Decision
iable	cient	Z-score	Value	Decision
X ₁	0.3300	1.3300	0.1820	Accepted Ho
χ_2	0.0092	1.0500	0.2947	Accepted Ho
X ₃	0.7320	2.1400	0.0320	Reject H ₀
χ_4	-0.4680	-4.3900	1.1×10 ⁻⁵	Reject H ₀
χ_5	0.0071	0.7200	0.4730	Accepted Ho
χ_6	0.9290	3.6200	0.0003	Reject H ₀
χ_7	-2.3660	-3.4500	0.0005	Reject H ₀
χ_8	-0.1680	-2.7500	0.0059	Reject H ₀
X9	-0.3100	-3.6100	0.0003	Reject H ₀

Table 10. Parameter Estimation of the Best Weibull Regression Model.

Variable	Parameter Estimation	Z-score	P-Value
X ₄	-0.3444	-2.6100	0.0091
χ_6	-0.3353	-3.0600	0.0022
χ_8	0.7135	3.2400	0.0012
X9	0.3861	1.9600	0.0496

Table 11. Statistics of the Best Weibull Regression Model.

Statistic	Value
Log-likelihood (Model)	-128.2
Log-likelihood (Intercept)	-153.8
Chi-squared (χ^2)	51.07
Degrees of Freedom	4
p-value	8.4×10^{-10}
Iteration Newton-Raphson	6
Number of Observations (n)	100
•	100

3.2.2. Partial Test

Based on Table 9, variables X1, X2, and X5 have p-values greater than 0.05 (0.182, 0.29468, and 0.473, respectively). This indicates that statistically, these three variables do not have a significant effect on the hazard rate. In other words, changes in X1, X2, and X5 do not significantly alter the risk of the observed event in this model, so the null hypothesis (no effect) is accepted for these variables. On the other hand, variables X3, X4, X6, X7, X8, and X9 show a significant effect on the hazard rate, as all have pvalues less than 0.05. Specifically, X3, with a coefficient of 0.732 and a p-value of 0.032, indicates that this variable significantly increases the hazard rate. X4, with a coefficient of -0.468 and a very small p-value of 1.1×10⁻⁵, significantly decreases the hazard rate. Variable X6 also has a significant effect on increasing the hazard rate with a coefficient of 0.929 and a p-value of 0.00029. Additionally, X7 (p-value = 0.00055) and X9 (p-value = 0.0003) significantly decrease the hazard rate, while X8 (p-value = 0.0059) also shows a significant effect in the same direction. Therefore, these

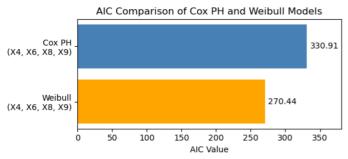


Figure 2. Comparison and selection of the best model.

significant variables should be further considered in the interpretation of the model results.

3.2.3. Best Model

In the selection of the best Weibull regression model, the stepwise method was used. The stepwise selection results show that the four predictor variables included in the best Cox proportional hazards model are the highest level of education (X4), other occupations (X6), rice production (X8), and farming costs (X9). All four variables have p-values smaller than the significance level of 0.05, so it is concluded that these four variables are included in the best Weibull regression model.

Based on Table 10, the following Weibull regression equation is obtained:

$$\lambda(t \mid X) = \lambda_0 \cdot \exp(-0.3444 \cdot X_4)$$

$$-0.3353 \cdot X_6 + 0.7135 \cdot X_8 + 0.3861 \cdot X_9)$$
(8)

Based on Table 11, the overall model significance test produces a very small p-value of 8.4×10⁻¹⁰, which supports

the conclusion that the model fits the data well. The convergence of the estimation algorithm within a limited number of iterations indicates the stability and reliability of the model.

3.3. Comparison and Selection of the Best Model

Based on Figure 2, the AIC value for the Weibull regression is smaller than the AIC value for the Cox Proportional Hazard regression. Therefore, it can be concluded that the Weibull regression model is better suited for the Agricultural Insurance Rice Business (AUTP) data.

4. Conclusions

Based on the analysis conducted, this study compared two survival regression models, namely the Cox Proportional Hazards model and the Weibull regression model, using the same set of variables: X4, X6, X8, and X9. The estimation results indicate that both models are capable of capturing the relationship between these variables and the time until farmers are willing to pay for agricultural insurance. However, after evaluating the models using the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC), the Weibull regression model demonstrated superior performance, with a lower AIC value of 270.4431 compared to the Cox model. This suggests that the Weibull model provides a better fit for the data and yields more accurate estimates of the timing of farmers' willingness to pay. Therefore, the Weibull model is more appropriate for supporting policy analysis and the planning of agricultural insurance programs.

5. Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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