

diminishing marginal return *(di-mi-n-ishing-mar-ginal-re-turn)*

Definition

n. an economic principle stating that as the quantity of one input increases while others remain constant, the incremental output or return will eventually decrease.

Example Sentence

In agriculture, the concept of **diminishing marginal return** explains why adding more fertilizer will not always lead to proportional increases in crop yield.

More Example Sentences

The farmer learned about **diminishing marginal return** when he realized that after a certain point, more seeds did not result in more plants.

Synonyms

decreasing returns; diminishing returns; law of diminishing returns

Antonyms

increasing returns; constant returns; optimal returns

