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While there is consensus on the need to commercialize and modernize agriculture to achieve productive efficiency and economic development, the pathways for achieving this dual objective has remained contentious. Across Africa, scholars and policy makers continue to debate the feasible pathways for commercializing agriculture. Different models, often described either by the investment arrangements, as public, private and public-private partnerships (PPP), or by size of projects as large-scale, medium scale or smallholder farm models are being experimented. Leading scholars in Africa and are increasingly focusing on models of agricultural commercialization and their implications for agricultural transformation, with many focusing on analyzing the unfolding implications for land relations, labour regimes, livelihoods and local economies (Scoones and Tsikata 2017; Yaro et.al., 2017). This study is informed by the realization during our Junior Post-Doctoral Fellowship research on medium scale land deals in Ghana that, land deals and how they affected smallholder farmers did not occur in isolation but were artifacts of agricultural commercialization. Therefore, in order to understand the dynamics of land grabs, the underlying models of agricultural commercialization need to be studied.

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