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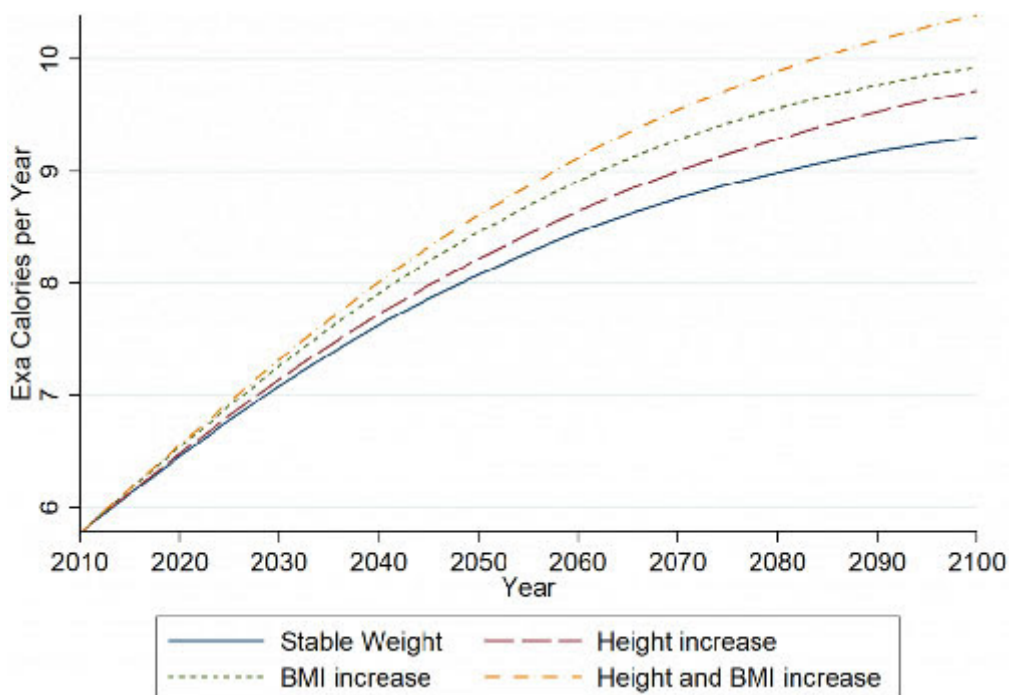
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Vegetables are the inspiration and income the motivation for this young Ghanaian graduate to take up farming as a career. **Jude Adda** aims to be a role model for other young people seeking profitable livelihoods in agriculture.



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The idea of putting a seed in the ground, nurturing it and watching it grow and bear fruit was fascinating for me and that sparked my passion. — **Jude Adda**, a young farmer in Ghana who is finding profit and satisfaction in producing peppers.

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