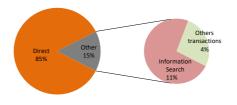
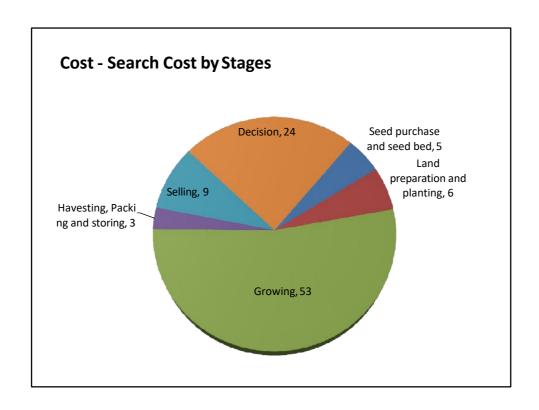
# **Cost, Price & Margins**

### **Costs**

- Production
  - Direct
  - Indirect
    - Decision making & Information search
    - Other transactions





- Produce preparation costs.
- Packaging costs.
- Handling costs
- Transport costs
- Product losses
- Storage costs
- Processing costs
- Capital costs
- Other Costs

- Produce preparation
  - Cleaning
  - Trimming
  - Sorting
  - Grading
  - Waxing
- Cost high but return too is high

#### **Cost - Marketing Costs**

- Packaging
  - Convenience in handling and transporting
  - Protection to produce
  - Presentation
  - Quality identification
  - Product differentiation
  - Checking adulteration
  - Consumers' convenience

- Handling cost
  - Farmer or labourer loads produce on to cart
  - Labourers unloads produce at assembly market and it is weighed
  - Wholesaler or his employees repackages the produce in wholesaler's containers
  - Produce is carried to and loaded on wholesaler's truck
  - Produce is unloaded at wholesale market and weighed
  - Produce is repacked and transported in retailer's containers
  - Produce is unloaded and repackaged at retailer's store

#### **Cost - Marketing Costs**

- Transport cost
  - Using hired service v/s that of self
  - One commodities v/s different commodity
  - Why high cost?

- Product losses
  - How much it reaches next level is always less than what it was at earlier one
  - Losses are both quantitative and qualitative
  - Harvesting and post harvesting technologies are important

## **Factors Affecting Marketing Costs**

- Perishability
- Losses in storage and transportation
- · Volume of the product handled
- Regularity in supply: Cost less; Irregular in supply cost is more
- · Packaging: Costly (depends on the type of packing)
- · Extent of adoption of grading
- Necessity of demand creation (advertisement)
- Bulkiness
- Need for retailing: (more retailing more costly)
- Necessity of storage
- Costly finance
- Facilities extended by dealers to consumers.
  - (Return facility, home delivery, credit facility, entertainment)

#### **Marketing Costs**

- Storage Costs
  - It extends availability period but involves costs
  - Cost related to actual operations
  - Blocking of capital
  - Physical losses of produce
  - Calculating costs hired vs. own facilities
  - Efficient when we use full capacity of storage facility

#### **Marketing Costs**

- Processing costs
- Capital costs
- Fees commission and unofficial payment

#### **Marketing Costs**

Price paid by eventual customer =

Price paid to farmers

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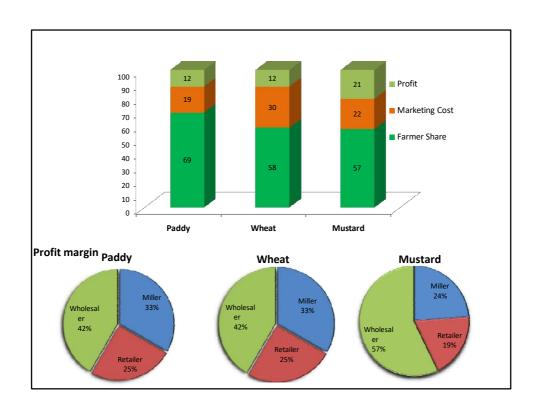
All the costs involved in getting it to the consumer in the form in which he or she desires it

+

A reasonable return (Marketing Margin) to those doing the marketing and processing for carrying out these functions

## **Marketing Margins**

- Margin
  - The profit at each stage of the value chain.
  - A marketing margin is the percentage of the final weighted average selling price taken by each stage of the marketing chain.





## **Example**

The bitter gourd buying price from the farmer is `0.50 per kg,

The weighted average wholesale selling price is `0.90 per kg and

The weighted average retail price is `1.17 per kg.

#### **Calculate**

Share to the producer (`0.50/`1.17) = 0.427 or 43% Wholesale margin (`0.90 - `0.50)/`1.17 = 0.342 or 34% Retail margin (`1.17 - `0.90)/`1.17 = 0.230 or = 0.572 or 57%

## Shrinkage rates & MC and MM

 A farmer sells tomatoes at `4 per kg. These are then sold by a retailer at `6 per kg but 10 per cent of the quantity purchased is lost in the marketing process. The only identified costs are wages which amount to

`1 per kg of product purchased from the farmer. Since 10% (0.1 kg) of the purchased tomatoes is lost, 1 kg of them will produce only 0.9 kg of the **reference product**.

What is the **Gross margin** and **Net margin** when the retailer sells 1kg of tomatoes.

Gross margin: Net margin:

# **By-products and MC & MM**

• A miller purchased paddy at - `18.20/kg.

Milling % - 60.

• Selling price

By-productsEdible rice6.00/kg and45.00/kg.

- The total identified marketing costs\* ` 5/kg of paddy.
- The reference product is 1 kg of edible rice.

Calculate the following if 100kg of rice is sold

- Total marketing costs
- Gross margin
- · Net margin

\* (packaging, milling, storage, transport etc.)

• If 1 kg of rice is sold then the quantity of paddy is

X kg X 60% = 1 kg = 0.6X = 1 kg = X = 1/0.6 = 1.67 kg Paddy

The quantity of By-product = 1.67 X 40% = 0.668 kg

• The cost of paddy = 1.67 X Rs 18.2 = Rs 30.33

The identified costs per kilogram of paddy is Rs 5.00 X 1.67
 = Rs 8.33

• Total Marketing Costs = Rs 8.33

Selling price Value of Rice = Rs 45.00 X 1 = Rs 45.00
 Value of By-Product = Rs 6 X 0.668 = Rs 49.00 = Rs 49.00

• Gross margin = Selling price – purchase price of paddy – value of by-products

= Rs 45.00 - (Rs 30.33- Rs 4.00) = Rs 10.67

• Net margin = Gross margin, net of by-products – total marketing costs

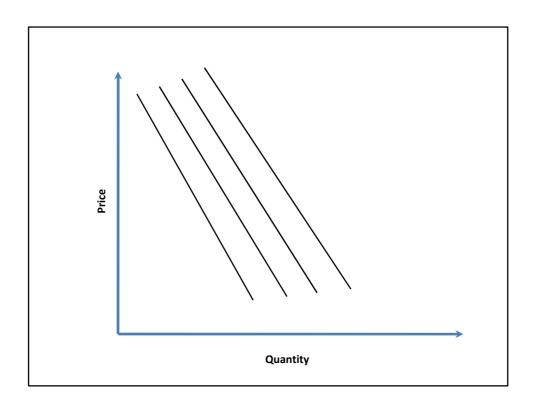
= Rs 10.67 – Rs 8.33 = Rs 2.34

#### **Price**

- Point of compromise between the buyers and sellers desire for lower and higher prices
- Selection between alternatives
- Prices thus transmit
  - Orders &
  - Directions . . .

- Relative price
  - Ratio
  - Signal for changing market choice
- Demand
  - Law of demand
  - Law of diminishing marginal utility
  - Demand schedule
  - Effective demand
- Income effect of price change
- · Derived demand

- Supply
  - Law of supply
  - Buyers market
  - Sellers market
- Income effect of price change
- Derived demand



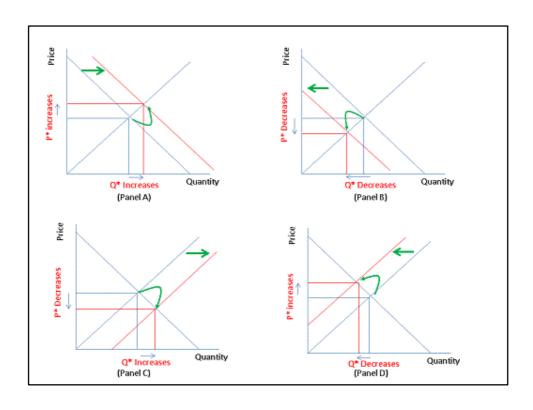
# Change in number of buyers Change in purchasing power Change in taste & preferences Change in price of related

products

Storage

Future prices

• Input prices/cost of prodn.



# **Elasticity of Demand**

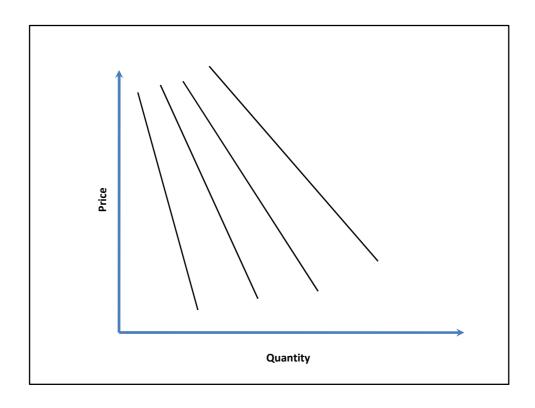
• Unit change in quantity demanded for a unit change in the price.

Ep = Proportonatechange in deman d Proportionate change in price

- Types
  - Price
  - Income
  - Cross
  - Advertising

## **Types of Price Elasticity of Demand**

- Perfectly Elastic Demand
- Perfectly Inelastic Demand
- Relatively Elastic Demand
- Relatively Inelastic Demand
- Unitary Elastic Demand



## **Pricing Strategies**

- Premium pricing
  - The product has one or more unique characteristics
- Value pricing
  - A bit lower than premium
- Cost/plus pricing
  - Markup+break-even price
- · Competitive pricing
  - price its product according to competitors
- · Penetration pricing
  - Aggressively low

# **Pricing Strategy**

Strategy	Substitutes	Entry barriers	Price sensitivity	Economies of scale	Goal
Premium	None	Very high	None	None	High per unit margin
Value	Few	High	Low	Low	Profit
Cost/plus	Some	Medium	Medium	Medium	Market share and profit
Competitive	Many	Low	High	High	Protect market share
Penetration	Many	Low	High	High	Market growth and leadership

# **Pricing Objectives**

- Profitability,
- Volume,
- Competition,
- Prestige,
- Strategic and
- Relationship objectives