

Horticulture Supply Chains Global Trends

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Key Drivers of Change

01Demographics

- Growing world population
- Urbanization
- Rise of African and Asian middle class

02 Environment

- Climate change
- Regenerative farming



03 Marketing

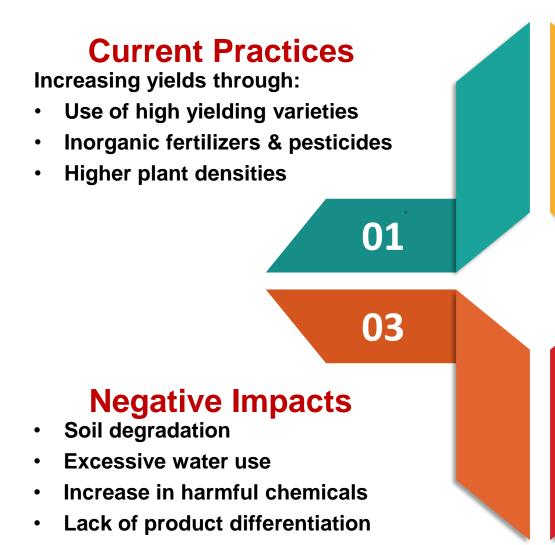
- Health and wellness
- Product origin
- E-commerce

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Production



Future Trends

- Heritage varieties
- Regenerative farming techniques
- Reduction in use inorganic fertilizers & pesticides
- Water conservation

02

04

Increase Crop Monitoring For

- Pest & disease problems
- Yields & harvest schedules
- Product quality

Farm to Market

CURRENT



Long Transit Times





Excessive Use of Plastics





Un-coordinated Logistics



Poor Transparency along the chain



Variable Product Quality



No overall responsibility of product



Consumer has limited involvement



High Carbon Footprint

FUTURE

Pick and pack to order

Reduced transit times = reduced losses

Bio-degradable / recycle packaging

Low energy logistics

Product quality matched consumer needs

Shared and collaborative responsibility for product

Consumer directly involved in product choice



Future Producer



Responsible For Data On

- Field location
- Growing conditions (soil, weather)
- Production management (use of fertilizers, pesticides)
- Varieties
- Yields
- Harvest schedules



Analyses Data On

- Market demand
- Consumer preferences



Future Logistics

Received Data On

Adds Data On

01

02

- Product origin and destination
- Optimum product handling and storage

- Delivery time
- Transit time
- Transit temperatures and humidity

Marketing



Retailer has:

- Full transparency on product specifications and delivery
- Can adapt orders and organize promotions



Consumer scans QR Code to get real time information on:

- Harvest time, age and remaining shelf life
- Available varieties
- Quality characteristics, colour, brix, shape, aroma etc.



Supply Chain Management

- Provides real time data:
- Humidity
- Weight loss
- Location
- Nutritional and sensor qualities

Industry 4 "The Internet of Things"

- Accurate traceability
- Food safety
- Verifies contract terms

Blockchain Technology



MAGNET

MAHARASHTRA AGRICULTURE NETWORK



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MAGNET aims to improve the competitiveness of horticulture value chains in domestic and international markets



MAGNET

A Transformational Agent

Production

SMART Irrigation Systems

Drones for P & D control & yield surveillance

Precision Agriculture: soil testing, minimum tillage

Evaporative coolers

Processing

Optical graders

Modified atmosphere packaging

Pre-cooling with solar cool stores & CoolBot

Pomegranate & custard apple processing

Solar fruit driers

Logistics

Ice-batteries

Digital Supply chain management



Farmer Owned & Funded

Data on:

- GAP
- Maturity
- Harvest time

Data On:

- Pick-up from orchard
- Delivery to ship
- Shipping schedules
- Humidity & temp. profile during transport

Data On:

- Out-turn quality
- Shelf life
- Consumer reaction
- Competitors

FARMERS LOGISTICS PACKHOUSE MARKETING SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

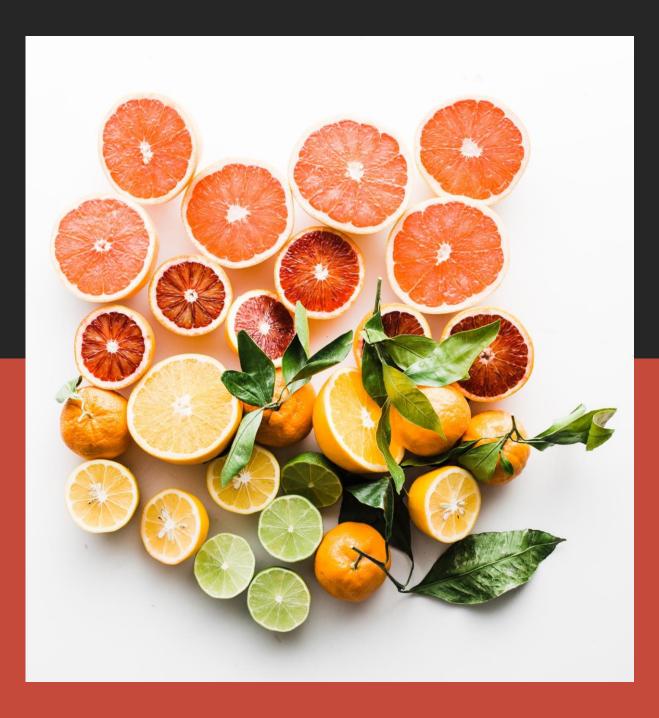
- New varieties
- Post-harvest
- Orchard management

Data On:

- Quality
- Residue
- Product tracing
- Grades
- Storage conditions

Data On:

- Ethic trade
- Workers welfare
- Environment



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