



# **Horticulture Supply Chains** **Global Trends**

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# Key Drivers of Change

## 01 Demographics

- 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





# Horticulture Supply Chains - Global Trends



# Production

## Current Practices

Increasing yields through:

- Use of high yielding varieties
- Inorganic fertilizers & pesticides
- Higher plant densities

01

## Future Trends

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

02

03

## Negative Impacts

- Soil degradation
- Excessive water use
- Increase in harmful chemicals
- Lack of product differentiation

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## Increase Crop Monitoring For

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



# Farm to Market

## CURRENT



Poor Supply and  
Demand Match



Long Transit  
Times



High Shrinkage



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

01

- Product origin and destination
- Optimum product handling and storage

Adds Data On

02

- 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



A Project jointly funded by the Government of Maharashtra & the ADB Grant Thornton Bharat LLP is working as project implementation support consultant

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

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# 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

### FARMERS



### R&D

- New varieties
- Post-harvest
- Orchard management

## Data On:

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

### LOGISTICS



### PACKHOUSE

## Data On:

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

## Data On:

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

### MARKETING



### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## Data On:

- Ethic trade
- Workers welfare
- Environment



**THANK YOU**