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Paddock to Plate – Supply Chain Efficiencies to Reduce Food Losses

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The Global Food Waste Issue

- 1/3 of food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted (FAO, 2011)
- If considered a country, 3rd highest GHG emitter after U.S & China (FAO, 2013)
- 900 M people go hungry while 1 bn overeat (FAO, 2009)





Australian Food Waste

- What do we know so far?
 - Ag. Production: \$3 billion per year. (Lapidge, 2015)
 - Household food waste: \$ 10 billion per year (NSW EPA, 2011)
 - Commercial & Industrial stream : \$10.5 billion per year
- What about the rest of the food supply chain?



We lose up to 90% of our nutrients between soil and sea



Nutrients in sewage sent to sea

(Lapidge, 2016)



Case Example

Indonesian Potatoes

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Potato Industry Case Study - Indonesia

- Planting area : 64,151 ha/year
- Productivity : 1670 ton/ha
- Production : 1,071,543 ton/year
- Consumption/year : 4.2 kg
- Potatoes mostly grown on mountainous area/hilly (>1.000 m above sea level, temperature 15-20 degree Celcius)
- Three Types of Potatoes :
 - 1. For vegetable : var. Granola (self sufficiency)
 - 2. For Chips : var. Atlantic (partly still imported)
 - 3. For French fries : Mc russet, Russet burbank

Potato Varieties in Indonesia

- 1. Cipanas
- 2. Cosima
- 3. Granola L
- 4. Segunung
- 5. Merbabu 17
- 6. Granola Kembang
- 7. Tenggo
- 8. Erika
- 9. Fries
- 10. Atlantik Mallang
- 11. Manohara
- 12. Amudra
- 13. Dawmor
- 14. Krespo
- 15. Balsa



Plant Breeder Rights - Indonesia



Seed Production and its Distribution







Potatoes in Practice

- Since 1980s Granola is Indonesia's main potato variety (80 to 85% of the potato area)
- Late blight and bacterial wilt most significant diseases, followed by viruses
- Potato viruses widespread in major potato areas (West Java, Central Java, North Sumatra, East Java, and West Sumatra)
- More virus disease in areas where quality seed is difficult to obtain / too expensive

Potatoes in Practice – The Seed Challenge

- Seed most costly component of potato production
- Profitability often depends on access to quality seed
- Seed accounts for 10-20% of the total production costs (Fuglie et al. 2005)
- High quality seed too expensive for most farmers, so most use seed tubers saved from previous crop
- Farmers will buy seed tubers when their own seed stock has degenerated due to disease
- G3-G7 is the common generation of potato seed used by farmers

Indonesian Imports

Potato Seed Imports				
Year	Partner	Netweight (kg)	Trade Value (US\$)	
2012	World	1,862,450	\$2,152,145	
2013	World	1,767,100	\$1,854,764	
2014	World	2,084,450	\$2,048,782	
2015	World	1,735,500	\$1,451,591	
2016	World	3,037,042	\$2,526,235	

Fresh Potato Imports				
Year	Partner	Netweight (kg)	Trade Value (US\$)	
2012	World	46,587,879	\$28,667,627	
2013	World	55,173,621	\$32,619,739	
2014	World	40,007,489	\$21,757,347	
2015	World	38,035,600	\$17,782,089	
2016	World	39,067,579	\$16,195,264	



Case Example Supply Chains

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Domestic Supply Chain Inefficiencies

- In early 2000's Woolworths reduced and merged its distribution centres from 31 to 9 regional distribution centres (RDC) and managed 2 national distribution centres (NDC)
- Primary production in remote areas now distributing to
- Centrally located distribution centers
- Greater cost advantages to retailer
- Lower cost to consumer
- Reduced shelf life of fresh produce
- JIT Production and Supply to meet demand

Woolworths IT based Supply Chain



International Supply Chain Inefficiencies

- Distance from producer to consumer leads to increased food waste
- Freight forwarders channel produce through established ports of export and import
- International freight networks are cost efficient not necessarily time efficient
- Inefficient freight movement leads to greater likelihood of food losses throughout the supply-chain and for the consumer

Australian Trade with BIMP-EAGA

- Northern Territory Government commissioned report into supply chain efficiency
- Identified supply chain improvements across all four regional economies; Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines
- Range of products exported from BIMP-EAGA to other Aus. states via alternative ports (Fremantle, Adelaide, Melbourne, Geelong, Sydney, Brisbane, and Cairns):
 - Fish and Crustaceans
 - Fruit and Nuts
 - Vegetables
 - Cereal preparations

Australian Trade with BIMP-EAGA

- Also in the other direction, from alternative Australian Ports to BIMP-EAGA including:
 - Unmilled Grain
 - Animal Feed
 - Vegetables
 - Preserved fruit and vegetables
 - Fruit and Nuts
 - Fresh Meat
 - Live Animals



What do we do to improve? Recommendations

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Gaining supply chain efficiencies

- Utilise innovative food technology in production inputs for reduced food losses at paddock
 - Policies to reduce restrictions on food innovation
 - Greater IP protections for innovation developers
 - Cost efficiencies in food technology utilisation
 - Education for food producers on benefits of utilisation
 - Develop efficient distribution and supply chains
 - Reduce time from paddock to plate
 - Develop distribution infrastructure in regional centers (customs capabilities, ship loading, regional distribution centers)
 - Utilise technology to allow producer to supply end user more efficiently



Thank you Any Questions?

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