# **Smarter Farming – Are our Farmers Ready?**

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# The Farmer is an Expert in the Crop that he Grows because:

he tends to his crop everyday in the field

he sees the plant

he feels the soil

he senses the weather

and he anticipates the next invasion of P&D pathogen

Yet he has little control over what he does, see, feel or sense

He can only anticipate and fear



### The Value Chain Parameters

- Low Farm **Gate Prices**
- The Middleman **Syndrome**

**Creating the Enabling Environment** 

 Growing the **Right Product?** 

Lack of

**Demand** 

- MRL Compliances and Certification

- INFORMATION
- Low Production Yield
  - Farmer's Issues

 Post-Harvest Handling & **Distribution Processes** 

Market Access

 Market Information

- Market Intelligence
- Fast Changing Consumer Trend in Market Structure
  - Value Addition
- Weather and Climate Change

- Farm Extension **Services** 
  - **Marketing** Issues
- Logistics & Communication Infrastructure

- Sourcing appropriate technology and linking strategic partners
  - Difficulty in bringing small rural farms into mainstream markets
- The concept of CHOICE

**Building the Negotiation Position of the Farmers** 

**Emerging Market Trends**   Consumerism in Variety, Exotic, Catering, Niche Markets

- Export and Market Consolidation
- Customising Quality and Packaging

Meeting the COMPETITION

# **Anticipating the Farming Community of Tomorrow?**

#### **Farmers**

- There will be a new generation of farmers who can read and write and Info Tech savvy
- The Farmer will become a Food Producer (Commercial, Productivity, Control)

## The Information and Technology Effects

- The Speed of Change of Technology is Hyperbolic
- The experience of the Information and Technology Effect is more entrenched
- Farmers who lack behind now will need to Make a Leap

#### **Demand for Food**

The demand for food is greater than the availability of food

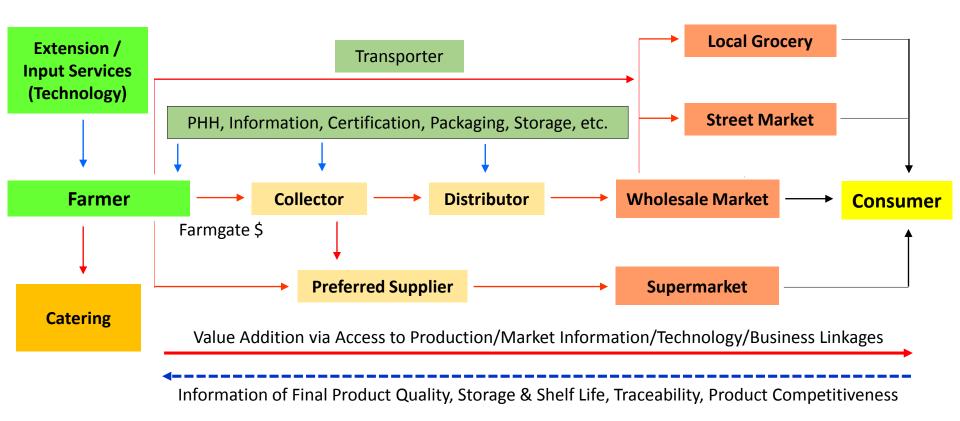
## **Market and Marketing**

- The marketing distinction on locality will diminish (urban vs rural markets, and domestic vs foreign markets)
- Traders will focus on data management and control

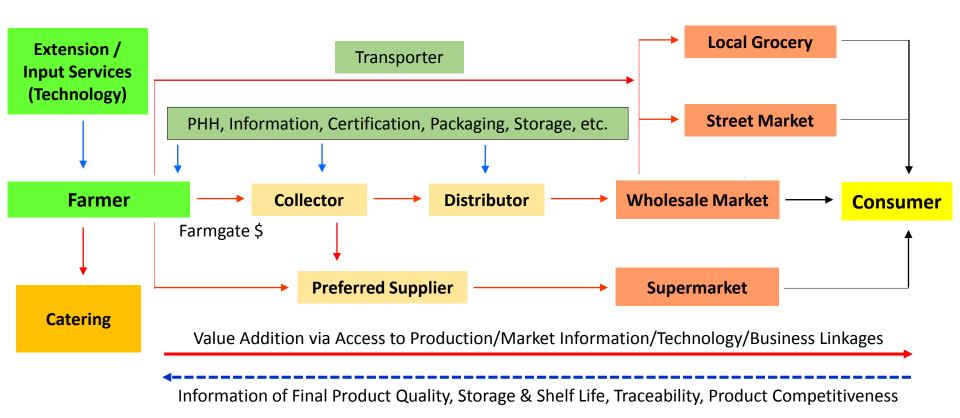
#### The Environment

The Environment will impact in every action and decision that the Producer makes

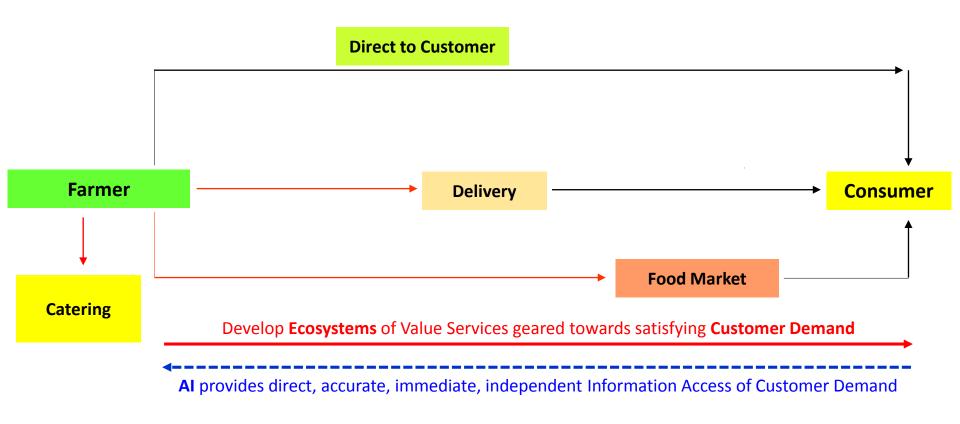
## **Food Value Chain Today**



#### **Food Value Chain Tomorrow**



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## **Enabling Factors and Parameters that will enhance the Leap for the Food Producer**



# **Future of Food Value Chains**

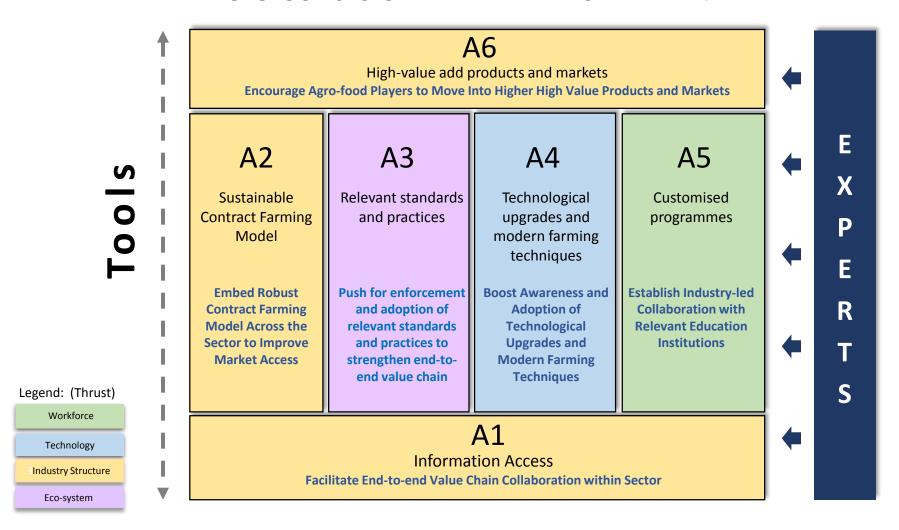
Issues of food at stake	Vision of the world food situation Tomorrow
Consumption capacity	<ul> <li>There will be more wealthy and more economically weak consumers</li> <li>The world has 9 billion mouths to feed</li> </ul>
Consumption behavior	<ul> <li>Rich consumers will have greater choice how they want their food to be</li> <li>Technology will power the future of food (new food base / food source)</li> <li>Buy natural, buy local (carbon footprint, food miles, etc.)</li> <li>Direct to Consumer, Concierge Convenience</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Production capacity / sustainability</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Technology will drive production productivity</li> <li>More stringent management of land, water, chemical &amp; GHG</li> <li>New food are designed, how it is grown and how it is distributed</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Production behavior</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>There are 2 major sources of food producers;</li> <li>i. Big commercial plant factories and large production owners</li> <li>ii. The small farms (80%) make up shortfall in improved productivity</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Impact of climate change on food production</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Producers who can weather and sustain against the new environment and producers who cannot</li> <li>Water stress/drought/flooding/rising temperature/extreme conditions</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Cost of food</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Food cost in the supply chain must give way to food value</li> <li>Food loss (farm), food waste (delivery), food production efficiencies</li> </ul>

# Paradigm shifts in Value Chain of Food Production Tomorrow

- Farmers / stakeholders move from preventing damage into mitigating damage
- Farmers will include carbon tax as new element of production cost
- Farmers and stakeholders work in an environment of resource scarcity
- Food delivery will be more local and direct and immediate
- Food focus on Productivity, Technology-led innovation, Food Waste, Food Safety, Traceability, Food Service,
- Government assistance will move to <u>building resilience</u> of producers against the impacts of climate change



#### AGROFOOD SECTOR LEVEL INITIATIVES FRAMEWORK



# Thank you



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