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Title: Analysis and Validation Study

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Aim & Objectives

Focus

- To evaluate options to overcome selected barriers to competitiveness in fresh and processed mango value chains
- Undertake financial, economic and business feasibility analysis on selected trial interventions

Research questions

- ➤ What on-farm, post-harvest, marketing and processing innovations are likely to generate the most significant impacts to reduce losses, increase? productivity and quality outputs that will improve returns directly related to smallholder incomes
- ▶ What innovations have the most cost-effective and positive impacts on productivity, losses, quality and harvest timing, leading to improved price and farmer incomes?
- What is the potential to increase farmer incomes from further developing access to processed fruit chains in the domestic market?

Impact Assessment: Intervention - Fertiliser

Financial analysis

Cat Chu Mango Variety

- Average cost reduction of fertilizer: 4.02 VND mil/ha/yr
- ▶ Increase income from selling mango grade 1 (grade 1 weights at 400g and sold at a higher price from 1000-3000 VND/kg): Turnover increase from 15,0- 23,3 VND mil/ha/yr.
- ► Total additional income: 19,02-27,32 VND mil/ha/yr

Cat Hoa Loc Mango Variety

- Average cost reduction of fertilizer: 15,6 VND mil/ha/yr (6,8%)
- Increase income from selling mango grade 1 and 2 (15% và 5% respectively): 51 VND mil/ha/yr
- ▶ Total additional income: 66.6 VND mil/ha/yr

Economic implication

Project's fertilizer intervention yields higher economic returns to both mango varieties

Business feasibility

Intervention results can be scaled out to increase additional income for mango farmers for both varieties.

Impact Assessment: Intervention - Flowering

Financial analysis

- ➤ Cat HL: Net revenue per 100kg mango of PBZ, Prohexadione Calcium, Uniconazole are VND mil. 4.436, 4.288 and 3.863 respectively. PC has 4.47 % lower in net revenue of PBZ. Sensitivity Analysis: decrease 5% when yield change from 70-130 kg regardless price, decrease 2.74%-4.34% and 10.56%-16.7% if use Prohexadione Calcium and Uniconazole respectively if price changes 40-60,000/kg)
- ▶ Cat Chu: Net revenue per 100kg mango of PBZ, Prohexadione Calcium, Uniconazole are VND mil. 0.559, 0.534 and 0.109 respectively. Sensitivity Analysis: decrease 2.16%-60.73% and 38.83% to 1093.12% of using Prohexadione Calcium and Uniconazole when yield change from 70-130 kg regardless price, similar pattern if price changes 14-26,000/kg)

Economic implication

► For all mango varieties: Net revenue of PBZ > Prohexadione Calcium > Uniconazole

Business feasibility

- Cat Chu: Prohexadione Calcium is a feasible replacement for PBZ (Dong Thap).
- Cat HL: PBZ is banned, Prohexadione Calcium is a feasible replacement for PBZ (Tien Giang)

Impact Assessment: Intervention – Sap burn

Variables for calculation of sap burn treatment		Value	Value
	De-sapping equipment depreciation	10,000,000 VND	\$620.00 AUD
1	Purchase price of trolley	50,000,000 VND	\$3100.00 AUD
2	Annual cost (based on 5 year life-span)	10,000,000 VND	\$620.00 AUD
3	Supply of tools, crates and other consumables	6,000,000 VND	\$372.00 AUD
4	Sap burn chemical supply (for treatment)	33,000,000 VND	\$2046.00 AUD
5	Labour cost (2 persons) for treating fruit	240,000,000 VND	\$14,880.00 AUD
6	Total (items 2 to 5)	289,000,000 VND	\$17918.00 AUD
7	Total kg treated	240,000 kg	240,000 kg
8	Cost to treat 1 kg (item 6 divided into item 7)	1204 VND	0.07 AUD

Economic implication

- ▶ Wastage is minimal (1% or less), additional price premium in the order of 15%
- ▶ The treated Cat Hoa Loc mangoes retailed price: 125,000 VND (\$7.75 AUD) per kg, almost double the price of untreated mangoes, 5 and 10 times the price of other less preferred untreated varieties. Out of season: 60,000-160,000 VND (\$3.72-\$9.92 AUD).

Business feasibility

The supply sap-burn treatment mangoes in "6-pack" cartons should be actively promoted amongst the mango value chain stakeholders

Impact Assessment: Hot water

Cost to treat 1,000 kg of fruit				
1	Equipment depreciation	2,083,333 VND	\$129.17 AUD	
2	Equipment repairs and maintenance	625,000 VND	\$38.75 AUD	
3	Labour cost (VND/hour, for two labour units)	80,000 VND	\$4.96 AUD	
4	Total cost for treatment (1,000 kg treated fruit)	2,788,333 VND	\$172.88 AUD	
5	Cost to treat 1 kg of fruit	2,788 VND	\$0.17 AUD	

Economic implication

- <1% of fruit is damaged by scald as a result of the hot water treatment</p>
- ► Economic benefit: as of sap-burn

Business feasibility

- The supply hot water treatment mangoes in "6-pack" cartons should be actively promoted amongst the mango value chain stakeholders
- Wider dissemination of hot water treatment technology within local pack houses as this is not practiced by all

Pathways to adoption

Fertiliser

- Wider disseminations of best fertilizing experiments for both Cat Chu and Cat HOA LOC mangoes.
- The fertilizer intervention demonstrates a broader impact on the country's mango industry (and potentially other fruits), both economically (reducing costs and enhancing fruit quality) and environmentally.

Flowering

Wider dissemination of Prohexadione Calcium (PBZ is likely to be banned in the future)

Sap burn and Hot water treatments

- Further investigations are required to fine-tune the hot water treatment of mangoes.
- Additional research and development is required: incorporation of a PH fungicide into treatment protocol, encourage on-going record keeping of production practices and chemical applications, GAP standard application, sharing of margin of additional prices.