



# Organic Markets in India: From Exports to Domestic

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## Conventional Agriculture- Contribution & 'Misses'

- > **After Independence (1947) India struggled with 'Food to feed its growing population'**
- > **This resulted in the "Green Revolution" in 1960s, with**
  - > Hybrid varieties
  - > High chemical use (fertilizers and pesticides)
- > **Food production increased in 1970s and 1980s**
  - > Production increase @ 100 MT per decade
  - > Food secure to Food surplus

## Problems in Conventional Agriculture

- > Surprisingly in the 1990s, esp after 1996, agriculture growth has stagnated and is even declining.
- > Its contribution to GDP dropped from 3.2 % (5.5 %) to 2 % (8 %)
  - > Source: 11<sup>th</sup> Five-year plan documents (Approach Paper, Planning Commission)
- > Farmers are impoverished, insecure and even pushed to the edge !!
- > It this the development we need?

# Problems of Indian farmers

- > **Farmers, conventionally are struggling with:-**
  - > Ever increasing cost of cultivations  
(due to higher cost of chemicals to control pests that keeps on resurging!).
  - > The continual reduction in resource use efficiency  
(soil, water, labour, etc), and
  - > The unpredictable monsoon/weather (climate change?)
  
- > **The combined effect:**
  - > **Farming is becoming unsustainable, economically.**

# Sustainability.....Organic agriculture

- > Sustainable farming is critical in the context of small and marginal farmers!!
- > For SMFs: Net returns are more important than gross productions. India has 70 % SMFs

AND

- > For Sustainability, the most relevant technology:-
  - > **Organic agriculture: A new Opportunity**

> Linkage:





## Developments in India's Organic sector

- National Program on Organic Production (NPOP), Govt of India, since 2001
- APEDA (Min. of Commerce) becomes the nodal agency for accreditation, NSOP for Exports.
- National Standards: NSOP- In 2006 acquired status of equivalence with EU and Accreditation system with USDA/NOP standards.
- Ministry of Agriculture (National Centre of Organic Farming)
  - Domestic standards getting notified soon
- International Competence Centre for Organic Agriculture (ICCOA) formed in 2004
  - India Organic Trade Fairs & Seminars-Annually since 2005

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## India Organic Logo

# Major products produced in India by Organic Farming

Type	Products
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Tea, Coffee, Basmati Rice, Wheat</b>
<b>Spices</b>	<b>Cardamom, black pepper, white pepper, ginger, turmeric, vanilla, mustard, tamarind, clove, cinnamon, nutmeg, mace, chilly</b>
<b>Pulses</b>	<b>Red Gram, Black Gram</b>
<b>Fruits</b>	<b>Mango, Banana, Pineapple, Grape, Passion fruit, Orange, Cashew nut, Walnut</b>
<b>Vegetables</b>	<b>Okra, Brinjal, Garlic, Onion, Tomato, Potato</b>
<b>Oilseeds</b>	<b>Sesame, castor, sunflower</b>
<b>Others</b>	<b>Cotton, MADP, herbal extract</b>

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## Total area under organic certification process

As in 2007

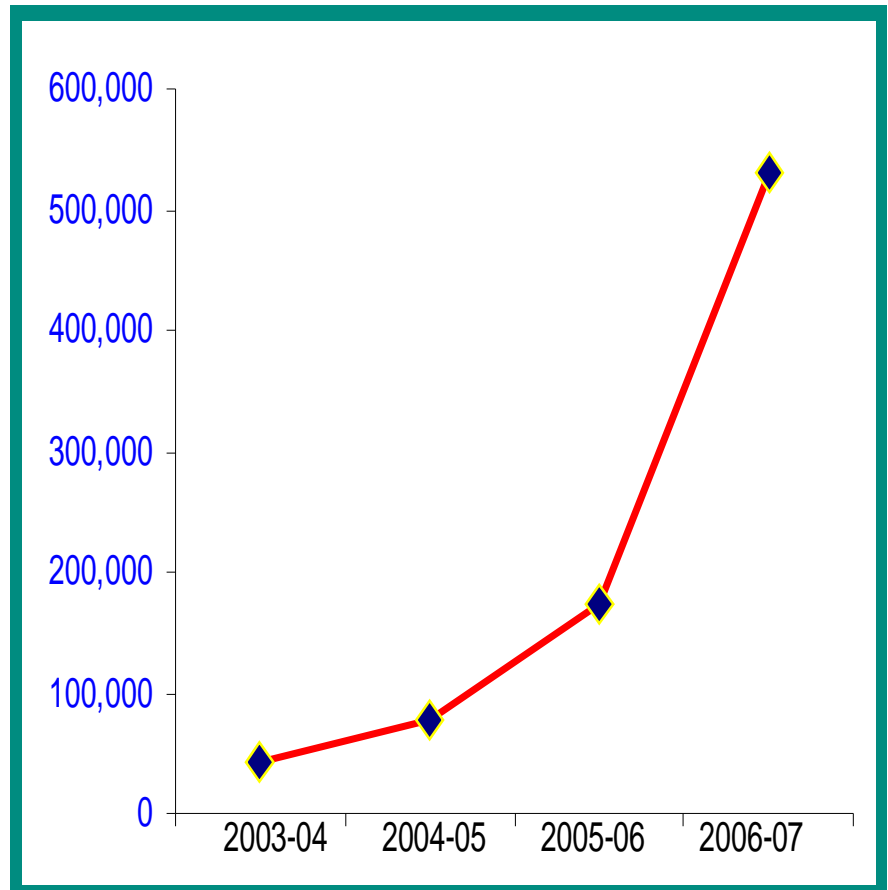
**Certified organic: 3,11,000 ha**

**Under Conversion: 2,27,000 ha**

**Total 5,38,000 ha**

India's net cultivated area =  
142.5 million ha  
= 0.35 % is ORGANIC

(Till 2003:  
Certified organic = 73000 ha only)



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## Global Market (2006)

Current market =38.6 Bn US\$  
**(INR. 1740 billion)**

Annual Growth =15-20%

USA =14-16 Bn US \$  
Europe =14-15 Bn US \$

Japan (& others) = 4-6 Bn US \$

## India (2007)

- > Exports Present estimate (2008) = **INR. 3400 million** (= US \$ 75 Million)
- > India's Market share in World trade **Approx. 0.2 % of World Trade**

Estimated Domestic market =  
INR. 5000 million– Rs. 2300 million  
(INR. 5-23 billion)

## India (2003-06)

- > 35 organic products exported
- > No. of exporters = 69
- > Organic value (2003): INR. 710 million  
= US \$ 15.75 million



# NATIONAL MARKET SURVEY FOR ORGANIC FOODS

## POTENTIAL, DEMAND & PERCEPTIONS



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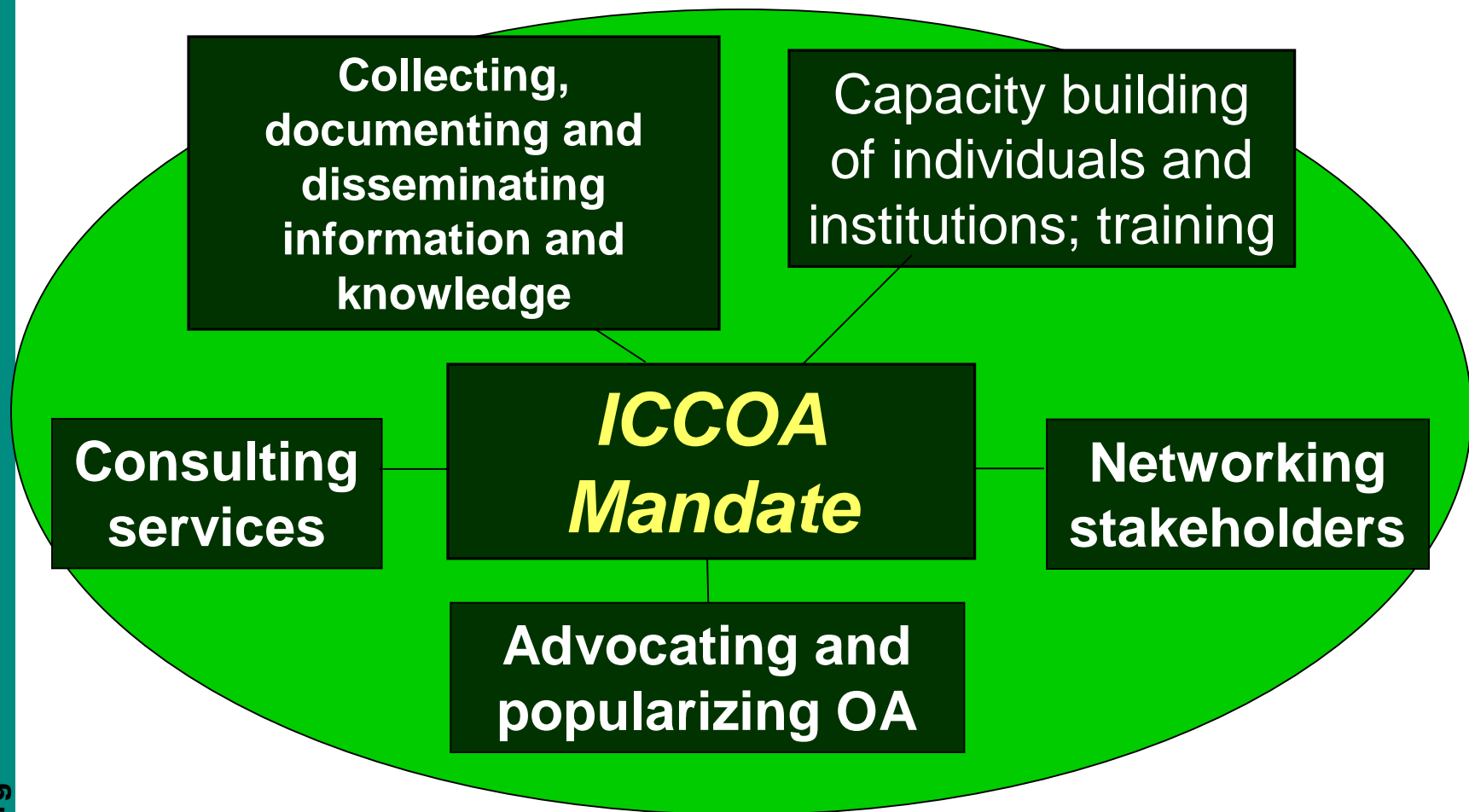
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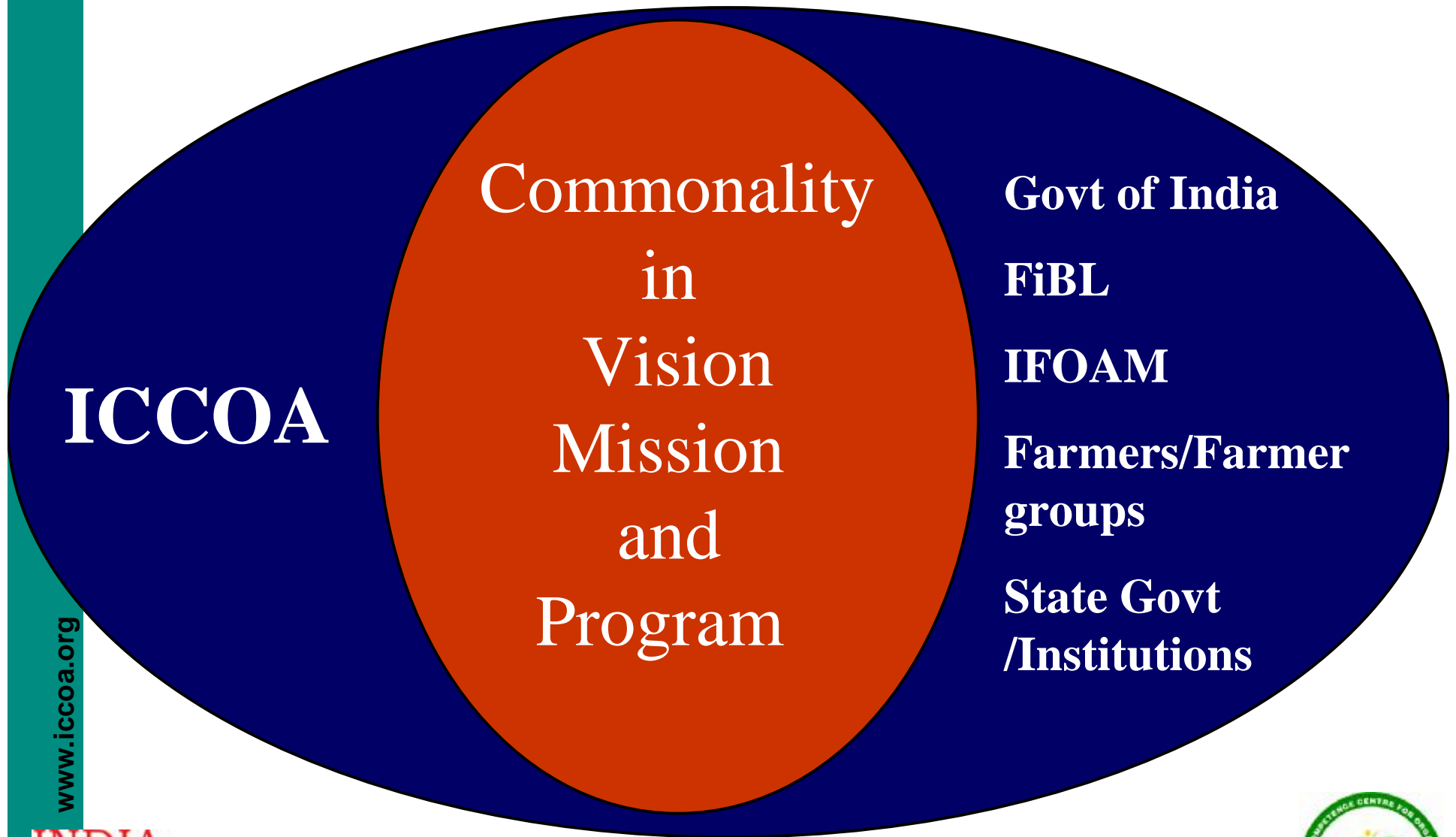


- > **A Service Provider to the Organic Agriculture Sector**
- > **Owned and managed by the stakeholders (society)**

- > **Projects and mandates from private sector and govt.**
- > **Collaboration with existing institutions**



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# Background: Need for the Survey (in 2006)

- > No data on organic domestic market available in India
- > India is perhaps ready for organic foods (domestic mkts)
- > All kinds guesstimates making rounds
- > No direction for growers, marketers, consumers
- > Who? Where? What? How? of organic market unknown
- > What is the size? Perceptions? Potential?

*Need for an authentic scientific market survey*

# Sample Size & Selection

## Consumer Interviews

Sl. No	City	Target	Interviews Conducted
1.	Chennai	500	670
2.	Hyderabad	325	450
3.	Bangalore	375	439
4.	Mumbai	500	486
5.	Pune	250	269
6.	Ahmedabad	250	253
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>2569</b>

## Focus Group Discussions

1.	South	Bangalore	1
		Hyderabad	1
1.	West	Mumbai	1
		Ahmedabad	1
	<b>Total</b>		<b>4</b>

# Foods Categories Studied

## Commodities

1. Rice
2. Wheat- Atta
3. Dals
4. Oils
5. Tea
6. Coffee
7. Sugar
8. Fruits
9. Vegetables
10. Milk

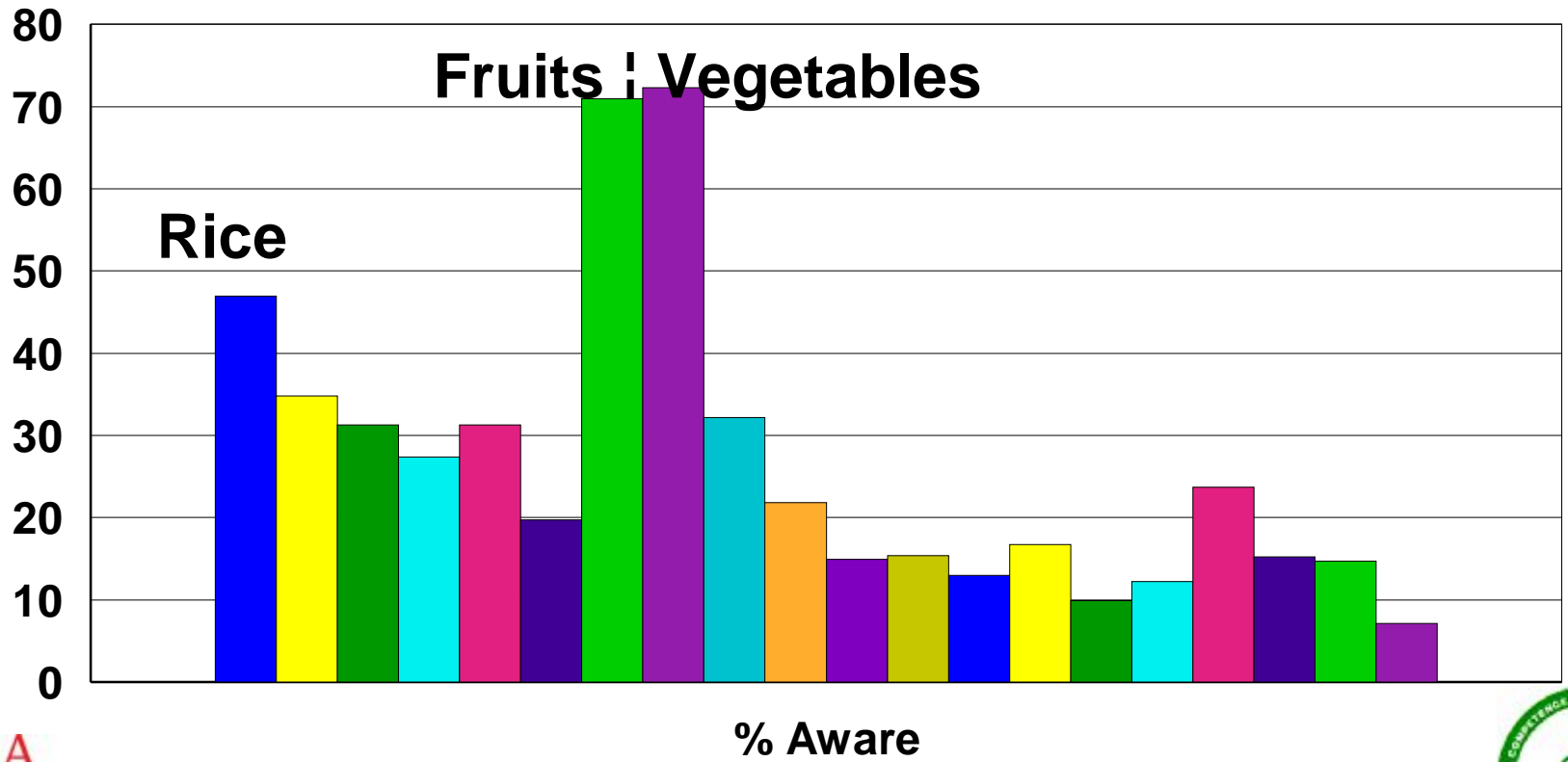
## Processed Foods

1. Dairy Products
2. Ready To Eat
3. Frozen Foods
4. Canned Foods
5. Spices & Condiments
6. Snacks (Farsana/ Savories)
7. Health Drinks
8. Baby Foods
9. Bakery Products

# Glimpses of Findings

# % Awareness of Different Types of OF

- Rice
- Wheat-Atta
- Dals
- Oils
- Tea
- Coffee
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Milk
- Dairy Products
- Ready to eat
- Frozen foods
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- Spices
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- Snacks
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- Sugar
- Baby food



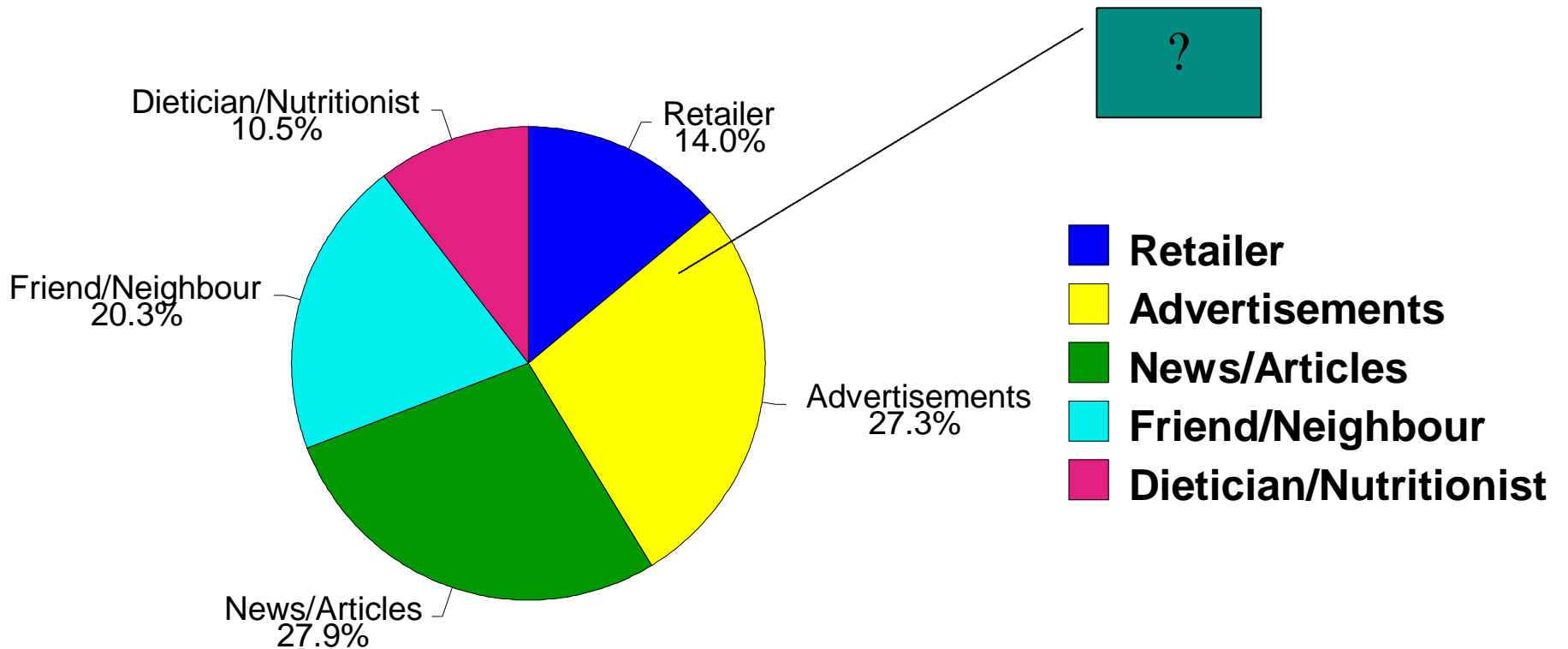
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# Organic sensitivity - conclusions

- > In the the topmost sensitivity/ concern is for **Vegetables, Fruits and Milk (79% - 69%)** These are notably the daily items and that are demanded fresh.
- > The next four categories consist of the Staples set viz. **Rice, Wheat-Atta, Pulses and Oils (60% - 64%)**. These are again to be consumed daily though the purchase may be fortnightly or monthly.
- > Canned Foods, Frozen foods, Ready to Eat, Spices and Snacks are the five product categories showing the lowest sensitivity.

# Source of Awareness of OF

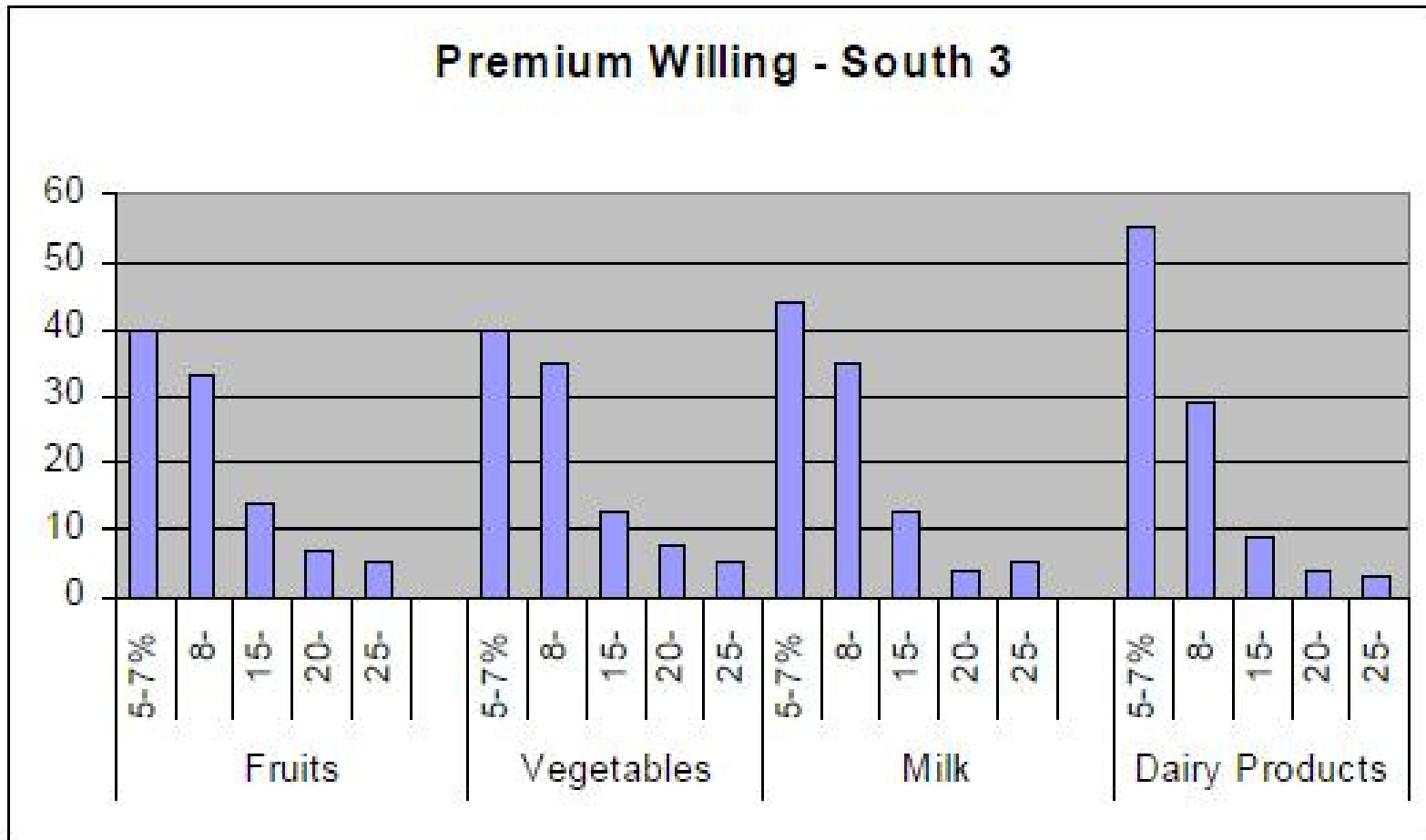


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# Willingness to Pay Premium



# Results & Conclusions of the Market Survey

**Potential Estimated\* For Organic Foods in Top 8 Metros In India**  
 ( At Retail Level 2005/6 Prices - Considering Organic Premium 10-20%)

<b><i>STUDY MARKETS</i></b>	<b><i>In Rupees Million ( Figures Rounded Off)</i></b>	
	<b>Accessible * *</b> <b>Potential</b>	<b>Market Potential</b>
<b><i>Chennai</i></b>	<b>840</b>	<b>1500</b>
<b><i>Hyderabad</i></b>	<b>330</b>	<b>740</b>
<b><i>Bangalore</i></b>	<b>690</b>	<b>1280</b>
<b><i>Mumbai</i></b>	<b>1480</b>	<b>5860</b>
<b><i>Ahmedabad</i></b>	<b>300</b>	<b>780</b>
<b><i>Pune</i></b>	<b>280</b>	<b>580</b>
<b><i>Delhi</i></b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>2230</b>
<b><i>Calcutta</i></b>	<b>570</b>	<b>1540</b>
<b><i>TOP 8 METROS</i></b>	<b>5620</b>	<b>14520</b>

\*\* Thru Modern format retail

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# Market Potential for Organic Foods

- > **Total Market Potential: Rs 23 billion**
- > **In 8 metro cities:  
Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad,  
Ahmedabad, Pune and Kolkata  
: Rs 14.52 billion**
- > **Rs. 5.62 billion is accessible through Modern Retail.**

# INDIA ORGANIC-2008

India's Biggest Event on Organic Agribusiness

Trade Fair  
Buyer-Seller meets  
International Seminars  
Organic Food Festival

**Venue: IARI, PUSA, New Delhi**

**Date: 27-30 November 2008**

# VISION India Organic- 2012

## Farming/Production

**Area under Certified Organic Production  
2 million ha (20,00,000 ha)**

i.e. India reaches 1.5 % area under organic management

Presently 538000 ha (2007)  
(2008 estimate is 8,50,000 ha already)

## Markets

**Markets for Organic Products from India  
INR 40 billion (= USD 1 billion)**

> India's Market share in World trade reaches  
**Approx. 2.5 % of World Trade (at present value)**

# Thank you!

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