

# AGRICULTURAL PATTERNS

## An Indian Perspective

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**HOW MUCH SHOULD BE  
COVERED?**

- 1. Overview.**
- 2. Key Issues influencing  
Agricultural patterns**
- 3. Indian Scenario**
- 4. Irrigation and contract farming**

THE  
BIGGER  
PICTURE



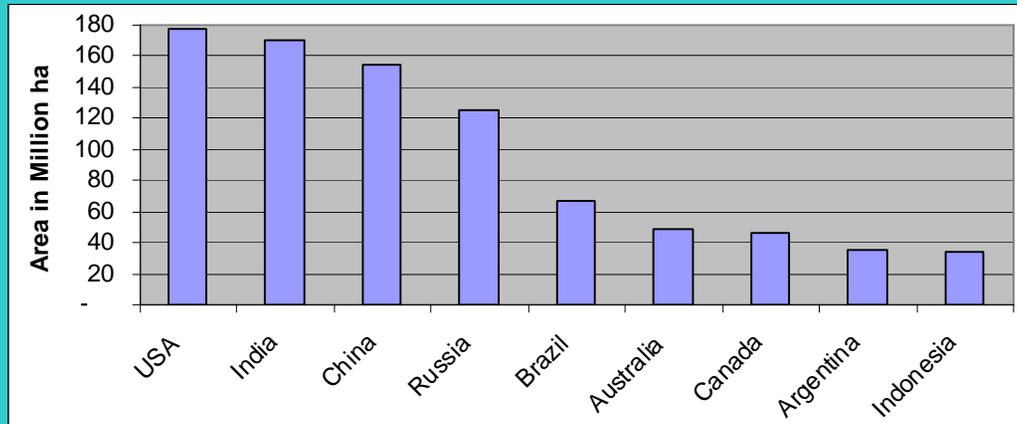
## INDIAN AGRICULTURE QUICK FACTS

- 1.1 billion population
- 73% population in villages
- 70% population dependent on agriculture
- Agriculture accounts for 20% of country's GDP.
- Second Largest producer of fruits and vegetables.
- Third largest cereal producer in the world.
- Agricultural productivity half of world's best in many crops.



# FACT

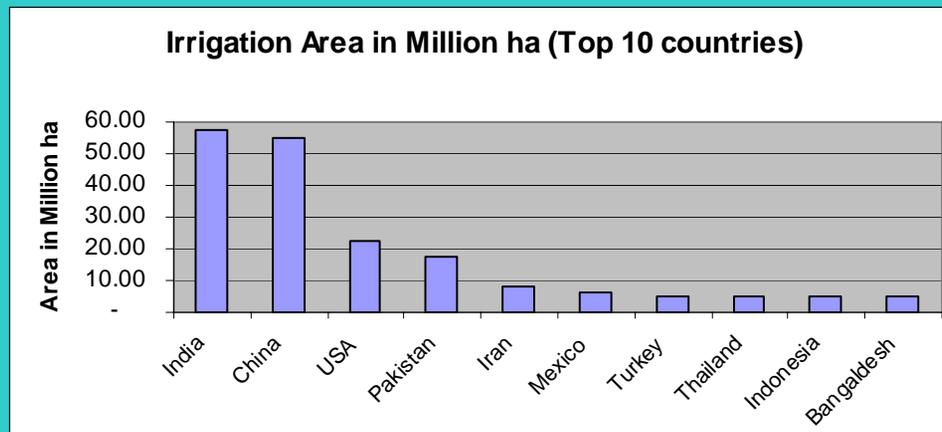
## INDIA HAS SECOND LARGEST ARABLE AND PERMANENT CROPPED AREA



**Yet land productivity and returns on resources is one of the lowest**

# FACT

## INDIA HAS LARGEST AREA UNDER IRRIGATION



**60% of agri-land in India is  
rain-fed**

**MANY THINGS INFLUENCE  
AGRICULTURAL PATTERNS**

**LETS TALK ABOUT FEW**

# **THE LAND HOLDING PATTERN**

# USA



**> 100 Acre Central Pivot fields or Central Grid Patterns**

# INDIA



**Average land Holding 1.5 ha per farmer.**

**Marginal holdings (<1 ha) make up to 70% of total land holding**

**ON AVERAGE, AVERAGE LAND HOLDING SIZE IS ONE-  
HUNDREDTH THAT IN THE USA**

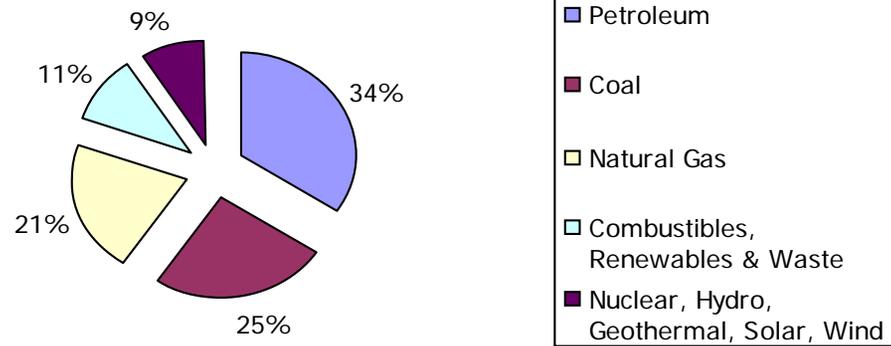
# **COMPETITION FOR LAND**

**Energy!!!**

**Bio-fuels!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

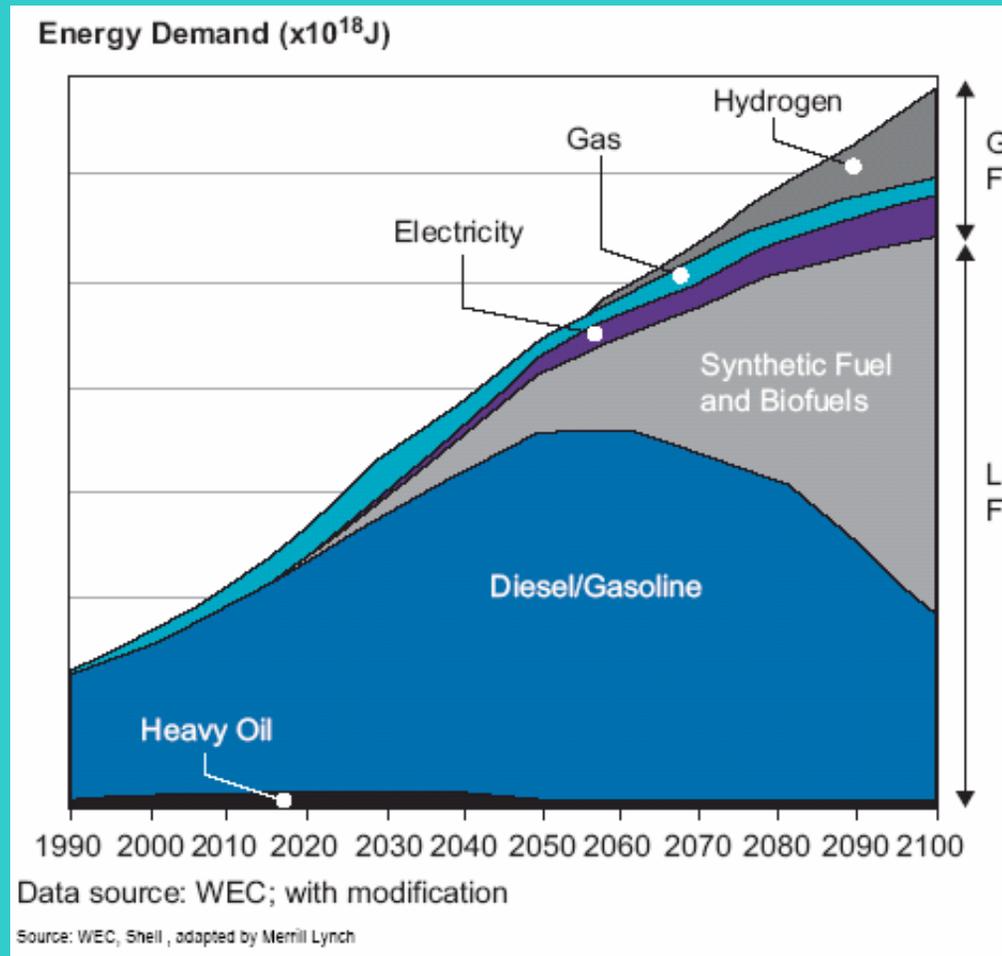
# CURRENT ENERGY SOURCES

Table 2.1  
World Energy Sources



Source: International Energy Agency 2004

# 100 YEARS VIEW



# BIOFUELS

## Bioethanol or Ethyl Alcohol

- Corn (330-420 Gallon/acre)
- Sugarcane (570-700 Gallon/acre)
- Sweet Sorghum (270-750 gallons/acre)
- Miscanthus grasses (780 gallons/acre)

## Biodiesels

- Palm Oil (600-650 gallons/acre)
- Jatropha (300-350 gallons/acre)

## Biogases

- Agricultural or organic waste
- Sewage gas
- Landfill gas, etc.

## Bioethanol from Cellulosic conversion

Agriculture and forest biobass conversion

# EFFECT OF ALCOHOL ON HUMANS IS KNOWN TO US

Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) (Mg/Millilitres)	Symptoms
50	Euphoria, Talkativeness, Relaxation
100	Central Nervous System Depression, impaired motor and sensory function, impaired cognition
>140	Decreased blood flow to brain
300	Stupefaction, possible unconsciousness
400	Possible death
>550	Expiration

**EFFECT OF ETHANOL or ETHYLE  
ALCOHOL (OR GRAIN ALCOHOL)**

**ON AGRICULTURE**

**We don't completely know  
yet.**

# WATER AVAILABILITY

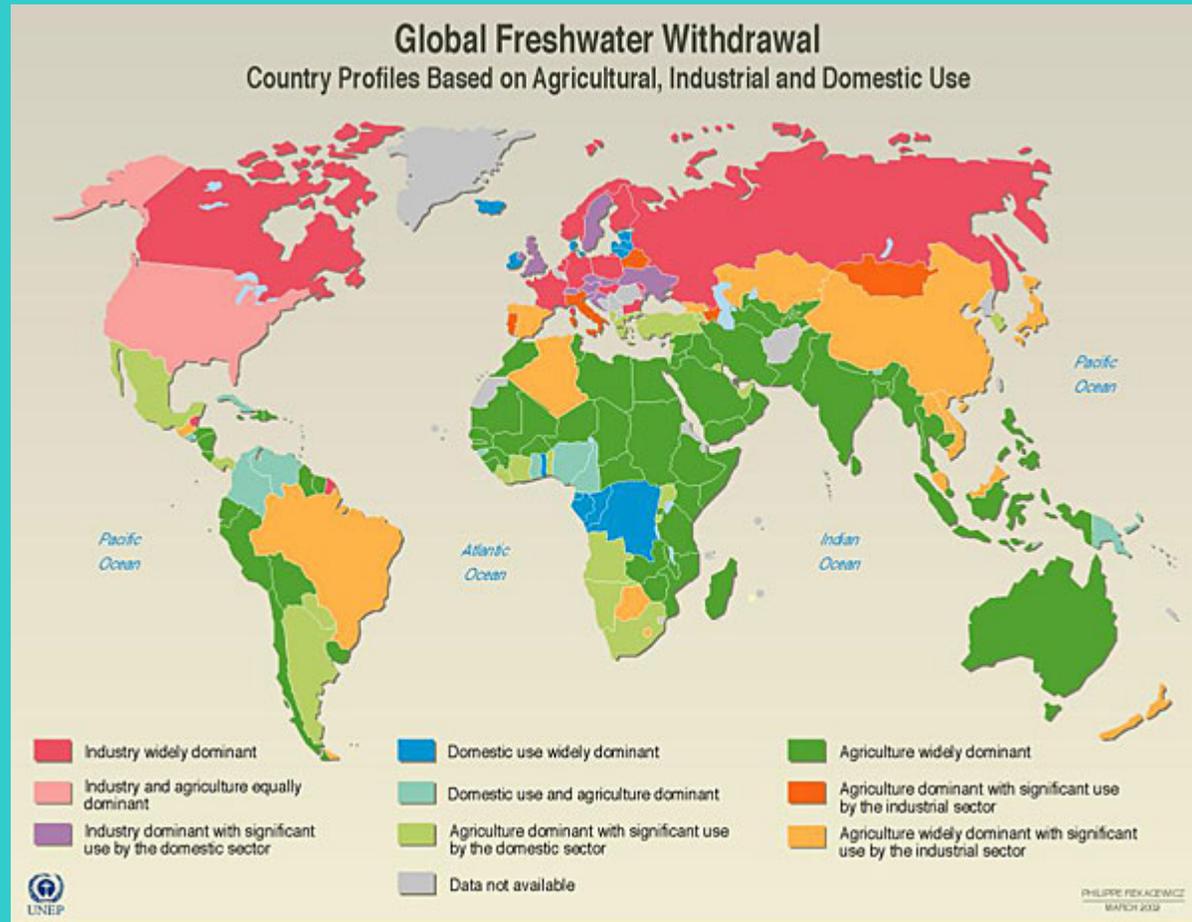
70% of earth is  
Covered with  
water

97% of this is  
Seawater

2% Polar Ice Cap

1% is freshwater

# USE OF THIS 1% FRESH WATER



Source: Based on data from Table FW1 in *World Resources 2000-2001, People and Ecosystems: The Fraying Web of Life*, World Resources Institute (WRI), Washington DC, 2000

**AND MORE ON  
THIS LATER**

# **INDIAN AGRICULTURE SOME REAL ISSUES**

**-Share of Agriculture in overall GDP has come down from 57% in 1951 to 20% in 2006-07.**

**-Horticulture makes up 30% of India's agri GDP but occupies 10% of the area. 1/3<sup>rd</sup> is lost post harvest.**

**-India produces 10% of world's fruits and vegetables, accounts for < 1% and processes <1% of F&V.**

**-Due to poor infrastructure, prices of fruits and vegetables routinely rise X3 along the supply chain.**

# AGRICULTURE AND FOOD VALUE CHAIN

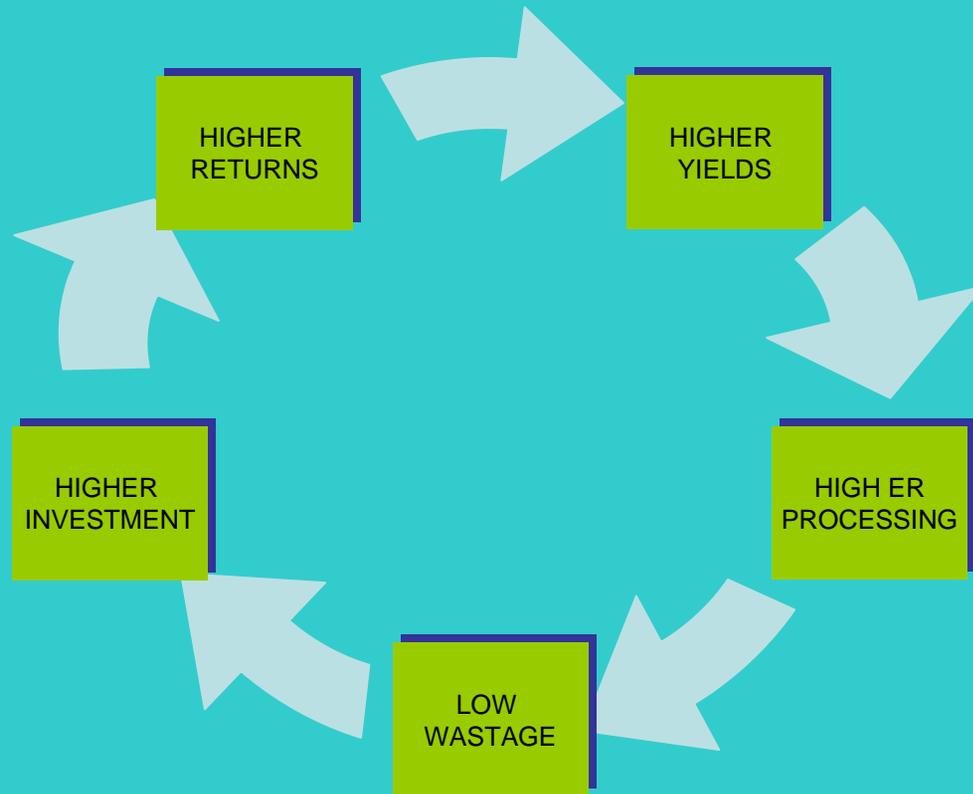
## WHATS WRONG

AT THE BACK END	AT THE FRONT END	GOVERNMENT POLICY
FRAGMENTED LAND HOLDING	WEAK RETAIL DISTRIBUTION (ONLY 3% IN ORGANIZED SECTOR)	RESERVATION FOR SSI ENCOURAGES INEFFICIENCIES
INEFFICIENT AGRI-MARKETING CHAINS –TOO MANY INTERMEDIARIES	POOR LOGISTICS INFRASTRUCTURE	FOOD TAXES AMONGST THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD
LOW CORPORATE PARTICIPATION	CONSUMERS PREFERENCE TO FRESH OVER PACKAGED	HIGHLY REGULATED - HALF A DOZEN MINISTRIES, MULTIPLE FOOD LAWS
LITTLE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT		
GROWING SUBSIDIES		

# AGRICULTURE AND FOOD VALUE CHAIN AT PRESENT IN A VICIOUS CYCLE



# VICIOUS CYCLE NEEDS TO BECOME A VIRTUOUS CYCLE

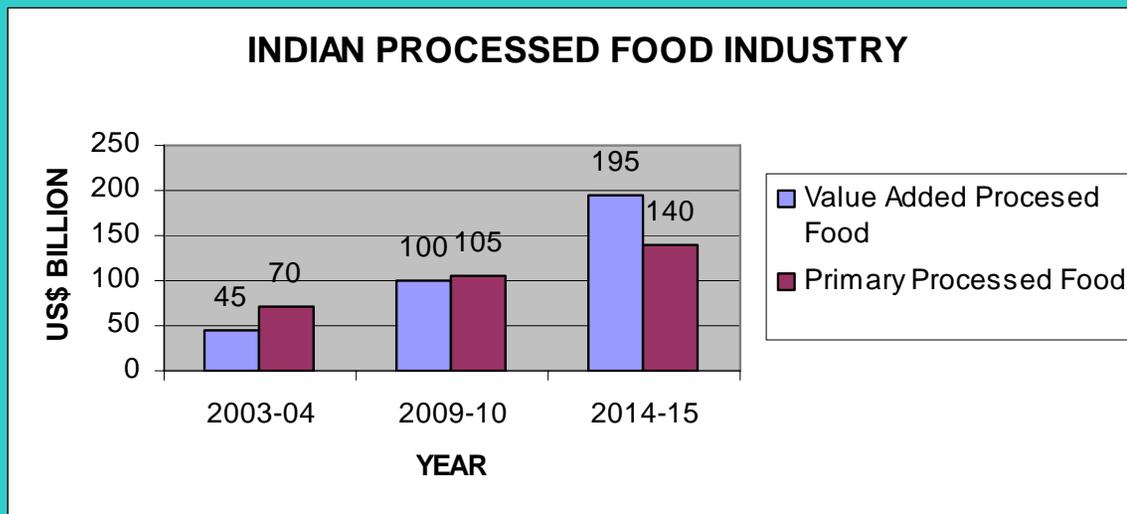


# **KEY FOCUS AREAS**

- BETTER INPUT TO FARMERS TO INCREASE YIELDS**
- ASSURED RETURNS TO FARMERS**
- HIGHER PROCESSING**

# VALUE ADDITION IN AGRICULTURE AND PROCESSED FOOD WILL DRIVE THE NEW AGRICULTURAL PATTERNS

**By 2015, INDIAN PROCESSED FOOD INDUSTRY WILL BE US\$ 335 BILLION INDUSTRY**





**BETTER INPUTS TO FARMERS  
WILL LEAD TO HIGHER  
PRODUCTIVITY**

# **BETTER WATER MANAGEMENT WILL BE THE KEY**

**Presently, the problem facing the country is not the development of water resources, but the management of the developed water resources in sustainable manner.**

**- Excerpts from the Report of SSKI Task Force on Micro Irrigation**

**AGAIN,,,,,**

**INDIA**

**16% OF WORLD'S POPULATION**

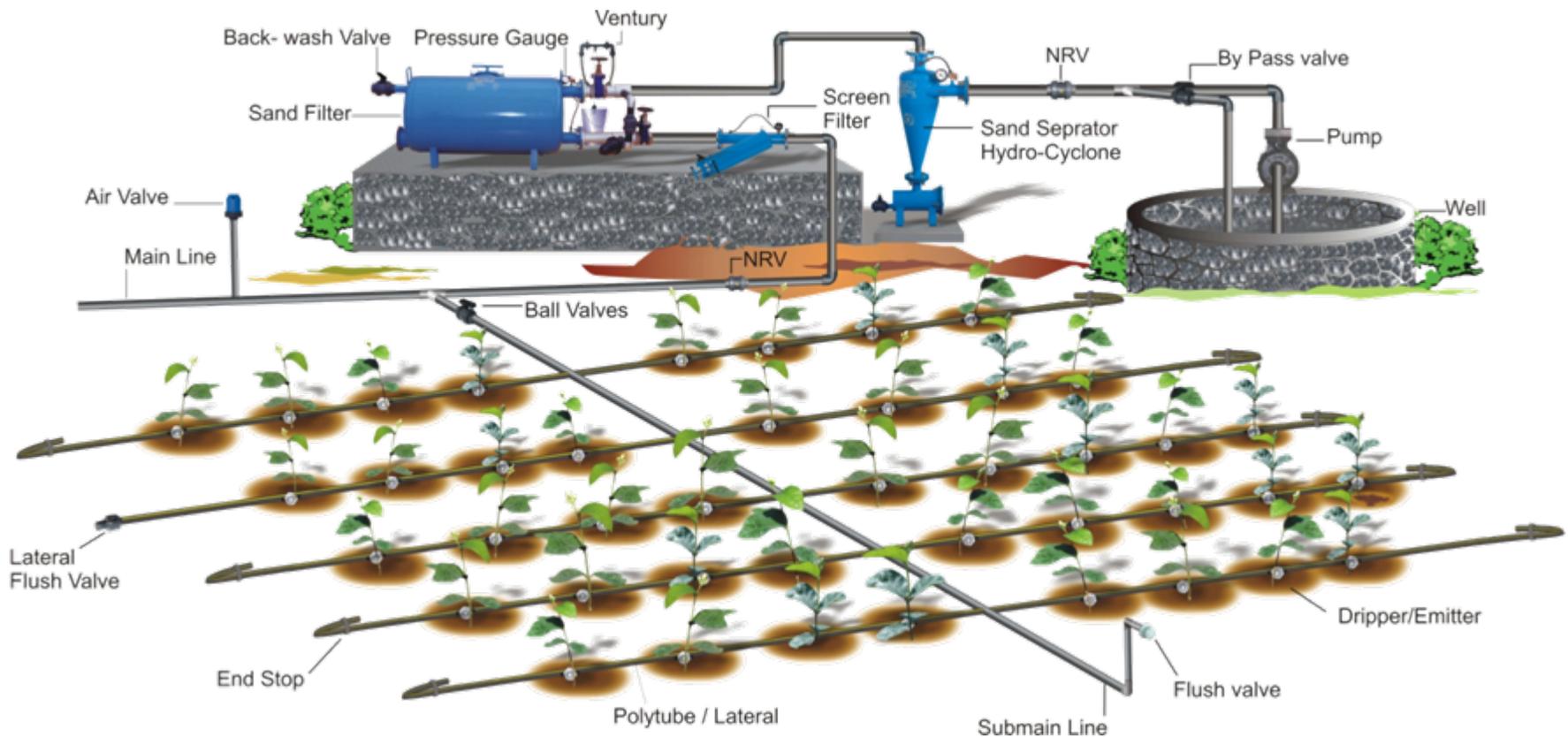
**AND 4% OF WATER RESOURCES**

# SOLUTION

**Micro Irrigation – More Crop  
Per Drop**

# Micro Irrigation –Water Management Solution

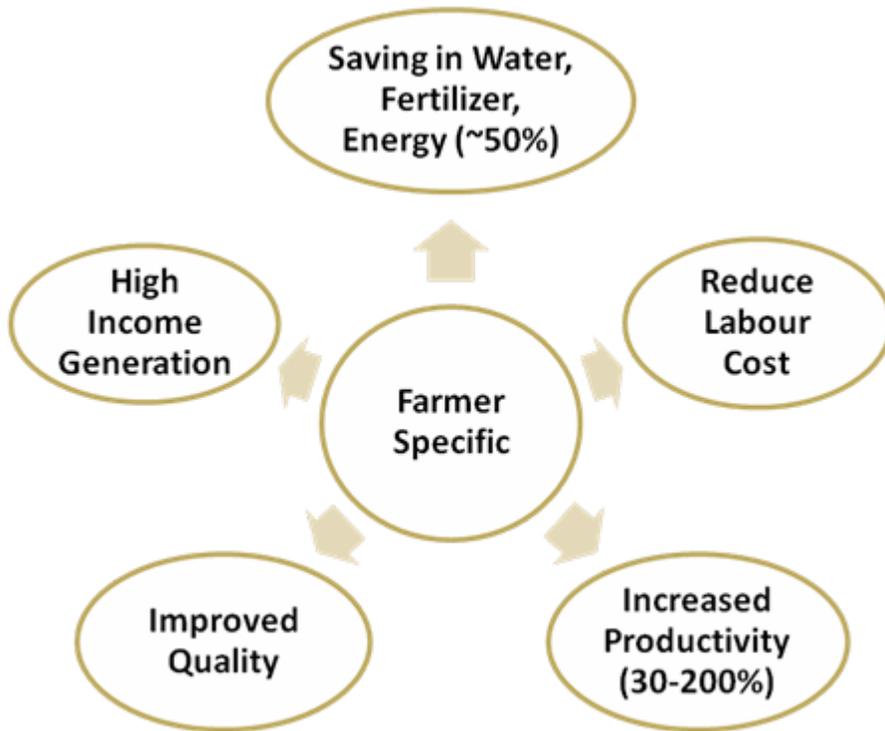
Application of water to root zone through custom designed system as much as crop needs



Average Life of Micro Irrigation System- 7 Years

Micro Irrigation System consist of more than 1000 items & more than 95% are manufactured in-house

# Micro Irrigation –Benefits



Helps Govt. to Reduce Subsidy on Energy, Fertilizer, etc.

Improve Economics' of Rural Infrastructure Investment

Improve Soil Condition & Reduce Water Degradation

Creation of Rural Wealth & Reduce Pressure on Urbanization

Support Agro-based Industrial Growth

Support overall GDP Growth & Employment Generation

Leads Cropping Diversification from Filed Crop to Horticulture

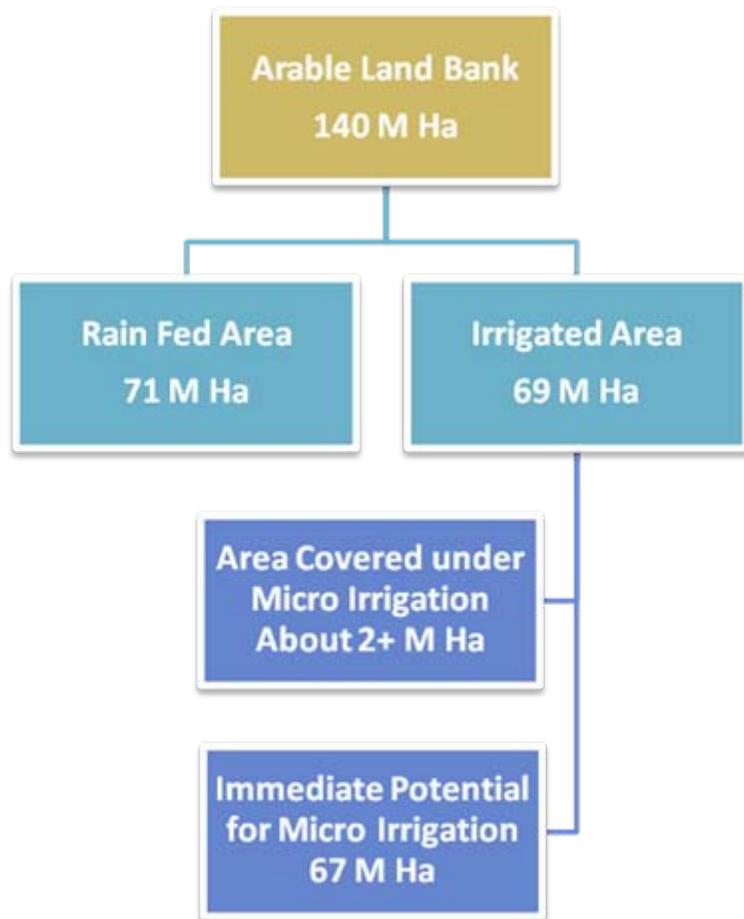
Waste Land Conversion to Productive Land

About 80% of Farmers in India holds Land which is less than 2 hectares.

Beneficial to Resource-poor farmers having access to a limited water supply and small land

With average cost of US\$ 1000 per ha; the pay-back period is between 2-3 Crop Cycle depending on Crop to Crop

# Micro Irrigation – Potential in India



Current / Expected Industry Size

	Revenue (Yearly)	Area Covered (Average)
Jain	US\$ 200 Mil	0.20 Mha
Industry	US\$ 330 Mil	0.33 Mha
Potential (by FY10)	US\$ 1,000 Mil	1.0 Mha

Total potential for the irrigated area is about Rs. 2,613 bn (~US\$ 67 bn)  
 Current Govt. initiative to create additional irrigation potential of 10 Mha by 2010

**JAINS EXPERIENCE IN  
CONTRACT FARMING FOR  
DEHYDRATOR  
ONIONS WITH INDIAN  
FARMERS**

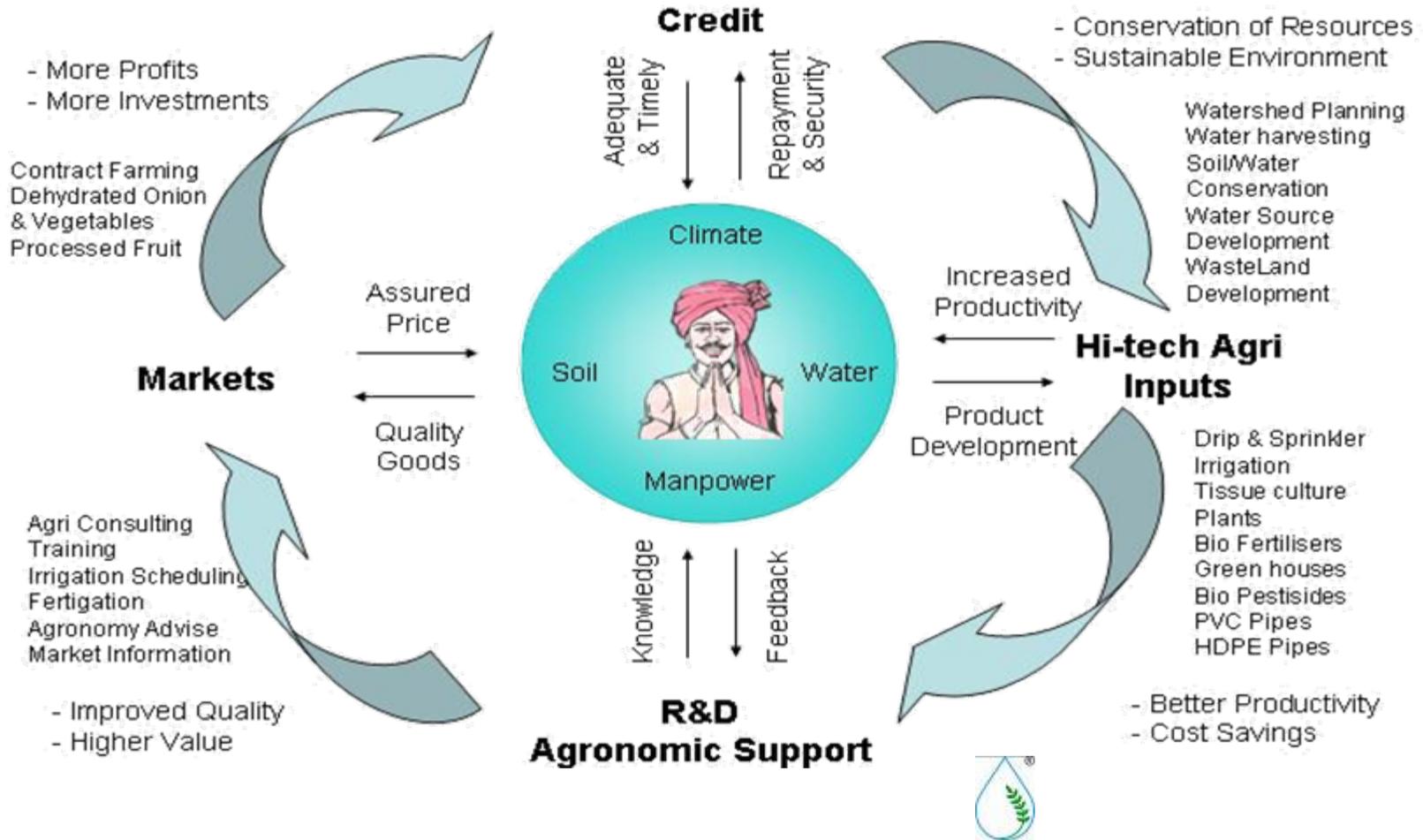
# CONTRACT FARMING

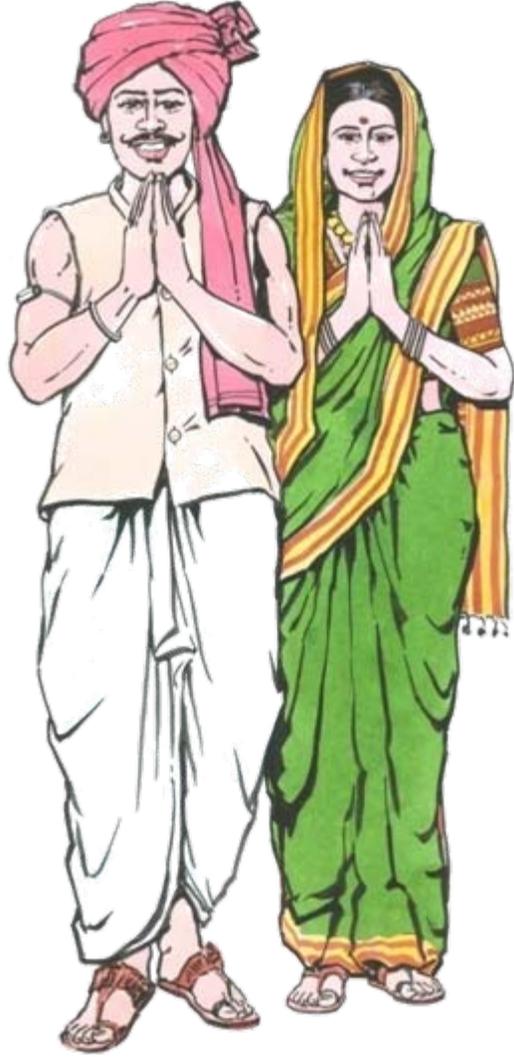
Farmer Our Customer  
becomes  
Farmer Our Supplier

- Started with 475 farmers 8 years ago to today with more than 2000.
- Education to farmers on yield, consistency, solids, disease resistance, in-field monitoring and performance, agricultural practices schedules, microbiology, harvesting, handling, storability and all that.
- Better returns to farmers due to higher yields
- Appointment of Gram Sewak (Agriculture extension Officers) in rural areas.
- Hi-Tech irrigation and other agronomical support.
- Minimum Contract Price or the higher prevailing market price.

**TO SUMMARIZE**

## Holistic and virtuous self sustaining Agri Cycle Shall Work





**Thank You**