

India Challenging Opportunities TODD FRYHOVER

WASHINGTON APPLE COMMISSION



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- ▶I'm not an Economist
 - ▶I'm not a Marketer
- >I'm a sales jockey with a LB mentality
- >I've worked in the WA produce industry for 43 years

I love what I do!

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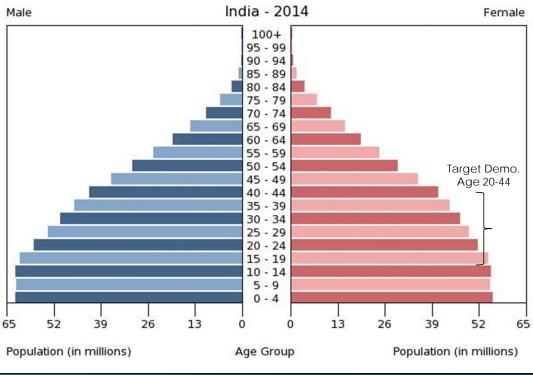
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- Established 1937 to promote Washington apple brand
- Represents approximately 1,450 growers in WA
- ▶ Protect WA apple logo
- Develop and implement promotions in
 - over 25 international markets
- Industry exports to 60+ countries worldwide
- USDA MAP program participant



Why India?





India has 53 cities with a population of 1M+

<u>India's Importance = Varietal Displacement</u>



<u>Total Value of Exports</u> 1999/2000: \$238,114

2006/2007: \$23,984,953

2014/2015: \$89,687,031

First Year of Shipments 1999/2000: 19,141 boxes

India % of Red Del Exports:

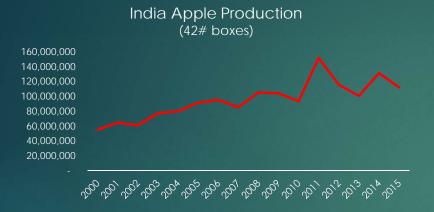
1999/2000: 0.10% 2006/2007: 8.9% 2014/15: **21.2%**

Red Delicious: Familiar & Robust



humid temperatures.

Market Potential





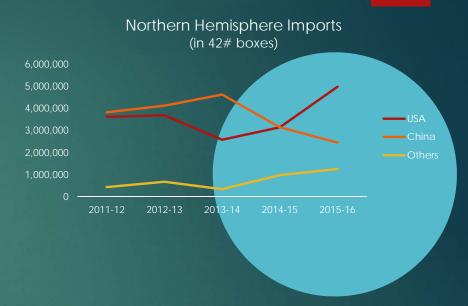


2014-15

2015-16

2013-14

2012-13



- Per capita consumption 2.0 kg U.S. = 7.6 kg
 - > Room to grow
- Cold Chain limitations (capacity)
- Distribution Challenges (refrigerated trucks)

India: A Unique Approach

- ▶ 15% Modern Retail
- 25% Stand-Alone Retail / Neighborhood Shops
- ► 60% Roadside Stands



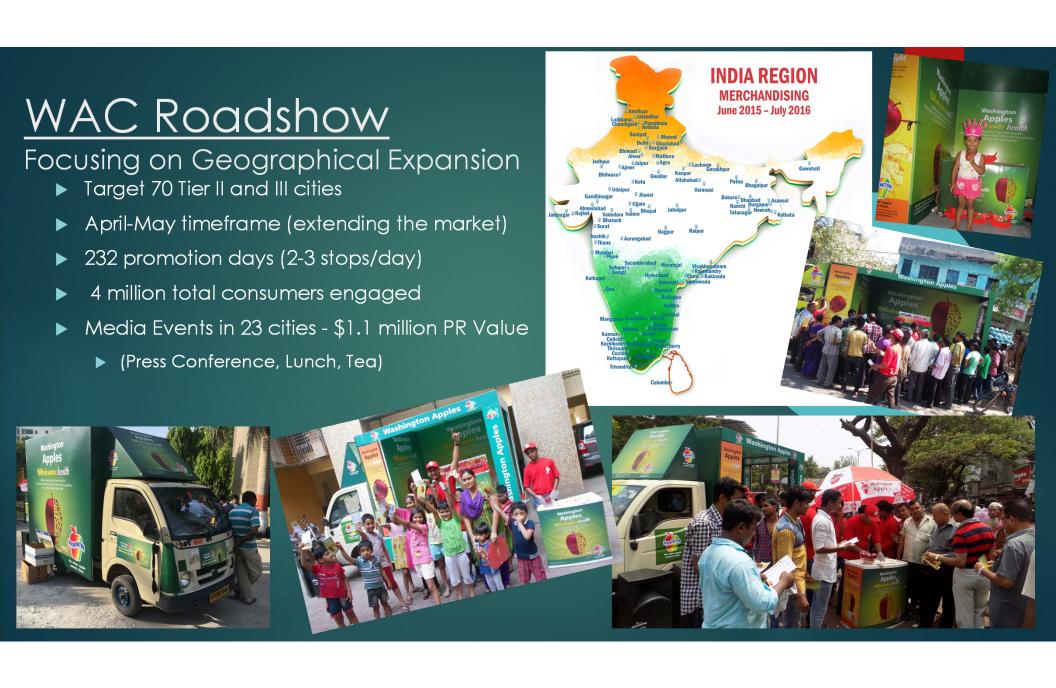


WAC Pathways to consumers:

- POS Materials (Brand Awareness)
- Signage (Importer Support)
- Social Media
 (50k+ Facebook Fans)
- Cooking demos (High income)
- WAC Roadshow (Geographical expansion)

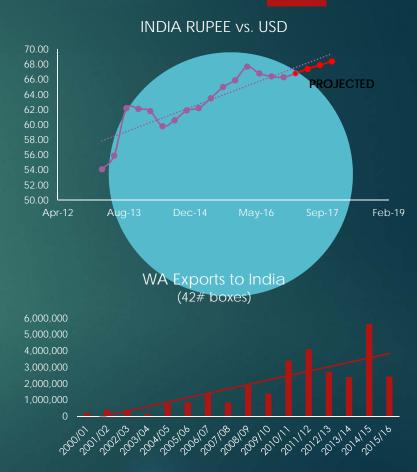






Opportunities & Challenges Interwoven

- ► High Duty (Barrier to Trade): \$23 CNF x 50% Duty = \$34.50 x 3% aggregate duties = \$35.54 landed
- Red Delicious known and robust
 - ▶ Holds up well in hot and humid climate
 - Indian consumers familiar with variety
- U.S. Reputation for High Quality & Food Safety
- Strong US\$ versus Rupee
- Geography: huge country, challenging inland distribution and limited cold chain
- Competition increasing: China, EU, SH, etc.



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- ▶ Ocean Transit = 45 days
 - ► Food Safety Regulations = 'Test and Hold' = can add up to 7 days
- 29 States often operate somewhat independent of Federal Government
 - ► More difficult to push back against unfounded PR wax
 - ► Easier to implement protectionist measures (Port Closure)
 - ▶ 22 official languages





Together we're Better!



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