Driving the New York State Hop Industry to Meet Demand

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Agenda

- Intro to Brewing and Farming
- Methods
- Results
- Improvements
- Risks

- The craft brewing industry has grown 10% from 2007 to 2012
- NYS had an estimated economic impact of \$3.5B from craft breweries in 2013 (Includes tourism, merchandising and supporting jobs)
- 2015 national sales of craft beer is estimated to be \$22.3B

- June 15th 2012 the NYS Farm Brewery Act was passed
- Established the Farm Brewery License with the following tiered restrictions:

The Agricultural Constraints						
Year	Required Dry ingredients	Required Hops				
2012	20%	20%				
2019	60%	60%				
2024	90%	90%				



Research Hypothesis:

The growth of the Farm Brewing sector is occurring at a pace that will exceed the supply growth from the agricultural support sectors







What is a hop yard?



Methods

- Visualization
- Hop Balance
- Predicting Growth
- Data Visualization in Tableau







Methods: Hop Balance

Hop Balance=Hops Produced-Hops Consumed

Average Farm Brewery Production Volume based on 11% of breweries reporting was 685 barrels per year with a hop usage of 1.4 pounds per barrel

Assume on Average 2 pounds of hops per mature plant

20% Balance



Current State Balance



- The state can handle a great deal of expansion within the current farm breweries productions
- What growth rate is likely
 - In the short term (<3 years)</p>
 - In the long term (3-10+ years)





Long Term Brewery Growth

How to get to 2024

What are possible market saturation levels

















Results

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	Avg		%	Pounds of Hops	Increase	State	
	Production	Number of	Brewery	Per	from	Нор	Capacity
Scenario	(barrels)	Breweries	Increase	Barrel	Base	Balance	Utilization
Base Line: 20% (2015)	685	99	0	1.4	0	189402	9%
3 yr growth 60%							
(2019)	685	265	168%	1.4	703%	55909	73%
3 yr growth 60% Max production (2019)	936	265	168%	1.4	997%	0	100%
Saturation, 60%	685	353	257%	1.4	970%	5274	97%
Saturation, 90%	685	252	257%	1.1	1505%	-96284	1/6%
Extreme Scenario			23170	1.4	150370	-30204	140%
(2024)	1000	353	257%	1.55	2493%	-284045	236%

Key Assumptions

- All farmers reach their stated potential
- Quality of the hops
- Farmers only sell to Farm Breweries
- Efficient Distribution

Improvements- Clustering

- Shared resources for harvesting
 - Direct exchange of tacit knowledge
 - Shared financial burden
 - IRR of 1/4 acre is great (66%) but once you need to scale up, the investment is enormous. Break Even (NPV=0) is 2.6 Acres, 4 Acres to begin to make a living
- Quality improvement through best practices
- Cooperative economies of scale
- Storage and distribution flexibility

Risks

- Varietal Limitations
- Proprietary Hops
- Growth of Brewery Scale
- Craft NY Act of 2014

Future Work

- Comparison of state wide growth in brewing industries among other states adopting a farm brewer license class
 NJ, MD, MA, VT
- Look at the commercial implications of the law's full 90% requirement when it become prohibitive to use proprietary ingredients
- Go back over the DOS filing data and License issue data and collect the next 6 months to validate growth models
- Development of a market platform for the industry
- Expansion of the Bass Diffusion Model to evaluate levers the Farm Brewery Act created

Takeaways

- The state is in a good position from the hop perspective
- There needs to be integrative supply chain improvements
- A collaborative market place should be pursed
 Auction/Broker/E-Bay Style
- Further sophisticated tracking of the hop industry needs to be established
- Hop farmers need to anticipate reduced retail prices in the near future

Questions?

