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## A Study on Techno - Economic Feasibility for Production of Iron Enriched Extruded Snacks

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### ABSTRACT

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The main objective of this analysis was to study on Techno-Economic Feasibility for Production of Extruded Snacks prepared by rice, ashwagandha and spinach powder. In order to determine the techno-economic feasibility three economic parameters i.e. break even quantity, break even sales and break even period were analysed. In break even analysis it was found that in order to produced 15,00,000 units of 20 g packets of ready to eat extruded snacks of blended flour consisting of blend of Rice: Ashwagandha: Spinach in the blend ratio of 80:6:14 with identified infrastructure the break even quantity is 2327742 units, the break even sales is Rs.1,39,66,452/- and Break even period comes out 380 days. This analysis helps in commercial production of extruded snacks.

### Introduction

In modern food industry today extrusion processing becomes very important procedure. Extrusion technology has become famous technique for preparing ready to eat extruded snacks due to its low cost, versatility and no process effluents (Ficarella *et al.*, 2006; White, 1994). There are number of extruded snacks are available in market. The material/energy and money required for production considerably bags a high cost, so it is necessary to optimize the technical and economic feasibility of extrusion cooking (Eresh Kumar Kuruba *et al.*, 2017). The aim

of this research paper is to analyze the economic feasibility of the extrusion cooking technology. Extruded snacks were prepared by blending of rice flour, ashwagandha powder and spinach powder. The main purpose of break-even analysis is to determine the minimum output that must be exceeded for a business to profit. It also is a rough indicator of the earnings impact of a marketing activity. A firm can analyze ideal output levels to be knowledgeable on the amount of sales and revenue that would meet and surpass the breakeven point. If a business doesn't meet this level, it often becomes difficult to continue operation. The break-even point is

one of the simplest, yet least-used analytical tools. Identifying a break-even point helps provide a dynamic view of the relationships between sales, costs, and profits. This is very important for financial analysis. Any sales made past the breakeven point can be considered profit (after all initial costs have been paid). Break-even analysis can also provide data that can be useful to the marketing department of a business as well, as it provides financial goals that the business can pass on to marketers so they can try to increase sales. Break-even analysis can also help businesses see where they could re-structure or cut costs for optimum results. This may help the business become more effective and achieve higher returns. In many cases, if an entrepreneurial venture is seeking to get off of the ground and enter into a market it is advised that they formulate a break-even analysis to suggest to potential financial backers that the business has the potential to be viable and at what points. Thus the aim of this analysis was to assess the break-even point for commercial production of extrudates.

**Materials and Methods**

The raw material used for production of extruded snacks was rice, ashwagandha and spinach powder in blend ratio of 80: 6: 14. Various unit operations were performed during preparation of extrudates i.e. grinding, drying, conditioning, extrusion-cooking, spicing and packaging etc.

In order to determine the techno-economic feasibility of production of extruded product of rice, ashwagandha and spinach powder three economic parameters i.e. break even quantity, break even sales, break even period were calculated as follows:

$$\text{Break even quantity} = \frac{\text{Total fixed cost}}{\text{Cost per pack} - \text{Variable cost per pack}}$$

$$\text{Break even sales} = \frac{\text{Total Fixed cost}}{\text{Cost of per pack} - \text{Variable cost per pack}} \times \text{Cost of per pack}$$

$$\text{Break even period} = \frac{\text{Break even sales}}{\text{Total number of units produced p.m}}$$

**Breakeven analysis**

Cost analysis for preparation of ready to eat extruded snacks from the identified best blended rice flour, ashwagandha powder and Spinach powder. In calculating the breakeven point certain assumptions were which are listed below. The selling cost of one unit of 20 gram was fixed as Rs. 6/- because at present the similar products are available at retail price of Rs. 10/- and their selling price at factory retail outlet is Rs. 6/-.

**Fixed cost**

Total fixed cost = 60,16,000/- + 12,00,000/-  
 Fixed cost per month = 72,16,000/-

**Assumptions**

- Useful life of machines = 10 years.
- Useful life of building = 20years.
- Salvage value = 10% of initial cost.
- Rate of interest = 12% p.a.

$$\text{Depreciation of machines per year} = \frac{\text{Fixed cost of machine (C)} - \text{Salvage Value (S)}}{\text{Useful life of machine (L)}}$$

$$= \frac{60,16,000 - 601600}{10}$$

= 541440.00/-

$$\text{Cost of Land and Building per year} = \frac{12,00,000}{20} = 60,000/-$$

### Cost of machines and equipments

S. No	Machine/Equipment	Cost in Rupees
1.	Food extruder with accessories	21,00,000/-
2.	Hammer Mill	25,000/-
3	Burr Grinder	42,000/-
4.	Spice Flavor coating drum	90,000/-
5.	Automatic Pouch Packaging Machine (total quantity 3, @ Rs. 12,00,000 each) Cost inclusive of freight, Installation & Commissioning, taxes, duty and insurance charges.	36,00,000/-
6.	Weighing Balance	26,000/-
7.	Moisture Tester	50,000/-
8.	Furniture	28,000/-
9.	Containers for raw materials and finished product.	35,000/-
10.	Crates	20,000/-
<b>Total</b>		<b>60,16,000/-</b>

### Cost of land and buildings

S. No	Item	Cost in Rupees
1.	Land area 600 sq. ft. @ Rs. 500 per sq. ft.	3,00,000/-
2.	Construction cost @ Rs. 1500 per sq. ft.	9,00,000/-
<b>Total</b>		<b>12,00,000/-</b>

### Variable cost

S. No	Items	Cost in Rupees
1.	<b>Labour Charges</b>	
	(a.) One Manager/Supervisor	25,000/- p.m.
	(b.) One operator	12,000/- p.m.
	(c.) One helper	8,000/- p.m.
	(d.) One watchman	5,000/- p.m.
	Total	50,000 /- p.m.
2.	Electricity charges for 500 kW in a month @ 7/- per Kw	35,000/- p.m.
3.	Raw materials required per month	
	(a)Rice (30,000 kg ×0.80 part ×@ Rs 40 per kg.)	960000/-
	(b)Ashwagandha (30,000 kg × 0.06 part ×@ Rs 400 per kg.)	720000/-
	(c)Spinach (30,000 kg 0.14 part ×@ Rs 30 per kg.))	126000/-
	Total	1891000/-
4.	Spices @ 2% @Rs. 400 per kg	2,40,000/-
5.	Packaging material @ 0.25 per packets (15,00,000×0.25)	3,75,000/-
6.	Repair and maintenance @ 10% of machine cost.	601600/-
7.	Insurance charges @ 10% of TFC	67361.28/-
<b>Total</b>		<b>3259961.28/</b>

**The result of cost analysis tabulated as follows**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Values Rupees</b>
1.	Fixed Cost	Rs. 72,16,000/-
2.	Variable Cost	Rs. 3259961.28/-
3.	Variable Cost per pack of 20 g	Rs. 2.9/-
4.	Break even quantity	2327742 units of 20 g each
5.	Break even sales p.m.	Rs. 1,39,66,452/-
6.	Break even period	380 days. (1 year 15 days)

Fixed Cost per year = 60,000+541440  
= 601440/-

Assuming the unit to operate at 75% of installed capacity.

Interest @ 12% per year = (601440×12)/100  
= 72172.80/-

Therefore, total number of units produced per month is = 11,25,000

Total Fixed Cost = 601440+72172.80  
= 673612.80/-

Cost of one unit = Rs. 6/- per unit

**The cost of production, breakeven volume, breakeven sales and breakeven period**

$$\text{Variable per unit} = \frac{\text{Total variable cost}}{\text{Units produced per month}}$$

**Assumptions**

$$= \frac{3259961.28}{11,25,000}$$

Capacity = 10 kg raw materials per hr.

$$= 2.8977$$

Operating time = 10 hr/day

$$= 2.9 \text{ (approximately)}$$

Working days = 26 day

$$\text{Break even quantity} = \frac{\text{Total fixed cost}}{\text{Cost per pack} - \text{Variable cost per pack}}$$

Total installed capacity of unit in terms of kg. of materials = 30,000 kg

$$= \frac{72,16,000}{6 - 2.9}$$

Size of one unit = 20 grams.

$$\text{Total number of units p.m.} = \frac{30,000 \times 1000}{20} = 15,00,000$$

$$= 2327742 \text{ units of 20 g each}$$

Break even sales p.m. =  $\frac{\text{Total Fixed cost}}{\text{Cost of per pack - Variable cost per pack}} \times \text{Cost of per pack}$

$$= \frac{7216000}{6-2.9} \times 6 = 1,39,66,452$$

Break even period =  $\frac{\text{Break even sales}}{\text{Total number of units produced p.m}}$

$$= \frac{1,39,66,452}{1125000} = 12.416 \text{ months, } 380 \text{ Days}$$

= 1 year 15 days

Therefore, from the break even analysis it was found that in order to produced 15,00,000 units of 20 g packets of ready to eat extruded snacks of blended flour consisting of blend of Rice: Ashwagandha: Spinach in the blend ratio of 80:6:14 with identified infrastructure the break even quantity is 2327742 units, the break even sales is Rs.1,39,66,452/- and Break even period comes out 380 days.

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