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## IRAIN



- Population: 66 million
- Population growth rate: 0.86 % per year
- Area: 1.648 million square Km
- Main Natural resources: petroleum,
   natural gas 2<sup>nd</sup> in the world after Saudi Arabia & Russia
- Industries: Oil & gas, petrochemical, agriculture, textiles, cement, food processing (sugar refinery, vegetable oil production)
- *GDP* real growth rate: 6.3 % (2004)

# Egg Production & Consumption

- Total annual shell egg production: 600,000 tonnes
- 18th Producer in the world
- Per capita consumption: 135
- Rate of production up by 100% over last 12 years
- Production estimated to reach 1.1 million tonnes by 2025
- Per capita consumption estimated to reach 170 by 2025

# Egg Industry

- Traditional structure industry
- Major industrial units started 30 years ago
- Currently over 1200 layer farms, average capacity 50,000 birds
- Almost 100% white shell eggs produced in cage system
- Eggs mainly offered on open pulp trays of 30, no brands, no labeling
- Profitable industry government support
- Increased gross income, more economic stability
- Increasing per capita consumption

# Egg Quality

- Excellent quality and taste due to raw materials for feed:
  - maize, corn, soybean, wheat
- No animal protein or other processed raw materials

# Recent Developments 3 areas 1. Product Quality

- Semi-automatic grading & packing in high quality see-through packs started for the first time in 2001
- Variety of packs and sizes offered consumer choice
- Concepts of egg branding, labeling and traceability introduced to both producers and consumer market
- Good demand → rapid growth of niche market
- Egg packing? or fashion?
- Now over 30 brands on the market high competition for quality improvement

#### Product Quality - continued

- More than 25 egg grading/packing plants operate all over the country
- Collaboration of pioneers of egg packaging with Iran's Food Standards Organization to define and enforce regulations for egg quality and packaging

# 2. Egg Marketing

- As various brands and packages emerge, increasing use of TV, radio and print advertising for egg marketing
- Over 10 brands advertise on TV
- IEC introduced to both governmental and nongovernmental bodies and professionals
- World Egg Day introduced to public and celebrated via:
  - Exhibitions
  - Cooking competitions
  - Quiz and prize draws
  - Internet
- Role of IT technology in advertising as internet users are increasing dramatically

#### 3. Public Education

- Eggs & Health campaign for children and adults
- Scientific conferences & technical seminars for academia, governmental officials and industry professionals
- Educational leaflets, bulletins, electronic newsletters and help lines
- Focus on egg and health related scientific and technical issues
- Exhibitions and other promotional activities
- Use of internet and IT in delivering the message about eggs
- World Egg Day celebrations and publicity

#### Major New Advances in Industry

- Telavang's large scale mechanisation of egg grading/
  packing for the first time using state-of-the-art machinery
  from MOBA 1.5 million eggs per day
- Another breakthrough: Telavang's liquid Pasteurized egg facility for the first time in the history of Iran's egg industry by means of Sanovo Engineering machinery
- Five other facilities in pipeline
- Modernisation of the egg/poultry industry under way
  - grading, packing, cages, poultry meat processing etc.

### Conclusions

- Egg industry re-vitalised
- Consumer has a range of brands/sizes/qualities to choose from
- Outstanding quality improvements as a result of advances in grading/packing industry
- Acquisition of international standards (HACCP, ISO, etc.)
- Promising future for egg industry- potentials for increased production

- Excellent opportunity for foreign investment in egg and egg products sector
- Cheaper energy & labour provides competitive edge in cost of production
- Joining WTO is prominent opening up to the world markets
- Export of high quality eggs increasing significantly
   unofficial figures: 40,000 tonnes last year

#### THE MESSAGE:

Iran is ready to export quality eggs to all over the world

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