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ABSTRACT

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The study was conducted in five selected barangays of Indang, Cavite to determine the channels, cost, problems and margins involved in performing various marketing function.

A total of 140 respondents, 100 farmers and 40 buyers composed the samples in the study. Data gathering was done through personal interview.

Kaong passes through three channels while vinegar passes on only two channels.

At the farm level, kaong and vinegar were sold either by picked-up or delivery method. Farmers spent much in delivering their produce to retailers. They could command a higher price for their produce thus assuring a higher net return.

The most common problems cited by farmers were: existence of many middlemen; low prices received for the produce; lack of market information; variability of the price; and inability of the outlet to pay debts.

At the buyers' level, the retailers paid the highest price of kaong and vinegar purchased from different sources.

Wholesalers incurred higher percentage of losses for kaong and, retailers for vinegar.

In considering the net marketing margins for kaong and vinegar, the retailers obtained the highest followed by the wholesalers and assembler/wholesalers respectively.

The problems encountered by buyers were: competition among buyers; inability of outlet to pay debts; high cost of materials; transportation; and variability of price.

On the average, assembler/wholesalers obtained the highest percentage of consumers' peso for kaong. As the number of links between channels decreases, the proportion of consumers' peso that goes to the farmers increases or vice-versa.

When links between channels increase, the marketing margin increases and the marketing system becomes
inefficient.

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INTRODUCTION

Sugar palm, Arenga pinnata (Wurmb), is locally termed as "kaong". It is a large palm with long ascending pinnate leaves, 8.5 meters in length with 100 or more pairs of linear leaflets. It has soft whitish color beneath the tip of the leaves with ear-like appendages at the base and bears largely auxillary pendulus inflorescence. When it is already mature, a shoot is sent out from the axil of the upper leaf, then followed by other flowers until the tree gets exhausted and then die.²

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