

Geospatial Study of Agricultural value chain of fruit markets in Ile – Ife, Osun State, Nigeria

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ABSTRACT

This study was carried out in Ife East and Ife Central Local governments area of Osun State on agricultural value chain of fruit markets in. The objectives of the study was to examine the spatial distribution of the fruit markets, Identify key supply areas of fruit markets for cost network analysis and produce a price graph for fruits in the study area. Administrative map of the area, GPS coordinates of the markets and oral interview are the sources of data for this study while GIS software and Microsoft Excel were used in analyzing the data. The fruit markets were purposively selected. Results showed that fruit markets were located in the urban parts of the two local government areas and sources of supply were similar with different costs of transportation.

Keywords: Fruit Markets, Cost Network Analysis, Price Graph

I. INTRODUCTION

Food production has its limitations and so all food cannot be produced in all places. In other words, food production is restricted to specific locations where soil, weather and moisture favor their activity. Nevertheless, food produced has to be consumed worldwide by the human beings, animals, birds and others in need. Market analysis starts with an understanding of the geography of markets: how markets are spatially distributed and linked and how commodities move through this broader market network. It is also critical to know the geographic distribution of key supply areas. (1).

Marketing is as critical to better performance in agriculture as farming itself. Therefore, market reform and marketing system improvement ought to be an integral part of policy and strategy for agricultural development. Marketing is one of those facilities needed for overall economic development of nations. (2).

A market network refers to how a market system is structured spatially, where a particular good originates

and where it ends up. An agricultural value chain is defined as the people and activities that bring a basic agricultural product like maize, fruit vegetables or cotton from obtaining inputs and production in the field to the consumer, through stages such as processing, packaging, and distribution.

Fruit has been recognized as a good source of vitamins and minerals, and for their role in preventing vitamin C and vitamin A deficiency. People who eat fruit as part of an overall healthy diet generally have a reduced risk of chronic diseases.

A value chain is defined as a series of participants along the entire marketing spectrum who collaborate to satisfy market demand for specific products or services to their joint and collective mutual benefit. Wholesaling and retailing are the two main functions within the supply chain.

Generally, wholesaling refers to the bulk distribution (buying and selling) of commodities Retailing on the other hand, refers to the sale of produce to the

consumer, usually in small quantities. In an agro-industry set-up, wholesalers may purchase produce directly from the farmer or through commodity brokers. The produce is then sold in bulk to food processing companies, marketing agencies, domestic retail outlets or exported directly to foreign markets. Wholesalers and retailers play an increasingly important role in setting production, packing and distribution standards (3).

Eating a diet rich in fruit may reduce risk for stroke, other cardiovascular diseases and type-2 diabetes. A fruit containing eating pattern is part of an overall healthy diet and may protect against certain cancers. Fruit helps maintain optimum health due to the health promoting phytochemicals it contains – many of which are still being identified. One to 2-1/2 cups of fruit are recommended each day, depending on how many calories an individual need. (4,5,6,7,8,9,10) Fruit and Vegetable crops are important both for health and economy, demand for fruit and vegetables consumption tends to grow very rapidly with urbanization, increased awareness and income of the peoples (11).

There is therefore the need to know where one can get these fruits at each point in time as well as the cost of purchasing them in each of the season since some of these fruits are seasonal, except oranges that is an all year round.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

2.1 Aim

The aim of the study is to spatially assess agricultural value chain of fruits market in the study area. Specific objectives are:

- ✓ Assessing spatial distribution of fruit markets in Ile – Ife area, using geospatial techniques.
- ✓ Identifying key supply areas of fruit markets for cost network analysis
- ✓ Producing a price graph for fruits in the study area.

2.2 The study area

Ife East Local Government Area in Osun State lies between Longitudes 4°32'E and 4°40'E and Latitudes 7°15'N and 7°35'N, while Ife Central Local Government lies between latitudes 7° 28' 43.5''N and

7°37' 51.41''N and spans between longitude 4° 27' 22.5''E and 4°35' 40.61''E.

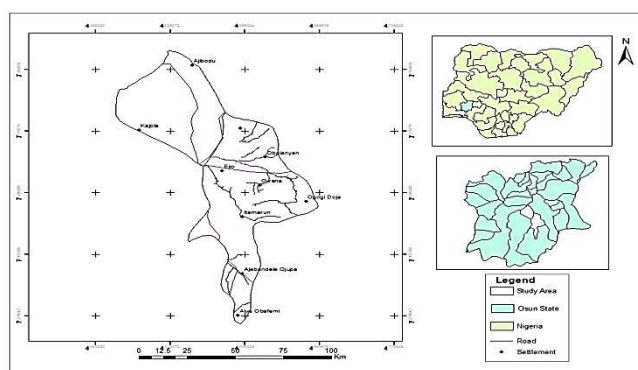


Figure 1 : Study Area, Ife East and Ife Central Local Government Area

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Spatial distribution of fruit markets in Ile - Ife

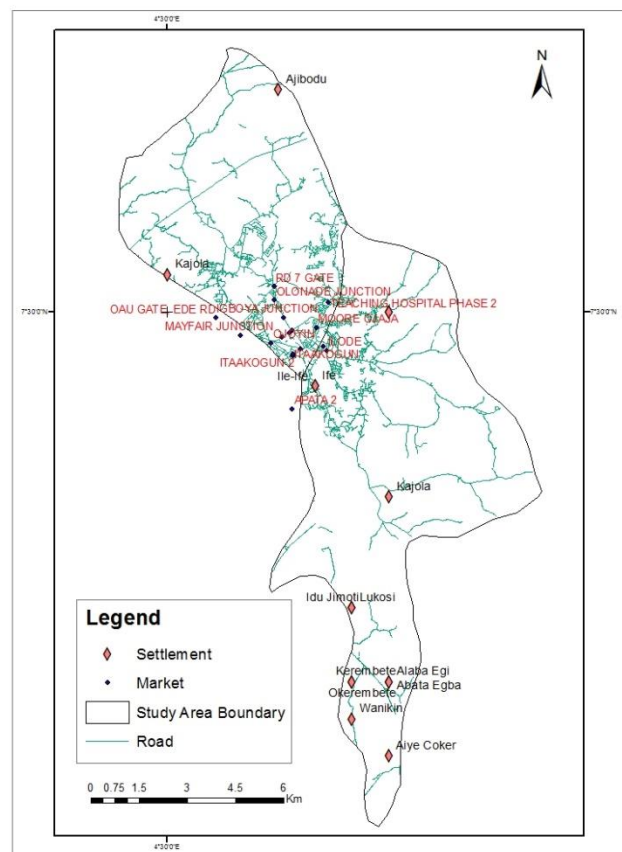


Figure 2. Distribution of fruit markets in the study area

Figure 2 above shows the spatial distribution of fruit markets in the study area. This also showed that these fruit markets are mainly in the urban areas of the study area because most of these markets are retail markets.

3.2 Cost Network Analysis

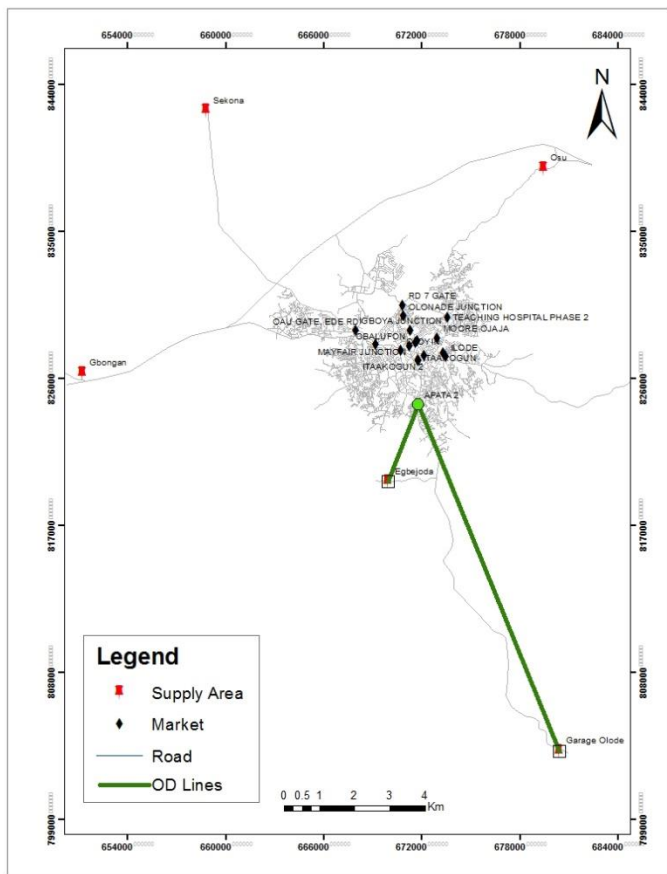


Figure 3. Apata 2 Fruit Market (Ife East Local Government)

Fig. 3 shows one of the fruit markets in the study area. The fruit market is located in Ife east Local Government and the supply areas of this market is Egbajoda and Garaje Olode. This market is patronizing supply area whose cost of transportation is higher than other supply areas. It could be that fruits bought in Garaje Olode is much cheaper than other supply area which covers for the transportation expenses. No marketer will want to make a loss since every marketer will want to maximize profit at all cost.

Table 1 : Cost Comparison Of Supply Area With Two Markets

SUPPLY AREA	RD 7 GATE	SUPPLY AREA	Apata 2
Sekona	₦451	Sekona	₦494
Osu	₦316	Osu	₦372
Gbongan	₦447	Gbongan	₦489
Egbajoda	₦300	Egbajoda	₦162
Garaje Olode	₦646	Garaje Olode	₦507

From table 1, it could be seen that Road 7 Gate fruit market patronizes both Osu and Gbongan and not Egbajoda, whose cost of transportation is least for all the supply areas. While Apata 2 fruit market patronizes Egbajoda and Garaje Olode, not minding the high cost of transportation of Garaje Olode supply area (the highest). One of the reasons for their choice of supply area could be; availability of fruits in all season and cost of purchase may not be as high as in other supply areas. Distance travelled and road accessibility could also account for this.

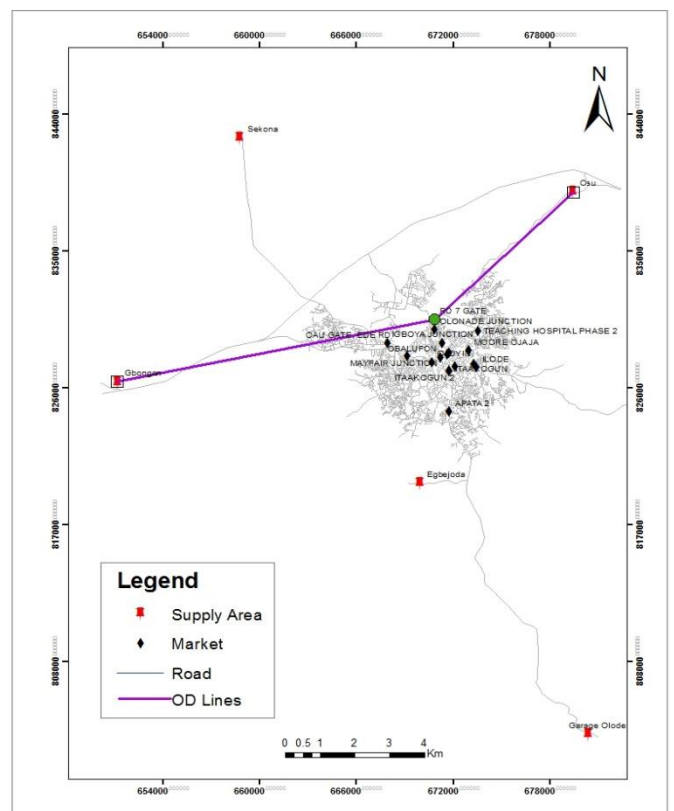


Figure 4. Road 7 Gate Fruit market (Ife Central Local Government)

Fig. 4 is the cost destination of Road 7 Gate Fruit market (Ife Central Local government area) and this market patronizes just Osu and Gbongan supply areas and their cost of transportation is ₦312 and ₦448 respectively.

Table 2 shows the origin destination cost for the market and the supply area and it could be seen that almost seventy-eight percent of the marketers patronize both Osu and Garaje Olode not minding the fact that the transportation cost for Garaje Olode is the highest compared to other supply areas. The least patronize supply area is Sekona.

Table 2 : Origin Destination Cost

S/N	MARKET	SUPPLY AREA	TOTAL COST OF TRANSPORTATION (₦)
1	Ajifowobaje (Ife East)	Egbejoda Osu	255.00 323.00
2.	Iso Obi (Ife Central)	Gbongan Garaje olode Osu Sekona	438 593 304 446
3.	Moore (Ife Central)	Garaje Olode Egbejoda	602 256
4.	Apata 2 (Ife East)	Garaje Olode Egbejoda	509 162

5.	Rd 7 Gate (Ife Central)	Gbongan Osu	448 312
6.	Ooni Palace (Ife East)	Garaje Olode Egbejoda Osu	574 227 307
7.	Ita Akogun (Ife East)	Garaje olode Egbejoda Osu	563 221 315
8.	Igboya (Ife Central)	Garaje Olode Egbejoda Osu	607 265 313
9.	OAU Gate(Ife Central)	Osu Gbongan Garaje Olode	385 360 636

3.3 Price Graph

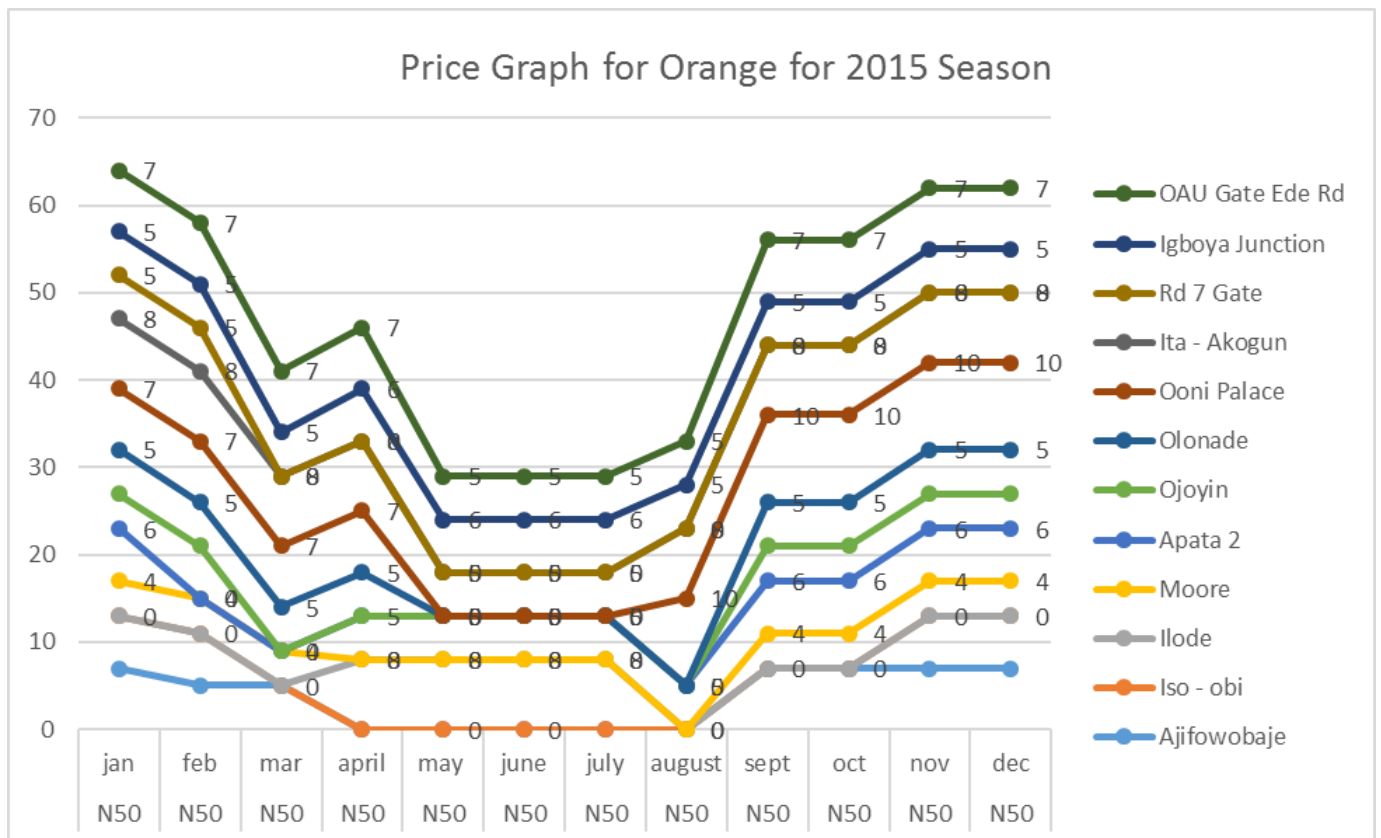


Figure 5. Price graph for orange for 2015 season

The graph shows the quantity of orange that would be bought for ₦50 in each of the market for the year 2015. The interpretation therefore is as follows that during the period of September to April seven pieces of orange will be bought for ₦50 at OAU Gate, Ede Rd, while

during this period, only five pieces would be bought at Igboya Junction. At Ooni's Palace between September and December, ten pieces of orange would be bought for this price. At Apata 2, six pieces would be bought at fifty naira between September and December. The

implication for a consumer is that the best place to buy from during the months of September and December or January is Ooni's palace, while it is not advisable to go to either Igboya Junction, Olonade and Moore Markets. It is also available to go to Rd 7 Gate, Ita – Akogun and Ooni's Palace during the months of February to April to buy oranges because of the quantity.

IV. CONCLUSION

It could be concluded that

- (i) there are at least five supply areas where the respondents get their products and all within Osun state.
- (ii). More than eighty percent of the respondents go to a particular supply area not minding the high cost of transportation and this may be due to the fact that goods there are cheaper compare to the other supply areas and they are able to get the cost of transportation back.
- (iii). The price graphs showed that there are at least two seasons for oranges with different prices for the commodity.

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