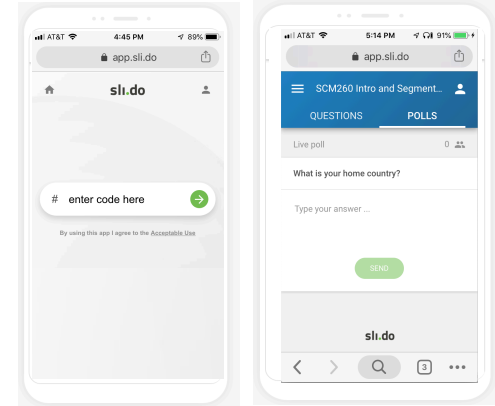


# Inventory Management Live Session 1

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# Agenda for Live Session

- Quick recap of concepts from video
- Pre-class survey results & discussion
- Building Intuition
  - Multiple stocking locations
  - Impact of lead time
- Homework and plan for Live Session 2

# 5 Primary Inventory Policies (Demand/Planning Horizon)

- Economic Order Quantity (EOQ) Policy – Deterministic/Infinite
  - Lot sizing
  - Order  $Q^*$  when Inventory Position = Expected Demand over Leadtime
- Single Period Models – Stochastic/Single
  - Newsvendor Problem
  - Order  $Q^*$  at start of period where  $Q^*=f(\text{Cost of shortage, Cost of excess})$
- Base Stock Policy – Stochastic/Infinite
  - One-for-one replenishment
  - Order for tomorrow what was sold today
- Continuous Review Policy - Stochastic/Infinite
  - Order Point, Order Quantity ( $s, Q$ ) - event based
  - Order  $Q^*$  when Inventory Position is equal to or less than Re-order Point ( $IP \leq s$ )
- Periodic Review Policy - Stochastic/Infinite
  - Order Up To Level Policy ( $R, S$ ) – time based
  - Order up to  $S$  units every  $R$  time periods.

# Replenishment Policies make Trade Offs

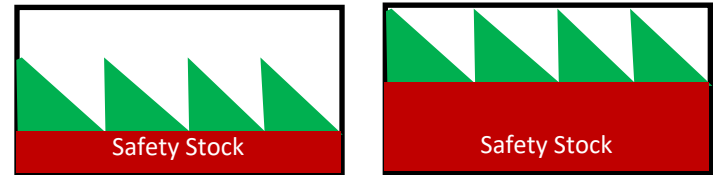
## 1. Fixed Cost vs Variable Costs

- Order larger quantities less frequently or smaller quantities more frequently?



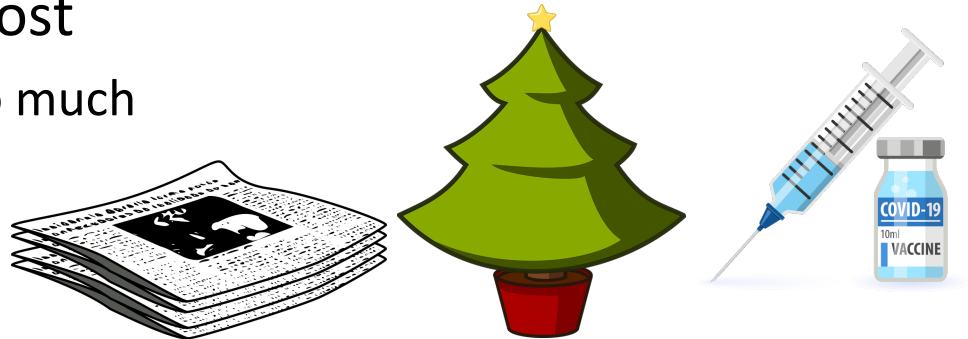
## 2. Cost vs Level of Service

- How much safety stock to keep on hand to meet unplanned demand?



## 3. Shortage Cost vs Excess Cost

- What is the cost of having too much vs. having too little?



# How do we make these trade-offs?

$TC = \text{Purchase Costs} + \text{Order Costs} + \text{Holding Costs} + \text{Stock Out Costs}$

$$TC = vD + A\left(\frac{D}{Q}\right) + \left(\frac{Q}{2} + k\sigma_L + DL\right)c_e + B_1\left(\frac{D}{Q}\right)p_{u\geq}(k)$$

Total Cost is a function of Q, order quantity.

TC = Total Cost

Q = Replenishment Order Quantity (items/order)

D = Average Demand (items/time)

v = Variable (Purchase) Cost (dollars/item)

A = Fixed Ordering Cost (dollar/order)

$c_e$  = Holding or Carrying Charge (dollars/time)

k = Safety factor (unitless)

$\sigma_L$  = Standard deviation of demand during leadtime

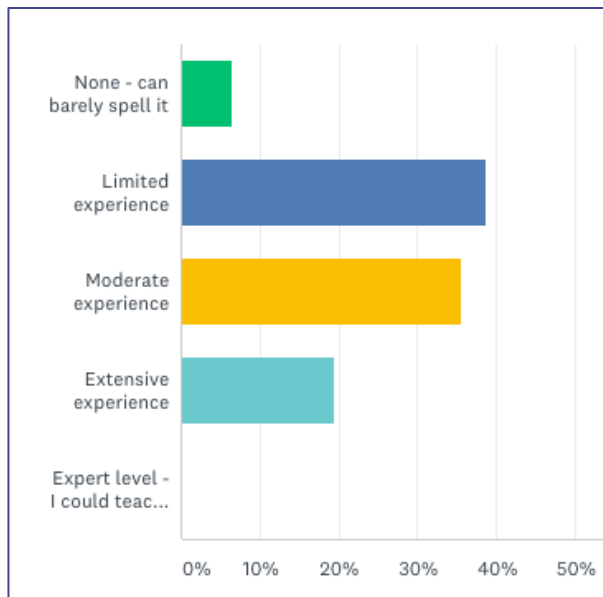
L = Leadtime (time)

Shortage costs can take many forms – we will discuss this.

# Pre-class Survey Results

# Inventory Experience & Familiarity

## Inventory Experience



## Familiarity with Concepts

	NEVER HEARD OF IT PRIOR TO THE VIDEO	LIMITED	SOMEWHAT	A FAIR AMOUNT	I AM AN EXPERT
▼ Economic Order Quantity	19.35% 6	35.48% 11	25.81% 8	19.35% 6	0.00% 0
▼ Newsvendor Models	19.35% 6	35.48% 11	32.26% 10	12.90% 4	0.00% 0
▼ Base Stock Models	16.13% 5	38.71% 12	19.35% 6	25.81% 8	0.00% 0
▼ Continuous Inventory Models	16.13% 5	25.81% 8	48.39% 15	9.68% 3	0.00% 0
▼ Periodic Inventory Models	16.13% 5	38.71% 12	32.26% 10	12.90% 4	0.00% 0
▼ Multi-Echelon Models	45.16% 14	35.48% 11	12.90% 4	6.45% 2	0.00% 0
▼ Probability	9.68% 3	19.35% 6	41.94% 13	29.03% 9	0.00% 0
▼ Safety Stock	0.00% 0	9.68% 3	32.26% 10	54.84% 17	3.23% 1
▼ Cycle Stock	6.45% 2	16.13% 5	38.71% 12	35.48% 11	3.23% 1

# Relevance of Policies to Bayer

	NOT AT ALL	VERY LIMITED RELEVANCE	SOMEWHAT RELEVANT - AS IS	SOMEWHAT RELEVANT - IF SLIGHTLY MODIFIED	VERY RELEVANT - AS IS	VERY RELEVANT - IF SLIGHTLY MODIFIED
▼ Economic Order Quantity	3.45% 1	20.69% 6	24.14% 7	27.59% 8	10.34% 3	13.79% 4
▼ Base Stock	0.00% 0	13.79% 4	20.69% 6	27.59% 8	20.69% 6	17.24% 5
▼ Continuous Review Policies	3.45% 1	6.90% 2	17.24% 5	44.83% 13	17.24% 5	10.34% 3
▼ Periodic Review Policies	0.00% 0	3.45% 1	20.69% 6	34.48% 10	24.14% 7	17.24% 5
▼ Single Period / Newsvendor Policies	10.00% 3	10.00% 3	20.00% 6	36.67% 11	13.33% 4	10.00% 3

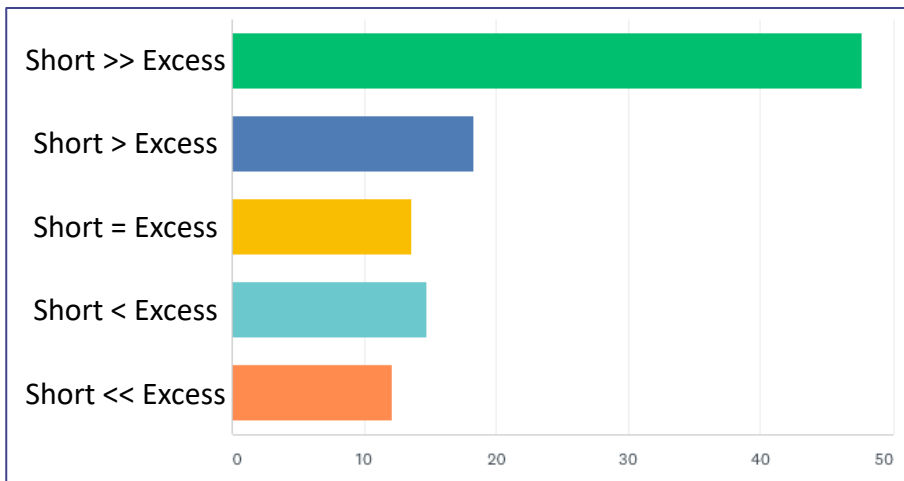


# Problem Areas for Inventory at Bayer

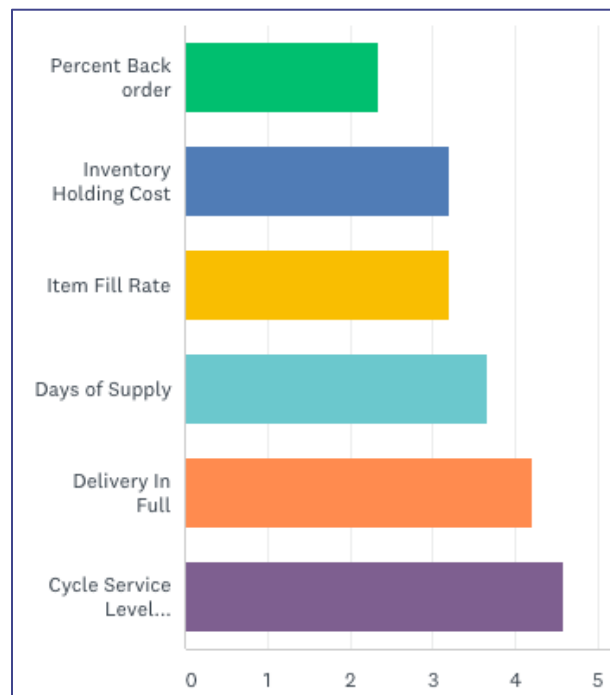
	NOT A PROBLEM	A SLIGHT PROBLEM	A MODERATE PROBLEM	A LARGE PROBLEM	THE MASSIVE PROBLEM	NO IDEA	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Forecast Accuracy for individual SKU sales	0.00% 0	6.90% 2	20.69% 6	34.48% 10	37.93% 11	0.00% 0	29	4.03
Demand Variability	0.00% 0	3.45% 1	13.79% 4	62.07% 18	20.69% 6	0.00% 0	29	4.00
Forecasting Accuracy for total sales	0.00% 0	3.45% 1	41.38% 12	27.59% 8	27.59% 8	0.00% 0	29	3.79
Supply Uncertainty	3.45% 1	24.14% 7	24.14% 7	37.93% 11	10.34% 3	0.00% 0	29	3.28
Order Lead Time (from customers)	3.45% 1	17.24% 5	55.17% 16	20.69% 6	3.45% 1	0.00% 0	29	3.03
Order Lead Time (to Bayer)	10.34% 3	17.24% 5	48.28% 14	17.24% 5	0.00% 0	6.90% 2	29	3.00

# Comparison of Shortage to Excess Costs

Percentage of Bayer SKUs By  
Cost of Shortage to Cost of Excess



Metric Importance to Bayer  
(lower is more important)



# What are the problems and what actions can we take?

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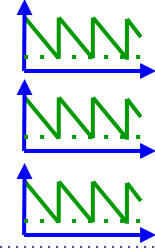
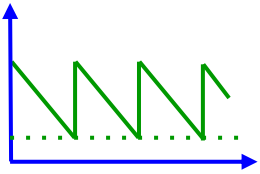
Slido Poll

- Forecasting accuracy is lacking
- Promised lead time to customers is unrealistic
- Customer behavior leads to bunched ordering
- Too many stocking locations
- Unclear strategic objectives
  - Highest quality product at limited availability or
  - Fill every order no matter
- Segmentation (chemicals vs. seeds) is not being considered

# Building Intuition

# Multiple Locations: Pooled vs. Independent Stocking

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	Cycle Stock	Safety Stock
 <p>Independent</p>	$q_i^* = \sqrt{\frac{2c_i d_i}{c_e}} = \sqrt{\frac{2c_i D}{c_e n}}$ $\overline{IOH} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{q_i^*}{2} \right) = \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{Q^*}{2} \right)$	$\overline{SS}_{independent} = k\sigma_{d_i} = k\sigma_D \sqrt{n}$
 <p>Pooled</p>	$Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2c_i D}{c_e}} \quad \overline{IOH} = \left( \frac{Q^*}{2} \right)$	$\overline{SS}_{pooled} = k\sigma_D$

## Square root rule –

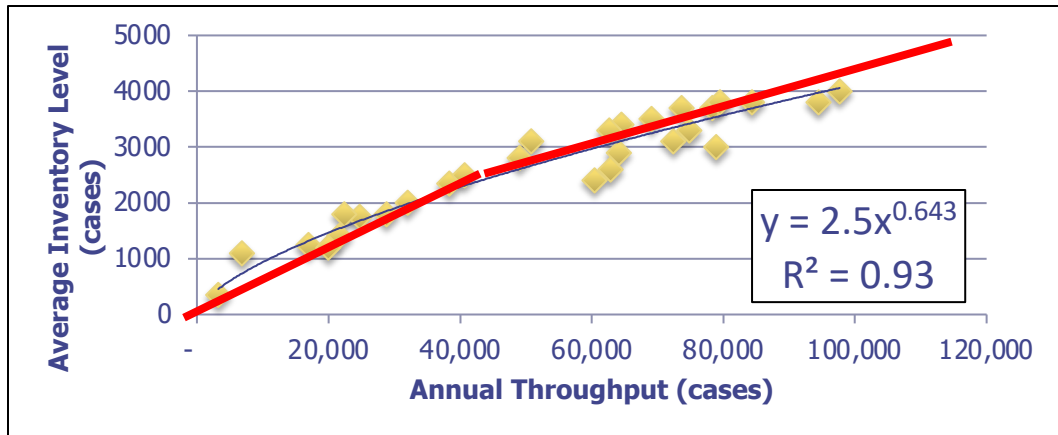
Going from 1 to n stocking locations increases inventory by  $\sqrt{n}$ , but this assumes . . .

- Inventory stocking follows the economic order quantity (EOQ),
- The size of locations and inventory levels are identical, and
- Each location has perfect operations.

# Estimating Inventory Costs for NW Design

- Pipeline inventory – add in to the per unit transportation costs
- Cycle & Safety stock - tends to follow a non-linear function with respect to throughput at a facility:
  - $I_i$  = Average inventory level at facility  $i$
  - $T_i$  = Throughput of inventory at facility  $i$
  - $\alpha$  = Estimated parameter (positive)
  - $\beta$  = Estimate of inventory concentration (ranges from 0.5 to 0.8)
- Regress on existing facilities to estimate the parameters for your firm

$$I_i = \alpha T_i^\beta$$



What are the inventory implications of:

- 1 DC where  $T=80,000$
- 2 DCs where  $T_1=T_2=40,000$

Case a) Inventory  $I = 2.5(80000)^{0.643}$   
= 3,553 cases

Case b) Inventory =  $2(2.5)(40000)^{0.643}$   
= 4,551 cases

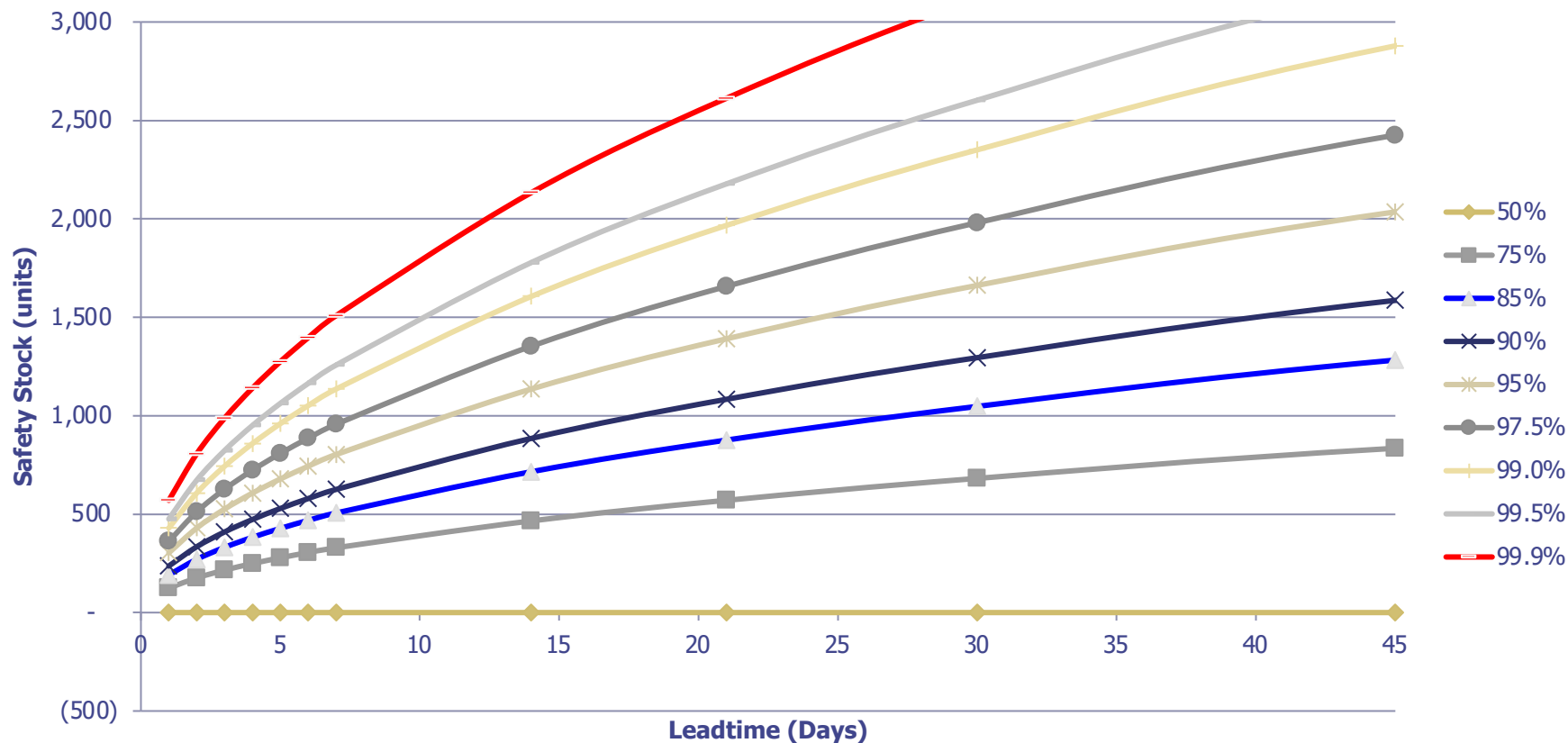
Look familiar????

- Tempers theoretical  $\sqrt{2}$  relationship with actual behavior

# Impact of Leadtime to Customers

- Different leadtimes along the supply chain
  - Grow – plant to harvest
  - Replenishment – fields to distribution points
  - Customer - from distribution points to customers
- Bayer on both sides of the inventory equation

# Trade Off between Cost, LOS, and Leadtime





# For next time

- Survey to be sent out this week and due NLT 12 Aug
  - Segment out Chemicals and Seeds
  - Ask for 3-5 thoughts on how to improve inventory management at Bayer
- Live Session 2 (17 August)
  - Open discussion on recommendations by segment
  - Converge on 2-3 actions to potentially pursue

# Questions, Comments, Suggestions?



Wilson & Gidget hoping there is plenty of dog food inventory.