# Economics of Draught Line Cleaning

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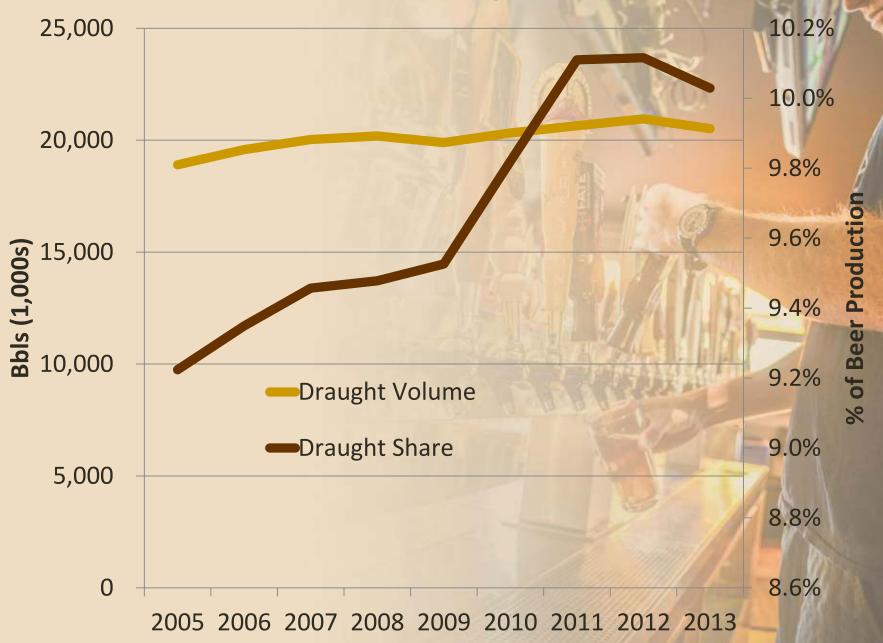


# Agenda

- Market Update
- Background
- Study
- What this means



#### **Overall Beer Draught Trends**



### U.S. Beer Industry by Package Type – YTD June 2014 (volume in millions of case equivalents)

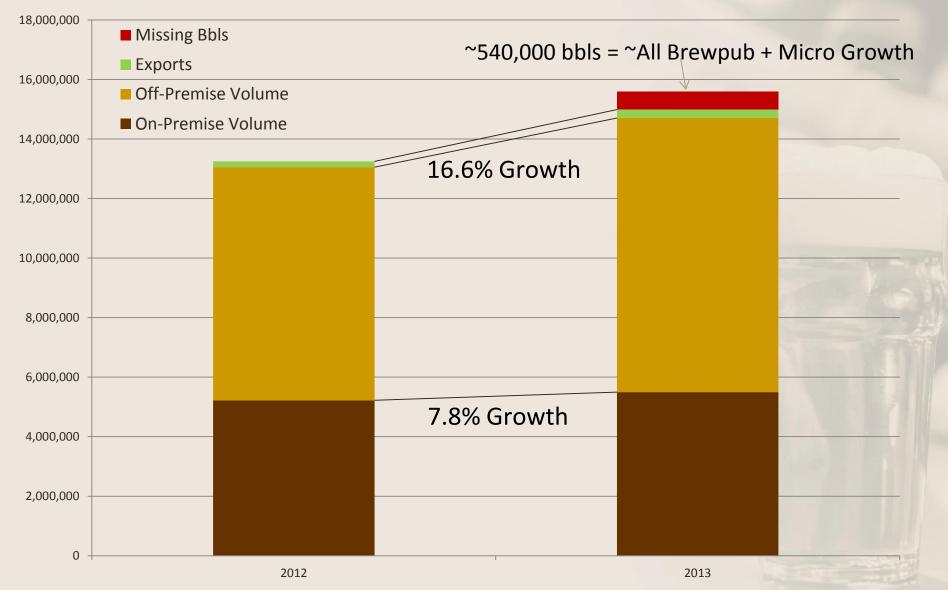
| Package | 2014<br>Volume<br>CE's | Volume<br>Change | Growth | Share |
|---------|------------------------|------------------|--------|-------|
| Bottle  | 508.7                  | -8.3             | -1.6%  | 35.4% |
| Can     | 790.7                  | 22.8             | 3.1%   | 55.0% |
| Draft   | 139.2                  | -6.5             | -4.5%  | 9.7%  |
| Total   | 1,438.5                | 8.0              | 0.6%   | 100%  |

### Craft Package Mix by Type (2011), %

| Package             | Draught | Bottle | Can |
|---------------------|---------|--------|-----|
| All                 | 37.4    | 60.5   | 2.1 |
| Production          | 36.0    | 61.8   | 2.2 |
| Brewpub             | 85.9    | 12.8   | 1.3 |
| Other<br>(Contract) | 51.0    | 48.9   | 0.0 |

Source: Brewers Association (Brewery Operations and Benchmarking Survey, 2012); numbers may not add due to rounding

### Measuring Craft Growth



#### BREWER'S ASSOCIATION DRAUGHT QUALITY MANUAL RETAIL VERSION





#### CASE STUDY I: TOTAL PROFIT IN A 1/2 BARREL OF BEER RETAILED AT \$4.00/ GLASS.

Cost of 1/2 bbl of beer = \$100.00

Refundable Deposit = \$50.00

Number of 16 oz. glass Servings with 3/4'' of foam and 15 oz. of beer = 132

Retail Price = \$4.00

Total Gross profit = \$528.00 minus keg cost = \$428.00 net profit.

Return on each 1.00 invested = 4.28

CASE STUDY II: YEARLY PROFIT FROM DRAUGHT BEER AT A RETAIL ACCOUNT WITH 10 DRAUGHT BEER LINES.

Here is what a case study looks like when you dig a little deeper into the draft beer numbers.

Number of Draught Lines = 10

Number of 1/2 barrels sold each week = 10

Gross Profit, minus beer cost in this 10 draft line system at 10 kegs per week = \$4,280.00

52 weeks per year x \$4,280.00 = \$222,560.00 total profits from draught beer.

### CASE STUDY III: COST TO MAINTAIN A 10 FAUCET DRAUGHT SYSTEM.

10 Draught Lines x \$10.00 per draught line cleaning and maintenance investment = \$100.00

Servings Per week from example above = 1,320 x 2 weeks = 2,640 servings in 14 days

Let's take the \$100.00 investment in cleaning and maintenance and divide by the 2,640 servings. You will see each serving of draught beer will require \$0.04 to protect the flavor and integrity of the beer on draught.

#### CASE STUDY IV:

How much beer is in each line of this 10 line system.\*

3/8" Vinyl or "jumper line" = 3/4 oz. per foot. 6' of line contains 4.5 ounces of beer

Assume 50 foot run from cooler to taps

5/16" barrier tubing = ½ oz. per foot. 50' of line contains 25 ounces of beer

1/4" stainless = 1/6 oz. per foot. 3' contains 0.5 ounces of beer

Total beer per draught line = 30 ounces

10 draught lines = 300 ounces

\$100.00 keg cost divided by 1984 ounces = \$0.05 per ounce beer cost.

ounces of beer cost = \$15.00 cost of beer in the entire draught system.

### **Economics of Draught Quality**



Prove this study right...

... how much money is at stake?

# Repeating with U.S. Data

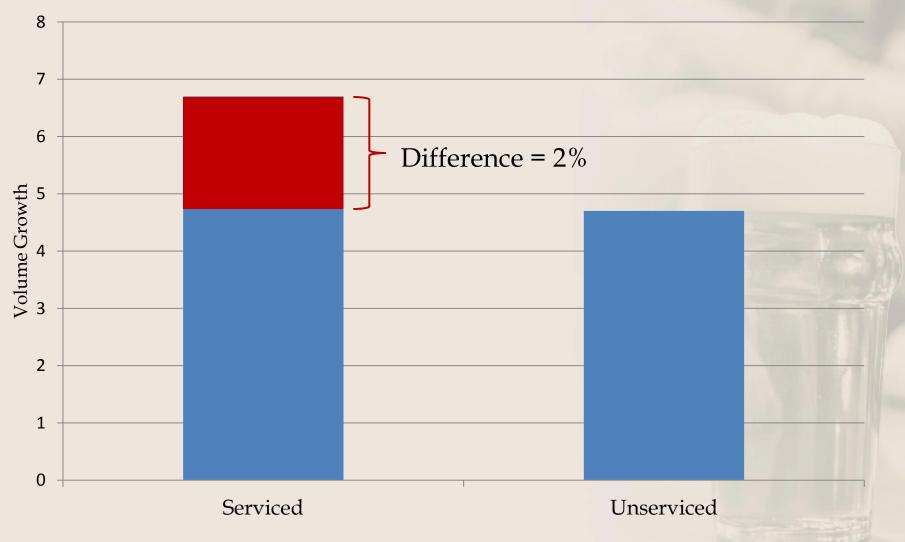
### A Natural Experiment

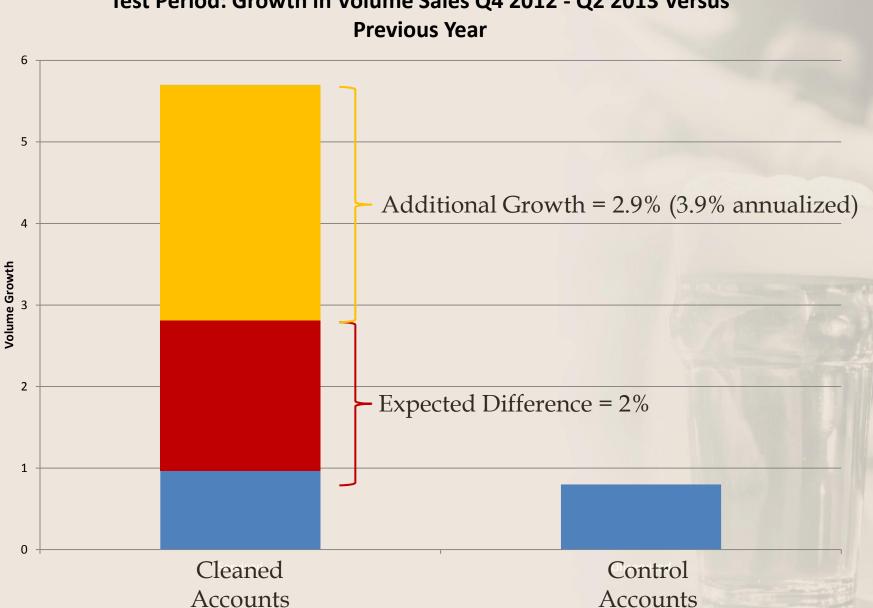
- In September of 2012, a U.S. wholesaler purchased a local draught line-cleaning business. Can compare:
  - Accounts using the line-cleaning service, versus
  - -Those that do not

# Strong Opportunity

- Both accounts are relatively large
  - –Line-cleaning accounts > 40,000 barrels annually
  - -Other accounts >120,000 barrels annually
  - -No other known differences
    - Same area, beers, etc.
    - So only difference is 2-wk cleaning

### Control Period (Before): Growth in Volume Sales Q1 - Q3, 2011 to 2012





### Test Period: Growth in Volume Sales Q4 2012 - Q2 2013 Versus

### +3.9% Annualized Growth



At 132 servings in a keg = 5 additional pints per keg per year Across the Cleaned Accounts that's: • 450,000+ new pints/year Control Accounts, it represents almost:

- 1.3 million pints a year in foregone growth
- Almost 5,000 barrels in lost growth across accounts that are > 125,000 barrels

### Doing the Math...

• More frequent cleaning = 5 new pints/keg



New Profits/Keg

Costs of Cleaning

#### That was delicious. I should have one more beer!



# Does Entail New Costs

- Net Cost of lost beer = \$217.69
  This is less than 1% of total beer cost
- Net cost of labor = \$800
  - May be cheaper with cleaning service; retailers often do not bear cost
- Net cost of cleaning materials = \$371.65
  - May be cheaper in bulk
- Total Net Cost = \$1,389.34

### FAR Outweighed by New Profits

5 pints/keg x \$3.41 profit/pint x 52 kegs/year/line =

# **\$886.60** profit/year/line x 4 lines =

## = \$3,546.40 in new profit

## Total Net Profit

- Under this scenario, moving from two-month to two-week cycle generates:
- Total Net Profit = \$2,157.06 (\$539.26 a line)
- Can re-work assumptions to increase costs
- Even with the most extreme set of assumptions, retailers are projected to reap new profits from frequent line cleaning

### **Economics of Draught Quality**

Kegs have cost savings vs. bottles

Draught Quality \$\$\$ Case of 24, 12 oz bottles = \$26.40 Need 6.88 cases = ½ bbl @ \$125.00 \$181.63 cost of bottles vs. ½ bbl

\$181.63 btls - \$125.00 keg = \$56.63 per keg 1 Line @ 1 Keg Week... \$56.63 x 52 weeks = **\$2944.76 YR** 

# **CRAFTBEER.COM** Poll Results

- "5 Cardinal Sins of Craft Beer Service"
- 23% of survey "say" Dirty Beer Lines
- Very close to "quality of service" and "diversity of beer menu" and MORE important than dirty glassware

### 4% Growth for the Industry Total industry = $\sim 200$ million barrels Draught = 10% or 20 million barrels 4% growth on 20 million barrels = 800,00 barrels, or almost 200 million pints More beer than South Dakota drank in 2013 Craft would get roughly 25% of that 200,000 barrels or 50 million pints



### Questions?

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