Economic Analysis of Supply

The Behavior of Firms

Core Component of Market Model

What is Supply?

- "Wish to" Sell or Make Available
- Goods Generate Revenues
 - Inflow of Money
 - Maybe Profits
- Wishing Not Enough
- Effective Supply
 - Ready
 - Willing
 - Able

Supply = Willingness to Sell

- How Much?....Depends
- Supply Function
 - Summary of What Supply Depends on
 - List of Factors Affecting
 - What Matters?

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Things We Are Interested In:

- What Matters?
 - List of Factors Affecting
- Which Way does it Matter?
 - Demand Changes Up or Down
 - When Something that Matters Changes
- How Much does it Matter?
 - Little Response to a Big Change
 - Big Response to Little Stimulus

What Matters?

- Price
- Expectations about Future Prices
- Price of Related Goods (in Production)
- Price of Inputs
- Technology
- Number of Sellers

Wrap Up:

- Supply = Wish to Sell, Get Revenues & Profits
- Effective Supply: Ready, Willing & Able
- Supply Functions: What?, Which Way?, How Much?
- What Matters:
 - Price
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