Pricing Your Food Products – Restaurants

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How do I set my Menu prices?



- Pricing is more ART than SCIENCE
- Should be strategic designed to meet a longterm goal, i.e.
 - Produce "<u>X</u>" profit after covering all costs
 - Generate sufficient volume (Sales/Sq Ft, or Avg. Customer Count)

You may have heard the old exchange:

- Q: What is the secret of success?
- A: Success comes from good judgment.
- Q: Well, where does good judgment come from?
- A: Good judgment comes from experience.
- Q: OK, but where does experience come from?
- A: Experience comes from bad judgment! The joke would be funnier if it weren't so accurate!

Common Menu Pricing Methods

Ideal Food Cost Pricing Method

Competition Pricing Method



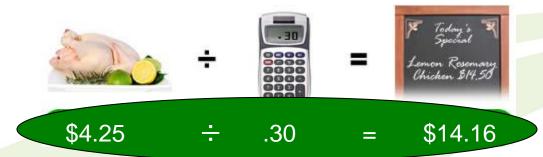
Very Common Food Cost Pricing Method



Raw Food Cost X 3 = \$12.75



Ideal Food Cost Pricing Method



Food Cost ÷ COGS % = Menu Price





Another example

Filet Mignon Dinner.

The beef filet costs you \$6.00 per portion

 The wrap (the potato, vegetable, salad and bread that comes with the filet, as well as any condiments the guest asks for) costs \$2.50*

 Therefore, the entire meal costs you \$8.50.
 Raw Cost ÷ Target COGS = Menu Price \$8.50 ÷ .35= \$24.29

*If decide to wrap in bacon, cost increases, so must retail – everything on the plate counts!

But \$24.29 is an awkward number,

so \$24.29? \$23.99? \$24.49? \$24.99? \$29.99?

Questions to Consider BEFORE Pricing Your Menu

- What kind of menu item is it? (e.g., appetizer, entrée, dessert, side dish)
- What is the direct labor involved in its preparation?
- What is the portion size?
- Is it a seasonal item with limited availability?
- Is it a "commodity" or a "specialty" item on your menu?
- Is it a demand-driven or market-driven menu item?
- What kind of restaurant are you? (e.g., fast-food, fast-casual, limited-service, fine-dining)
- What meal period are we pricing it for? (e.g., breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Where is the restaurant? (e.g., center city, suburban, office building, resort area)
- Who is your target market or clientele? (e.g., local residents, tourists, business people, shoppers)

Questions to Consider BEFORE Pricing Your Menu (cont'd)

What is the perishability of the product and its cost? (e.g., live lobster, fresh seafood)

What is the service delivery method in the restaurant? (e.g., table service, self-service, drive-thru)

What is the check average you seek?

What are the prices of other menu items in the same menu category and the spread among items in other categories?

What are the prices of complimentary and competing items of the menu?

What is the ambience of the restaurant?

What is the plate presentation for the menu item?

Is there live entertainment or music in the restaurant?

What is the status of the restaurant in the market? Is it one of the top restaurants in the market?

Rules of Thumb



• 30 - 30 - 30 - 10

COGS – Labor – GAO - Profit

- 22% 35% food cost (COGS)
 - so, more like 33 27 32 8 for QSR

25 -- 40 - 27 - 8 for Full Table Srvc

 Variable by category

 i.e., Appetizers – 25%
 Entrees – 35%
 Desserts – 20%
 Beverages – soft drinks (fountain) 10% coffee/ tea 15%, draft beer 18%, btld beer 25%, liquor 20%, wine 40%

Target COGS – Category Mix

CATEGORY	COGS	% TOT SALES					
Appetizers –	25%	20%					
Entrees –	35%	55%					
Desserts –	20%	10%					
Beverages –	15%	15%					
If total sales of	\$250,00	0					
Overall COGS =	= .25(250k	(*.20) + .35(250K*.55)					
	+ .2(250	K*.1) + .15(250K*.15)					
= .25(50K)+.35(137.5K)+.2(25K)+.15(37.5K)							
= 12.5K+48.1K+5K+5.6K							
= \$71.2K =	\$71,200 0	Cost of Good Sold					
COGS = \$71,200	0÷\$250,	000 = 28.5%					

KNOW YOUR COSTS!! Recipe Mapping – Inventory Master

			Purchase	e Unit (PU)	R	ecipe Co	ost Unit (RU)
		Case		Current		# RU		
	Item Description	Pack/Size	U/M	Price	U/M	per PU	Yield %	Cost
*	Artichoke, hearts, quartered	6/5-lb.	Case	81.56	OZ-wt	438	100%	0.186
***	Asparagus spear, medium	1/11-lb.	Case	20.90	OZ-wt	176	70%	0.170
*	Bacon, sliced, applewood, 14/16-ct.	1/15# avg.	LB	4.84	OZ-wt	16	50%	0.605
***	Chicken, fresh fryer	12/4-lb. avg.	Case	40.80	EA	12	100%	3.400
***	Clam juice	12/46-oz.	Case	38.40	OZ-fl	552	100%	0.070
***	Garlic, peeled, fresh	1/5-lb.	Case	12.76	OZ-wt	80	100%	0.160
**	Herb, basil	1/1-lb.	Bag	7.11	OZ-wt	16	56%	0.794
**	Herb, rosemary	1/6-ct.	Bag	5.06	EA	6	100%	0.843
**	Herb, thyme	1/6-ct.	Box	6.45	OZ-wt	6	65%	1.654
**	Lemons	1/165-ct.	Case	26.51	EA	165	100%	0.161
**	Milk, 2%	2/1-gal.	Case	7.27	OZ-fl	256	100%	0.028
*	Mushroom, crimini	1/10-lb.	Box	27.83	OZ-wt	160	75%	0.232
**	Mushroom, shiitake	3/1-lb.	Box	10.05	OZ-wt	48	83%	0.252
***	Olive oil, extra-virgin	3/1-gal.	Case	57.53	OZ-fl	384	100%	0.150
***	Onion, yellow jumbo	1/50-lb.	Box	11.33	OZ-wt	800	91%	0.016
**	Pasta, penne rigate	20/1-lb.	Case	33.25	OZ-wt	320	275%	0.038
**	Polenta, yellow corn meal	1/25-lb.	Bag	29.25	OZ-fl	582	100%	0.050
**	Sauce, soy	1 gal.	Each	6.96	OZ-fl	128	100%	0.054
*	Shallot, peeled, fresh	1/4-lb.	Jar	13.89	OZ-wt	64	100%	0.217
*	Shrimp, white, peeled, 21/25-ct.	4/2.5-lb.	Case	91.95	OZ-wt	160	100%	0.575
*	Spice, salt, kosher	12/3-lb.	Case	18.82	OZ-fl	541.4	100%	0.035
**	Spice, bay leaves	1/8-oz.	Each	18.21	EA	1040	100%	0.018
**	Spice, black pepper	1/18-oz.	Each	16.73	OZ-fl	37.8	100%	0.443
**	Spice, oregano, ground	1/13-oz.	Each	13.20	OZ-fl	37.18	100%	0.355
**	Sugar, granulated	1/50-lb.	Bag	36.88	OZ-fl	904	100%	0.041
**	Tomato paste	48/6-oz.	Case	34.68	EA	48	100%	0.723
**	Tomato, crushed in puree	6/#10 can	Case	26.70	EA	6	100%	4.450
***	Tomato, Roma	1/25-lb.	Case	18.61	OZ-wt	400	90%	0.052
**	Wine, white	12/750-ml.	Case	43.10	OZ-fl	304	100%	0.142
*	Cheese, parmesan	5#	Bag	19.15	OZ-wt	80	100%	0.239
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Recipe conversion notes
Basil yields about 56% after trimming/stemming
Thyme yields 65% after stemming
Criminis yield 75% after stemming
Shitakes yield about 83% after stemming
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Onions yield 91% after peeling Penne yields 275% after cooking
Polenta weighs about 5.5 ozs. per cup
Folenta weighs about 5.5 ozs. per cup
Our 21-25 count averaged 23 per #
Black pepper weighs .23 oz per Tblsp
Oregano weighs .175 oz per Tblsp
Granulated sugar weighs 7.1 oz per cup
Romas yield about 90% after coring

KNOW YOUR COSTS Recipe Mapping –

	Menu Item: Seared Gulf Shrimp Pasta with Crispy Bacon Item Description: Imported penne, asparagus, Roma tomato, artichokes and crimini mushrooms finished with a light stock.								
Select Item/Recipe	Recipe Unit	Quantity	Ingredient	Unit Cost	Extension				
53 Marinated Shrimp	EA		Marinated shrimp	3.49	3.49				
54 Clam Stock	OZ-fl		Clam stock	0.09	0.26				
	OZ-wt		Pasta, penne rigate	0.04	0.23				
12 Mushroom, crimini	OZ-wt		Mushroom, crimini	0.23	0.35				
01_Artichoke, hearts, quarter	OZ-wt		Artichoke, hearts, quartered	0.19	0.37				
28_Tomato, Roma	OZ-wt	1	Tomato, Roma	0.05	0.05				
02_Asparagus spear, mediur	OZ-wt	1.5	Asparagus spear, medium	0.17	0.25				
03_Bacon, sliced,, applewoo	OZ-wt	1	Bacon, sliced, applewood, 14/16-ct.	0.61	0.61				
06_Garlic, peeled, fresh	OZ-wt	0.25	Garlic, peeled, fresh	0.16	0.04				
14_Olive oil, extra-virgin	OZ-fl	0.5	Olive oil, extra-virgin	0.15	0.07				
30_Cheese, parmesan	OZ-wt	0.5	Cheese, parmesan	0.24	0.12				
				0.00	0.00				
		1	Plate cost	0.35	0.35				
				Total Cost	6.19				
				Menu Price	18.00				
				Gross Profit	11.81				
				Food Cost %	34.40%				

CONTROL YOUR COSTS Recipe Mapping – Recipe Control

	Central Coast - Recipe C	Recipe Cost						
Select Item/Recipe	INGREDIENTS	MEASURE	PROCEDURE	RU	# of RU	RU Cost	Cos	t
20_Shrimp, white, peeled, 21/25-ct.	Shrimp, white, peeled, 21/25-ct.	5 lbs.	1. Rinse defrosted shrimp lightly and drain thoroughly in a colander.	OZ-wt	80	0.575	\$ 45.	98
14_Olive oil, extra-virgin	Olive oil, extra-virgin	1 cup	2. Combine all remaining ingredients	OZ-fl	8	0.150	\$ 1.3	20
29_Wine, white	Wine, white	1 cup	in a large mixing bowl and blend thoroughly with a wire whisk.	OZ-fl	8	0.142	\$ 1.1	13
19_Shallot, peeled, fresh	Shallot, peeled, fresh	2 ozs. sliced	3. Add the shrimp to the marinade	OZ-wt	2	0.217	\$ 0.4	43
06_Garlic, peeled, fresh	Garlic, peeled, fresh	1 oz. sliced	and toss well to coat evenly.	OZ-wt	1	0.160	\$ 0.	16
			4. Refrigerate for 6-8 hours then			-	\$-	
			drain in a colander, remove any residual shallots and garlic.			-	\$ -	
			5. Portion and hold refrigerated for			-	\$-	
			service.			-	\$ -	
						-	\$-	
		•				-	\$ -	
						-	\$-	
	TOOLS/EQUIP.: Cup measu whisk.							00
	STATION: Prep cook			├───		Total RU	\$ 48.9 EA	_
		shrimp portions				# of RU	14	_
	SHELF LIFE: 2 days					RU Cost	\$ 3.4	49

Determining Menu Item Price

Retail Price = Item Cost \div Target COGS % = 6.19 \div .33 = \$18.76

Your Menu Price?

Competition Pricing Method

- Assign prices based on the general market price
 - Same as competitors
 - Lower
 - Higher
- Still need to calculate Food Cost %

 Find a way to meet *both* goals
 May need to lower your food cost through prep methods, smaller portion size, lower quality ingredients, etc.

Competition Pricing Method

1. Do your research -- all the time

- ✓ Watch DIRECT competitors closely
- ✓ Keep secondary competitors in mind
- Online reviews yours *and* theirs
 (Yelp, Trip Advisor, Zagat, Google Reviews)
- Review competitor websites, online menus
- Keep your ears open listen to customers, ask servers, talk to suppliers
- Get industry reports
- Field Research patronize the competition, take notes,

Competition Pricing Method

- 2. Evaluate/compare other concepts/operations to yours
- 3. Fix any obvious problems
- 4. Develop a strategic edge
 - Whenever possible, avoid competing on price alone
 - Develop your own strengths
 - Exploit competition's weaknesses

Competitor Pricing Survey

		Com	petitor Pricin	g Survey								
Competitor		Competitor #1	Competitor #2	Competitor #3	Competitor #4	Competitor #5	Competitor #6					
Distance (blocks or miles)										Price Points		
	Pour size (ounces)	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Average	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile	Max Price
Bottled beer												
Domestic	12	\$2.25	\$2.75	5 \$2.50) \$2.25	5 \$3.0	0 \$3.50	\$2.71	\$2.31	\$2.63	\$2.94	\$3.50
Premium domestic	12	\$1.00	\$1.25	5 \$1.50	\$5.00	\$6.0	0 \$7.00	\$3.63	\$1.31	\$3.25	\$5.75	\$7.00
Import	12	\$1.00)					\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
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Competitor Pricing Survey

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Competitor	Competitor #	1 Competitor #	2 Competitor #3	Competitor #4	Competitor #5	Competitor #6						
Distance (blocks or miles)	2 blk	1 mile	1/2 blk	Competitor #4	competitor #5	Competitor #0			Price Points			
	2 bit	1 mile	1/2 Bix							,		
	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Average	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile	Max Price	
Appetizers												
Item #1	\$4.95	\$5.95	\$5.95	\$4.50	\$6.50	\$7.95	\$5.97	\$5.20	\$5.95	\$6.36	\$7.95	
Item #2	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$3.63	\$1.31	\$3.25	\$5.75	\$7.00	
Item #3	\$1.00						\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Item #4	\$1.00						\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Item #5	\$1.00						\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Ent rée Sal ads												
Item #1	\$1.00						\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Item #2	\$1.00						\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Item #3	\$1.00						\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	-

Calculating Menu Item Price

Shrimp & Pasta dinner Competitor Pricing:

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				0.00	0.00				
		1	Plate cost	0.35	0.35				
				Total Cost	6.19				

Zynodoa \$32 Mill St Grill \$17.79 Kathy's \$12.95 Byer's Street Bistro \$15 Depot Grill \$19.99

Your Menu Price?

Demand-Driven Pricing





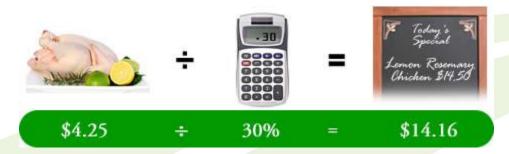








From Calculation to Actual Price

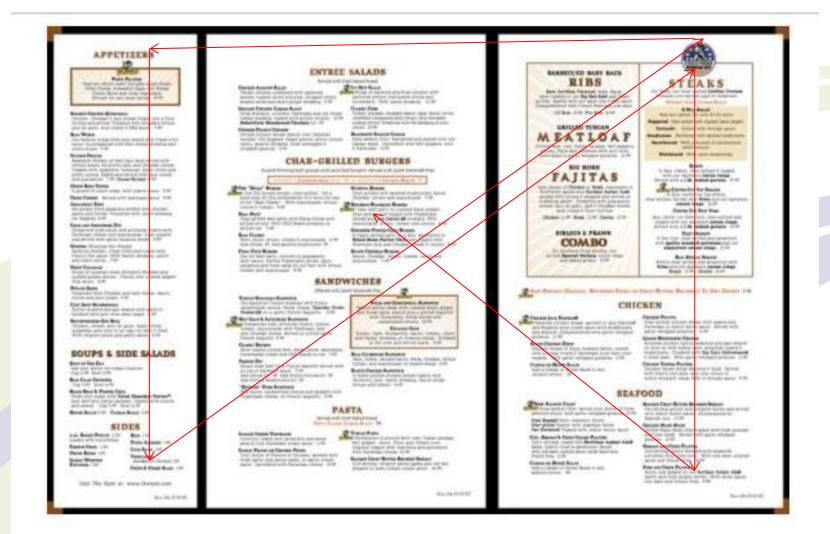


Food Cost ÷ COGS % = Menu Price

- \$14.16 is an odd (strange) Price Point
 - the two most common "last" numbers on menu prices are 5 and 9
- Psychological pricing \$4.99 vs \$5.00
 - "\$5" vs "\$5.00 \$2.49 vs \$2.99 \$7.95 vs \$8.25
 - Numbers to the left of the decimal
 - Numbers to the right of the decimal



Not Just Pricing - Profitability



Tweaking: Menu Design & Profitability

- Showcase high-profit items (< 3) in a box to highlight them
- Put your most profitable items as either the first two or last two in a list (customers remember these longer)
- Place popular, but cheap/low-profit items in less conspicuous spaces
- Keep prices in the body of the description paragraph, not off in a column to the side
- Try putting a very expensive item on the menu that is similar to another item which is less expensive but highly profitable

When you're not hitting your Ideal/Prime Cost % Target

You know the Target COGS based on your formulas...

How do you know your Realized COGS?

Statement of Income - Summary Full-service Restaurant Serving Food and Beverages Only

	Current Period		Year-To-Date			
	Am	ounts	%	ł	Amounts	%
SALES:						
Food	\$	95,400	79.5	\$	1,195,400	79.2
Liquor		8,900	7.4		116,800	7.7
Beer		6,850	5.7		81,400	5.4
Wine		7,590	6.3		95,650	6.3
Other Operating Income		1,210	1.0		19,750	1.3
Total Sales		119,950	100.0		1,509,000	100.0
COST OF SALES:				1/		
Food		30,300	31.8	K	390,850	32.7
Liquor		1,750	19.7		20,900	17.9
Bar Consumables		425	4.8		6,500	5.6
Beer		1,750	25.5		19,790	24.3
Wine		2,220	29.2		32,670	34.2
Total Cost of Sales	10 24	36,445	30.4	K	470,710	31.2
LABOR :						
Management		10,500	8.8		126,000	8.3
Staff		22,710	18.9		273,580	18.1
Employee Benefits		7,100	5.9		85,700	5.7
Total Labor	12	40,310	33.6	0 0 <u>-</u>	485,280	32.2
Prime Cost		76,755	64.0		955,990	63.4
Other Controllable Expenses:						
Direct Operating Expenses		6,200	5.2		86,400	5.7
Music & Entertainment		520	0.4		6,150	0.4
Marketing		1,680	1.4		22,580	1.5
Utilities		3,790	3.2		50,110	3.3
General & Administrative Expenses		5,800	4.8		65,950	4.4
Repairs & Maintenance	10	1,960	1.6	9 95	24,530	1.6
Total Other Controllable Expenses	32	19,950	16.6	2 a	255,720	16.9
Controllable Income		23,245	19.4		297,290	19.7
Non-Controllable Expenses:						
Occupancy Costs		10,500	8.8		128,600	8.5
Equipment Leases		1,750	1.5		21,000	1.4
Depreciation & Amortization		2,750	2.3		33,000	2.2
Total Non-Controllable Expenses		15,000	12.5	8 S	182,600	12.1
Restaurant Operating Income		8,245	6.9		114,690	7.6
Interest Expense		955	0.8		955	0.1
Other (Income)/Expense	-	(350)	(0.3)	a a <u>-</u>	(3,200)	(0.2)

OR



NOTE: All percentages are calculated as a percentage of Total Sales except Cost of Sales line items, which are based on their respective sales. Bar Consumables percentage is based on Liquor Sales.

Rules of Thumb – **Most Important**



Full Service Limited Service

65% or less 60% or less



Our menu changes daily based on what is locally and seasonally available. Below is a sample offering For specific menu items please contact us

SOUP I SALAD

Curried Yellow Squash Bisque 8 lemon whipped cream

Caesar Salad 8 mole hill bibb lettuce | parmesan reggiano | croutons

Mole Hill Bibb Salad 8 sweet corn | eberly pimento cheese | kettle corn roasted red pepper vinaigrette

Chef Salad 9 hard boiled egg | rock barn harn | combread croutons caromont boursin dressing SHARE THIS 🖪 🔽 🔛

ENTREE PLATES

Casta Line Stuffed Trout 25 rock barn chorizo & kale I chilled turnips I tarragon vinaigrette

Polyface Smoked Shallot & Cherry Glazed Chicken 25 hash browns | shervalley braised collard greens | jus lié AM Fog Mushrooms & Housemade Ravioli 2

sugar snap peas I harvest thyme pea shoots I pearl onion Autumn Olive Shepherd's Pie 24 around lamb I sweet corn | rosemary mashed polatoes

Pan Roasted Sea Scallops 29

Maybe 25 – 40 – 25 - 10



A Staunton Tradition Since 1952

HAMBURGERS

Thank you for choosing to visit Wright's today. Please remember that everything is prepared fresh when you order it. Our average service time is less than 15 minutes for most orders, but during our busy times, orders may take 20 minutes or more. We thank you for your visit to Wright's, and we hope you have a pleasant visit.

SUPERBURGER	3.49
Staunton's original since 1952. Two patties of pure ground beef (total quarter pound), real American cheese, shredded lettuce, and our own special sauce. Served on a seeded triple-decker bun.	
BACON-CHEESEBURGER Third Pound with American cheese and Bacon.	4.19
MUSHROOM-SWISS BURGER	4.19
Third Pound with Swiss cheese and Mushrooms.	
CAROLINA BURGER	4.19
Third Pound with American cheese, chili, onion and cole slaw.	

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nterest Expense	955	0.8	955	0.1	
Other (Income)/Expense	(350)	(0.3)	(3,200)	(0.2	



NOTE: All percentages are calculated as a percentage of Total Sales except Cost of Sales line items, which are based on their respective sales. Bar Consumables percentage is based on Liquor Sales.

When you're not hitting your Ideal/Prime Cost % Target

- Identify any Control Issues Keeping You from Hitting Your Target -- Then Correct Them
 - Waste
 - Portion Control
 - Receiving problems
 - Theft
 - Unrecorded sales
 - Accounting Error(s)
 - Outdated ingredient costs on recipe mapping

When you're not hitting your Ideal Cost % Target

- If not a Control Issue,
 - Raise Prices
 - Lower Costs
 - For labor intensive items, buy pre-prepared
 - For simple to fix items, prepare from scratch
 - Cut back staffing
 - Use less expensive ingredients
 - Reduce portion sizes
 - Use suggestive selling/menu design to increase # of menu items with higher profitability (shift the mix)

When you're not hitting your Ideal/Prime Cost % Target

Change the Target

- Prepared or from scratch?
- Less expensive ingredients.
- Reduced portions
- Menu engineering
- Vendor negotiation

When you're not hitting your Ideal Cost % Target

Evaluate Current Profitability

Fish	Food Cost	Selling Price	Food Cost %	Gross Profit
Halibut	\$2.75	\$12.79	21.5%	\$10.04
King Crab Legs	\$7.50	\$20.79	36.4%	\$13.29
Salmon	\$6.42	\$18.99	35.6%	\$11.57

What's Your Menu PQ ?

What is your Profitability Quotient (PQ)?

If you answer "no" to any of questions on the handout I have for you, you could be leaving thousands of dollars in gross profit on the table...

you could be missing out on as much as 15% of your gross profit

See: "What's your Menu PQ" by Banger Smith on SV SBDC site.