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Pizza Hut: Product-Process Matrix

With more than four thousand outlets worldwide, Pizza Hut is one of the world’s most famous pizza restaurant chains an my favorite center for delicious sbnacks. I have known Pizza Hut since I was ten when my dad fisrt took my family for Easter Holdiday at a nearby branch. The pizza restaurant chain is highly crowded with other considerably large players, including Papa Johns, Pizza Inn, Dominoes, and Little Caesar. Thus, the establishment has to maintain high levels of efficiency and productivity within its production process to gain a competitive advantage and remain profitable in the long run. It has to streamline its production process and ensure that it utilizes the best possible combination of resources, labor, and machinery to maintain success and ensure customer satisfaction.

According to the Product-Process Matrix proposed by Hughes and Wheelright, Pizza Hut falls within the lower right quadrant since it is characterized by high product volumes and relatively continuous production. Pizza is a fast-moving product with considerably high demand. Therefore, pizza restaurants need to keep up with the demand by structuring their production processes to fit the customer’s requirements while still maintaining resource efficiency. Being one of the restaurants experiencing kitchen efficiency challenges, understanding their position within the Product-Process Matrix can better inform the company’s production decisions and ensure that they attain a significant competitive advantage within the global pizza industry.

A conventional Pizza Hut kitchen is currently designed to support a linear flow of products as they move from raw materials to finished products. That is, an employee moves through different linear stages, adding toppings before finally putting the finished product in the oven. This assembly line design is highly effective and efficient in helping the establishments process the many orders placed. Also, it supports the creation of relatively standardized products within a category at a high output level. Its design also allows differentiation of products (Safizadeh, 1576). For instance, if the customer wants a vegetarian pizza, employees can skip other toppings and offer what clients require. Indeed, Pizza Hut’s kitchen layout is optimally designed for effectiveness and efficiency and conforms to the recommendations of the Product-Process Matrix.

Work Cited

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