

AIM: Solving word problems involving systems of equations-Day 2

13. Monthly demand for Curious George's is given by the equation $y = 8000 - 400x$, while monthly supply is given by the equation $y = 400x$, where x is the price in dollars. Find the price where the supply equals the demand, the **equilibrium price**.

$$y_1 = y_2$$

$$\boxed{10 + x = \$10}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8000 - 400x = 400x \\ + 400x \quad + 400x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{8000}{800} = \frac{800x}{800}$$

$$\boxed{10 = x}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ y = 400(10) \\ y = 4,000 \end{array}$$

4,000 supplies

Equilibrium Price: The supply of an item is equal the quantity demanded.

14. A grocer will supply y pounds of ground beef per day when the retail price is x dollars per pound, where $y = 200x + 60$. Consumer studies show that consumer demand for ground beef is y pounds per day, where $y = -150x + 900$. What is the price at which the supply is equal to the demand, the equilibrium price?

$$y_1 = y_2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Let } x = \\ \$ \text{ of supply} + 150x \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 200x + 60 = -150x + 900 \\ + 150x \quad + 150x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Let $y = \$$ of demand

$$\begin{array}{r} 350x + 60 = 900 \\ - 60 \quad - 60 \\ \hline 350x = 840 \\ 350 \quad 350 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{x = 2.4}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ y = 200(2.4) + 60 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{y = 540}$$