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This project is driven by the following client brief and specified required output

### PURPOSE AND CONTEXT
The Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia (DAFWA) has commenced the Agricultural Sciences R&D Fund (ASR&DF) project. This four year, $22.1 million project is funded by the State Government’s Royalties for Regions program. This investment will generate growth and productivity improvements for the Western Australia economy.

The Asian Century presents a clear opportunity for Western Australia’s agrifood sector. However, Western Australian agrifood businesses are being outperformed. Businesses from other competing countries and regions are growing faster in Asian markets. Western Australia needs to improve its competitiveness.

The project is cross-sectoral, reaching along the value chain from farms through to key markets worldwide. It includes grains, livestock, horticulture and irrigated agriculture, aquaculture, and food manufacturing. It also includes producers, processors, distributors, retailers, exporters, agribusiness service providers, marketers, investors and other supply chain participants.

The project is targeted at industry, grower groups and the Grower Group Alliance. The focus will be on industries, businesses and products most likely to contribute to repositioning the Western Australian agrifood industry. As agrifood production is predominantly a regional activity, this will drive prosperity for regional communities.

### PROBLEM
Western Australia has a handful of agrifood sectors that are internationally competitive and at global scale, for example grains. Beyond these, Western Australian agrifood sector businesses are mostly below scale and focused on domestic markets. As a result, such businesses have low productivity and are uncompetitive in world markets.

In addition, Western Australia still predominantly produces and exports bulk, raw material ingredients. Western Australia’s ingredient exports are then transformed into finished goods by firms elsewhere. Benchmarking with other high-income, developed countries, such as Denmark or Switzerland, implies Western Australia is underachieving in transforming its ingredients into products sold direct to consumers through retail and foodservice channels.

### DESIRED FUTURE
The Western Australian agrifood industry of the future will be acknowledged as amongst the world-leaders. Western Australia will rate with the trend setters in agrifood productivity, marketing and innovation. Western Australia will be compared against current agrifood leaders, including Denmark and the Netherlands.

The WA agrifood sector of the future will be led by businesses that have:

- World-class productivity
- Scalable, global competitive business models
- Strong and growing exports focused on Asia and the Middle East
- Excellent profitability, making capital available for reinvestment
- Differentiated products competing on more than price
- Integrated value chains reaching further into markets
- Highly capable leaders.

The growth performance and investment returns delivered by such businesses will help create a sustained flow of investment to underpin economic development in Western Australia.

The agrifood sector will offer a large number of high quality jobs in Western Australia. An internationally competitive agrifood sector will encourage young Western Australians to seek careers in the industry. The agrifood sector will be actively competing in the world’s most attractive markets.

### MEASURES OF SUCCESS
Industry sectors that have achieved international competitiveness demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Strong export value and volume growth
- High export as a proportion of total business turnover
- Large and growing contribution to the state and national economy
- Growing investment in R&D and innovation
- Increasing investment in international growth
- More integrated value chains through to the final consumer
- Growing wages in Western Australia and more high quality jobs
- Greater international recognition
- Greater revealed comparative advantage

### REQUIRED OUTPUT
To support Western Australia in achieving this success, this project will:

- Identify and describe international competitiveness
- Document the practices that characterise international competitiveness
- Define mechanisms to promote achievement of international competitiveness
- Recommend how DAFWA will support WA agrifood businesses to implement the key findings of the investigation to improve and achieve international competitiveness.

The results of this project will:

- Inform state government policy
- Improve state government co-investment in the agrifood sector
- Create wider awareness of the competitiveness challenge facing WA agrifoods
- Empower agrifood leaders to drive change
- Inform industry investment and strategy.
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Western Australia has a handful of agrifood sectors that are internationally competitive and at global scale, for example wheat, oats, canola. These sectors successfully export to the global market. Beyond these, Western Australian agrifood sector businesses are mostly below scale and focused on domestic markets or premium niche export markets. While these are legitimate positions, the sectors will struggle to contribute to the goal of doubling the value of the Western Australia agrifoods industry.

What is required to become globally competitive? How did peer countries or industries transform their industries? What is the Pathway to Competitiveness? What is required for Western Australia to expand beyond a handful of key sectors?

Western Australia is a trusted, modern, safe business environment with the climate, resources and know-how to successfully grow Agrifoods exports. What is required is a joint vision and a clear understanding of what is necessary for success.

This report identifies the key drivers of global competitiveness, highlights the practices that characterise international competitiveness and defines mechanisms to promote international competitiveness. It draws lessons from peer regions that have significantly increased production and competitiveness over a relatively short time period. Dairy activity in New Mexico, pork industry growth in Chile and agrifood growth in Peru all highlight what is possible.

International competitiveness is created by a range of key drivers:
1. available resources
2. world class production systems
3. efficient primary processing, efficient value added processing
4. accessible markets

Industry and government can’t impact all of these drivers individually. It is essential that all parts of the system work in unison, necessitating a holistic, whole-of-sector approach to achieving competitiveness.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The basis of agrifood competitiveness is having world-class production systems, achieving high yields from large operations using proven and scalable systems with a deep pool of skills and experience. Primary and value-added processing will in turn become more efficient as a flow on effect.

The report identifies solutions and activities for three groups: Firms, Industry/Grower Groups and Government.

Three potential positions exist for agrifoods firms going forward – Rockets, Sharks, Castles. Solutions and strategies for each will vary.

- Rockets embrace world-class operational systems and grow and change rapidly to achieve success at the front of the pack.
- Sharks continue with their existing models. These firms still require constant improvement but are under increasing pressure as they fight it out in the shark tank.
- Castles retreat to a niche position, defended through innovation and careful branding.

Industry groups can influence the world-class production system drivers through a range of mechanisms, as peer regions demonstrate.

Government mechanisms and solutions vary depending on economic worldview, potential options under all of the classes of drivers are given, under three options ranging from free market laissez-faire to an interventionist position.

The report deep-dives into five case studies to highlight and validate the reports’s observations. The Western Australian pork, dairy, potato, citrus and oat industries are assessed and benchmarked against peer regions who are achieving international competitiveness. This generates key insights and lessons towards achieving a Pathway to Competitiveness.
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### Appendix 2 - Peer Group Pathways Case Studies

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Western Australian agrifood export growth over the past decade has been poor

Source: UN Comtrade database; ABS; Coriolis analysis
Western Australia is not intensively farmed and peers suggest it has clear untapped capacity to produce and export more.

Source: CIA World Fact Book; Wikipedia; UN Comtrade database; ABS; Coriolis analysis
The government has set the goal of doubling agrifood value in real terms by 2025.

**VALUE OF AGRIFOOD PRODUCTION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA: HISTORICAL ACTUAL AND THREE MODELS FOR GROWTH**

A$; 82/83-12/13 actual; 12/13-24/25 model

- **Historical real value growth**: 0.5% CAGR*
- **Historical nominal value growth**: 4.2% CAGR

- **Business-As-Usual**: $0.4b @ 0.5% CAGR
- **Coriolis “Think Big” stretch target**: $14.6b @ 10% CAGR*
- **Required real growth**: $6.6b @ 5.9% CAGR

*Compound Annual Growth Rate; ABS 7503.0 Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced (various); ABS 7501.0 Value of Principal Ag Commodities Preliminary (various); ABARE Australian Fisheries Statistics (various years); WA Statistical Yearbook (various years); ABS 6401.0 Consumer Price Index; DAFWA Agrifood 2025+ material (various); Coriolis analysis.
Western Australia’s relatively small domestic market means this growth will need to come from growing exports.

**Model of Growth Required to Double Agrifood by 2025+**

- **Domestic Market**: 1-3% likely real growth based on population and income growth.
- **Exports**: Must grow 7-12% annually to achieve the target.

**Population of AU Relative to Select Target Markets (2015)**

- Source: DAFWA Agrifood 2025+ material (various); United Nations World Population Prospects, 2015; Coriolis analysis
In practice, growth will require some sectors to grow much larger, as other sectors have growth constraints.

**MODEL 1 – EVERYTHING DOUBLES**

- Simple story: “Rising tide lifts all ships”
- Assumes all sectors can double in the timeframe
- Unlikely in reality

**MODEL 2 – UNEVEN GROWTH TO ACHIEVE DOUBLE**

- More complex story: “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly”
- Assumes some sectors cannot grow significantly
- Other sectors will need to grow 5x or 10x to compensate
- Peer group regions suggest this is the likely outcome

Source: Coriolis
This project is targeted at agrifood sectors with the potential to grow five or ten times larger through a rapid expansion of exports to Asia.

SIMPLE GROWTH MODEL SHOWING 5X OR 10X GROWTH

Model: 2016

Source: Coriolis
Peer group regions demonstrate this level of growth is possible

PORK EXPORTS: SPAIN
US$m; 1982-2012

FROZEN POTATO EXPORTS: BELGIUM
US$m; 1982-2012

POULTRY MEAT EXPORTS: USA
US$m; 1982-2012

Source: UN FAO FAOStat database; Coriolis analysis
Market demand is not a challenge; key markets want everything Western Australia produces

**EA/SEA/SA/ME FOOD IMPORT VALUE FROM ALL SOURCES**

*US$m; 2013*

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<td>Oilseeds</td>
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<td>Oil and fat</td>
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<td>Fruit &amp; nuts</td>
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<td>Other food</td>
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**WESTERN AUSTRALIA FOOD EXPORT VALUE TO ALL DESTINATIONS**

*A$m; 2012-13*

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<td>Oilseeds</td>
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<td>Meat</td>
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*Note: Other food includes animal feeds; dairy excludes HS3501+; live animals includes non-food animals; will include inter-regional trade and products WA cannot produce*

*Source: UN Comtrade database (custom job); DAFF Food Statistics 2012-13 (Table 5.8); Coriolis analysis*
Western Australia has nine broad food & beverage platforms

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<th>Platform</th>
<th>Definition/Description</th>
<th>Example product categories</th>
<th>Exported in quantity from WA</th>
<th>Not exported in quantity from WA</th>
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<td>Beverages</td>
<td>Liquids produced and packaged for human consumption</td>
<td>Beer, Wine</td>
<td>Whiskey, Bottled water</td>
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<td>Processed foods</td>
<td>Highly processed and transformed foods, typically packaged &amp; consumer-ready; also other foods that do not fit elsewhere</td>
<td>?</td>
<td>Frozen pastry, Chocolate</td>
<td>09, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 2001-2008, 0409-0410</td>
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<td>06, 07, 09</td>
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<td>Dairy &amp; eggs</td>
<td>Products made from animal milk; eggs produced by poultry</td>
<td>UHT milk</td>
<td>Cheese, Butter</td>
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<td>Produce</td>
<td>Fruits, vegetables and nuts produced from plants in horticulture</td>
<td>Carrots</td>
<td>Almonds, Strawberries</td>
<td>07, 08</td>
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<td>Seafood</td>
<td>Sea life from wild capture and aquaculture; for human consumption</td>
<td>Rock lobster, Prawns</td>
<td>Salmon, Abalone</td>
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<td>Meat</td>
<td>Animal flesh eaten as food; live animals exported for slaughter</td>
<td>Live cattle, Beef, Lamb</td>
<td>Chicken, Duck</td>
<td>0102-0105, 02</td>
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<td>Oilseeds, oils &amp; fats</td>
<td>Grains and pulses grown primarily for the extract of their edible oils; processed oils and animal fats</td>
<td>Canola, Tallow</td>
<td>Safflower, Soya beans</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Animal foods &amp; feed</td>
<td>Animal fodder, animal feed preparations; excluding grains for animal foods</td>
<td>Hay</td>
<td>Canned pet food</td>
<td>0511, 1213, 1214, 23</td>
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<td>Grains</td>
<td>Cereal seeds harvested for human or animal consumption; including dry pulses</td>
<td>Wheat, Barley, Oats</td>
<td>Rice, Maize, Sorghum</td>
<td>10, 11</td>
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Note: Some of the fine detail of HS to two digit SITC is not perfect; analysis is limited and hampered by ABS trade data availability and confidentiality at state level; Photo credit (Dollar Photo)
Western Australian agrifood exports are dominated by grains, oilseeds, meat and seafood platforms; with other platforms emerging

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FOOD & BEVERAGE EXPORT VALUE BY PLATFORM**

*A$m; MAT 9/2015 (% of total)

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<th>Platform</th>
<th>Value (A$m)</th>
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<td>Grains</td>
<td>$3,002</td>
<td>(49%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Animal foods</td>
<td>$214</td>
<td>(4%)</td>
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<td>Oilseeds, oils &amp; fats</td>
<td>$875</td>
<td>(14%)</td>
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<td>Produce</td>
<td>$120</td>
<td>(2%)</td>
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<td>Meat/live</td>
<td>$1,100</td>
<td>(18%)</td>
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<td>Seafood</td>
<td>$492</td>
<td>(8%)</td>
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<td>Dairy &amp; Eggs</td>
<td>$48</td>
<td>(1%)</td>
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<td>Beverages</td>
<td>$43</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,120m</strong></td>
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**NOTE:** Does not include beer, for confidentiality reasons; Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (stat.abs.gov.au) (custom job/raw data); Coriolis analysis and classifications.
Export performance has varied by platform, with oilseeds standing out for rate of growth.
Platforms beyond cereals and oilseeds need to become more export driven

TEN YEAR WA EXPORT GROWTH MATRIX: ABSOLUTE GROWTH VS. COMPOUND GROWTH RATE VS. VALUE 2015
$A$m; 2005 vs. MAT 8/2015

0% - 10% 15% 20%

-5% - $200 $0 $200 $400 $600 $800 $1,000 $1,200 $1,400 $1,600

10y Absolute growth

SIZE OF BUBBLE = EXPORTS MAT 8/2015

NOTE: Does not include beer, for confidentiality reasons; Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (stat.abs.gov.au) (custom job/raw data); Coriolis analysis and classifications
Peer group countries demonstrate broad based growth across multiple platforms is possible.

TEN YEAR EXPORT GROWTH MATRIX: ABSOLUTE GROWTH VS. COMPOUND GROWTH RATE VS. VALUE 2015
US$m; 2005 vs. MAT 8/2015

Source: UN FAO Agstat database (custom job/raw data); Coriolis analysis and classifications

SIZE OF BUBBLE = EXPORTS MAT 8/2015
This project is focused on Western Australian agrifood sectors that are seeking a path to competitiveness.
Sectors seeking a pathway to competitiveness share a range of characteristics in common

### INDICATORS OF AGRIFOOD SECTOR COMPETITIVENESS

**Model: 2016**

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<td><strong>Producers</strong></td>
<td>- Small scale enthusiasts and hobbyists - Growing number of producers - Protected by biosecurity and distance</td>
<td>- Producers are low/mid-scale by global standards - Clear winners-and-losers emerging - Protected by biosecurity</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Production system &amp; business model</strong></td>
<td>- Lack of proven production systems - Selling breeding stock and genetics</td>
<td>- Most operators using an older or less efficient production system - More successful operators are beginning to transition to “best practice” global production model</td>
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<td><strong>Markets</strong></td>
<td>- Local prices above world prices - High-end, white tablecloth foodservice - Local and regional retailers - Exports tiny or non-existent</td>
<td>- Local prices above world prices - Most sold domestically with only a small percent exported - Sold nationally through Coles and Woolworths</td>
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<td><strong>Primary processing</strong></td>
<td>- Hobby/gourmet scale processing</td>
<td>- Industry consolidating around large primary processors seeking scale - Multiple-rounds of industry consolidation</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Value-added processing</strong></td>
<td>- Farmers-market scale</td>
<td>- Local entrepreneurial firms seeking scale</td>
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Source: Coriolis
A wide range of explanations and reasons are given for sectors that are unable to move beyond “seeking” competitiveness.

Why are we uncompetitive in export markets?

- Poor supply-chain integration?
- Lack a WA brand?
- High labour costs?
- Excessive red tape?
- High export costs & regulations?
- High price of land?
- High electricity costs?
- Water access and costs?
- Strict environmental regulations?
- Poor marketing?
- Lack skills & capabilities?
These explanations fail to explain why some sectors are competitive, while other very similar sectors are not.

EXAMPLES: WESTERN AUSTRALIAN EXPORT VALUE OF SELECT COMPARABLE PRODUCTS

*A$m; 2015 or as available

Source: DAFWA; APL
All rich, developed countries are high cost, with cumbersome, inefficient regulations; this does not cause a lack of competitiveness.

EXAMPLE: COMPETITIVENESS ISSUES IN BELGIUM

- High wage costs
- Excessive, burdensome EU regulations
- EFSA, EUROPHYT, and huge range of other red tape
- Price of inputs
- Price of packaging
- Price of land
- Not enough land
- Lack of skills & capabilities
- Need for industry-specific training

Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis analysis
Western Australian agrifood needs to face “The Elephant in the Room”

“Insulated” agrifood sectors have inefficient operations and are not competitive

LET’S LOOK AT EVERYTHING ELSE...

- Clean & Green
- Brand WA
- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Value Chains
- Seminars & Workshops
- Taskforces
- Niche, premium

Source: photo credit (Dollar Photo)
Western Australia’s agrifood market is “insulated” from competition by a wide range of factors.
There are clear signs when an agrifood sector is uncompetitive

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<th>“INSULATED” &amp; UNCOMPETITIVE</th>
<th>“EXPOSED” &amp; COMPETITIVE</th>
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| What basic economic theory (Econ 101) suggests... | - Inefficient  
- High prices  
- Uncompetitive (outside insulated area)  
- Lack scale | - Efficient  
- World prices  
- Competitive  
- At scale |
| What we would expect to see as a result | - Low/no exports; exports falling  
- Losing share in key markets  
- Imports growing  
- Trade deficit in product  
- Imports worth more per kg than exports  
- Global leaders leaving  
- Lack of reinvestment in processing  
- Falling industry capacity  
- Very little goes to processing | - High exports; exports growing  
- Gaining share in key markets  
- Imports falling  
- Exports worth more per kg than imports  
- Global leaders arriving  
- Continuous reinvestment in processing  
- Increasing industry capacity  
- Growing value-added sectors |

This is what un-competitive WA agrifood sectors look like

This is what competitive WA agrifood sectors look like
(e.g. wheat)
When “insulated” sectors try to export, they must cross a “competitiveness gap”
“Competitiveness Gap” is not theory; it can be easily demonstrated

Example: Global avocado exports: Volume vs. average export value per kg

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WA doesn’t have to become the world’s lowest priced producer of avocados – it just needs to get down to a price where it can capture market share from some of those who are currently lower – for example, NZ, USA and Spain.

Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis analysis and classifications
To escape the “competitiveness gap,” Western Australian agrifood sectors need to transition from a negative feedback loop to a positive one.
We accept the Productivity Commission’s definition of agricultural competitiveness

What is a competitive agricultural sector?

“Competitiveness is essentially about advantage in selling products in markets. This requires Australian farmers to be relatively more efficient producers than their many competitors, and for them to be backed up by efficient supply chains. Producing efficiently, in turn, involves Australian producers being exposed to international competition to spur innovation and productivity gains both to reduce costs and to develop products that consumers are prepared to pay for. It also depends upon the capacity to be flexible and to adapt swiftly to changing market conditions.

An internationally competitive agricultural sector (as for other sectors of the economy) requires policies and institutional frameworks that facilitate innovation, least-cost production, efficient risk management and the allocation (and reallocation) of resources such as land, water and management skills to areas of production and investment with the highest expected net returns. Generally speaking, appropriate incentives will be provided by open, competitive markets and efficient (non-distorted) price signals.” Submission to the Agricultural Competitiveness Taskforce, Australian Government Productivity Commission, April 2014
International agricultural competitiveness can be demonstrated and measured by changes in export market share, both at the overall agrifood level and at the category or segment level.

**SHARE OF TOTAL GLOBAL AGRIFOOD TRADE: USA VS. FRANCE**

- The United States is the largest agrifood exporter in the world. The US achieves a large (10.6%) global agrifood export market share and is taking global export market share from competitors. Therefore, the United States has growing overall agrifood competitiveness.

- France has fallen from being the second largest agrifood exporter in 2004 to fifth place in 2014. Therefore, France has declining overall agrifood competitiveness.

**SHARE OF GLOBAL DAIRY CATEGORY TRADE: GERMANY VS. NZ**

- Germany is the largest dairy exporter in the world. However it has declining global share. Therefore it is losing competitiveness in dairy to competitors.

- New Zealand is the second largest dairy exporter in the world. New Zealand is taking global export market share from competitors. Therefore, Zealand has growing overall agrifood competitiveness.

Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis classifications and analysis
On this measure, the overall competitiveness of Western Australia is flat-to-declining over the past decade.

Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis classifications and analysis
However Western Australia has strong market share in a number of products where it is highly competitive and has a clear comparative advantage.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SHARE OF GLOBAL EXPORT TRADE: SELECT AGRIFOOD PRODUCTS**

% of value; 2014

- **WHEAT (HS1001)**
  - WA: 7%
  - ROW: 93%

- **ROLLED OATS (HS110412)**
  - WA: 6%
  - ROW: 94%

- **LAMB/SHEEP MEAT (HS020410-43)**
  - WA: 6%
  - ROW: 94%

- **ROLLED OATS (HS110412)**
  - WA: 33%
  - ROW: 67%

- **LIVE ROCK LOBSTER (HS030621)**
  - WA: 2%
  - ROW: 98%

- **CANOLA SEEDS (HS120510)**
  - WA: 6%
  - ROW: 94%

*ROW = Rest of World; Source: UN Comtrade database; ABS data (various); Coriolis classifications, analysis and estimates*
International competitiveness is created by a range of key drivers

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Industry and government can influence drivers of international competitiveness

**DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS**
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**AVAILABLE RESOURCES**
- Available Land
- Available Water
- Available Labour
- Available Key Inputs

**WORLD-CLASS PRODUCTION SYSTEMS**
- High Yields
- Large Operations
- Proven/scalable Systems
- Skills & Experience

**EFFICIENT PRIMARY WHOLESALE/PROCESSING**
- Efficient & Productive
- At Scale
- Close to Production Areas

**EFFICIENT VALUE-ADDED PROCESSING**
- Efficient & Productive
- At Scale
- Linked Into Markets

**ACCESSIBLE MARKETS**
- Local/Regional
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Internationally competitive regions have readily available resources to produce foods.

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<td>- Freehold property</td>
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<td>- Climate change impacting production</td>
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<td>- Multiple, conflicting, uncoordinated layers of government with multiple objectives and multiple regulations</td>
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<td>- New land/resources available to bring into production</td>
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<td><strong>Available Water</strong></td>
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<td>- Minimises risk</td>
<td>- Climate change impacting water supplies</td>
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<td>- Consistent, stable rainfall or seasonally recharged irrigation water</td>
<td>- Stability/certainty of supply (e.g. for processor)</td>
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<td>- Competitively priced water relative to peer group competition</td>
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<td>- Cost control</td>
<td>- Low population in rural regions</td>
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<td>- Labour pay relative to labour productivity</td>
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Internationally competitive regions have world-class production systems

**DETAILS OF KEY DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS: WORLD-CLASS PRODUCTION SYSTEMS**

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| **High Yields** | - Best practice operation management around yield  
- Genetics most suited to production system and climate  
- Access to highest performance genetics available from largest/deepest breeding pool | - Efficient conversion of inputs to outputs  
- Not disadvantaged against competition  
- Time is money | - Biosecurity (e.g. no access to non-Australian pig genetics)  
- Poor/weak global pool not improving at rate of competing products (e.g. lamb vs. chicken)  
- No access to IP-controlled genetics |
| **Large Operations** | - Large, modern operations  
- Large operations at or above key competitors scale  
- Small number of large operations (not vice versa)  
- Specifically designed and focused on single product | - Lower production costs per unit  
- Higher yields  
- Better processes, systems and management (on average) | - Barriers to operation consolidation  
- Anti-corporate agribusiness legislation  
- Rate of operation sales and operational exits  
- Attitudes and opinions |
| **Proven/scalable Systems** | - Proven, reproducible models in place delivering strong real-world results  
- World-class systems available  
- Easy access to latest specialised equipment & technology  
- Systems operating at minimum required scale | - De-risk operations  
- Higher productivity  
- Global best practice  
- Not disadvantaged | - Lack of minimum local scale to implement  
- Lack of required skills  
- Lack of required equipment or technology  
- No proven model exists (e.g. bush foods)  
- Multiple, conflicting, uncoordinated layers of government with multiple objectives |
| **Skills & Experience** | - Deep pool of local skilled operators  
- Strong industry training programs and systems  
- Regular uptake of new global best practice | - Readily available labour  
- Enable rapid growth and expansion | - Local pool cut off from global best practice by distance, culture or attitudes  
- Local pool under some critical threshold and therefore not self-sustaining  
- Immigration laws preventing arrival of new skills suited to new products/systems |
Internationally competitive regions have efficient primary wholesaling and primary processing

### DETAILS OF KEY DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS: EFFICIENT PRIMARY WHOLESALE/PROCESSING

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| **Efficient & Productive** | - Wholesaling, bulk handling and primary processing activities are efficient and productive  
- Using latest modern equipment and efficient systems  
- Deep knowledge and capabilities | - Lower cost  
- Higher productivity | - Small scale operations  
- Undercapitalised operations unable to reinvest in improvements  
- Local operations cut off from global best practice by distance, culture or attitudes |
| **At Scale** | - Large scale wholesaling/bulk handling and/or primary processing activities  
- Large, high productivity facilities  
- Operations at or above key competitors scale | - Lower costs per unit | - Low local production volume restricting scale of local processing |
| **Close to Production Areas** | - Wholesaling/processing centrally located in production area (rather than a significant number widely distributed)  
- Operations located within close distance to first point of handling/processing | - Logistics efficiency  
- Transport costs per unit | - Distorting effect of historic government interference in markets (e.g. freight equalisation) |
Internationally competitive regions have efficient value-added processing occurring

**Details of Key Drivers of International Competitiveness: Efficient Value-Added Processing**  
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- Using latest modern equipment and efficient systems  
- Deep knowledge and capabilities  
- Innovative new product development occurring in region | - Lower cost  
- Higher productivity | - Small scale operations  
- Undercapitalised operations unable to reinvest in improvements  
- Local operations cut off from global best practice by distance, culture or attitudes |
| **At Scale** | - Value-added processing activities occurring in region at minimum scale required to be competitive  
- Operations are large, high productivity facilities  
- Operations are at or above scale of key competitors that are gaining or driving share and market growth | - Lower costs per unit | - Low local production volume restricting scale of local processing  
- Limited number support services and input suppliers |
| **Linked Into Markets** | - Key value-added producers have solid, stable route-to-market and in-market sales force  
- Regular, on-going interface with in-market retailers and consumers  
- Presence of global leaders in the region | - Sales growth  
- Reduced transaction costs  
- Increased innovation | - Small scale local processors isolated from world markets  
- Lack of regular flow of global market information back to regional processors (e.g. trends; NPD*; new flavours)  
- Lack of connections into key global input or ingredient suppliers (e.g. flavour houses) |

*New Product Development*
Internationally competitive regions have a range of accessible markets

### DETAILS OF KEY DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS: ACCESSIBLE MARKETS

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| Local/Regional      | - Competitive and robust local/regional market  
                      - Sophisticated and discerning customers  
                      - Multiple channels and retailers | - Test bed/nursery for new product development (NPD)  
                      - Guaranteed minimum volumes and sales | - Small local markets  
                      - Very limited local demand for product (e.g. not used in local cuisine) |                    |
| National/Trade Bloc| - Large pool of regional consumers  
                      - Ready access via regional trade agreement | - Drive volume  
                      - Available pool of customers  
                      - Easy, gradual expansion | - Internal barriers to trade such as transport distances or cost  
                      - Language or cultural barriers |                    |
| Export Markets      | - Low/reduced tariffs into key markets  
                      - Large number of high quality trade agreements  
                      - Regular and available transport and shipping solutions  
                      - Minimum scale required to export product in efficient quantities | - Enables export growth | - Poor quality trade agreements with limited agrifood access  
                      - Presence of significant non-tariff trade barriers  
                      - Currency risks |                    |
As an example, the Norwegian salmon industry delivers on all key international competitiveness drivers.

### EXAMPLE: DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS OF NORWEGIAN SALMON INDUSTRY

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<td>25,148km of coastline</td>
<td>Centre of global breeding</td>
<td>Very high levels of automation</td>
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<td>26.4m people in Scandinavia</td>
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<td>Achieves 1,400 litre</td>
<td>78 firms/974 operations</td>
<td>Top 3 =49%/Top 10 = 71%</td>
<td>Largest global value-added</td>
<td>Member of EEA/EFTA</td>
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<td>freshwater per kg edible meat</td>
<td>1,292t/operation</td>
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<td>processors controlled by</td>
<td>513m people in EU/EFTA</td>
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<td>(vs. 15,400 l/kg for cattle)</td>
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<td>5.2m people in Norway</td>
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<td>3 of top 5 global processors in</td>
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<td>Exporting systems globally</td>
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Source: Marine Harvest; UN Comtrade database; CIA World Factbook; Glitnir; Coriolis analysis and estimates
This report now documents the firm/industry level practices that characterise international competitiveness that competitiveness seeking agrifood sectors in WA will need to adopt.

**DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS**

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**PRIMAIRLY DRIVEN BY INDUSTRY**
For Western Australia to be globally competitive, it needs to have world-class production systems.

**DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS: WORLD-CLASS PRODUCTION SYSTEMS**

*Model: 2016*

- High Yields
- Large Operations
- Proven/scalable Systems
- Skills & Experience

This is the engine of agrifood competitiveness.

This is where competitiveness starts.
Western Australia needs to dramatically **increase yields** to achieve competitiveness.
Western Australian agrifood sectors are typically about 25 years behind peers in yield.

**Average Pig Carcass Weight at Slaughter: Western Australia vs. Chile**

Kg/animal; 1961-2013; 2014-2037

- **Past**
  - Western Australia: Actual; 1961-2013
  - Chile: Actual; 1961-2013

- **Potential Future**
  - Model for WA (based on Chile’s performance)

**CAGR** 1.7%

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; UN FAO AgStat database; Australian Pig Annual 2012-13; Coriolis analysis and estimates
Agriculture is rapidly shifting to larger operational units

EXAMPLE: SHARE OF HOGS PRODUCED BY OPERATIONAL UNIT SIZE
% of head in inventory; 1974-2012

Source: USDA; Coriolis analysis
Outside of a handful of sectors, Western Australian agribusiness sectors are sub-scale relative to global peers.

Example: Potato Operation Size - Estimated WA by Operator vs. Average Large Idaho

Hectare; 2013

The average large production unit in Idaho has more potato area than the total WA industry\(^1\).

\(^1\) They also achieve higher yields per hectare; Source: Estimated from ACIL Allen Consulting “Regulation and the potato industry in WA” March 2014; p6-7 ware production by grower used to allocate total area pro-rata (including processing); known flaws in methodology – treat as directional; Coriolis estimates and analysis.
Western Australia needs more large scale operations to reach global competitiveness

**PIGS PRODUCED/OPERATION: WA VS. UT**
*Pigs sold/operation; 2014 or 15*

- Utah - large operator: 163,757
- Western Australia: 4,603
- Utah is 36 times more productive than Western Australia

**POTATOES/OPERATION: WA/AU VS. WA/USA**
*Tonnes/operation; 2014 or 15*

- Washington - large operator: 174,290
- Western Australia: 1,095
- Washington is 160 times more productive than Western Australia

Source: USDA ERS/NASS (various reports); ABS 7120.0; Coriolis analysis
In many peer regions, a few large operational units produce more than Western Australia. 

**PIGS PRODUCTION: 95 WA VS. 2 UT**
*Tonnes; 2014 or 15*

- 2 large Utah pig operations: 30,692
- 95 WA pig units: 38,397
- -20% decrease

**POTATOES: 60 WA/AU VS. 1 WA/US**
*Tonnes; 2014 or 15*

- 1 large Washington potato operation: 174,290
- 60 Western Australian potato units: 65,713
- 2.7x increase

Source: USDA ERS/NASS (various reports); Dairy Australia; ABS 7120.0; Coriolis analysis
Agribusiness is a dynamic industry undergoing a fundamental long-term shift to larger production units.

**SIMPLIFIED MODEL OF EVOLUTION OF OPERATIONAL UNIT SIZE**
*Model: 2016*

Source: Coriolis
Large scale integrated grower/packer/shipper are emerging; as an example, Wonderful Citrus alone packs thirty-three times more citrus than Western Australia.

**EXAMPLE: WONDERFUL CITRUS GROWER/PACKER/SHIPPER**

2015 or as available

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**Growing**

- **Own Orchards**
  - 19,000+ hectare
  - Similar in size to total Australian citrus area

- **Contract growers**
  - Seasonal or multi-year contracts

- **Agribusiness Operations Management**
  - Irrigation, pest management, orchard management, etc.

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**Packing**

- 4 regional packhouses & coolstores
- California (2); Mexico (1); Texas (1)
- 500,000t/year throughput
- 25m cartons shipped
- 15m cartons in CA
- Citrus packing operation in Delano world’s largest
- Recently spent $200m for new plant/equip

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**Marketing**

- **Branding & IP**
- Own mandarin brand
- Own mandarin genetics
- Own red grapefruit brand

- **Marketing**
- Spending US$100m on mandarin marketing campaign in 2013-2018
- Sold at 200,000 point-of-sale locations

- **Sales**
- Sell directly to retailers
- 200+ sales & merchandising employees
- Shared with POM

- **Logistics**
- In-house transportation staff
- Dedicated national carriers

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**Source:** Coriolis from a range of sources
WHY? Large scale operations achieve higher yields

EXAMPLE: POTATO YIELD PER HECTARE BY TOTAL OPERATION SIZE: WASHINGTON STATE
Tonnes/ha; 1964-2012

Source: USDA ERS/NASS (various reports); Coriolis analysis

WHY?
- Better management on average on larger operations; good (profitable) operations buy out bad (unprofitable) operations
- Better systems
- Better equipment
WHY? Large scale operations have lower costs

UNITED STATES MILK PRODUCTION COST PER LITRE BY OPERATION SIZE
US$/litre; 2014

- Labour includes market value of operators time ("opportunity cost of unpaid labour")
- Feed cost includes market value of on-site harvested feed and grazed feed
- Capital recovery is on machinery, equipment, housing, feed storage structures, and dairy breeding herd
- While there are savings across the board for larger operations, labour and capital recovery stand out
- Business favours overhead spread across more volume
- Larger operators will also be, all other things being equal, better operators (producing higher returns therefore driving consolidation)

Source: USDA ERS; Coriolis analysis
WHY? Large scale operations are more profitable

UNITED STATES MILK PRODUCTION COST & PROFIT PER CWT BY OPERATION SIZE
US$/litre; 2014

Note: Income varies slightly by operation size (due to mix; e.g. breeding cows); Source: USDA ERS; Coriolis analysis
As Western Australia increases its agribusiness operational competitiveness, primary processing will become more efficient, which will in turn attract value-added processing to the region and build a stronger industry.

**DRivers of International Competitiveness:**

*Model: 2016*

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**World-Class Production Systems**
- High Yields
- Large Operations
- Proven/scalable Systems
- Skills & Experience

**Efficient Primary Wholesale/Processing**
- Efficient & Productive
- At Scale
- Close to Production Areas

**Efficient Value-Added Processing**
- Efficient & Productive
- At Scale
- Linked Into Markets
Western Australia needs larger, modern plants that are more efficient with higher labour productivity.

**EXAMPLE: BASIC PLANT METRICS: NEW LARGE US PLANT VS. CRAIG MOSTYN**

*Head; people; 2015*

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+46% more

Source: Seaboard/Triumph press release May 2015; industry interviews; industry sources; Coriolis estimates and analysis
However, Western Australian plant size and throughput is a function of regional production.

**MILK PRODUCTION: NZ VS. WA**  
Litres; m; 2014 or 15  
- New Zealand: 19,261
- Western Australia: 364

**# OF PROCESSING PLANTS*: NZ VS. WA**  
Plants; 2015  
- New Zealand: 25
- Western Australia: 3

**MILK PER PLANT: NZ VS. WA**  
Litres/plant; m; 2014 or 15  
- New Zealand: 776
- Western Australia: 121

* At scale; Source: Dairy Australia; Dairy New Zealand; Coriolis analysis
Competitive regions attract successful new market entrants, not just global leaders

**IDAHO**

**New milk protein concentrate (MPC) factory**

- New start-up market entrant 2009
- Founded by three dairy operators with 18 dairies, 100,000 cows and 1,200m L of milk between them
- 220,000 sqft.; cost $120m
- Produces 42m kg powder/year
- Increased Idaho capacity 7.5% (state production is growing at 7% pa)
- Streamlined supply chain; 100% operation to customer lot tracked

**IDAHO**

**New milk powder factory**

- Initially formed as co-op of six operators in 2001
- Six dairy owners have 20 dairies, 40,000 cows, 18,200ha (for feed production) and 600m L within 50 km of plant
- 20 supplying dairies range in size from 800 to 10,000 cows/unit; milked three times per day
- Opened milk powder plant in 2008; 130 employees
- Expanded in Oct 2012 with addition of butter processing (+50,000 sqft)
- Turnover now US$260m (‘14)

**NEW ZEALAND**

**New milk powder factory**

- Founded by Maori tribal trusts
- Supplied by 50,000 cows, including 6 Maori shareholder entities with 20,000 cows between them; 80% of suppliers within 50 km
- Uses local geothermal energy
- Powder plant opened in 2011 and processes 210m L of milk annually
- Recently added a UHT milk factory
- Vinamilk (#1 Vietnam dairy company) became a 19.3% shareholder
- Contract packing for Shanghai Pengxin (Chinese-owned local dairy operations)
- Turnover now NZ$247m (‘14)
WA currently predominantly exports ingredients, and large amounts of WA exports go to the back door of a factory (or wet market or feedlot)

**MAJOR WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AGRIFOOD EXPORTS BY LEVEL OF PROCESSING**
*Model: 2015*

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- 93% of exports
- 7% of exports

*Source: Coriolis*
Unlike Western Australia, most rich countries primarily export finished goods – shelf-ready packaged products with a bar code.
Western Australia will attract value-added processing plants when it has low cost inputs

POTATO YIELD
Tonnes/hectare; 2014 or 15

WASHINGTON
- Lamb Weston
  - Connell
  - Moses Lake
- Simplot
  - Othello
- Frito Lay
  - Vancouver, WA

BELGIUM
- Agristo
  - Harelbeke
- Farm Frites
  - Sint-Truiden
- Clarchout
  - Nieuwekerke
- Mydibel
  - Mouscron
- McCains
  - Grobbendonk
- Frito Lay
  - Leuze-en-Hainaut
- Roger & Roger
  - Sint-Eloois-Vijve

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
- Simplot
  - Closed
- McCains
  - Closed

Source: ABS (7121.0); UN FAO AgStat database; Coriolis interviews, analysis and classifications
This section focuses on mechanisms available for (1) firms, (2) industry and (3) government to promote agrifood competitiveness.
First, mechanisms available to agribusiness operators to promote agrifood competitiveness
Western Australian agribusiness operators have three potential pathways on the road ahead

**ROCKETS**
- Embrace the large-scale operational model
- Rapid implementation of best practice global model
- Develop clear vision and strategy
- Will suit well capitalised corporate agribusiness operators and younger operators willing to embrace change

**SHARKS**
- Continue with existing model
- Constant improvements over time
- Continuous, ongoing price pressure
- 5% of operators exiting the sector every year

**CASTLES**
- Migration to a defensible, profitable niche position
- Potential options include organic, free range, heritage breeds and gourmet/specialty lines
- Retreat to safe niche position
- Small & innovative
Agribusiness operators must choose a strategic positioning or the market will choose one for them.
In the “Race for Space,” for businesses to become competitive they must grow and change rapidly.

**PLAN AND FUND GLOBAL BEST MODELS**
- Screen climatic peers for global best practice models
- Conduct study tour of identified short list
- Identify key equipment
- Explore potential JV partners
- Develop business case/plan
- Identify best WA location
- Raise additional funding as required
- Contract leading global systems firms to design project

**CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE WORLD SCALE OPERATIONS**
- Negotiate regulatory landscape
- Contract outsourced construction
- Bring in skilled and experienced operators (particularly during the first 6 months)
- Iron out bugs

**DEVELOP MARKETS IN STAGES**
- Bring volume online in stages
- Initially target protected/insulated WA market which will be highly profitable (for a large operators with high yields)
- Expand into Eastern Australia markets through national contracts/retailers
- Expand into export in stages
  - Initially target high income Singapore markets
  - Expand into Malaysia and Thailand
  - Expand into Hong Kong and China
Firms operating in the shark tank must strive for constant improvement and efficiency gains; by default most Western Australian operations in “competitiveness seeking” sectors will be in this position.

- Understand relative performance vs WA and AU competitors
- Set performance targets and goals, particularly around:
  - Yield
  - Cost of doing business (CODB)
  - Return on assets (ROA)

MEASURE AND SET TARGETS

- Increase yields
- Reduce costs
- Results in higher income
- Reinvest in cost reduction initiatives
- Continuously maintain position in top quartile in terms of measured metrics

EXPAND AND CONSOLIDATE

- Drive industry consolidation
- Acquire new production capacity (land, equipment)
- Continuously maintain position in top quartile in terms of operation size
- Acquire new operations near processing plants; exit locations distant from processing/handling

IMPROVE CONTINUOUSLY
Firms in the “castle” must develop a unique product while continuously improving and being creative

IDENTIFY DEFENSIBLE MARKET OPPORTUNITY

- Screen leading global markets for next big thing (in category and overall)
  - Leading retailer (Wholefoods, Sainsbury)
  - Global food magazines (e.g. Gourmet)
  - Visit one or more global food shows
- Long term defensible niches, reliant on difficult production systems

IMPROVE CONTINUOUSLY

- Increase yields
- Reduce costs
- Resulting higher income
- Reinvest in cost reduction initiatives
- Continuously develop and refine consumer-facing story

DEVELOP CREATIVE MONETISATION

- Focus on high end retail and foodservice
- Add value through small scale processing:
  - Small scale specialty (e.g. cheese)
  - Liquor/alcohol
  - Jams/jellies/dried
- Develop alternative channels
  - Local rural market
  - Gate/cellar door/ factory door
  - Mail order/website sales/direct sales
- Develop multiple complementary income streams:
  - Rural stay/rural B&B
  - Wine and Food trail stop
  - Café/small shop
  - Factory tour
The three potential strategies have different challenges/risks and are each suited to operators with different characteristics

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Second, this document looks at mechanisms available to industry to promote agrifood competitiveness.
Industry bodies or groups can only directly impact and change “world-class production systems” drivers

**DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS THAT CAN BE DIRECTLY INFLUENCED BY INDUSTRY GROUPS**

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Can indirectly influence through lobbying, etc.
Industry groups drive the vision for the sector, they have a range of potential options available to impact the drivers of world-class production systems

### POTENTIAL OPTIONS FOR INDUSTRY/GROWER GROUPS TO IMPACT KEY DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS
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| **High Yields** | - Industry-funded targeted research projects  
- Industry funded/managed breeding programmes  
- Seminar/masterclass in best practice  
- Sharing benchmarking data  
- Demonstration projects  
- Open days at leading producers operations  
- Organising global study tours |
| | - Denmark – Danish Agriculture & Food Council owns SEGES research and innovation centre; Pig Research Centre  
- Ireland – Irish Cattle Breeding Federation funding two animal DNA-testing companies to undertake world’s biggest cattle genotyping project to improve Ireland’s herd |
| **Large operations** | - Demonstration projects  
- Organise global study tours  
- Facilitation of industry consolidation  
- Ensure industry levies/funding proportional to production not per operation |
| | - USA – Ohio operation Bureau co-sponsor agricultural tours of Israel; tour state-of-art facilities, experienced innovative technology and participated in international tradeshows  
- Netherlands – Courage, founded by NZO and LTO Netherlands to strengthen position of dairy through fundamental modernization |
| **Proven/scalable Systems** | - Build/support/develop demonstration projects  
- Organise global study tours  
- Commission and sponsor Research project |
| | - New Zealand – Dairy NZ operate own research operations and work with partners to trial new ideas  
- USA – Sunbelt Ag Expo has 600 acre year round research operation; mission is to emphasise latest agricultural technology |
| **Skills & Experience** | - Develop and support industry training, both for new entrants and refresher courses  
- Deliver seminars and workshops  
- Work with local education providers to develop specialist courses  
- Sponsor specialist education  
- Provide scholarships |
| | - Ireland – FDII Skillnet; network of companies in sector collaborating in purchasing and designing training programs to help resolve outstanding training needs and improve competitiveness; led and managed by businesses themselves  
- UK – Food and Drink Federation in partnership have developed MEng Food Engineering degree |
Third, this research now looks at potential mechanisms available to government to promote the achievement of agrifood competitiveness.
Opinions about potential government “mechanisms to promote achievement of international competitiveness” varies based on economic worldview; the authors make no recommendations.

“Free Market Libertarian”

“If you put the federal government in charge of the Sahara Desert, in 5 years there’d be a shortage of sand.” Milton Friedman, Nobel Prize winning economist

“Singaporean-style Interventionist”

“I ignore polling as a method of government. I think that shows a certain weakness of mind... If you are unwilling to force your people to follow you, with or without threats, you are not a leader.” Lee Kuan Lee, former Prime Minister of Singapore

Industry stakeholders interviewed for this project gave a wide range of opinions – across this total spectrum - for how the government could help.
Government has a range of potential mechanisms available to ensure adequate resources are available.

**POTENTIAL OPTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT TO IMPACT KEY DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS**  
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| Available Land | - “Get out of the way” “reduce taxes”  
- Reduce environmental regulation  
- Reduce paperwork and red tape  
- Eliminate or merge overlapping agencies  
- Sell the 93% of Western Australia owned by the government | - Taskforce to review land availability  
- White paper or discussion paper on land reform options | - Government navigates government rules & regulations to create large lease-hold land parcels; auction these off  
- Potentially managed on behalf of aboriginal peoples (cf. Sealord deal in NZ) |
| Available Water | - Separate water rights from land rights; make water rights tradeable  
- Auction off water rights completely  
- Develop a water market and sell all water annually | - Fund additional research on available water  
- Develop options paper for best practice in sustainable water use and management | - Build large scale dams and aqueduct in public/private partnership |
| Available Labour | - Allow in more immigrants  
- Reduce the minimum wage  
- Better guest workers program (e.g. skilled operation workers not “lazy” European students) | - Provide information to industry stakeholders explaining current regulations to assist in compliance | - Fund structured and focused training program targeting growth sectors  
- Co-investment in automation technology |
| Available Key Inputs | - Reduce restrictions on foreign investment  
- Reduce restrictions on industry mergers to allow for scale increasing consolidation | - Commission research to identify key inputs required to improve competitiveness across sectors | - Build low-cost, global-scale input production facilities in public/private partnership with industry (e.g. feed mill) |
Government has a range of potential mechanisms available to support the use of world-class production systems.

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- Dramatically reduce or eliminate biosecurity  
- Tax biosecure industries to remove excessive profitability | - Encourage operator to consider alternative options  
- Fund research into causes of low WA yields in sectors seeking competitiveness  
- Fund global study tour for industry leaders to high yield regions | - Government navigates global best genetics through government-imposed biosecurity  
- Public/private partnership to build modern, world-best operations |

| Large operations | | |
| - “Get out of the way” “reduce taxes”  
- Remove subsidies supporting small operations (e.g. drought relief) | - Commission research on viable options for smaller operations  
- Fund global study tour for industry leaders to climatically-similar regions with larger operations | - Public/private partnership to build world-scale operations |

| Proven/scalable Systems | | |
| - “Get out of the way” “reduce taxes”  
- Tax-breaks on depreciation  
- Remove restrictions on foreign investment | - Commission research on production systems suited to Western Australia  
- Fund global study tour for industry leaders | - Subsidies and incentives to key global systems builders to locate in WA  
- Public/private partnership to build world-scale operations |

| Skills & Experience | | |
| - Allow in more skilled immigrants with agricultural skills  
- Reduce the minimum wage to encourage employers to take on and training unskilled workers | - Launch producer/processor working group on industry skills development  
- Encourage existing Universities and education providers to “beef-up” agricultural programs  
- Ensure programs focus on needs of industry | - Actively target and recruit best global skills for immigration to Western Australia  
- Build and support world-class agricultural college |
Government has a range of potential mechanisms available to encourage efficient wholesaling and processing exist.

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Government has a range of potential mechanisms available to enable access to markets

### POTENTIAL OPTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT TO IMPACT KEY DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS

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- Reduce land use restrictions and regulations  
- Remove restrictions on foreign investment  
- Remove restrictions on mergers to allow for further industry consolidation and scale | - Fund collective wholesaling operations or facilities (e.g. Perth Market)  
- Government fund to co-invest with global leaders in new, world-class retailing in state (e.g. Whole Foods; Lidl) |

| **National/Trade Bloc** | - Remove remaining interstate regulations and restrictions on agrifood  
- Harmonise agrifood regulations nationally  
- Reduce/eliminate ANZFA regulations  
- Privatise AQIS export-related activities; allow competition | - Invest in world-class interstate transport infrastructure  
- Expand Australia-New Zealand CER free-trade zone to include Singapore and Malaysia; merge with ASEAN |

| **Export Markets** | - “Get out of the way” “reduce taxes”  
- Negotiate better trade access  
- Privatise ports  
- Negotiate removal of foreign biosecurity  
- Remove restrictions on foreign investment  
- Remove restrictions on mergers to allow for further industry consolidation and scale | - Public/private partnership to upgrade and expand regional ports to support agrifood in  
- Negotiate better trade access |

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All parts of WA agrifood sectors seeking competitiveness – businesses, industry and government – must work together to improve and achieve international competitiveness
DAFWA can support WA agrifood businesses to implement the key findings in four ways

**PROMOTE**
Create awareness of project and findings

DAFWA has processes and procedures to promote and publicise its work

- Create promotional brochure highlighting findings
- Public presentation of findings to stakeholders
- Promote through existing communication channels

**SOCIALISE**
Spread findings through contacts and networks

Coriolis is tasked with working with a selection of leading industry grower groups to implement findings

- Coriolis is available to review findings with all relevant industry stakeholders
- Leverage extensive DAFWA industry networks to create awareness

**SUPPORT**
Support groups seeking to improve competitiveness

DAFWA is in the process of delivering $22.1m less costs in industry grants

- Leverage associated Royalties For Regions Agricultural Sciences R&D grants to fund competitiveness improvement projects

**ALIGN & COORDINATE**
Facilitate industry alignment and coordination

Provide a neutral forum for producers and processors to work together to increase total system competitiveness

Photo credit: Dollar photo
Looking forward, as a next step, DAFWA can support WA agrifood businesses on their journey down the pathway to competitiveness through a five stage process.

1. **Vision**
   - Develop a clear vision

2. **Measure**
   - Measure performance using fact based criteria
   - Measure against a list of high performing peers

3. **Bridge Gap**
   - Identify and prioritise key activities required to bridge the performance gap

4. **Set Targets**
   - Set targets and KPI’s to improve performance
   - Ensure they are specific, measurable, time based

5. **Communicate**
   - Measure and communicate success

**Examples**

- To be one of the top 10 global exporters in our sector
- Efficiency
- Operation size
- Yields
- Productivity growth
- Increase scale
- Reduce input costs
- Access best global genetics
- Increase yield/ha by 10% in 5 years
- Increase average operation size by 20% in 5 years
- Report
- Celebrate successes
- Communicate with industry
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**OVERALL**

- Low: ○
- Medium: ■
- High: ▲

Source: Coriolis from case studies
Evaluated sectors have different focus areas that should be targeted for improvement

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The Government has set a goal of doubling agrifood industry value (predominantly through exports); as some sectors will struggle to grow, others need to grow more; WA pork exports need to grow 10-20x; this is equivalent to matching the current performance of Chile, Austria or Ireland.
While Western Australia is within sight of a globally competitive pork industry, getting there will involve significant industry restructuring.

POTENTIAL PATHWAY TO COMPETITIVENESS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PORK INDUSTRY

% of current cost; 2015

- Current
- More efficient animals
- More efficient operations
- Proven scalable systems
- More scale in primary processing
- Competitive

Source: Coriolis estimates
This case study on the relative competitiveness of the Western Australian pork industry is structured as follows:

**SECTION STRUCTURE: PORK CASE STUDY**

1. Competitive Situation
2. Agribusiness Operations
2a. More Efficient Animals
2b. More Efficient Operations
3. Primary Processing
4. Value-Added Processing
The first section of this case study reviews the current competitive situation and finds Western Australian competitiveness declining rapidly.
The apparent competitiveness of Western Australia’s pig industry is declining; peers suggest there may be alternatives

- After 100+ years of growth, the Western Australian pig industry stalled in the mid-80’s; since then – looking across the cycles – pig numbers and pig kill are achieving low/no medium-term growth

- European and North American competitors are taking share in key export markets, leading to falling Australian exports
  - Australian pork exports are falling, while imports are growing, indicating declining international competitiveness
  - Australian pork meat exports are highly dependent on three countries – New Zealand, Papua New Guinea & Singapore; however Australia is losing volume share to competitors in both Singapore and New Zealand
  - In both Singapore and New Zealand, Australia is shrinking in a growing market; export volume losses are going to other rich, developed Western countries

- At the same time, frozen pork imports have shown strong growth since first being allowed into the country in 1990
  - Australia has growing pork imports; imports are from the same countries that are out-competing Australia in export markets
  - Imports are almost all frozen; Australian biosecurity effectively prevents almost all “fresh/chilled” pork imports

- Utah – a dry Western USA state – provides a case study of a small number of operations (16) going to a new larger unit model and transforming industry competitiveness

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**AU PORK IMPORT VOLUME BY SOURCE COUNTRY**
*Tonnes; 1979-2014*

- Canada
- USA
- Denmark
- Netherlands
- Other Europe

Australia now imports more pork from Denmark than WA produces.

**AU PORK IMPORT VOLUME BY SOURCE COUNTRY**
*% of total volume; 1979-2014*

- Other Europe
- Netherlands
- Denmark
- USA
- Canada

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AUSTRALIAN PORK IMPORTS VOLUME BY TEMPERATURE
Tonnes; 000; 2002-2014

IMPORT VOLUME MIX: SELECT COUNTRIES VS. AUSTRALIA
% of volume; 2014

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PORK EXPORT VOLUME: WA VS. SELECT DRY PEERS
Tonnes; 000; 1979-2014

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; UN FAO AgStat database; Coriolis analysis and estimates
This case study now looks at pig agribusiness operations in Western Australia.
Western Australian needs to improve animal efficiency

- Pig production is a well researched industry on which an extensive range of productivity and efficiency measurement is carried out; the object of this project is not to analyse that in detail. Rather, this work seeks to compare Western Australian performance with that of key peers across a handful of key high level productivity variables; is the state clearly ahead or clearly behind?

- At a high level the data suggests Western Australia performs well in systemic efficiency (likely in part due to lower levels of disease), but poorly in terms of meat yield per animal; poor meat yield will cascade through later stages of the value chain and depress efficiency (e.g. meat per slaughterhouse labour hour)

- **YIELD**: Western Australia is significantly behind peers on realised meat per pig; WA today is where countries like Denmark, Canada and the UK were in the 1960’s
  - While the Western Australian pig industry continues to increase meat yield, this appears to have slowed
  - Peer group suggest Western Australia could achieve +28-36% more meat per pig
  - Western Australian meat yield per pig has consistently trailed peers
  - The Western Australian pork industry is about 25 years behinds peers in yield; the industry appears to have reached take-off and now needs to focus on achieving 1.7%/year yield increases for two decades

- **KILL-TO-INVENTORY**: Western Australia leads many peers on this simple measure of production efficiency
  - The Western Australian pork industry is increasing its kill-to-inventory ratio
  - The Western Australian pork industry is performing well on kill-to-inventory ratio relative to peers

- **MEAT-TO-INVENTORY**: The Western Australian pork industry is performing in “the middle of the pack” on meat-to-inventory ratio relative to peers
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*Kg/animal; 2013*

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**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT AT SLAUGHTER: WESTERN AUSTRALIA VS. CHILE**

Kg/animal; 1961-2013; 2014-2037

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**CAGR 1.7%**

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**Model for WA (based on Chile’s performance)**

**PAST**

Chile
Actual; 1961-2013

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**FUTURE**

Western Australia
Actual; 1961-2013

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PORK
When looking at information in this section around the number of pig operations, readers need to be aware of and recognise that there are different data sources and different definitions.

Top 5 WA Pig Firms/Operators with more than 15,000 pigs (incl. Westpork, CMG, Milne, Hillcroft Farms, GD):

- 5 firms with ~25 operations representing about 85%+ of state production
- (Source: Interviews)

Number of agricultural businesses with pigs:
- 200
- (Source: ABS 7121.0)

Number of WA Pig Producers Assn. levy paying firms/operator members:
- ~95
- (Source: WAPPA)
Western Australian should increase output per operation to drive competitiveness

- Western Australia has been increasing average annual pig production per operational unit at 10% per annum

- Western Australian average annual pig production per operational unit is low relative to peer group leaders

  - Peers suggest Western Australia can continue increasing pigs produced per operational unit at 8-11% per year and that the state should aim to triple average pigs per unit within the near future

- In Western Australia, both the total number of agricultural operations with pigs and the number of specialised pig operations is declining

  - Other countries and regions are also experiencing reductions in pig unit numbers

- Western Australia will likely have fewer specialised pig operations in the future

- Comparing Western Australia with the major North American operators suggests it will likely have a number of significantly larger pig operations; the same message emerges from a global benchmarking
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AVERAGE PIGS PRODUCED PER UNIT: WA VS. SELECT PEERS
Pigs produced/operation; actual; 2012/2013

AVERAGE PIGS PRODUCED PER OPERATION: LARGE UNITS
Pigs produced/operation; actual; 2012/2013

Note: the Smithfield pig operation can easily be seen southwest of Milford, Utah on Google Earth satellite view; Denmark used the GE1000 operations (77% of production); Source: WA interviews & firm websites; Statistics Denmark; Statistics Canada; USDA NASS Census of Agriculture; Smithfield; Coriolis analysis.
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**AVERAGE PIGS PER OPERATIONAL UNIT: OKLAHOMA**
*Pigs produced/operation; actual; 1940-2012*

**AVERAGE PIGS PER OPERATIONAL UNIT: MANITOBA**
*Pigs produced/operation; actual; 1921-2012*

Source: Cornell University Mann Library Historical US Agricultural Census collection; Statistics Canada; Coriolis analysis
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**NUMBER OF PIG OPERATIONS: WESTERN AUSTRALIA**
Operational units: 1961-2015

**NUMBER OF SPECIALISED PIG OPERATIONS: WA**
Business units: 1985-2015

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis and estimates
Other countries and regions are also experiencing reductions in pig unit numbers.

**NUMBER OF OPERATIONS REPORTING HAVING PIGS: NEBRASKA**

*Geographic units; 1910-2012*

**NUMBER OF OPERATIONS REPORTING HAVING PIGS: MANITOBA**

*Business units; 1921-2012*

Source: Cornell University Mann Library Historical US Agricultural Census collection; Statistics Canada; Coriolis analysis
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### NUMBER OF SOWS: TOP 29 US & CANADIAN PIG OPERATIONS VS. WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Source: Successful farms “Top Pork Powerhouses 2015”; ABS data; Coriolis analysis and estimates
A similar message emerges from global benchmarking.

**NUMBER OF SOWS: TOP 10 GLOBAL PIG OPERATIONS VS. WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

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The largest pig operation in Spain produces 7 times more pigs than WA.

Source: Watt AgNet directory; “Top Pork Powerhouses 2015”; ABS data; Coriolis analysis and estimates
The third section of this report looks at the competitive situation in primary processing of pigs.
Western Australian has a highly consolidated pig primary processing sector; improved sector competitiveness will need to come from greater throughput, not more consolidation

- Western Australia has a highly consolidated pork primary processing sector, with Craig Mostyn Group (CMG) handling approximately 94% of the primary kill

- There is nothing strange in this; other regions show a similar level of consolidation

- The challenge for Western Australia is plant scale and throughput; comparing CMG with the top five USA pork processors highlights that many global competitors have plants 5-10 times larger

- The same message emerges from global benchmarking: Western Australian firms lack scale globally

- Larger modern plants have – among other advantages – higher labour productivity
Western Australia has a highly consolidated pork primary processing sector, with Craig Mostyn Group handling approximately 94% of the primary kill.

**Daily Pig Primary Kill Capacity: Western Australia**

*Source: Industry interviews; industry sources; Coriolis estimates and analysis*

### Profile of Primary Processors of Pork in WA

*2015 or as available*

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<td><strong>Other species?</strong></td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes (beef, pork &amp; lamb)</td>
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There is nothing strange in this; other regions show a similar level of consolidation.

**PIG PROCESSING CAPACITY SHARE: SELECT REGIONS OR COUNTRIES**

*% of kill capacity; 2015 or as available*

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Source: WattAg; various others; Coriolis analysis and estimates
The challenge for Western Australia is plant scale and throughput; comparing CMG with the top five USA pork processors highlights that many global competitors have plants 5-10 times larger.

**DAILY PIG SLAUGHTER PLANT CAPACITY: TOP 5 US PORK PROCESSORS VS. WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

*Kill/day; 2015*

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Source: National Hog Farmer magazine Aug 2015; industry interviews; industry sources; Coriolis estimates and analysis
The same message emerges from global benchmarking: Western Australian firms lack scale globally

ANNUAL PIG HEAD SLAUGHTERED: TOP 10 GLOBAL FIRMS VS. WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Kill/year; m; 2015

Source: WattAgNet; industry interviews; industry sources; Coriolis estimates and analysis
Larger modern plants have – among other advantages – higher labour productivity

**EXAMPLE: BASIC PLANT METRICS: NEW LARGE U.S. PLANT VS. CRAIG MOSTYN**  
*Head; people; 2015*

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Source: Seaboard/Triumph press release May 2015; industry interviews; industry sources; Coriolis estimates and analysis
The final section of this case study looks briefly at the competitive situation in the value-added pork processing sector.
Western Australia has a robust and innovative value-added pork products sector; unfortunately it is hampered by an uncompetitive primary sector and so is growing production through imports

- Western Australia has a handful of value-added pork processors at any scale

- In practice, the majority of the raw material being used by these firms is coming from frozen imports

  - These frozen imports are coming from the same countries that are outcompeting Western Australia in Singapore and New Zealand

- As a result of being reliant on frozen imports, the industry will likely struggle long-run to compete in export markets with products from competitive regions

- Western Australian bacon, ham & smallgoods processors lack scale relative to Australian or global peers; D’Orsogna’s key competitor Primo is 10 times larger; Primo is, in turn, part of a meat processor 260 times larger
Western Australia has a handful of value-added pork processors at any scale

**STRUCTURE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PORK & PORK PRODUCTS SUPPLY CHAIN**
Simplified model; 2016

- **Pig Operations**
  - Own operations (100k pigs)
  - Contract producers
  - Westpork
  - Plantagenet
  - Other pig operations

- **Primary Processing**
  - Case-Ready Processing
  - Value-Added Processing

- **Retail & Foodservice**
  - Independent supermarkets
  - Independent butchers
  - Foodservice: QSR, restaurants, bars, hotels, clubs, etc.
  - Pork/pork products exports

- **Pork/pork products from other states & other countries**

Source: Coriolis
Western Australian bacon, ham & smallgoods processors lack scale relative to Australian or global peers; D’Orsogna’s key competitor Primo is 10 times larger; Primo is, in turn, part of a meat processor 260 times larger

COMPARISON OF REVENUE: TOP TWO AUSTRALIAN AND WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BH&SG MANUFACTURERS

_A$\text{m}; 2015 or as available_

Source: various published articles & sources; Coriolis estimates & analysis
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The Government has set a goal of doubling agrifood industry value (predominantly through exports); as some sectors will struggle to grow, others need to grow more; WA dairy exports need to grow 5-10x; this is equivalent to matching the current performance of Chile, Egypt or South Africa.

### WA DAIRY EXPORT VALUE GROWTH TARGET

A$; m; 2015 vs. 2025+ target

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Note: WA pork meat export value not available (access/confidentiality issues with ABS); WA based on interviews

Source: industry interviews (WA export estimate); UN Comtrade database (uses SITC rev2 code 0113); x-rate used = A$1=US$0.80; Coriolis classifications and analysis

### DAIRY EXPORT VALUE: WA VS. SELECT

US$; m; 2014/15

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Note: Current Western Australian dairy exports are low by world standards; the state needs to move from Bolivian or Senegalese levels of performance to that of Chile, Egypt or South Africa.

Source: industry interviews (WA export estimate); UN Comtrade database (uses SITC rev2 code 0113); x-rate used = A$1=US$0.80; Coriolis classifications and analysis
While Western Australia is within sight of a globally competitive dairy industry, getting there will involve continued improvement by all parties.

POTENTIAL PATHWAY TO COMPETITIVENESS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DAIRY INDUSTRY

% of current cost; 2015

Source: Coriolis estimates
This case study on the relative competitiveness of the Western Australian dairy industry is structured as follows:

1. Competitive Situation
2. Agribusiness Operations
   2a. More Efficient Animals
   2b. More Efficient Operations
3. Primary Processing
4. Value-Added Processing
The first section of this case study reviews the current competitive situation and finds Western Australian competitiveness declining rapidly.
Western Australian dairy competitiveness is trending non-positively

- The Western Australian dairy industry is not creating meaningful long-term growth, with cow numbers trending down and milk production growing only slowly

- Western Australia is not growing dairy exports and export products outside milk have failed; milk exports are dependent on six key markets in Asia (Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea, Hong Kong & China)

- Australia is losing import market share in fluid milk across all six of its key export markets

- Climatic peer group countries demonstrate robust dairy export growth is possible
The Western Australian dairy industry is not creating meaningful long-term growth, with cow numbers trending down and milk production growing only slowly.

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis and estimates
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**WESTERN AUSTRALIA DAIRY EXPORT VALUE BY TYPE**

A$; m; 1996-2015

- **Cheese**
- **Butter**

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA MILK/CREAM EXPORT VALUE BY COUNTRY**

A$; m; 1996-2015

- Singapore
- UAE
- Philippines
- South Korea
- HK
- Japan
- Malaysia
- China
- Taiwan
- Other

CAGR 00-15 -1%

Fonterra acquires Brownes and relocates ice cream manufacturing to NZ, losing Japanese icecream exports from WA

Source: ABS (abs.stat database); Coriolis classifications and analysis
Australia is losing import market share in fluid milk across all six of its key export markets

**IMPORT MARKET SHARE OF AUSTRALIAN FLUID MILK (HS0401) INTO SELECT ASIAN MARKETS**
% of value; 2000-2014 or 2015 as available

Source: UN Comtrade database (uses HS96 code 0401); Coriolis classifications and analysis
Climatic peer group countries demonstrate robust dairy export growth is possible

TOTAL DAIRY PRODUCT EXPORT VALUE: WA VS. SELECT PEERS
US$; m; 1999-2014

ARGENTINA
$394 2014
$394 1999
CAGR 10%

CHILE
$39 2014
$39 1999
CAGR 16%

GREECE
$940 2014
$940 1999
CAGR 9%

ITALY
$3,472 2014
$3,472 1999
CAGR 9%

MEXICO
$394 2014
$394 1999
CAGR 12%

SOUTH AFRICA
$45 2014
$45 1999
CAGR 15%

SPAIN
$60 2014
$60 1999
CAGR -1%

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
$51 2014
$51 1999
CAGR -1%

Note: excludes ice cream; Source: UN Comtrade database; ABS (abs.stat); Coriolis
This case study now looks at dairy agribusiness operational units in Western Australia, where the state needs to improve efficiency.
Western Australian needs to improve animal efficiency

- Dairy production is a well researched industry on which an extensive range of productivity and efficiency measurement is carried out; the object of this project is not to analyse that in detail. Rather, this work seeks to compare Western Australian performance with that of key peers across a handful of key high level productivity variables; is the state clearly ahead or clearly behind?

- The Western Australian dairy industry continues to increase milk yield per cow, it appears to be unable to escape a long-run rate-of-growth of 2%

- Other dairy producing regions are achieving faster growth
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**AVERAGE MILK PRODUCED PER COW IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

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<th>Litre/animal; 1899-2015</th>
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- CAGR 99-35: 2%
- CAGR 35-57: 2%
- CAGR 57-15: 2%

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis and estimates
Other dairy producing regions are achieving faster growth

AVERAGE MILK YIELD PER COW: WA VS. SELECT PEERS
Litres/cow; 1961-2013 (latest available for group)

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; UN FAO AgStat database; Australian Pig Annual 2012-13; Coriolis analysis and estimates
This case study now looks at dairy agribusiness operational efficiency in Western Australia.
Western Australian needs to consider increasing operational efficiencies

- Western Australia has been increasing average dairy operational unit size (measured in cows/operational unit) for over sixty years; this process accelerated fifteen years ago with deregulation

- Relative to other Australian states, Western Australia leads Australia on cows-per-operational unit, but is not achieving high yields per cow compared with other States

- The number of dairy operations in Western Australia has been declining

- Other countries and regions are also experiencing falling operational unit numbers
Western Australia has been increasing average dairy operational unit size (measured in cows/operational unit) for over sixty years; this process accelerated fifteen years ago with deregulation.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAIRY COWS PER OPERATIONAL UNIT IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Cows in milk and dry; 1956-2015

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; various Dairy Australia publications; Coriolis analysis and estimates
Relative to other Australian states, Western Australia leads Australia on cows-per-operational unit, but is not achieving high yields per cow compared with other States.

### Cows by Australian State: # of units vs. Cows/unit

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<th>State</th>
<th>Average cows/operation</th>
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<td>NSW</td>
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### Production Matrix: Cows/operation vs. milk/cow vs. milk

- **SA** gets +26% more milk per cow than **WA**.

**Source:** Dairy Australia; Coriolis analysis
The number of dairy operations in Western Australia has been declining.

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; various Dairy Australia publications; Coriolis analysis and estimates
Other countries and regions are also experiencing falling operational unit numbers.

**NUMBER OF UNITS REPORTING HAVING DAIRY COWS: IDAHO**

operations; 1934 vs. 2012

- 1934: 37,004
- 2012: 361 Hobby, 573 Dairy operation
- CAGR: -5%

**NUMBER OF UNITS REPORTING HAVING DAIRY COWS: TEXAS**

operations; 1934 vs. 2012

- 1934: 379,733
- 2012: 366 Hobby, 605 Dairy operation
- CAGR: -7%

Source: Cornell University Mann Library Historical US Agricultural Census collection; Coriolis analysis
The third section of this report looks at the competitive situation in primary processing of milk.
Western Australian has a consolidated dairy primary processing sector; improved sector competitiveness will need to come from (1) greater throughput, (2) enabling larger plants and (3) potentially consolidation

- Western Australia has a three larger primary dairy processors and two smaller operations

- Western Australia does not produce a lot of milk, therefore it’s three major plants are sub-scale globally (~120m L/plant)

- New Zealand produces a lot of milk, therefore it has efficient plants (750m L/plant)

- Larger modern plants have – among other advantages – higher labour productivity

- Competitive regions attract successful new market entrants, not just global leaders
Western Australia has a three larger primary dairy processors and two smaller operations

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<td>$200m [Co.]</td>
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TOTAL 364m L 157

Source: Business News; other articles; Coriolis interviews and analysis

NOTE: The WA dairy processing sector has significant surplus capacity (estimated at 40%+)
Western Australia does not produce a lot of milk, therefore its three major plants are sub-scale globally (~120m L/plant)

**MILK PRODUCTION**

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<td>Western Australia</td>
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**MAJOR DAIRY PROCESSING PLANTS**

**Presence; 2016**

- **IDAHO (Average ~470m L per plant)**
  - **Dean Foods**
    - Fluid/cultured
  - **agropur**
    - Cheese/Whey
  - **LACTALIS**
    - Fluid/cultured
  - **DARIGOLD**
    - Powder
  - **HIGH DESERT MILK**
    - Powder
  - **glanbia**
    - Cheese/Whey
  - **Dean Foods**
    - Fluid/cultured
  - **HIGH DESERT MILK**
    - Powder

- **NEW MEXICO (Average ~730m L per plant)**
  - **Dairy Farmers of America**
    - Powder
  - **Dean Foods**
    - Fluid/cultured
  - **LAPITANO FOODS**
    - Cheese/Whey
  - **glanbia**
    - Cheese/Whey
  - **ZENCA**
    - Cheese/Whey

- **WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Average ~120m L per plant)**
  - **GROUPS LACTALIS**
    - Fluid/cultured
  - **BRETTONS**
    - Fluid/cultured
  - **LION**
    - Fluid/cultured
New Zealand produces a lot of milk, therefore it has efficient plants (750m L/plant)

MILK PRODUCTION
Litres; m; 2015

19,261

Total New Zealand

Western Australia

364

Source: Dairy Australia; Dairy New Zealand; Industry website; Coriolis analysis
Larger modern plants have, among other advantages, higher labour productivity.

**EXAMPLE: BASIC PLANT METRICS: FONTERA EDENDALE VS. ALL OF WA DAIRY INDUSTRY**

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<td>Million litres/employee/year</td>
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While it could be argued this is not a perfectly fair comparison, as WA employees include non-plant team; however, Fonterra’s volume is directly loaded and shipped for export from Invercargill.

Source: Fonterra website; industry interviews; industry sources; Coriolis estimates and analysis
Competitive regions attract successful new market entrants, not just global leaders

**IDAHO**
- **New milk protein concentrate (MPC) factory**
- New start-up market entrant 2009
- Founded by three dairy operators with 18 dairies, 100,000 cows and 1,200m L of milk between them
- 220,000 sq ft.; cost $120m
- Produces 42m kg powder/year
- Opened Oct 2009
- Increased Idaho capacity 7.5% (state production is growing at 7% pa)
- Streamlined supply chain; 100% operation to customer lot tracked

**IDAHO**
- **New milk powder factory**
- Initially formed as coop of six operators in 2001
- Six dairy operators owners have 20 dairies, 40,000 cows, 18,200ha (for feed production) and 600m L within 50 km of plant
- Supplying dairies range in size from 800 to 10,000 cows/unit; milked three times per day
- Opened milk powder plant in 2008; 130 employees
- Expanded in Oct 2012 with addition of butter processing (+50,000 sq ft)
- Turnover now US$260m (14)

**NEW ZEALAND**
- **New milk powder factory**
- Founded by Maori tribal trusts
- Supplied by 50,000 cows, including 6 Maori shareholder entities with 20,000 cows between them; 80% of suppliers within 50 km
- Uses local geothermal energy
- Powder plant opened in 2011 and processes 210m L of milk annually
- Recently added a UHT milk factory
- Vinamilk (#1 Vietnam dairy co.) became a 19.3% shareholder
- Contract packing for Shanghai Pengxin (Chinese-owned local dairy operations)
- Turnover now NZ$247m (14)
The final section of this case study looks briefly at the competitive situation in the value-added dairy processing sector.
Western Australia has no stand alone value-added dairy processors at any scale

**STRUCTURE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DAIRY PRODUCTS SUPPLY CHAIN**
*Simplified model; 2016*

- **Dairy Production**
- **Primary Processing**
  - 157 dairy operating units
  - Mundella, Bannister, other smaller processors
- **Value-Added Processing**
  - Processed dairy products from other states & other countries
  - No large-scale specialist value-added plants currently present (e.g. infant formula)
- **Wholesaling**
  - Dairy product wholesalers
- **Retail & Foodservice**
  - Independent Supermarkets
  - Small grocers, etc.
  - Other convenience outlets
  - Foodservice, outlets including restaurants, cafes, QSR, bars, hotels, clubs, etc.
  - Dairy product exports

Source: Coriolis
Competitive countries export a wide range of value-added dairy products; Western Australia’s dairy export mix is fluid milk (including yoghurt and other similar)

DAIRY EXPORT VALUE MIX BY PRODUCT TYPE: WESTERN AUSTRALIA VS. TOP 20 EXPORTING COUNTRIES
% of export value; US$; 2014

Top 20 global exporters by export value [not in value order; excluding Eastern Australia]

Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis analysis and classifications
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The Government has set a goal of doubling agrifood industry value (predominantly through exports); as some sectors will struggle to grow, others need to grow more; WA potato exports need to grow 50-100x; this is equivalent to matching the current performance of Israel or New Zealand.

**WA POTATO EXPORT VALUE GROWTH TARGET**

US$; m; 2015e vs. 2025+ target

100x or +$198m

$200m

50x or +$98m

$100m

$2m*

Current

2025+ Target

* current WA export value based on 1,850t exported (PMC/ACIL Allen 2014 p5) at US$0.67 (fresh) to US$0.87 (seed); total AU fresh/seed potato exports from all states are US$18.9b

Source: UN Comtrade database; PMC ACIL Allen March 2014; Coriolis classifications and analysis
While Western Australia is within sight of a globally competitive potato industry, getting there will involve significant industry change.

POTENTIAL PATHWAY TO COMPETITIVENESS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIAN POTATO INDUSTRY

% of current cost; 2015

Source: Coriolis estimates
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2. Agribusiness Operations
   - 2a. Higher Yields
   - 2b. More Efficient Operations
3. Primary Washing/Packing
4. Value-Added Processing
The first section of this case study reviews the current competitive situation in potatoes.
The export competitiveness of the Western Australian potato industry is low and declining rapidly

- The Western Australian potato industry had a long period of area growth through the late 50’s; since then, the area has been erratically trending downward

- Potato production has grown over the past 135 years; however, it has turned down recently and returned to 1968 levels

- Australian potato exports are flat-to-falling, while imports are growing, indicating declining international competitiveness

- Exports are struggling
  - Potato exports are primarily un-processed (fresh and seed potatoes) and a declining amount of frozen french fries (FFF) to a small number of close markets, disproportionately islands (NZ, Pacific, Indonesia) and South Korea
  - Australia shows declining performance in export markets; it has falling value and falling share across all of its three largest markets; in all cases, it is declining in growing markets, indicating declining competitiveness

- Imports are growing
  - Australia’s rapidly growing potato imports are processed, value-added products (FFF, starch, chips) from a handful of developed countries (NZ, USA, Netherlands)
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Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis and estimates
Potato production has grown over the past 135 years; however, it has turned down recently and returned to 1968 levels.

**POTATO PRODUCTION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

*Tonnes; 1880-2015*

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis and estimates

- CAGR 80-45: 5%
- CAGR 45-85: 1%
- CAGR 85-15: -0.2%
- Closure of Simplot plant

- Marketing of Potatoes Act (1946)
- Marketing of Potatoes Regulations (1987)
- DAFWA NCP legislation review (2002)
- Closure of Frito-Lay/Smith’s plant
Australian potato exports (all forms) are flat-to-falling, while imports are growing, indicating declining international competitiveness.

**AUSTRALIAN POTATO TRADE VOLUME WITH WORLD**
*Tonnes; 1996-2014*

**AVERAGE AUSTRALIAN TRADE VALUE PER KILOGRAM**
*US$/Kg; 1996-2014*

**NET AUSTRALIAN TRADE BALANCE IN POTATOES**
*Tonnes; 1996-2014*

**TOTAL VALUE OF ANNUAL POTATO TRADE**
*US$; M; FOB or CIF; 1979-2014*

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Note: data is all forms (frozen french fries, starch, flakes, etc.) as reported Australia. 
Source: UN Comtrade database (uses all potato codes; see next page for products); Coriolis classifications and analysis.
Potato exports are primarily un-processed (fresh and seed potatoes) and a declining amount of frozen french fries (FFF) to a small number of close markets, disproportionately islands (NZ, Pacific, Indonesia) and South Korea.

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**POTATO IMPORT VALUE BY SOURCE COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA’S THREE LARGEST MARKETS**

*US$m; 1996-2014/15*

Source: UN Comtrade database (uses all potato codes); Coriolis classifications and analysis.
Australia’s rapidly growing potato imports are processed, value-added products (FFF, starch, chips) from a handful of developed countries (NZ, USA, Netherlands)

AUSTRALIAN POTATO IMPORT VALUE BY TYPE
US$m; 1996-2014

AUSTRALIAN POTATO IMPORT VALUE BY SOURCE COUNTRY
US$m; 1996-2014

Fresh effectively banned by biosecurity; unfortunately this protection does not appear to be improving competitiveness

All countries with growing exports to Australia have top 3 global processors who are reinvesting

Source: UN Comtrade database (uses all potato codes); Coriolis classifications and analysis
This case-study now looks at potato agribusiness operations in Western Australia

SECTION STRUCTURE: POTATO INDUSTRY CASE STUDY

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2a. Higher Yields
2b. More Efficient Operations
Western Australian needs to continue to improve yield per hectare

- Western Australian potato yields started to grow in the 1920’s and took off after the Second World War; while yields continue to grow, these gains appear to have slowed or stalled

- Within Australia, only Tasmania achieves world class yields

- At a high level, the global yield curve shows Australia underperforms key global exporters

- Australia’s failure to match leaders global yields has hampered export growth

- Best practice peer group suggest Western Australia could achieve +20-55% more potatoes per hectare

- Continuous improvement in yield is a constant battle where Western Australia must continue to improve

- The Western Australian potato industry is about 45 years behind Washington State in yield; the industry needs to focus on achieving 2.2%/year yield increases for the foreseeable future
Western Australian potato yields started to grow in the 1920’s and took off after the Second World War; while yields continue to grow, these gains appear to have slowed or stalled.

AVERAGE POTATO YIELD IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Tonnes/hectare; 1880-2015

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis and estimates
Within Australia, only Tasmania achieves world class yields.

**AUSTRALIAN YIELD CURVE BY STATE: AREA VS. 5YR AVERAGE YIELD**

*Tonnes per hectare; 5yr average 2011-15; hectares*

Source: ABS Agricultural Commodities Australia (7121.0); Coriolis analysis

Australian average yield 38.2

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Source: ABS Agricultural Commodities Australia (7121.0); Coriolis analysis
At a high level, the global yield curve shows Australia underperforms key global exporters.

These are the key global competitors.

Australia is not achieving the yield of major exporters.

Yield is partially impacted by share of the crop that goes to processing; regions with more processing will grow processor owned, IP-controlled, high yield varieties; however, there is a Catch-22 of needing yields to get processing and processing to get yields.

Source: UN FAO AgStat database; Coriolis analysis and classifications
Australia’s failure to match leaders global yields has hampered export growth

Source: UN FAO AgStat database; UN Comtrade database; Coriolis analysis and classifications

COMPETITIVENESS MATRIX: YIELD VS. POTATO EXPORTS PER HECTARE VS. TOTAL EXPORT VALUE

Realised potato exports value per hectare of potatoes
US$: 04 vs. 14

Size of bubble = export value

Source: UN FAO AgStat database; UN Comtrade database; Coriolis analysis and classifications
Best practice peer group suggest Western Australia could achieve +20-55% more potatoes per hectare.

AVERAGE YIELD IN TONNES PER HECTARE: WESTERN AUSTRALIA VS. SELECT US/CANADA/EU/AU
Tonnes/hectare; 5y average (AU: 11-15); 2013/14 (others as available)

Source: UN FAO AgStat database; USDA NASS database; USDA NASS Census of Agriculture; Statistics Canada; ABS Agricultural Commodities Australia (7121.0); Coriolis analysis
Continuous improvement in yield is a constant battle where Western Australia must continue to improve.

**AVGAGE YIELD IN TONNES PER HECTARE: WESTERN AUSTRALIA VS. SELECT PEERS**

*Tonnes/hectare; 1882-2015 or as available*

Source: UN FAO AgStat database; USDA NASS database; USDA NASS Census of Agriculture; ABS Agricultural Commodities Australia (7121.0); Coriolis analysis
The Western Australian potato industry is about 45 years behind Washington State in yield; the industry needs to restructure and focus on achieving 2.2%/year yield increases for the foreseeable future.
This case study now looks at potato production unit operation efficiency

SECTION STRUCTURE: POTATO INDUSTRY CASE STUDY

1. Competitive Situation

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   2a. Higher Yields
   2b. More Efficient Operations

3. Primary Washing/Packing

4. Value-Added Processing

POTATO
Western Australian needs to accelerate its move to producing more potatoes per operational unit

- Western Australia is increasing potato production per operational unit
  
  - Western Australia is underperforming other states in this measure
  - Western Australia has low potato production per operational unit relative to South Australia and rate of increase over the past five years has been poor

- Western Australia is dramatically underperforming key competitors on this measure
  
  - Western Australian potato operational units vary by size, however most are small, with only a handful of enterprises over 100 hectares
  - Comparing with Washington State highlights the complete lack of large operations in Western Australia leading to low relative production
  - This in turn leads to the situation that the average large Washington State operational unit can easily produce more potatoes than the state of Western Australia

- Growth in other regions is coming from large operations; without larger operations WA will struggle to grow

- The number of agribusiness operational units producing potatoes in Western Australia is declining
  
  - A similar level of operational unit number decline can be observed in peer group regions
  - The number of operational units producing potatoes in Western Australia will likely continue to decline
Western Australia is increasing potato production per operational unit

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NUMBER OF POTATO OPERATIONAL UNITS VS. AVERAGE POTATO VOLUME PER OPERATION**

Units: tonnes/unit; 1960-2015

- **CAGR 80-100**: 1%
- **CAGR 60-80**: 3%
- **CAGR 10-15**: 4%

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis and estimates
However, Western Australia has low potato production per operational unit relative to South Australia and the rate of increase over the past five years has been poor.

**Average Tonnes of Potatoes Produced Per Agricultural Enterprise by Australian State**

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<th>State</th>
<th>Average Tonnes/Operational Unit</th>
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<tr>
<td>QLD</td>
<td>813</td>
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<td>TAS</td>
<td>979</td>
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<td>NSW</td>
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<td>VIC</td>
<td>1,216</td>
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<td>SA</td>
<td>3,968</td>
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**Growth Matrix on Tonnes/Unit by Australian State**

Tonnes/operational unit; 2010 vs. 2015

- **NSW:** 5% CAGR
- **QLD:** 4% CAGR
- **VIC:** 3% CAGR
- **TAS:** 2% CAGR
- **WA:** 1% CAGR
- **SA:** 0% CAGR

Source: ABS (7121.0); Coriolis analysis and estimates
Western Australian potato operations vary by size, however most are small, with only a handful of enterprises over 100 hectares.

### ESTIMATED WA POTATO OPERATIONAL UNITS BY OPERATION SIZE

**Hectare/enterprise; 2014**

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<th>Operation Size in Hectares</th>
<th>Approx. # of Producers</th>
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<td>40-100</td>
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Note: Data is Coriolis estimates based on production (not area) data provided to ACIL Allen by PMC.

Source: ACIL Allen Consulting “Regulation and the Potato Industry in WA” (p5); ABS “Agricultural Commodities, Australia 2013-14 (7121.0); Coriolis analysis.
Comparing with Washington State highlights the complete lack of large operations in Western Australia leading to low relative production.

**Number of Operations by Size: WA vs. Washington**

Units; actual; 2014

- **WA (AU) Preliminary**
  - Treat as directional

**Production by Operation Size: WA vs. Washington**

Tonnes; 2014

- **WA (AU) Preliminary**
  - Treat as directional

WA has no potato operations over 200ha.

WA does not have a lot of large operations, therefore it does not produce a lot of potatoes.

Source: ACIL Allen Consulting “Regulation and the Potato Industry in WA” (p5); ABS “Agricultural Commodities, Australia 2013-14 (7121.0); USDA NASS Census of Agriculture; Coriolis analysis, modelling and estimates.
This in turn leads to the situation that the average large Washington State operational unit can easily produce more potatoes than the state of Western Australia.

POTATO PRODUCTION: ALL WESTERN AUSTRALIA OPERATIONAL UNITS VS. 1 AVERAGE LARGE WASHINGTON STATE OPERATION

Tonnes; 2014

If we could convince one WA operator to adopt this model, we could more than triple production; two of them and we reach the 5x target.

Source: ACIL Allen Consulting “Regulation and the Potato Industry in WA” (p5); ABS “Agricultural Commodities, Australia 2013-14 (7121.0); USDA NASS Census of Agriculture; Coriolis analysis, modelling and estimates
Growth in other regions is coming from large operations; without larger operations WA will struggle to grow.
The number of agribusiness operational units producing potatoes in Western Australia is declining.

**NUMBER OF POTATO PRODUCERS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA: AVAILABLE MEASURES**

*Holdings or enterprises; 1945-2015*

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis and estimates.
A similar level of operational unit number decline can be observed in peer group regions.

### NUMBER OF POTATO OPERATORS: WESTERN AUSTRALIA VS. SELECT PEERS

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<th>Country</th>
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<td>1,387</td>
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<td>Quebec</td>
<td>12,344</td>
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<td>Michigan</td>
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<td>Saskatchewan</td>
<td>2,337</td>
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<td>Prince Edward Island</td>
<td>5,854</td>
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<td>New Brunswick</td>
<td>4,007</td>
<td>1,281</td>
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<td>2,281</td>
<td>1,068</td>
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<tr>
<td>Western Australia</td>
<td>1,068</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>-6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Colorado</td>
<td>1,899</td>
<td>136</td>
<td>-4%</td>
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<td>Oregon</td>
<td>1,629</td>
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<td>Idaho</td>
<td>6,784</td>
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<td>North Dakota</td>
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<td>1,836</td>
<td>149</td>
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<td>Washington</td>
<td>1,735</td>
<td>284</td>
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Note: to normalise with WA data, 1951 Canada uses operations with more than 1 acre of potatoes; 1954 US uses operations with more than 1.9 acre (e.g. Quebec 31 = 95,796 operations with potatoes).

Source: USDA NASS Census of Ag 2013; Cornell University Mann Library Historical US Agricultural Census collection; Statistics Canada; various AU (see elsewhere) Coriolis analysis.
The number of operational units producing potatoes in Western Australia will likely continue to decline.
The third section of this report looks at the competitive situation in primary washing/packing of potatoes.

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2a. Higher Yields
2b. More Efficient Operations
The Western Australian potato packhouse sector lacks scale relative to competitors

- Western Australia has a handful of large potato packhouses

- Western Australian potato packhouses lack scale relative to their global competitors

- Among other advantages, larger packhouses can spend more on packaging design, branding and advertising
### Major Fresh Potato Packhouses in Western Australia

**2016 or as available**

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<th>Description</th>
<th># of employees</th>
<th>Key products</th>
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<tr>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>25,000t</td>
<td>Private Cocciolone family</td>
<td>386 Mandogalup Road, Mandogalup, WA 6167 +61 8 9410 0900</td>
<td>Packhouse in Mandogalup, operation in Binningup (180ha producing 4,500t potatoes, 4,000t carrots) Independent growers supply 60%</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>Potatoes, Carrots</td>
<td><a href="http://www.betaspuds.com.au">www.betaspuds.com.au</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>Private Patane family</td>
<td>27 Pead Road Myalup, WA 6220 + 61 8 9720 2235</td>
<td>Potato grower and packer 440ha, including a state-of-the-art grading, cleaning, cooling, packing and storage facility</td>
<td>30 (AuExp)</td>
<td>Carrots, Onions, Potatoes and Broccoli</td>
<td><a href="http://www.pataneproduce.com">www.pataneproduce.com</a></td>
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<td>1958</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>Private Ryan family</td>
<td>Gray Rd, Pemberton, WA 6260 +61 8 9773 1033</td>
<td>Potato grower and packer Packhouse in Pemberton; three properties (Pemberton, Perth, Dandaragan)</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>Potatoes</td>
<td><a href="http://www.ryanpotatoes.com.au">www.ryanpotatoes.com.au</a></td>
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<td>1930</td>
<td>Fresh TBD Processed 10,000t</td>
<td>Private Bendotti family</td>
<td>Lot 689 Franklin Street PO Box 1510 Manjimup WA 6258 +61 8 9771 8964</td>
<td>Packhouse &amp; FFF factory operation potatoes (10,000t/year)</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>Potatoes, frozen french fries, cattle</td>
<td><a href="http://www.bendotti.com.au">www.bendotti.com.au</a></td>
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**Aldwich Holdings**

**Supa Chips Pty Ltd.**

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<td>TBD</td>
<td>Supa Chips 1988</td>
<td>Private Pannacchione family</td>
<td>Lot 14 Howson Way, Spearwood, WA 6163 +61-89418 4400</td>
<td>Onion and potato packhouse Potato chips manufacturing</td>
<td>15 (AuExp)</td>
<td>Onions Potatoes</td>
<td>None identified</td>
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Western Australian potato packhouses lack scale relative to their global competitors

ANNUAL POTATO VOLUME HANDLED
Tonnes; 2015 or as available

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<th>25,000</th>
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<td>Beta Albert</td>
<td>(WA)</td>
<td>(UK)</td>
<td>(USA)</td>
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**COMMENTS/NOTES**

- Larger packhouses can invest more in equipment and automation
- This investment in turn will reduce their labour cost per unit of throughput
- Both Bartlett and Wada operations export
- “Asia is a growing market for us. Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong are good markets now... We also have high hopes for boosting sales in South Korea and Vietnam.” Chris Wada, Director of marketing and exports, Wada operations Marketing Group LLC, Oct 2014

*Source: Company websites; Coriolis*
Among other advantages, larger packhouses can spend more on packaging design, branding and advertising.

EXAMPLE: FRESH POTATO PRODUCTS

2016 or as available

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The final section of this case study looks briefly at the competitive situation in the value-added potato processing in WA.
Value-added potato processing is a global game where Western Australia will struggle to play without higher yields

- The global potato trade and trade growth is over-weighted to processed products, particularly frozen french fries

- Australia’s potato export mix is skewed to un-processed raw ingredients, more similar to a developing nation (e.g. Belarus, Egypt, India) than an advanced nation (e.g. Canada, USA, NZ)

- Exports of processed potato products are highly consolidated and dominated by a handful of countries with large plants at scale

- The global frozen french fry industry is highly consolidated, suggesting strong economies of scale
  
  - The global processed potato products market is dominated by a handful of large USA and European firms

- Western Australia has two value-added potato processors at any scale (Bendotti and Supa Chips)

- Processed potato products are made in regions with large quantities of low cost inputs; Western Australia will attract value-added processing plants when it is competitive
The global potato trade and trade growth is over-weighted to processed products, particularly frozen french fries.

15 YEAR AGGREGATE GLOBAL EXPORT TRADE VALUE BY PRODUCT TYPE
US$m; 1999-2014

Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis analysis and classifications
Australia’s potato export mix is skewed to un-processed raw ingredients, more similar to a developing nation (e.g. Belarus, Egypt, India) than an advanced nation (e.g. Canada, USA, NZ)

POTATO EXPORT VALUE MIX BY PRODUCT TYPE: AUSTRALIA VS. SELECT COUNTRIES
% of export value: US$; 2014

Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis analysis and classifications
Exports of processed potato products are highly consolidated and dominated by a handful of countries with large plants at scale.

GLOBAL CROSS-BORDER EXPORT TRADE SHARE BY PRODUCT: SELECT COUNTRIES & OTHER
% of export value; 2014

**POTATO STARCH (HS110813)**
- Netherlands: 30%
- Germany: 45%
- Poland: 7%
- Belgium: 4%
- USA: 4%
- Other: 12%

**POTATO FLOUR (HS110510)**
- Netherlands: 47%
- USA: 17%
- Tanzania: 12%
- India: 8%
- Germany: 3%
- Poland: 3%
- United Kingdom: 2%
- Other: 8%

**POTATO FLAKES (HS110520)**
- Netherlands: 17%
- USA: 18%
- Belgium: 13%
- Denmark: 5%
- Poland: 3%
- Canada: 31%
- Other: 12%

**FROZEN FRENCH FRIES (HS200410)**
- Netherlands: 24%
- USA: 17%
- Canada: 14%
- France: 6%
- Germany: 4%
- Argentina: 3%
- New Zealand: 1%
- Poland: 2%
- Other: 5%

Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis analysis and classifications
The global frozen french fry industry is highly consolidated, suggesting strong economies of scale.

**GLOBAL FROZEN FRENCH FRY PRODUCTION BY FIRM**

% of volume; 2014e

- **McCain**: 30%
- **Friesland Campina**: 21%
- **ConAgra Foods**: 16%
- **Simpot**: 18%
- **Mydibel**: 6%
- **Aviko**: 5%
- **Cosun**: 4%
- **Other**: 30%

Source: Coriolis
The global processed potato products market is dominated by a handful of large North American and European firms.

### TOP SEVEN GLOBAL FROZEN FRENCH FRY/PROCESSED POTATO PRODUCERS

**US$m; 2015 or as available**

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<td><strong>McCain</strong></td>
<td>New Brunswick, Canada</td>
<td>1957</td>
<td>Private; McCain family</td>
<td>$6b (15)</td>
<td>19,000 employees</td>
<td>Canada United Kingdom United States Netherlands Belgium France Poland</td>
<td>Frozen potato products Green vegetables Desserts Pizzas Juices &amp; beverages Oven meals &amp; entrees</td>
<td><a href="http://www.mccain.com">www.mccain.com</a> <a href="http://www.mccain.com.au">www.mccain.com.au</a></td>
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<td><strong>ConAgra Foods</strong></td>
<td>Con-Agra Foods Lamb Weston div.</td>
<td>1950</td>
<td>Listed parent NYSE: CAG</td>
<td>$2b TBD</td>
<td>United States Canada Turkey Europe (below)</td>
<td>China (TaiMei) India Chile (JV)</td>
<td>Frozen potato products Other potato products Savoury snacks Sauces &amp; other foods</td>
<td><a href="http://www.conagrafoods.com">www.conagrafoods.com</a> <a href="http://www.lambweston.com">www.lambweston.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Lamb Weston/Meijer JV</strong></td>
<td>Lamb Weston/Meijer JV</td>
<td>1994</td>
<td>Joint-venture</td>
<td>650,000t 1,300 employees</td>
<td>Netherlands (3) UK Austria</td>
<td>Frozen potato products Other potato products</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.lambweston.eu">www.lambweston.eu</a></td>
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<td><strong>FarmFrites</strong></td>
<td>Oudenhoom, NL</td>
<td>1971</td>
<td>Private; family</td>
<td>1.3m t processed 1,500 employees</td>
<td>Netherlands (1) Belgium (2) Poland (JV)</td>
<td>Egypt (1) Argentina (1)</td>
<td>Frozen potato products Other potato products</td>
<td><a href="http://www.farmfrites.com">www.farmfrites.com</a> Alliance with Simplot</td>
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<td><strong>COSUN Aviko</strong></td>
<td>Breda, NL</td>
<td>Founded 1968</td>
<td>Parent is cooperative of 10,000 Dutch operators</td>
<td>Aviko €600m 1.7m t processed 1,700 employees</td>
<td>Netherlands (5) Belgium Germany Poland (JV)</td>
<td>Sweden China</td>
<td>Frozen potato products Potato flakes</td>
<td><a href="http://www.cosun.nl">www.cosun.nl</a> <a href="http://www.aviko.com">www.aviko.com</a> Supplied by 1,000 growers</td>
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<td><strong>Avebe</strong></td>
<td>Mouscron, Belgium</td>
<td>1988</td>
<td>Private; family (Mylle family)</td>
<td>180,000t prod. 150,000t FFF; other</td>
<td>Belgium -</td>
<td>Frozen potato products Other potato products</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.avebe.be">www.avebe.be</a></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Aviko</strong></td>
<td>Netherlands</td>
<td>1919</td>
<td>Cooperative of 2,500 Dutch &amp; German operators</td>
<td>3m t of potatoes</td>
<td>Netherlands Germany Sweden</td>
<td>Potato starch (#1 global) Other starch products</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.avebe.com">www.avebe.com</a></td>
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Source: Coriolis from a wide range of sources
Western Australia has two value-added potato processors at any scale (Bendotti and Supa Chips)

**STRUCTURE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FRESH & PROCESSED POTATO PRODUCTS SUPPLY CHAIN**

*Simplified model; 2016*

- **Potato Production**
  - 60 potato operations

- **Primary Processing**
  - **Aldwich Holdings**
  - Other smaller packhouses

- **Value-Added Processing**
  - **Processed potato products from other states & other countries**
  - Closed

- **Wholesaling**
  - Vegetable wholesalers

- **Retail & Foodservice**
  - Independent supermarkets
  - Other chain QSR
  - Other foodservice, restaurants, bars, hotels, clubs, etc.
  - Potato & processed potato product exports

*Source: Coriolis*
Processed potato products are made in regions with large quantities of low cost inputs; Western Australia will attract value-added processing plants when it is competitive.

### POTATO YIELD

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<td>Western Australia</td>
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### MAJOR POTATO VALUE-ADDED PROCESSING PLANTS

**WASHINGTON**
- Lamb Weston
- Simplot
- McCain
- Frito Lay

**Washington**
- Connell
- Quincy
- Boardman
- Othello
- Othello
- Vancouver, WA

**Belgium**
- Agristo
- Farm Frites
- Clashout
- Mydibel
- Roquette
- Frito Lay

**Belgium**
- Harelbeke
- Sint-Truiden
- Nieuwerkerke
- Mouscron
- Grobbendonk

**Western Australia**
- Closed
- Closed

Source: ABS (7121.0); UN FAO AgStat database; Coriolis interviews, analysis and classifications
ADDITIONAL POTATO CONTEXT ANALYSIS
Global potato production is spread across the planet; Australia is a relatively small producer

GLOBAL POTATO PRODUCTION VOLUME
Tonnes; m; 2014

TOTAL = 385.1m t

NA/ME/CA=North Africa/Middle East/Central Africa; SS=Sub Saharan; Source: UN FAO AgStat database; Coriolis classification and analysis
ADDITIONAL POTATO CONTEXT ANALYSIS
Potato production is growing in Asia, particularly in China and India, while results are mixed elsewhere.

53 YEAR GLOBAL POTATO PRODUCTION VOLUME
Tonnes; m; 1961-2014

Source: UN FAO AgStat database; Coriolis classification and analysis
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The Government has set a goal of doubling agrifood industry value (predominantly through exports); as some sectors will struggle to grow, others need to grow more; WA citrus exports need to grow 150x to 300x

**WA CITRUS EXPORT VALUE GROWTH TARGET**

*US$; m; 2013e vs. 2025+ target*

- **Current WA**
  - $0.07m

- **2025+ Target**
  - $10m
  - $20m
  - 150x or +$9.9m
  - 300x or +$19.9m

*WA ($0.07m) is a Coriolis estimate based on DAFWA 2013 estimate (46t exported) at ($1.14/kg.); Source: DAFWA; UN Comtrade database; ABS; Coriolis classifications and analysis*
150x to 300x citrus export growth is equivalent to matching the current performance of New Zealand, Lebanon or Austria.

CITRUS EXPORT VALUE: WA VS. SELECT

US$m; 2014

Current Western Australian citrus export performance is low; the state needs to move from Kazakhstan levels of performance to that of New Zealand.

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While Western Australia is within sight of a globally competitive citrus industry, getting there will involve significant industry change.

**POTENTIAL PATHWAY TO COMPETITIVENESS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CITRUS INDUSTRY**

% of current cost; 2015

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<tr>
<th>Current</th>
<th>Higher yields</th>
<th>More efficient operational units</th>
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Source: Coriolis estimates
This case study on the relative competitiveness of the Western Australian citrus industry is structured as follows:

**SECTION STRUCTURE: CITRUS INDUSTRY CASE STUDY**

1. Competitive Situation
2. Agribusiness Operations
   - 2a. Higher Yields
   - 2b. More Efficient Operations
3. Packing/Wholesaling
4. Value-Added Processing
The first section of this case study reviews the current competitive situation in citrus.
The export competitiveness of the Western Australian citrus industry is improving

- Citrus represents 16% of global fruit production volume and citrus is produced across the world

- Western Australia represents 2% of Australian orange production and 3% of mandarin production

- Western Australian citrus production has been growing since the early 1990's, following a correction in the mid 1980's
Citrus are popular fruit representing 16% of global fruit production volume

GLOBAL FRUIT PRODUCTION BY TYPE/GROUP
Tonnes; m; 2013

- Citrus: 135 m (16%)
- Oranges: 71 m (53%)
- Tangerines, mandarins, clementines, satsumas: 29 m (21%)
- Lemons and limes: 15 m (11%)
- Grapefruit (inc. pomelos): 8 m (6%)
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Source: UN FAO AgStat database; Coriolis analysis and classifications
Citrus is produced across the world, with significant volumes produced in China and Brazil.

### Citrus Fruit Production by Country/Region

**Tonnes; m; 2013**

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AUSTRALIAN ORANGE PRODUCTION BY STATE
Tonnes; m; 2014-15

- WA 8 2%
- SA 94 28%
- QLD 2 1%
- VIC 62 18%
- NSW 171 51%

TOTAL = 338m tonnes

AUSTRALIAN MANDARIN PRODUCTION BY STATE
Tonnes; m; 2014-15

- WA 3 3%
- SA 25 25%
- QLD 61 60%
- VIC 6 6%
- NSW 6 6%

TOTAL = 101m tonnes

Source: ABS (71210DO003_201415 Agricultural Commodities, Australia- 2014-15); Coriolis analysis
Western Australian citrus production has been growing since the early 1990's, following a correction in the mid 1980's.
This case-study now looks at citrus agribusiness operations in Western Australia.

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Western Australian needs to continue to improve citrus yields per tree/per hectare

- Western Australia underperforms other Australian states on orange and mandarin yield

- Western Australia consistently underperforms on yield relative to other states; South Australia and Queensland suggest tripling yields should be an industry objective

- Australia – as a whole – sits in the middle of the global orange yield curve, achieving 17 tonnes per hectare; peers Greece, and Spain suggest +35% yield increases are possible
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AUSTRALIAN ORANGE YIELD CURVE BY STATE
Trees; kg/tree; 2014-15

Note: Area is proportional to production

Kg/tree

# of trees

VIC | SA | QLD | NSW | WA

70  | 61  | 47  | 44  | 22

Source: ABS

AUSTRALIAN MANDARIN YIELD CURVE BY STATE
Trees; kg/tree; 2014-15

Note: Area is proportional to production

Kg/tree

# of trees

QLD | SA | VIC | NSW | WA

63  | 58  | 39  | 31  | 22
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**AUSTRALIAN ORANGE YIELD BY STATE**

Kg/tree; 1996-97 to 2014-15

![Graph of Australian Orange Yield by State]

**AUSTRALIAN MANDARIN YIELD BY STATE**

Kg/tree; 1996-97 to 2014-15

![Graph of Australian Mandarin Yield by State]

Source: ABS
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Source: UN FAO AgStat database; Coriolis classification and analysis

GLOBAL ORANGE YIELD CURVE: AREA VS. TONNES PER HECTARE
Hectares; tonnes/hectare; 2013
This case study now looks at citrus production unit operation efficiency

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Western Australian needs to accelerate its move to producing more citrus per operational unit

**ORANGES**

- Western Australia is increasing both orange trees per operational unit and orange production per operational unit

- Western Australia has low orange production per operational unit relative to Eastern Australia; however, the rate of increase over the past five years has been good

**MANDARINS**

- Western Australia is also increasing mandarin trees per operational unit and mandarin production per operational unit

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- Benchmarking Western Australia with the three largest U.S. citrus producing states also suggests there may be opportunities for larger scale operational units
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**ORANGE TREES/OPERATIONAL UNIT: WESTERN AUSTRALIA**
Trees/unit; 2010-2015

**ORANGE TONNES/OPERATIONAL UNIT: WESTERN AUSTRALIA**
Tonnes/unit; 2010-2015

Source: various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis
Western Australia has low orange production per operational unit relative to Eastern Australia; however, the rate of increase over the past five years has been good.

### Average Tones of Oranges Produced Per Operational Unit by Australian State

**Tonnes/operational unit; 2015**

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<td>SA</td>
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<td>VIC</td>
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### Growth Matrix on Orange Tones/Unit by AU State

**Tonnes/operational unit; 2010 vs. 2015**

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<th>5y CAGR Tones/unit</th>
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<td>SA</td>
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*Source: ABS (7121.0); Coriolis analysis and estimates*
Western Australia is also increasing mandarin trees per operational unit and mandarin production per operational unit.

### Mandarin Trees/Operational Unit: Western Australia

**Trees/unit; 2010-2015**

- 2009/10: 99
- 2010/11: 578
- 2011/12: 392
- 2012/13: 918
- 2013/14: 721
- 2014/15: 453

**CAGR 17%**

### Mandarin Tonnage/Operational Unit: Western Australia

**Tonnes/unit; 2010-2015**

- 2009/10: 13
- 2010/11: 15
- 2011/12: 20
- 2012/13: 25
- 2013/14: 17
- 2014/15: 24

**CAGR 12%**

*Source: various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis*
Western Australia has low mandarin production per operational unit relative to Eastern Australia; however, the rate of increase over the past five years has been good.

AVERAGE TONNES OF MANDARIN PRODUCED PER OPERATIONAL UNIT BY AUSTRALIAN STATE
Tonnes/operational unit; 2015

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GROWTH MATRIX ON MANDARIN TONNES/UNIT BY AU STATE
Tonnes/operational unit; 2010 vs. 2015

5y growth in tonnes/operational unit

Size of bubble = t/operation in 2015

For example...
For P.H. w/300k trees
Benchmarking Western Australia with the three largest U.S. citrus producing states also suggests there may be opportunities for larger scale operational units

AVERAGE TONNES OF ORANGES PRODUCED PER AGRIBUSINESS OPERATIONAL UNIT: WA VS. SELECT PEERS

Tonnes/operational unit; 2015 or as available

Note: U.S. data is units over 2ha (i.e. non-hobby scale); AU data is firms $5,000+ turnover with an ABN; Source: USDA Census of Agriculture; ABS (7121.0); Coriolis analysis
The third section of this report looks at the competitive situation in packing/wholesaling of citrus

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2a. Higher Yields
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Western Australian has a modern and consolidated citrus grower/packer sector; improved sector competitiveness will need to come from greater throughput, not more consolidation

- Western Australia has a modern packing/wholesaling sector with several large grower/packers/exporters of citrus

- There is a high level of consolidation in the Western Australian citrus at grower/packer level

- Citrus – like many agrifood sectors – is moving rapidly to the large integrated Grower/Packer/Shipper model; for example Wonderful Citrus alone packs thirty-three times more citrus than Western Australia

- Greater throughput is required to achieve scale at packhouse level

- Large scale integrated operations allow for investment in marketing and IP development
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<td>2005</td>
<td>5,000t; future</td>
<td>Private Ling family</td>
<td>12/41 Catalano Court, Canning Vale, WA 6115</td>
<td>Vertically integrated citrus and mango grower, packer and shipper; number 1 citrus grower in WA with two orchards; 280ha of citrus, 45ha of mango; two packing facilities</td>
<td>20-60 seasonal</td>
<td>Oranges, Mandarins</td>
<td><a href="http://www.agrifresh.com.au">www.agrifresh.com.au</a></td>
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<td>TBD</td>
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<td>30 ha; expanding</td>
<td>Private Ansell family</td>
<td>Dooling Road, Neergabby, WA 6503</td>
<td>Pesticide free citrus grower supplying Market City; recent venture into packing facilities with Mercer Mooney</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>Oranges, Mandarins</td>
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<td>Harvey Citrus</td>
<td>1982</td>
<td>60ha</td>
<td>Private Pergoliti family</td>
<td>7 Fifth Street, Harvey, WA 6220</td>
<td>Citrus grower and packer; received $500,000 Coles grant; 9,000 new lime and mandarin trees; new seedless lemons</td>
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<td>Moore Citrus</td>
<td>1998</td>
<td>6,000t; future</td>
<td>Private Brennan Rural Group</td>
<td>1429 Prices Road, Moora, WA 6510</td>
<td>Citrus grower and packer; number 2 citrus grower in WA; 170,100 orange and mandarin trees; exports to China of 1,000t in '15; 3 packhouses, 4th planned</td>
<td>10-15</td>
<td>Oranges, Mandarins</td>
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<td>Taddei Orchards</td>
<td>1976</td>
<td>40,000 citrus</td>
<td>Private Taddei family</td>
<td>683 Chitna Road, Neergabby, WA 6503</td>
<td>Citrus grower and packer; packs for other growers as well as avocados and mangoes; 35,000 stone fruit trees, 40,000 citrus on 101ha</td>
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<td>Westralian</td>
<td>1990</td>
<td>120ha (incl. mango)</td>
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<td>Citrus grower and packer; 6 orchards currently in production; approximately 77,000 trees; for sale</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>Oranges, Mandarins, Lemons</td>
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<td>Harvey</td>
<td>1993</td>
<td>1,400t; 50ha</td>
<td>Private Eckersley family</td>
<td>399 River Rd, Harvey, WA 6220</td>
<td>Citrus grower and packer; fourth generation</td>
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<td>Mandarins, Oranges, Lemons</td>
<td><a href="http://www.yambellup.com.au">www.yambellup.com.au</a></td>
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Source: Coriolis from a wide range of sources
There is a high level of consolidation in the Western Australian citrus at grower/packer level.

**CITRUS PRODUCTION BY FIRM**

% of production volume; 2016e

- **TOP 2 LARGEST OPERATIONS**: 65%
- **NEXT 3 LARGEST OPERATIONS**: 20%
- **REST OF WA OPERATIONS**: 15%
- **OTHER**: 5%

*Source: industry interviews; various websites; Coriolis estimates and analysis*
Citrus – like many agrifood sectors – is moving rapidly to the large integrated Grower/Packer/Shipper model; for example Wonderful Citrus alone packs thirty-three times more citrus than Western Australia

**EXAMPLE: WONDERFUL CITRUS GROWER/PACKER/SHIPPER**
2016 or as available

- **Own Orchards**
  - 22,700+ hectare
  - Similar in size to total Australian citrus area

- **Contract growers**
  - Seasonal or multi-year contracts

- **Agribusiness Operations Management**
  - Irrigation, pest management, orchard management, etc.

**Packing**

- 4 regional packhouses & coolstores
  - California (2); Mexico (1); Texas (1)
  - 500,000 t/year throughput
  - 25m cartons shipped
  - 15m cartons in CA
  - Citrus packing operation in Delano world’s largest
  - Recently spent $200m for new plant/equip

**Marketing**

- **Branding & IP**
  - Own mandarin brand
  - Own mandarin genetics
  - Own red grapefruit brand

- **Marketing**
  - Spending US$100m on mandarin marketing campaign in 2013-2018
  - Sold at 200,000 point-of-sale locations

- **Sales**
  - Sell directly to retailers
  - 200+ sales & merchandising employees
  - Shared with POM

- **Logistics**
  - In-house transportation staff
  - Dedicated national carriers

Source: Coriolis from a range of sources
Greater throughput is required to achieve scale at packhouse level

**EXAMPLE: MOORA CITRUS, WA VS. WONDERFUL CITRUS, CA**

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<td>210</td>
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<td>22,700</td>
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Source: industry interviews; industry sources; various websites; Coriolis estimates and analysis
Large scale integrated operations allow for investment in marketing and IP development

EXAMPLE: WONDERFUL CITRUS, USA

2016

Launched new brand “Wonderful Halos” to market its mandarins

65 per cent of US’s California mandarin crop

Invested $100m in five year marketing and advertising campaign

200 salespeople employed by Wonderful Brands

Launched new brand “Wonderful Sweet Scarletts” to market its Texas-sourced grapefruit

10,000 acres in South Texas

Invested $3m in national advertising campaign

Source: company websites; various news articles; Coriolis estimates and analysis
The final section of this case study looks briefly at the competitive situation in the value-added citrus processing in WA.
Western Australian lacks the scale and low production cost structure to complete in the orange juice sector; value-added sectors beyond juice are small and highly competitive.

- Western Australia has a range of juice processors, from large-scale multinational beverage companies to small boutique fresh juice companies.

- Western Australia has only one significant juice processor using locally produced fresh citrus; other beverage manufacturers use nationally or internationally sourced concentrate.

- Juice dominates the global trade in value-added citrus; sectors beyond this are small or highly competitive.

- Brazil dominates orange juice exports, combining large scale production with a low processing cost structure.
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### JUICE PROCESSORS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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<td>1986</td>
<td>20mL</td>
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<td>Lot 4 Third St, Harvey, WA 6220 +61 8 9729 0600</td>
<td>Dairy and juice processor with plant in Harvey; fresh and concentrate used</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>Dairy, juice, wine</td>
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<td><strong>Regional operations of large scale national companies processing from concentrate</strong></td>
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<td>1994</td>
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<td>86 Radium St, Bentley, WA 6102 +61 8 9333 2888</td>
<td>Dairy and juice processor; juice sourced as concentrate</td>
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<td>Public (ASX: CCL)</td>
<td>19-21 Miles Rd, Kewdale, WA 6105 +61 8 9449 1331</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.madejuice.com">www.madejuice.com</a></td>
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<td>5/24 St Quentin’s Av, Claremont, WA 6010 +61 8 9384 0481</td>
<td>Fresh, cold-pressed juice and cleanses processor; 1 retail outlet; stocked in independents; delivery</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.pressedearth.com.au">www.pressedearth.com.au</a></td>
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<td>Unit 3/24 Darlot Road, Landsdale, WA 6065 +61 1300 854 095</td>
<td>Juice and smoothie supplier to IGA, schools, hospitals, cafes; office fruit baskets, coffee machines, flowers</td>
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<td>Juice, smoothies, fruit baskets, office kitchen supplies and catering</td>
<td><a href="http://www.vitalicious.com.au">www.vitalicious.com.au</a></td>
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<td>2000</td>
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<td>1341 Dandenong Road, Chadstone, VIC 3148 +61 3 9508 4409</td>
<td>Fresh juice franchise business; 350 stores in 17 countries; 32 stores in WA</td>
<td>7,000 (Retail Zoo total)</td>
<td>Juice, smoothies, yoghurt, banana bread, wraps, snack food</td>
<td><a href="http://www.boostjuice.com.au">www.boostjuice.com.au</a></td>
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Source: Coriolis from a wide range of sources
Western Australia has only one significant juice processor using locally produced fresh citrus; other beverage manufacturers use nationally or internationally sourced concentrate.

**STRUCTURE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CITRUS SUPPLY CHAIN**

*Simplified model; 2016*

- **Citrus Production**: Harvey Citrus, Yambellup Estate, Taddei Orchards, other smaller producers.
- **Packhouses**: Concentrated juice from other states & other countries.
- **Value-Added Processing**: Fresh citrus exports, Local, fresh juice companies using WA citrus, National companies using concentrate.
- **Wholesaling**: Juice product wholesalers.
- **Retail & Foodservice**: Independent Supermarkets, Small grocers, etc., Other convenience outlets, Foodservice, outlets including restaurants, cafes, QSR, bars, hotels, clubs, etc., Citrus product exports.

Source: Coriolis
Juice dominates the global trade in value-added citrus; sectors beyond this are small or highly competitive.

GLOBAL TOTAL IMPORT VALUE FOR VALUE-ADDED PROCESSED CITRUS PRODUCTS

$USm; 2014

Orange juice: $6,570
Other citrus juice: $857
Grapefruit juice: $319
Citrus, other prep/pres: $762
Marmalades: $109
Peel, citrus: $77

Note: not included are smaller citrus products without a specific global trade code (e.g. citrus-based alcoholic spirits); Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis analysis and classifications.
Brazil dominates orange juice exports, combining large scale production with a low processing cost structure.

GLOBAL ORANGE JUICE EXPORT VALUE COST CURVE: DOLLAR PER KILOGRAM VS. KILOGRAMS
Kilograms; m; US$/kg; FOB; 2014

Major European producers (e.g., Netherlands, Belgium, Germany) are importing, processing through large scale plants and re-exporting juice.

Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis analysis
## Executive Summary

1. Identify and describe international competitiveness
2. Document the practices that characterise international competitiveness
3. Define mechanisms to promote achievement of international competitiveness
4. Recommend how DAFWA will support WA agrifood businesses to implement the key findings of the investigation to improve and achieve international competitiveness

## Appendix 1 - Product/Segment Case Studies
1. Appendix 1.1 - Pork Case Study
2. Appendix 1.2 - Dairy Case Study
3. Appendix 1.3 - Potatoes Case Study
4. Appendix 1.4 - Citrus Case Study
5. Appendix 1.5 - Oats Case Study

## Appendix 2 - Peer Group Pathways Case Studies
Australia exported ~US$170m worth of oats & rolled oats in 2014; however, Australian data under-reports this due to ABS domestic confidentiality rules; therefore this report uses global receipts data instead.

REPORTED VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN OAT TRADE
US$m; 2002-2014/15

Source: UN Comtrade database; ABS; Coriolis analysis
The Government has set a goal of doubling agrifood industry value (predominantly through exports); as some sectors will struggle to grow, others need to grow more; WA oat exports need to grow 5x; this is equivalent to matching half the current performance of Canada.

**WA OATS/ROLLED OATS EXPORT VALUE GROWTH TARGET**

**US$; m; 2015e vs. 2025+ target**

- **5x or +$320m**
- **3x or +$160m**

*WA (US$80m) is a Coriolis estimate based on WA share of production (46.5%) applied to AU exports value; Source: UN Comtrade database; ABS; Coriolis classifications and analysis*
Western Australia has a globally competitive oats industry achieving world price; however, gains in some areas are masking challenges elsewhere (particularly in yields)

POTENTIAL PATHWAY TO COMPETITIVENESS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIAN OATS INDUSTRY
% of current cost; 2015

Source: Coriolis estimates

Current WA: Loss from lower yields, Gain from more efficient operation units, Gain from proven scalable systems, Loss from low scale in bulk handling, Competitive world price

Current state not potential
This case study on the relative competitiveness of the Western Australian oat industry is structured as follows:

SECTION STRUCTURE: OAT INDUSTRY CASE STUDY

1. Competitive Situation
2. Agribusiness Operations
3. Bulk Handling/Primary Processing
4. Value-Added Processing

2a. Higher Yields
2b. More Efficient Operations
The first section of this case study reviews the current competitive situation in oats.

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2a. Higher Yields
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The export competitiveness of the Western Australian oat industry is improving

- The Western Australian oat industry had a long period of area growth through the early 1960's; since then, the area has been erratically trending downward

- Oat production has grown over the past 154 years; however, the rate of growth has slowed

- Western Australia is a major oat producer, producing more than China but less than the UK

- Western Australia is increasing oat production while global oat production is in long term decline

- Western Australia (and a handful of other countries) have been growing oat production; Chile stands out for growth and Russia, Canada and the US for decline

- Australia is growing oat exports, particularly to Asia

- Australia dominates most of its key export markets; it is growing across all three of its largest markets
The Western Australian oat industry had a long period of area growth through the early 1960’s; since then, the area has been erratically trending downward.

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis and estimates
Oat production has grown over the past 154 years; however, the rate of growth has slowed.

OAT PRODUCTION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Tonnes; 1861-2015

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis and estimates
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### GLOBAL OAT PRODUCTION

*Tonnes; m; 2014*

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*Source: UN FAO AgStat database; ABS data; Coriolis analysis*
Western Australia is increasing oat production while global oat production is in long term decline.

GLOBAL OAT PRODUCTION
Tonnes; m; 1963-2014

Source: UN FAO AgStat database; ABS data; Coriolis analysis
Western Australia (and a handful of other countries) have been growing oat production; Chile stands out for growth and Russia, Canada and the US for decline.

**20 YEAR OAT PRODUCTION GROWTH MATRIX: ABSOLUTE GROWTH VS. RATE OF GROWTH VS. TONNES**

*Tonnes; m; 2014 vs. 1994*

Source: UN FAO AgStat database; ABS data; Coriolis analysis
Australia is growing oat exports, particularly to Asia

AUSTRALIAN OAT EXPORT VALUE
US$; m; FOB; 2002-2014

Note: data is oats, rolled oats and other worked oats as reported received from Australia. Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis classifications and analysis.
Australia dominates most of its key export markets; it is growing across all three of its largest markets.

**OAT IMPORT VALUE BY SOURCE COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA’S THREE LARGEST MARKETS**

*US$m; 1996-2014/15*

**Note:** data is oats, rolled oats and other worked oats as reported received from Australia. Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis classifications and analysis.

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*OAT IMPORT VALUE BY SOURCE COUNTRY: CHINA*

*OAT IMPORT VALUE BY SOURCE COUNTRY: MALAYSIA*

*OAT IMPORT VALUE BY SOURCE COUNTRY: INDIA*

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*Note:* data is oats, rolled oats and other worked oats as reported received from Australia. Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis classifications and analysis.
This case-study now looks at oat agribusiness operations in Western Australia

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2a. Higher Yields
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Western Australian needs to continue to improve oat yield per hectare

- Western Australian oat yields started to grow in the 1960’s; however, yield gains appear to have slowed

- Western Australia leads Australian yields (among major producing states)

- However Western Australia is only “middle-of-the-pack” in yield at a global level and underperforms key global competitors

- Best practice peer group suggest Western Australia could potentially achieve more oats per hectare

- Continuous improvement in yield is a constant battle where Western Australia must continue to improve
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Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis and estimates
Western Australia leads Australian yields (among major producing states)

AUSTRALIAN OAT YIELD CURVE BY STATE: AREA VS. 5YR AVERAGE YIELD

Source: ABS Agricultural Commodities Australia (7121.0); Coriolis analysis

Share of total Australian oat area; 2015

Yield; tonnes per hectare; 5y average 11-15

Western Australia (WA) leads with a yield of 2.06 tonnes per hectare, followed by South Australia (SA) with 1.53, Victoria (VIC) with 1.52, New South Wales (NSW) with 1.15, and Queensland (QLD) with 0.49.

Australian average yield 1.53

Source: ABS Agricultural Commodities Australia (7121.0); Coriolis analysis
However Western Australia is only “middle-of-the-pack” in yield at a global level and underperforms key global competitors.

GLOBAL OAT YIELD CURVE
*T/ha; tonnes; 2014*

Total global tonnes of oats produced

EA = Eastern Australia; * Except for WA/EA which use 5y average and 2015 area; Source: UN FAO AgStat database; Coriolis analysis and classifications
Best practice peer group suggest Western Australia could potentially achieve more oats per hectare

### Average Yield in Tonnes per Hectare: Western Australia vs. Select Peer Group

**Tonnes/hectare; 5y average (AU; 11-15); 2013/14 (others as available)**

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Source: UN FAO AgStat database; USDA NASS database; USDA NASS Census of Agriculture; Statistics Canada; ABS Agricultural Commodities Australia (7121.0); Coriolis analysis
Continuous improvement in yield is a constant battle, where Western Australia must continue to improve.

**AVERAGE OAT YIELD IN TONNES PER HECTARE: WESTERN AUSTRALIA VS. SELECT PEERS**

_Tonnes/hectare; 1861-2014 or as available_

Source: UN FAO AgStat database; USDA NASS database; USDA NASS Census of Agriculture; ABS Agricultural Commodities Australia (7121.0); Coriolis analysis.
This case study now looks at oat production unit operation efficiency

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Western Australian needs to accelerate its move to producing more oats per operational unit

- Western Australia is increasing both oat area and oat production per operational unit

- Western Australia has high oat production per operational unit relative to Eastern Australia and rate of increase over the past five years has been excellent

- Western Australia performs well on oat production per operational unit relative to key peer group production regions
Western Australia is increasing both oat area and oat production per operational unit.

**Oat Hectares/Operational Unit: Western Australia**

Hectare/unit; 2010-2015

**Oat Tonnage/Operational Unit: Western Australia**

Tonnes/unit; 2010-2015

Source: various ABS publications; Coriolis analysis
Western Australia has high oat production per operational unit relative to Eastern Australia and rate of increase over the past five years has been excellent.

### AVERAGE TONNES OF OATS PRODUCED PER OPERATIONAL UNIT BY AUSTRALIAN STATE

**Tonnes/operational unit; 2015**

- QLD: 19
- TAS: 54
- NSW: 78
- VIC: 85
- SA: 90
- WA: 297

### GROWTH MATRIX ON TONNES/UNIT BY AUSTRALIAN STATE

**Tonnes/operational unit; 2010 vs. 2015**

5y CAGR tonnes/unit

- NSW: 3-4x
- WA: -10%
- VIC: -6%
- TAS: 4%
- SA: 8%
- QLD: -4%

- Size of bubble = t/operation in 2015

Source: ABS (7121.0); Coriolis analysis and estimates
Western Australia performs well on oat production per operational unit relative to key peer group production regions

**AVERAGE TONNES OF OATS PRODUCED PER OPERATIONAL UNIT BY SELECT REGION**

*Tonnes/operational unit; 2015*

- Wisconsin: 36
- Minnesota: 38
- Iowa: 42
- South Dakota: 81
- North Dakota: 92
- Alberta: 100
- Manitoba: 110
- Saskatchewan: 184
- WA: 297

Source: ABS (7121.0); Statistics Canada; USDA NASS & Census of Agriculture; Coriolis analysis and estimates
The third section of this report looks at the competitive situation in primary processing of oats.

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West Australia is exporting the majority of its oats for further value-added processing elsewhere

- Western Australia has a number of major oat handlers and processors

- There has been significant recent investment activity in the oat processing sector

- Western Australian oat processing plants lack scale relative to their global competitors

- Western Australia predominantly exports raw material ingredient oats to Asia where they are processed into further value-added products
Western Australia has a number of major oat handlers and processors

### MAJOR OAT HANDLERS AND PROCESSORS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2016 or as available

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<td>148 Carrington Street, O’Connor, WA 6163 +61 8 9314 4200</td>
<td>Processed food manufacturing and distribution company; private label contract manufacturing; sources interstate oats</td>
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<td>Breakfast cereal Flour</td>
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<td>1933</td>
<td>60,000t (Blue Lake Milling)</td>
<td>Co-op 4,200 growers</td>
<td>30 Delhi Street, West Perth, WA 6005 +61 8 9237 9600</td>
<td>Grain storage, handling, processing, and marketing; AU's largest co-op, acquired Blue Lake Milling oat processor with milling plants in SA, VIC in '15</td>
<td>1,100-1,800</td>
<td>Oats, grouts Rolled, quick, instant Oat flour, meal, bran Premixes</td>
<td><a href="http://www.cbh.com.au">www.cbh.com.au</a> <a href="http://www.bluelakemilling.com.au">www.bluelakemilling.com.au</a></td>
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<td>Private Mackie family</td>
<td>Level 3, 3 Ord Street, West Perth, WA 6005 +61 8 9429 4900</td>
<td>Animal feed operation; largest exporter of hay and straw in Australia; five plants across WA, SA, VIC</td>
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<td>Private Orr</td>
<td>12 - 14 Sultan Way, North Fremantle, WA 6959 +8 9430 6656</td>
<td>Grain supply, storage, cleaning, processing, bagging and container packing service for grain, pulse and oilseed products; three WA locations</td>
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<td>Private Costa, May families</td>
<td>28 Howson Way, Bibra Lake, WA 6163 +61 8 9418 6126</td>
<td>Grain product manufacturers; acquired Morton’s Seed and Grain in '14 with two milling facilities in Wagin and Bibra Lake</td>
<td>50 (WA)</td>
<td>Rolled, quick, instant Kiln dried hulled Grouts Bran flour Animal nutrition</td>
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Source: Coriolis from a wide range of sources
There has been significant recent investment activity in the oat processing sector.

**ACQUISITION**

- Blue Lake Milling
  - Two mills in South Australia and Victoria
  - 100,000t per annum capacity

- Morton’s Seed and Grain
  - Two mills in Wagin and Bibra Lake
  - 120,000t oats per annum capacity
  - Increasing capacity 30%

**INVESTMENT**

- New milling facilities
  - 6-storey, 32 metre high mill
  - 60-70% increase in oat requirement
  - Increasing to 250,000t

**Source:** company websites; Coriolis analysis
Western Australian oat processing plants lack scale relative to their global competitors.

**EXAMPLE: QUAKER OATS MILLS FORRESTFIELD VS. CEDAR RAPIDS**

*2016 or as available*

- **Quaker Oats Forrestfield, Western Australia**
  - Staff: 0
  - Silos: 0
  - Site acreage: 0
  - Buildings: 0
  - Storey: 0
  - Recent expansion with new mill; 60-70% increase in oats requirement

- **Quaker Oats Cedar Rapids, Iowa**
  - Staff: 0
  - Silos: 600
  - Site acreage: 0
  - Buildings: 0
  - Storey: 0
  - Approximately 100 semi-trailer trucks leave with finished food products per day
  - Largest cereal mill in the world

*Source: various websites; Coriolis analysis*
Western Australia predominantly exports raw material ingredient oats to Asia where they are processed into further value-added products, as this example from Quaker Oats shows.

**PRODUCT FLOW OF QUAKER OATS ORIGINATING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

*Simplified model; 2016*

1. **WA Oat Producers**
2. **Quaker Oats Forrestfield Milling Facility**
3. ** Rolled Oats**
4. **Logistics and Distribution**
5. **Malaysia Value-Added Processing Facility**

*Source: Company websites; Coriolis analysis*
The final section of this case study looks for further growth opportunities in value-added oat processing in WA.
The logical next step for the Western Australian oat industry is to add more value domestically through processing into actual consumer-ready products

- While Western Australia has a robust oat industry, including primary processing into rolled oats, bran and flour, there are currently no value-added oat processors operating at scale

- The global leaders in processed oat products all have operations in Australia, however no value-added processing occurs in Western Australia

- Western Australia is missing the opportunity for value added oat products in the breakfast category

- Beyond the breakfast category, oats provide an extensible platform that can be expanded into a wide range of new products and categories

  1. Oats are used in functional health foods and supplements
  2. Oats are used in milk alternatives and beverages
  3. Oats are used in convenience and snack foods
  4. Oats are used in a range of skincare products
While Western Australia has a robust oat industry, including primary processing into rolled oats, bran and flour, there are currently no value-added oat processors operating at scale.
The global leaders in processed oat products all have operations in Australia, however no value-added processing occurs in Western Australia.

### IDENTIFIED LEADING GLOBAL FIRMS IN PROCESSED/VALUE-ADDED OAT PRODUCTS

2016 or as available

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<td>Vervey, Switzerland</td>
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<td>Dairy products, pet care, beverages (water, coffee, juice), food (prepared, frozen, aids, cereal), nutrition (infant, adult), confectionery</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.nestle.com">www.nestle.com</a>; <a href="http://www.uncletobys.com.au">www.uncletobys.com.au</a>; 447 factories; operates in 197 countries</td>
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<td>PepsiCo</td>
<td>1898</td>
<td>New York, US</td>
<td>US$63.1b (15)</td>
<td>Processed food (rolled oats, bars, dips, cookies), snack foods (chips, corn chips), beverages (soft drinks, juice, iced tea, sports drinks, water)</td>
<td>Global</td>
<td><a href="http://www.pepsico.com">www.pepsico.com</a>; <a href="http://www.quakeroats.com">www.quakeroats.com</a>; <a href="http://www.pepsico.com.au">www.pepsico.com.au</a>; Acquired Quaker Oats in '01, milling op. in WA; sells products in more than 200 countries; #2 global food and beverage company</td>
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<td>General Mills</td>
<td>1866</td>
<td>Minnesota, USA</td>
<td>US$17.6b (15)</td>
<td>Baking products, cereals, dough, produce, dairy, processed food</td>
<td>Americas; Asia; EU; South Africa; Australasia</td>
<td><a href="http://www.generalmills.com">www.generalmills.com</a>; <a href="http://www.generalmills.com.au">www.generalmills.com.au</a>; Sells more than 100 brands in over 100 countries</td>
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<td>Europe; Americas; Africa; Asia; Australia</td>
<td><a href="http://www.abf.co.uk">www.abf.co.uk</a>; <a href="http://www.georgewestonfoods.com.au">www.georgewestonfoods.com.au</a>; Operations in 48 countries</td>
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<td>Kellogg's</td>
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<td>Michigan, US</td>
<td>US$13.5b (15)</td>
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Source: Company website; company annual report; Factiva; Hoovers; Wikipedia; various published articles and reports; Coriolis analysis
Western Australia is missing the opportunity for value added oat products in the breakfast category

EXAMPLES: VALUE-ADDED OAT BREAKFAST PRODUCTS FROM AUSTRALIA & OTHER MARKETS

2016

Source: Coriolis from store checks; photo credit (fair use/fair dealing; low resolution; complete product/brand for illustrative purposes); Coriolis analysis
Beyond the breakfast category, oats provide an extensible platform that can be expanded into a wide range of new products and categories.

DIRECTIONS FOR THE EXTENSION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN OATS

Model: 2016

1. Functional health foods/supplements
2. Milk alternatives and beverages
3. Convenience/snack foods
4. Ingredient in skincare products

Source: Coriolis analysis
1. Oats are used in functional health foods and supplements

**EXAMPLE: FUNCTIONAL HEALTH FOODS AND SUPPLEMENTS MARKETED AS CONTAINING OATS**

- **Herbalife Oat Apple Fibre Drink**
  - Containing oat grain fibre
  - 213g
  - AU$50.97 at MyHerbal (AU)
  - Herbalife (US)
  - Multinational direct marketing company developing and selling nutrition and weight loss products

- **Biogrow Oat BG22**
  - Containing 100% Swedish oat bran
  - 480g
  - MYR61.38 at Guardian (MY)
  - Biogrow (MY)
  - Supplement and health products company

- **Nestle Cerecal Infant Cereal Oats with Prune**
  - Containing oat grain
  - 200g
  - AU$4.45 at Coles (AU)
  - Nestle (CH)
  - Largest food manufacturing company in the world

- **Trim Healthy Mama Oat Fiber**
  - Containing oatmeal
  - 453g
  - US$11.99 at Trim Healthy Mama (US)
  - Trim Healthy Mama (US)
  - Weight loss company

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2. Oats are used in milk alternatives and beverages

**EXAMPLE: MILK ALTERNATIVES AND BEVERAGES MARKETED AS CONTAINING OATS**

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<td><strong>Oatly Oat Drink</strong></td>
<td>Containing 100% Swedish oats</td>
<td>1L £1.40 at Sainsbury’s (UK)</td>
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<td><strong>Fitwell Organic PhytoOat Milk</strong></td>
<td>Containing organic oats, oat flake</td>
<td>800g MYR59.00 at Jointwell (MY)</td>
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<td><strong>Nomadic Blueberry and Oats Yoghurt To Drink</strong></td>
<td>Containing oatmeal</td>
<td>330mL £1.50 at Tesco (UK)</td>
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3. Oats are used in convenience and snack foods

**EXAMPLE: CONVENIENCE AND SNACK FOODS MARKETED AS CONTAINING OATS 2016**

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<td>Containing whole grain rolled oats</td>
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<td>General Mills (US) Multinational consumer foods manufacturing company</td>
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<td>Chobani Banana Maple Yoghurt with Steel-Cut Oats</td>
<td>Containing steel-cut oats</td>
<td>US</td>
<td>Chobani (US) Yoghurt manufacturing company with America’s #1 yoghurt brand</td>
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<td>Nairn’s Oatcakes, Biscuits, Snackers &amp; Oat Crackers</td>
<td>Containing wholegrain oats</td>
<td>UK</td>
<td>Nairn’s (UK) Biscuit manufacturing company focused on oatcakes and gluten free</td>
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<td>Cascadian Farm Organic Oats &amp; Honey Crunchy Granola Bars</td>
<td>Containing organic rolled oats</td>
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<td>Cascadian Farm Organic (US) Organic food manufacturing and farming company</td>
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4. Oats are being used in a range of skincare products

**EXAMPLE: SKINCARE PRODUCTS MARKETED AS CONTAINING OATS**
2016

- **Aveeno Active Naturals range**
  - Containing oatmeal, oat essence and oat oil
  - 75mL – 1L
  - AU$6.69 – 16.99 at Chemist Warehouse (AU)

- **The Body Shop Honey & Oat 3-in-1 Moisturising Scrub Mask**
  - Containing oat bran
  - 100mL
  - AU$24.95 at The Body Shop (AU)

- **Johnson & Johnson (US)**
  - Consumer goods and pharmaceutical company

- **L’Oreal (FR)**
  - World’s largest cosmetics company

- **St Ives Oatmeal Scrub & Mask**
  - Containing oatmeal extract
  - 150mL
  - AU$11.00 at Coles (AU)

- **Unilever (US/NL)**
  - Multinational consumer goods company

- **Aura Cacia Baby Milk & Oat Bath**
  - Containing organic oat powder 47g
  - AU$5.60 at Vitamin Grocer (US)

- **Aura Cacia (US)**
  - Aromatherapy skincare company

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Three peer group countries/regions are explored through case studies on their pathway to competitiveness: New Mexico (dairy), Chile (pork) and Peru (overall agrifood).

Search criteria were (1) climatic peers that had (2) achieved “transformative growth”
Evaluation of peer group dairy production growth highlights Idaho and New Mexico; we develop New Mexico in detail in this case study as it has strong climatic parallels.

20Y MILK PRODUCTION GROWTH MATRIX: ABSOLUTE GROWTH VS. RATE OF GROWTH VS. PRODUCTION IN 2013
Tonnes; 000; 1993 vs. 2013

Source: UN FAO AgStat database; USDA NASS database; Coriolis analysis
Through much of the 20th Century, New Mexico had a small, fragmented dairy industry focused on small scale production for local/regional consumption. Starting around the early 90’s, the New Mexico dairy industry experienced a period of rapid growth. The New Mexico dairy industry went from 105 dairies with 80,000 cows in 1990 to 145 dairies and 323,000 cows in 2015. Between 1985 and 2015, the New Mexico dairy industry increased production seven fold.

New Mexico is now the seventh largest dairy producing state in the US, producing 4.0% of US milk. In 2013, dairy created a US$1.5b direct economic impact in the state and a $2.7b indirect impact. The industry directly employs over 4,200 people and generates 12,524 total jobs. Average income for workers on dairy farms was US$47,811 (A$66,274) in 2014.

This transformation was achieved through a rapid implementation of the large scale, intensive dairy model. This growth was driven by a large influx of dairies relocating to New Mexico from primarily California (some Texas, and Arizona) in the early 1990s. This influx is attributed to a combination of several factors, including a push from CA due to significantly increasing costs of production and urban encroachment. NM provided an ideal climate for herd health, availability of ready-made feed supplies and water improved methods of transporting milk, and affordable farm land.

Farmers received significant amounts for their CA farms and were able to invest in new large scale, modern dairies. As a result of the rapid adoption of new, innovative production systems, New Mexico now leads the United States in both number of cows per dairy (2,485 cows/unit in 2014) and milk per cow (11,350 l/cow).

New Mexico dairies operate on a concentrated feeding/feedlot model. Animals are fed alfalfa hay, corn grain, corn silage and soybeans. Much of this feed is produced in New Mexico, from both large-scale pivot irrigation systems and seasonal rain-fed production. The industry is estimated to require over 300,000 hectare of land to produce dairy feed.

New Mexico is a semi-arid state in the Southwest the US, warm days and cool nights, frequently in drought. This arid climate means water is a limiting resource and New Mexico dairies are very efficient in their water use. Dairies directly use less than 5% of total state groundwater diversion. Most dairies recycle and utilize the same water 3-5 times for cooling, sanitation of equipment, flushing of feed lanes, and ultimately as fertilized irrigation water. The wider agricultural sector uses 78% of state water, including indirect dairy water use associated with animal feed production. Increasing pressure on the aquifers have put increasing pressure on farm costs.

The New Mexico dairy industry is highly regionally consolidated, with almost 80% of production occurring in just four counties (Curry, Chaves, Roosevelt & Dona Ana) in the eastern part of the state. This concentrated region is driving production growth and has attracted much of the new processing investment in the state.

With the rapid growth of production, New Mexico first established a Co-op, pooling the milk supply. Since then NM has attracted major investments in new plants, predominantly producing cheese/whey and milk powder leveraging the abundant supply of low cost milk in the state. Investors include Dairy Farmers of America, Fonterra, Dean Foods, Leprino Foods, Glanbia and F&A. The two largest cheese factories in the world are now located in the region: the Glanbia/Southwest Cheese plant in Clovis and the Hilmar cheese plant over the state line in Dalhart, Texas.

As one recent example, the Southwest Cheese plant – a 50/50 JV between Glanbia (Ireland) and two regional dairy cooperatives - cost US$192m and was opened in 2005. In 2009 a US$90m expansion was made and in 2015 a US$140m plant expansion was announced. All of the milk for the plant comes from within a 50 km radius of the plant and over 75% from within a 25 km radius. The milk is delivered by more than 140 articulated trucks running 24 hours per day. Clovis Industrial Development Corporation has spent $16m on wastewater facilities and road improvements. The New Mexico Department of Economic Development and the local development boards also helped in setting up the plant. The state now produces more cheese than Australia.

The success of the New Mexico dairy industry was created by entrepreneurs and businesspeople working in a (mostly) free market. The state and federal government provided broad economic stability, resource availability and a stable regulatory framework. However, government appears to have done little specifically in the early days of the industry to make dairy a success and certainly had no clear strategy or plan for this to occur. Since the success of the industry, government has assisted the industry, particularly in investment attraction.

Dairies are regulated by multiple state and federal agencies including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA), New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (OSE) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED).

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture (www.nm.da.nmsu.edu) is located on and run by New Mexico State University. It has about 120 employees and a state-provided budget of $16.5m (13). It focuses on regulation and is responsible for the administration of over 30 state statutes. The Dairy Division inspects and permits dairy farms, dairy-processing facilities, and milk samplers/haulers. It also performs some market development roles, including the New Mexico Taste The Tradition program (www.newmexicotradition.com). The grass roots Dairy Producers of NM provide a lobbying role and work closely with environmental advisors and regulators to ensure effective and sensible regulations.
### Drivers of International Competitiveness of New Mexico Dairy Industry

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<td><strong>Local/Regional</strong></td>
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<td>Large state of 315,194 km² (75% the size WA Kimberley) Use feedlots not grazing</td>
<td>Can tap into large and diverse US Holstein breeding program World leading yields</td>
<td>High throughput/plant Large, modern plants Reinvesting in new capacity</td>
<td>Primarily producing ingredient dairy (e.g. cheese; powder) Growing specialty production</td>
<td>2.1m people in State -40m people in SW region</td>
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<td><strong>Available Water</strong></td>
<td><strong>Large Operations</strong></td>
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<td><strong>National/Trade Bloc</strong></td>
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<td>Dairy directly uses less than 5% of groundwater diversion</td>
<td>145 dairy units; 25m l/unit 74% of volume produced in 2,500+ cow farms</td>
<td>Largest global cheese plant Five very large plants Average -730m L per plant</td>
<td>Large operators present However no infant formula or high value nutritionals yet</td>
<td>322m people in US 472m people in NAFTA 20+ free trade agreements</td>
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<td><strong>Available Labour</strong></td>
<td><strong>Proven/scalable systems</strong></td>
<td><strong>Linked Into Markets</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Export Markets</strong></td>
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<td>2.1m people in New Mexico Access to regional skills</td>
<td>Using intensive dryland system with 40 year track record of success</td>
<td>Presence of Glanbia (Ireland), DFA (USA #2), Dean Foods (USA #1), Leprino Foods (US mozzarella #1)</td>
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<td>Exports dairy to over 150 countries (US data)</td>
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<td><strong>Available Key Inputs</strong></td>
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<td>Ag sector focused on animal feed production</td>
<td>Influx of skilled large dairy operators in 80s/90s 4,200 people employed</td>
<td>80% produced in four counties Plants w/in 50km</td>
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**Source:** various published articles; various websites; USDA NASS & ERS; UN Comtrade database; CIA World Factbook; Coriolis analysis and estimates
CASE STUDY - 1 - NEW MEXICO DAIRY INDUSTRY - RESULTS
New Mexico (a dry USA state) is succeeding where WA is struggling by having seven times more cows per operational unit and getting twice as much milk per cow through intensive feeding.

Source: Dairy Australia “Dairy Industry In Focus” (various years); USDA Census of Agriculture (various years); ABS (various reports); USDA NASS (various reports); Coriolis analysis and estimates.
**Dairy operators from neighbouring dryland regions, primarily California, Texas and Arizona**

- Well capitalised dairy - and wider agribusiness operators – from within New Mexico able to copy and adapt rapidly

**Success was achieved through effectively bringing climatic best practice technology and systems to a remote dry state with an undeveloped dairy industry**

- Reduction in production cost reduction through:
  - Implementation of large scale intensive dairy production systems and related animal feed production systems to increase cows per production unit
  - Leveraging huge, high performance pool of U.S. Holstein dairy genetics to increase milk per cow

**An unexploited opportunity existed: New Mexico had a small, underdeveloped dairy industry**

- There was an arbitrage opportunity: New arrivals could sell existing operations (e.g. in California) and build newer, larger operations in New Mexico

- It would be highly profitable: Newer, larger dairies with higher yields are more profitable (data shows they are, in fact, the only dairies that are profitable)

- There were underutilised resources available: Readily available inputs were available in New Mexico at the time (e.g. cheap land, available water)
Evaluation of peer group pig meat production growth highlights Chile and Utah; we develop Chile in detail in this case study (however Utah data is used in the pork section of this document)

20Y PIG MEAT PRODUCTION GROWTH MATRIX: ABSOLUTE GROWTH VS. RATE OF GROWTH VS. PRODUCTION IN 2013
Tonnes; 1993 vs. 2013
Chile is a long, thin country in South America. Chile has a diverse climate ranging from the Atacama desert (“the world’s driest desert”) in the North, through a Mediterranean climate in the centre, to a cool climate in the South. Chile has a population of 18m, with roughly a third living in and around the capital Santiago. The Chilean economy is dominated by the mining industry, which makes up 20% of GDP and 60% of exports. The wider agro-food industry accounts for 16% of GDP, 25% of exports and employs more than a million people. Key agricultural products include grains, horticulture, wine, beef, sheep and aquaculture.

Chile has shown strong growth in both pork production and pork exports over the past two decades. Pork production has grown from 20,000 t in 1960 to 520,000 t in 2014, with 51% exported. Chilean pork exports have grown rapidly and the country is now the sixth largest pork exporter (after the EU, the US, Canada, China and Brazil). The key markets for Chilean pork are Japan (37%) followed by South Korea, China and Russia. China is growing strongly.

“Instead of focusing on mass production, Chilean exporters chose the path of niche specialisation. Thus, high demanding markets [e.g. Japan & South Korea], quality and higher added value were the concepts of choice... The country’s industry worked on the development of new products with added value: cuts, processed, and frozen products... on the list. Besides, we also worked on the integration of quality and management systems to the production chain.”  
Felipe de la Carrera, Asprocer, quoted in Pig Progress 2008

The Chilean pork industry is highly consolidated, with four companies (Agrosuper, Friosia, MaxAgro and AASA) accounting for 95%+ of production. Vertical integration has enabled producers to maintain a strict product traceability and ensured product safety, quality and reliability from the production site to the final consumer. Large investments have been made in state-of-the-art technology to strengthen sanitary and production efficiency levels. The industry is also highly geographically concentrated, with 90%+ of production occurring near Santiago.

Unlike Australia, the Chilean pig industry uses the latest, high performance global genetics, with PIC being the main supplier. Pig producers are achieving 29 weaned piglets per sow per year (vs. 20 per sow in Australia). Market weight for hogs is around 110kg and most hogs are full grown by 5.5 months. The Chilean pig industry is significantly more efficient than WA.

The main cost in the Chilean pig industry is feed, which is 74% of total production cost. This is one of the weak points of the industry, as Chile is heavily dependent on imported maize and soybeans. As a result, the Chilean industry is highly focused on feed efficiency.

Chile has a high health status, and this is due, mainly, to its natural barriers (the Andes and the Ocean) and to plant and animal health border controls. The country is free from most major pig diseases.

The success of the Chilean pork industry is primarily the result of the efforts of one company: Agrosuper. Agrosuper had sales of US$2.3b in FY15 and has more than 15,000 employees. Agrosuper was founded in 1955 as an egg producer. Since then, the company has expanded into a wide range of vertically integrated, intensively fed meats: chicken (1974), pork (1983), salmon (1983) and turkey (2011). Agrosuper is the market leader in Chile for all of these products, with a domestic market share ranging from 50%-75% and an export market share ranging from 65-85% (other than salmon). Exports account for 35% of sales and the company exports to 60 countries on 5 continents.

Since entering the pork industry in 1983, Agrosuper has continued to reinvest in production growth and pork now accounts for 39% of group sales. Agrosuper is highly vertically integrated, with control of its own feed production, production sites, processing, marketing and exporting, including sales offices in all key markets. Agrosuper uses the latest global genetics, has large modern production facilities and large, automated processing plants. Most pork is sold case-ready under the Super Cerdo brand.

Agrosuper produced 360,000 tonnes of pork in 2013, or about ten times as much as Western Australia (31,000 t in 2015). Agrosuper accounts for 55% of Chilean domestic pork sales and 84% of Chile’s pork exports. Agrosuper is now the 24th largest global pig processor.

In 2005, Agrosuper began construction of the first stage of Project Huasco, a US$200m large scale pig farm in the Atacama desert. Project Huasco was a totally vertically integrated operation, encompassing a grain receiving port, a feed mill, pig breeding operation, grow-out sheds and meatworks. The first stage of this project opened in 2011 and the company was planning to double its capacity to 150,000 sows and an output of 3.8 million pigs a year. Total investment at the site was to be US$800 million. However, “unforeseeable technical failure” occurred with the US$54m “most modern environmental management technology in the world.” As a result, odours from the plant impacted the local community leading to major protests. Agrosuper ultimately closed its first stage facility and moved production elsewhere.

The success of the Chilean pork industry was created by entrepreneurs and businesspeople working in a (mostly) free market. The industry is well organised, with an Association of Pork Producers (ASPROCER) and an export focused industry program (ChilePork).

The Chilean government provided broad economic stability, resource availability and a stable regulatory framework. It also negotiated a wide range of free trade agreements. As of June 2013, Chile had 22 FTAs with 60 countries, which allows privileged access to a market of 4.3 billion people (60% of the global population and 80% of world GDP).
## Case Study - 2 - Chile Pork Industry - Drivers of Competitiveness

### Drivers of International Competitiveness of Chilean Pork Industry

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<td>Four firms = 95% Fully vertically integrated</td>
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### World-Class Production Systems

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Source: various published articles; various websites; USDA FAS; UN Comtrade database; CIA World Factbook; Coriolis analysis and estimates
CASE STUDY – 2 – CHILE PORK INDUSTRY – RESULTS
The Chilean pork industry is outperforming Australia

PORK PRODUCTION: AUSTRALIA VS. CHILE
Tonnes; 000; 1951-2013

PORK EXPORT VOLUME: AUSTRALIA VS. CHILE
Tonnes; 000; 1979-2014

Source: various WA Statistical Register (by year); various ABS publications; UN FAO AgStat database; Coriolis analysis and estimates
A single firm can drive export success

Four large vertically integrated pork producers (Agrosuper, Friosa, MaxAgro and AASA) account for 95%+ of production

Agrosuper – the market leader in Chile in chicken, pork, turkey and salmon – was effectively single handedly responsible for the export success of Chile in pork

Early relationship with Nippon Meat

Success was achieved through effectively bringing climatic best practice technology and systems to a remote dry country with an undeveloped pork industry

Reduction in production cost was achieved through:

- Implementation of large scale intensive pork production systems to increase pigs per unit
- Leveraging huge, high performance global pool of pig genetics to increase (1) feed conversion efficiency and (2) rate of growth
- At the same time, dramatically increasing average weight at slaughter through vertical integration and control of the total animal through branding and value-added processing
- Industry initially focused on supplying the highly demanding Japanese market with value-added pork products via supply contracts with Nippon Meat
- Agrosuper established its own international marketing networks to ensure products matched market demand

An unexploited opportunity existed: Chile had a small, underdeveloped pork industry and low per capita pork consumption

Once the industry outgrew the local market, it turned to exports to maintain growth

Nippon Meat looked to South America when Foot and mouth impacted supply from Denmark and Taiwan, supply contracts with Agrosuper targeted specific products for the Japanese markets
Evaluation of overall peer group agrifood export growth highlights Peru; we therefore develop Peru in detail in this case study.

20Y AGRIFOOD EXPORT GROWTH MATRIX: ABSOLUTE GROWTH VS. RATE OF GROWTH VS. VALUE IN 2014
US$, b 1995 vs. 2015

Note: Morocco and Israel use 95-14 data and values; Source: UN FAO AgStat database; Coriolis analysis
CASE STUDY – 3 – PERU AGRIFOOD INDUSTRY – SUMMARY

Peru is a mid-sized country of 1.28m square kilometres, similar in size to South Africa, Mongolia, Alaska or north of WA (Kimberley, Pilbara & Gascoyne). Peru has a diverse climate, ranging from the dry arid coastal strip through the high Andes in the middle to the jungles of the upper Amazon in the East. Peru has a population of 31m, with about a third living in Lima. Poor infrastructure hinders the spread of growth beyond the coastal areas around the capital Lima.

Peru has been well run economically for the last few decades and seen growth as a result. Key economic policies supporting growth include prudent government spending, government surpluses, an independent Central Bank focused on inflation and business friendly policies targeted at growth industries.

The main economic activities are mining, agriculture, fishing, manufacturing and tourism. Commodities exports still make up the majority of exports. Metals and minerals account for 60% of the country’s total exports. Peru is second worldwide in gold production, second in copper, and is among the top 5 producers of lead and zinc. The government passed several economic stimulus packages in 2014 to bolster growth, including reforms to environmental regulations in order to spur investment in Peru’s lucrative mining sector, a move that was opposed by some environmental groups. However, in 2015, mining investment fell as global commodity prices remained low.

Peru has signed trade deals with the US, Canada, Singapore, China, Korea, Mexico, Japan, the EU, the European Free Trade Association, Chile, Thailand, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, concluded negotiations with Guatemala and the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and begun trade talks with Honduras, El Salvador, India, Indonesia, and Turkey. Peru also has signed a trade pact with Chile, Colombia, and Mexico, called the Pacific Alliance, that seeks integration of services, capital, investment and movement of people.

Agriculture is an important sector for Peru, accounting for 7% of GDP and 26% of employment. Peru’s agricultural exports include artichokes, grapes, avocados, mangoes, peppers, sugarcane, coffee and cotton. From a base of $0.7bn in 2001, exports of agricultural and fish products have grown at 10-15% per annum and reached $5.4bn in 2015. By 2020 horticulture exports alone aim to be US$3.8bn. Multiple sources attribute Peru’s success to a climate that favours food production, investment in irrigation, a favourable business environment, trade agreements, and stable macro-economic settings.

Extract from “Agricultural exports on the rise in Peru”, Oxford Business Group, 2016

“The growth of agriculture for export is one of the success stories of Peru’s recent economic development. The country’s coast is scored with numerous rivers, but the desert plains between the valleys remained uncultivated until the 1990s. The creation of large reservoirs due to the construction of hydroelectric plants gave the country a reliable water supply, and under former-president Alberto Fujimori large-scale investment in public irrigation schemes began.

In 1993 the law was changed to allow the private acquisition of land and remove size restrictions on land holdings. Large land packages on the coast, with minimum sizes typically 500-1000 ha, were auctioned with minimum investment requirements, incentivising large agribusiness firms to take a stake in Peru. To date, over 200,000 ha of land has been irrigated under the scheme, with 30 companies holding land packages of over 2500 ha.

Peru continues to expand the agricultural frontier into the desert. There are three major irrigation schemes under development, with the potential to bring an additional 150,000 ha into agricultural production... In December 2013 Prol inversión promoted the project to Asian investors during the Road Show Asia 2015... The Majes-Siguas II project was given a boost in September 2015 by the provision of a $122m loan... taking total investment in the project to $550m. When complete, the project will bring 46,500 ha under irrigation. Two further projects... will add 41,600 ha and 19,000 ha, respectively.

Together, Peru’s completed irrigation projects and those under construction have required public investment of $3.2bn, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (Ministerio de Agricultura y Riego, MINAGRI). Only a small proportion of this is recovered through the auctioning of plots. Agribusiness firms also benefit from government incentives, paying half the rate of corporate tax and employing workers on flexible contracts. This has led to criticism of the cost of developing public irrigation projects. Fernando Erguen, president of the Peruvian Centre for Social Studies, told OBG, “We estimate that since the 1990s, private agribusiness has benefitted from what amounts to a $6bn subsidy from the state.”
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Others point to the wider benefits of the scheme. “Depending on the project, it may cost $20,000-40,000 to irrigate a hectare of land, which is then auctioned to companies at a typical price of $5000,” Angel Manero, president of Grupo Agronegocios, told OBG. “However, these projects provide huge employment opportunities that feed back into the economy through increased consumption of goods and services.” The Olmos Tinajones, Chavimochic and Puyango projects are estimated to create over half a million direct and indirect jobs.

The effect of the irrigation scheme on Peruvian agricultural exports has been dramatic. While the country’s largest private landowner Grupo Gloria, which owns close to 80,000 ha, built its empire on the traditional sugar industry, some of the most notable export successes have been fruits and vegetables. Peru is the leading exporter of asparagus globally, reaching sales of $571m in 2014, according to Agrodataperu. Exports of grapes increased 55% from 2013 to 2014, reaching $639m, while avocado exports grew 71% to $306m…

Peru’s agribusiness sector has a history of looking south for inspiration and many of its most profitable exports were previously cultivated by Chilean farms. The agribusiness success story of 2014 was blueberries, with exports hitting $30m, twice the previous year’s total. That figure is expected to hit $70m in 2015. “In recent years we have seen 2000 ha of new land seeded with blueberries, with investments of around $100m,” said Manero. “In Peru we can seed in any month and export in September and October, when supplies from other countries such as Chile dry up.” Using this model Peruvian blueberry producers can demand higher prices.

According to research by Agronegocios, a local digital information platform, blueberries were the most profitable agri-export product in 2014, offering profits of 69%, compared to 31% for avocados and 13% for asparagus. The cultivation of raspberries is the logical progression, and kiwifruit, of which Chile exports $200m worth every year, could be the next focus for Peruvian export farms.

Another star agricultural product in recent years has been palm oil, which has seen continuous growth. While in 2000 production totalled 181,000 tonnes, by the end of 2012 Peru was producing some 518,300 tonnes. The last few years, however, haven’t come without challenges. The sector has seen an increase in competition from Argentina and a decrease in the international market price, which had fallen by 14% in the first half of 2015. “The palm oil chain has high aggregate value. Crude palm oil in the future will be absorbed – mainly by the biodiesel market, which we expect to pick up after the imposition of the antidumping compensations currently in process – but also by the food industry, where demand for palm oil derivate is increasing,” Renzo Balarezo, CEO of local grower Grupo Palmas, told OBG…

On the back of the success of Peru’s agriculture-for-export model, MINAGRI and the Ministry of Production (Ministerio de la Producción, PRODUCE) continue to develop policies to increase the added value of the agricultural sector.

PRODUCE has identified the aquaculture and forestry sectors as two areas of particular potential. MINAGRI has supported the development of Sierra Exportadora, a public company that aims to move the country’s Andean and jungle crops up the value chain. With a wide range of products from cranberry juice to cheeses, the company reached sales of $200m in 2014, more than double its results for the year. Public backing has allowed Sierra Exportadora to expand its business model across the highlands and rainforest. “For 2015 we have decided to focus on expanding the number of beneficiaries of our services beyond the current 78,000,” Alfonso Velásquez Tuesta, CEO of Sierra Exportadora, told OBG…

The fall in revenues from Peru’s traditional exports has, to a large extent, vindicated the decision to diversify production through irrigation schemes. MINAGRI expects agri-exports to reach $7bn by 2017, and the country’s large agribusiness firms have successfully introduced dozens of new products to Peruvian soils. The focus in the coming years will be on helping national producers compete with imports and developing new industries.

The good news is that – despite the strong growth of non-traditional agriculture exports – the industry has only scratched the surface. The cultivation of new lands combined with PRODUCE’s push to develop the forestry and aquaculture sectors should see these industries play an increasingly important role in the economic future of Peru.”
CASE STUDY – 3 – PERU AGRIFOOD INDUSTRY – KEY INSIGHTS/TAKEAWAYS

In practice, countries or regions that are transforming their agricultural competitiveness choose a range of policy settings, as this example from Peru shows.

EXAMPLE: OPTIONS USED BY PERU TO IMPACT KEY DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS

Model: 2016

- Peru is similar in size to North of WA (Kimberley, Pilbara & Gascoyne)
- Major mining region: global #2 silver and #3 copper
- Lots of water in the East; limited amounts in the West
- Public/private partnerships to build seven massive irrigation projects supplying 290,000 hectares
- Dam and aqueduct projects supporting multiple regions (Ica, Piura, Lambayeque, Cajamarca & Olmos)
- US$400m invested in Ica region
- US$580m in Olmos region
- Multiple projects to tunnel through Andes to bring water to dry regions
- 90%+ of land in new irrigation regions auctioned off in large blocks to large scale corporate operations
- Regional Governor is Chair of the “Promotion Committee for the Public Land Auction”
- Reforms to environmental regulations in 2014 in order to spur investment

- Investment/business friendly government focused on agricultural development
- Chilean and US agribusiness operators invited in and invest (e.g. Mission Produce (US) in avocados)
- New irrigation projects “favoured agroindustry over small [operations]”
- Large scale operations developed
- Modern genetics easily introduced through limited biosecurity
- Yields increasing across major agricultural exports (e.g. avocado yields +67% above US) through good genetics and modern systems
- Major “non-traditional” new crops emerging and now account for ~80% of agrifood exports
- Agricultural area devoted to export is expected to double

- Local agribusiness operators reinvest in growth (e.g. Grupo Palmas; Campersol)
- For example Campersol announced $100m blueberry project in 2014 targeting 30m kg production for export
- Chilean, US, Israeli and other agribusiness operators invest (e.g. PE-owned Vanguard International acquired Peru’s largest grape grower Challapampa)
- New processors build large processing operations at scale (e.g. Gloria Corp $49m sugar mill

- Peru has a trade pact with Chile, Colombia, and Mexico, called the Pacific Alliance, that seeks integration of services, capital, investment and movement of people.
- Since the US-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement entered into force in February 2009, total trade between Peru and the United States has doubled.
- Since 2006, Peru has signed trade deals with the US, Canada, Singapore, China, Korea, Mexico, Japan, the EU, the European Free Trade Association, Chile, Thailand, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, concluded negotiations with Guatemala and the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and begun trade talks with Honduras, El Salvador, India, Indonesia, and Turkey
CASE STUDY – 3 – PERU AGRIFOOD INDUSTRY – RESULTS
Peru has achieved success on its Pathway To Competitiveness

TOTAL AGRIFOOD EXPORT VALUE: PERU
US$b; 1961-2014

Source: UN Comtrade database; Coriolis classifications and analysis
### Key Business Insights from Peru Horticulture Industry Pathway to Competitiveness

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#### HOW?
- New water and new land
- New irrigation projects delivering water to unexploited regions
- A government focused on developing an export industry at scale (rather than delivering small plots to micro-scale peasant farmers)
- Success was achieved through effectively bringing climatic best practice technology and large-scale systems to a remote dry country with an undeveloped horticulture industry
- Reduction in production cost was achieved through:
  - Implementation of large scale horticulture production systems to increase tonnes per unit
  - Leveraging huge, high performance global pool of plant genetics to increase yields

#### WHY?
- Neighbouring country Chile provided a proven model/case-study of developing a successful export focused horticulture sector in a Mediterranean-to-arid climate
- Peru needed to diversify its economy away from an overreliance on mining
- An unexploited opportunity existed: Peru had a small, underdeveloped horticulture industry
- New trade agreements provided a wide range of new markets for new export horticultural products
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