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KEEPING WA GROWERS GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE

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CURRENT ISSUES IN AGRICULTURE



Productivity

- Broadacre productivity growth falling - 2.2%pa in 1953-94 to 0.4%pa 1994-13
- Cost of producing wheat in Australia is double Argentina, Russia and Ukraine

Performance

- Big variation in performance since 1990's:
 - >25% broadacre farms made a loss every year
 - >50% annual cash income of less than \$43,000
- 2003-08 >50% of RDC funding outside of productivity or output growth

Skills & succession

- Medium age of farmer increasing: 1981 = 44 2001 = 50 2011 = 53
- Agricultural labour force declined 25% from 2002-2007
- Loss of expertise for extension/leadership/communities and grower groups

Capital

- Farm debt grown 8% pa in last 10 years

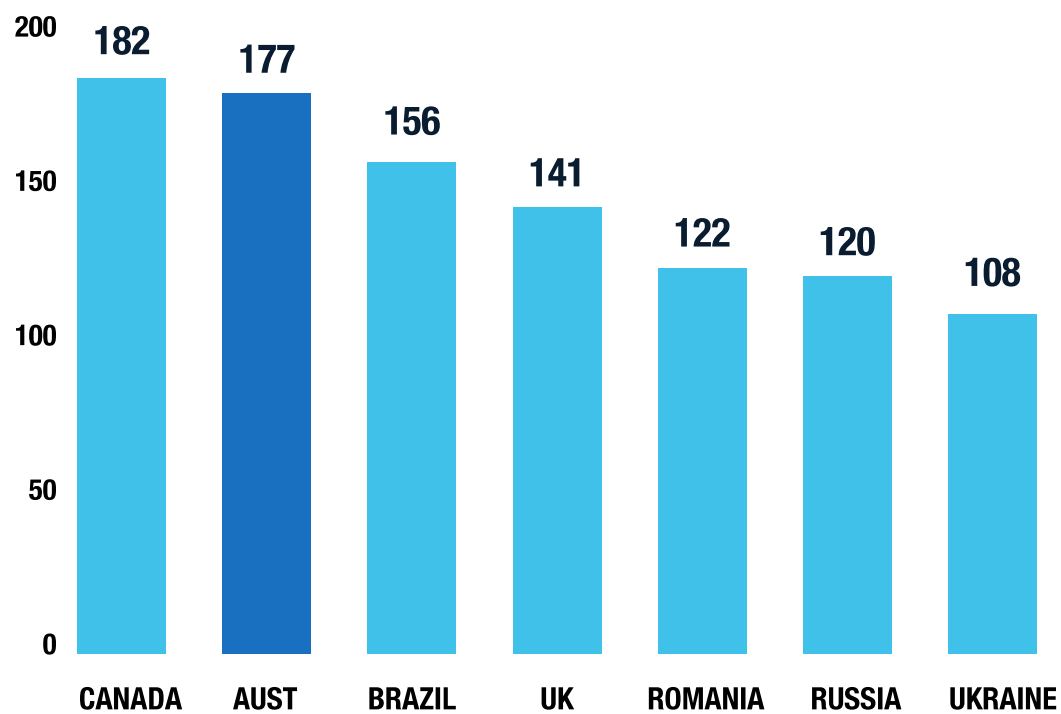
Supply chain

- Cost
- Efficiency

Source: ANZ
insight 2012



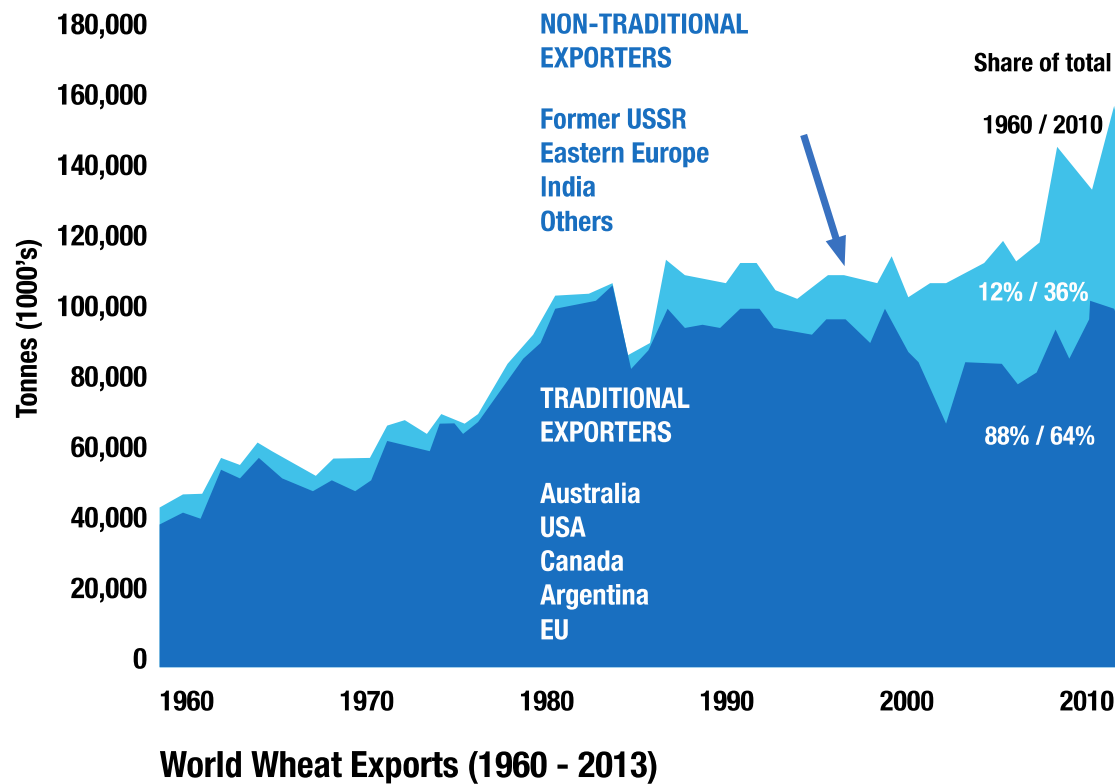
AUSTRALIA HAS HIGH INPUT COSTS



Cost of inputs to farmers (US\$/tonne)



THERE ARE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK



COMPETITION IS NOW BETWEEN SUPPLY CHAINS



Australian wheat is being replaced by lower cost supply chains

Middle East

- **Lower Price** - \$30m/t cheaper than Australian CFR Egypt
- **Lower production costs**
- **Lower freight cost** – Russia/Egypt \$10-15 cheaper than Australia
- **Lower quality** – ‘acceptable quality’ for the price

Black Sea wheat exports

1990s average	6 million tonnes
2000s average	20 million tonnes
2020s predicated	40 million tonnes

Asia

- **Quality discount** for Black Sea wheat to match Australian reduced from \$30 to \$15
- Russian wheat currently \$30 cheaper CFR SE Asia



GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN PLAYERS ARE BIG...



	ADM	Bunge	Cargill	Louis Dreyfus*
Sales (2011) \$ billions	81	59	120	60
Profits (2011) \$ billions	2.0	0.9	4.2	n/a
Employees	30,000	32,000	142,000	34,000
Number of countries	75	40	66	55



...AND THEY ARE INTEGRATED



Activity/firm	ADM	Bunge	Cargill	Louis Dreyfus
Farm products/services	+	+	+	+
Storage & Transport	+	+	+	+
Investment & Risk Management	+	+	+	+
Commodities	+	+	+	+
Processing	+	+	+	+



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Activity/firm	ADM	Bunge	Cargill	Louis Dreyfus
Commodities				
Soybean/oilseeds	+	+	+	+
Palm oil	+	+	+	+
Maize	+	+	+	+
Wheat	+	+	+	+
Citrus juice			+	+
Cocoa	+		+	
Coffee				+
Sugar	+	+	+	+
Cotton	+		+	+
Rice		+		+
Processing				
Milling grains	+	+	+	+
Oil crushing	+	+	+	+
Processed foods	+	+	+	

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Activity/firm	ADM	Bunge	Cargill	Louis Dreyfus
Farm products/services				
Fertiliser	+	+	+	+
Seed sales			+	+
Contract farming	+	+	+	+
Farmer advice services		+	+	+
Insurance	+		+	
Livestock contracting			+	
Storage & Transport				
Elevators/storage	+	+	+	+
Transportation	+	+	+	+
Investment & Risk Management				
Financial services	+	+	+	
Farmland acquisition	+	+	+	



How do we keep WA growers competitive?

Integrated supply chain

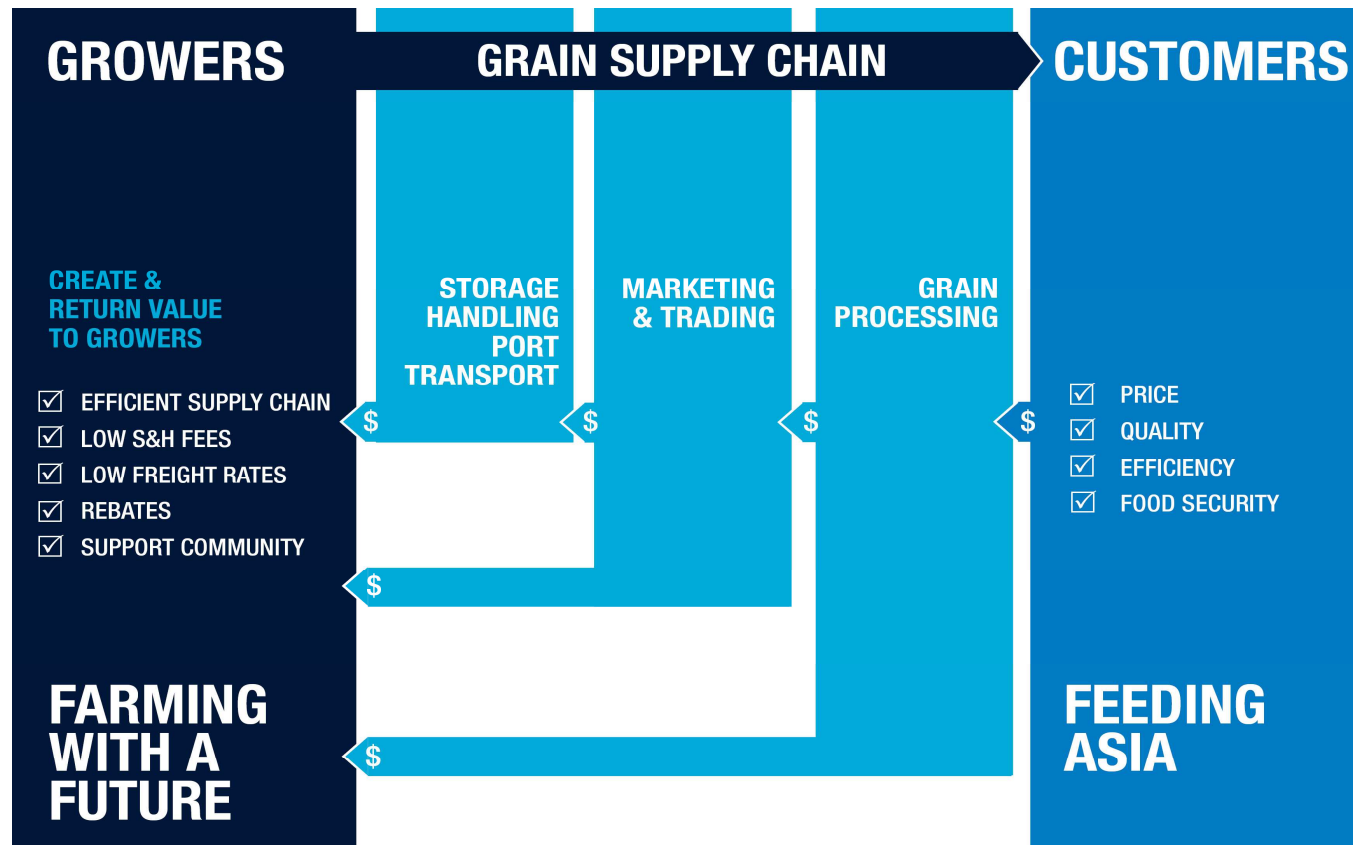
- Transparency of information
- Trust
- Innovation & technology
- Risk & benefits shared
- Shared long-term goals
- Co-operative
- Optimise value of whole chain

Lower costs, protect value, increase efficiencies

- Increase throughput & turnaround
- Increase transport/port capacity
- Re-invest in network
- Ensure the WA supply chain is used in an efficient manner



CBH, AN INTEGRATED SUPPLY CHAIN



Storage & Handling



Keep supply chain costs low

- Low S&H fees
- Low freight rates



Provide efficient services

- Receive 90% harvest in 21 days
- Throughput & turnaround times
- Attractiveness of transport & ports
- Re-invest in network



CREATING GROWER VALUE



Storage & Handling



Continued network investment

- \$155m re-invested in 2012-13
- \$0.5b re-invested in last 5 years
- \$40m per year on throughput
- Maintain world-class system
- Keep supply chain efficient



Protect or increase value of grain

- Increase throughput
- Quality optimisation \$2.80 p/t uplift in 2012-13
- Falling numbers \$35m in 2012-13
- Moisture management
- Intra-zone freight options



Port & Transport



Increase transport capacity

- Above rail investment
- 7% reduction in freight rates
- Below rail negotiations



Increase port capacity

- Bundled supply chain services
- Strengthen customer relationships
- Aim to ship 18 million tonnes
- Port capacity allocation



CREATING GROWER VALUE



Marketing & Trading



Support the supply chain

- Buys 50% of WA crop
- Provides base load for rail investment
- Top exporter
- Flexibility in shipping



Increase value of grain

- Marketing options
- Competitive pricing base
- Fastest payment terms
- Direct access to market
- Provide multi-origin supply



CREATING GROWER VALUE



Grain Processing



Invest along value chain

- Investment in flour mills in Indonesia, Malaysia & Vietnam
- Increase in asset value of US\$500 million
- Dividend stream to CBH



Market intelligence & access

- Increased volume of WA wheat used in mills
- Close customer relationships



RETURNING GROWER VALUE



How does CBH return value to growers?



Integrated Supply Chain

- Efficient, world class storage & handling system
- Continued re-investment in network
- Low S&H fees & freight rates
- Technology & innovation

Grower Patronage Rebates

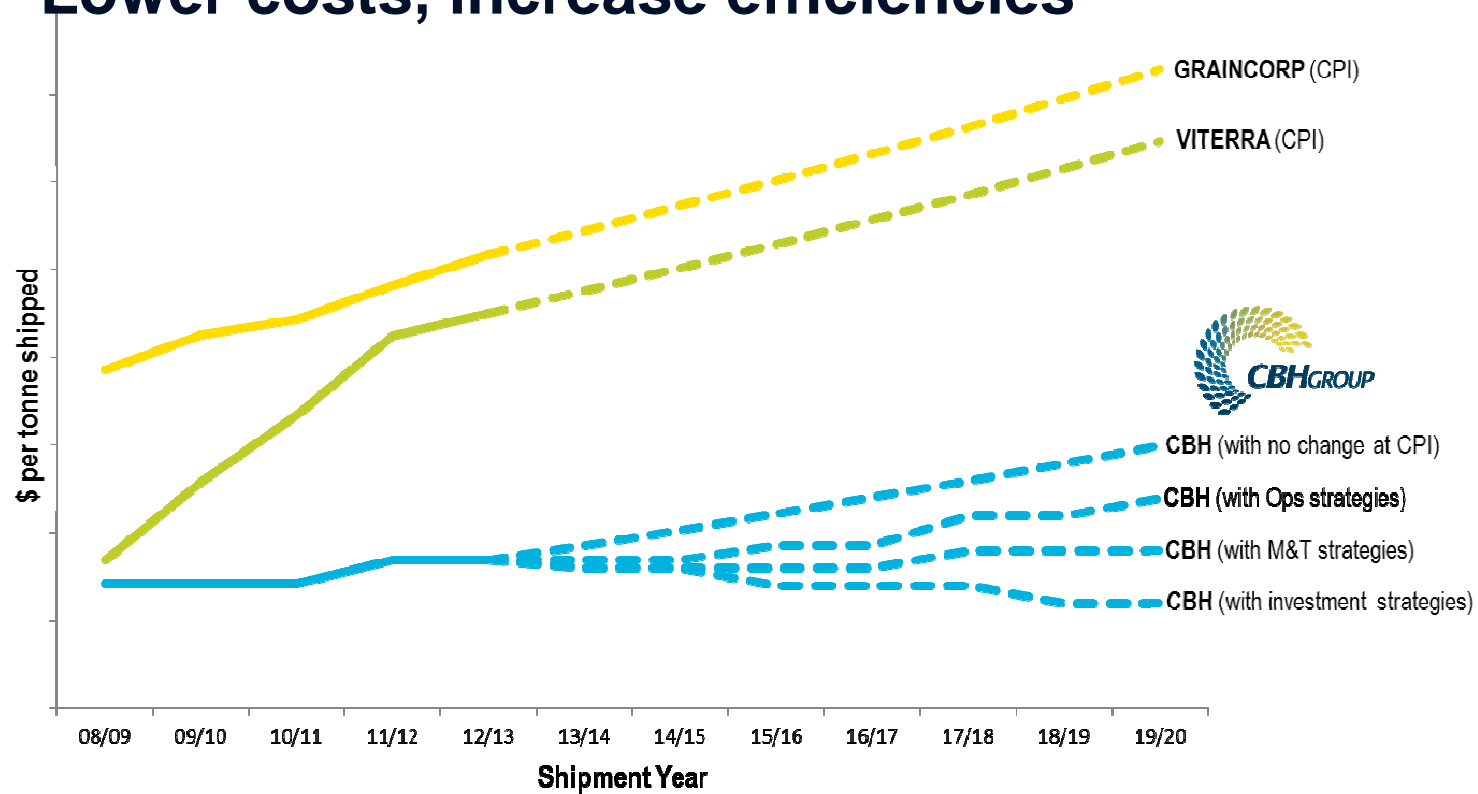
- \$1.00 per tonne Marketing & Trading Rebate
- \$0.85 per tonne Investment Rebate
- \$0.75 per tonne Operations Rebate
- Total **\$2.60** per tonne



RETURNING GROWER VALUE



Lower costs, increase efficiencies



KEY MESSAGES



- WA agriculture is an important industry but may not be sustainable as Australia is losing competitiveness globally
- With the emergence of competitor supply chains, competition is between chains, not companies
- WA growers need to run their own integrated supply chain focussed on ensuring its competitiveness with other origins
- CBH initiatives will keep fees low and increase efficiencies





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