

# J.P. Morgan's Annual 'A Day at the Farm'

26 July 2012





### Who is AAco?

## Australia's largest beef producer

Background

ASX listed company, with total assets of \$1,165 million (Dec-11)

Cattle

Largest cattle herd in Australia (660,000 head at Dec-11 valued at \$484 million)



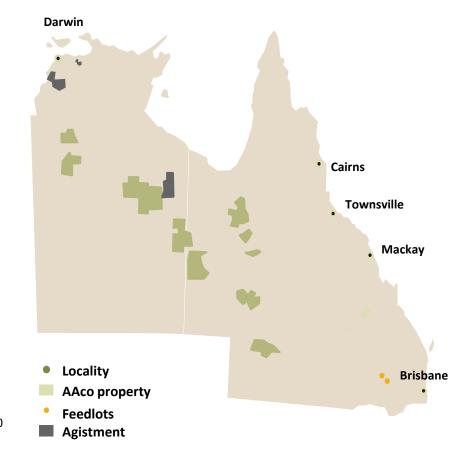
Owns and manages 19 cattle stations, 2 feedlots and 3 farms

- 7.2 million ha of land across Queensland and the Northern Territory
- combined property value of \$585 million (Dec-11)

Beef products Boxed beef sales to more than 20 countries globally (\$142 million revenue and 17.4 million kilograms in 2011)

one of the world's largest Wagyu beef producer (c.56,000 head of Wagyu, valued at \$90 million at Dec-11)

#### AAco property portfolio





### Who is AAco?

## Underlying net tangible asset backing of \$2.15 / share with c.90% of assets comprising of livestock and property

#### **NTA** breakdown

Balance sheet (Dec-11)	A\$m	A\$ / share
Cash and equivalents	23.4	0.07
Livestock	483.7	1.55
Property, Plant & Equipment	608.5	1.94
Other assets	49.3	0.16
Total tangible assets	1,164.9	3.72
Interest bearing liabilities	367.6	1.17
Other liabilities	125.3	0.40
Net tangible assets	672.0	2.15



## **Australian Agriculture in the global context**

## Why the world requires Australia to be responsible and productive with its agricultural assets

- Australia's importance to global trade and macro drivers for agriculture and implications of global demand for Australian agriculture
- Impact of global supply shocks in agriculture

AAco's role in the global context



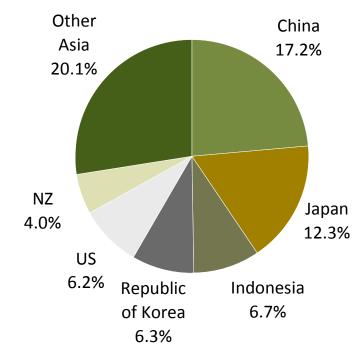
## Australia's importance to global trade

Australia is one of the major global Agricultural producers with c.60% of total farm production exported, the majority of which goes to Asia

#### **Major Australian agricultural products**

Product	Global ranking by volume (#)	Export volume
Wheat	#2	20.5 mt
Beef	#2	1.4 mt
Cotton	#3	4.3 m (bales)
Sugar	#3	3.0 mt

#### **Major Australian agriculture export markets**



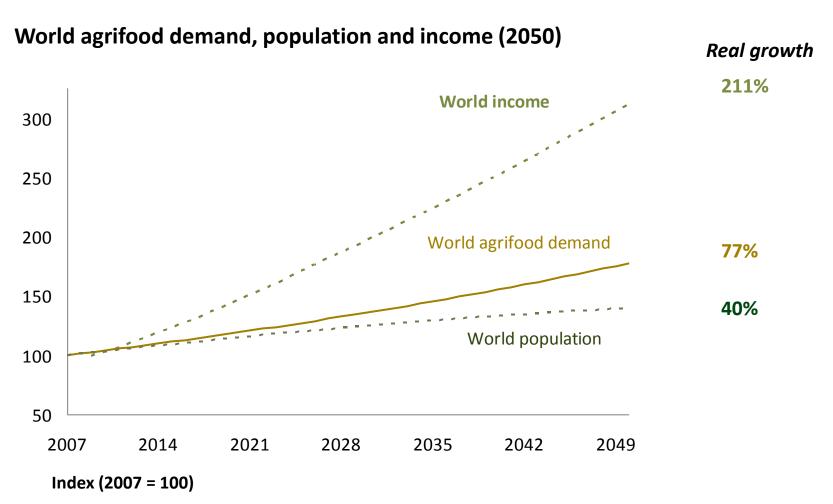
(2011, by value)

Source: ABARES



## Global macro drivers for agriculture

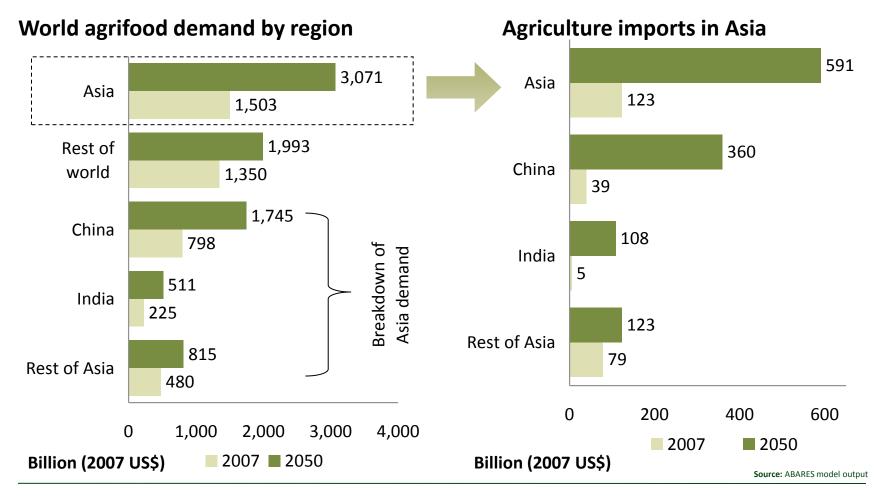
Population and income growth in developing economies to drive food demand





### Global macro drivers for agriculture

Demand for food in Asia expected to double by 2050, with a multiplied impact on demand for imports in the region given widening food production deficits

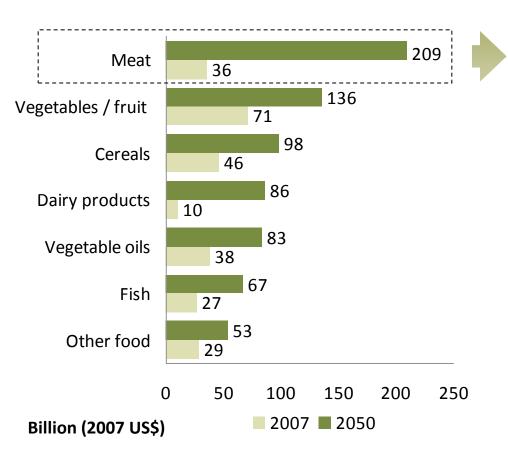




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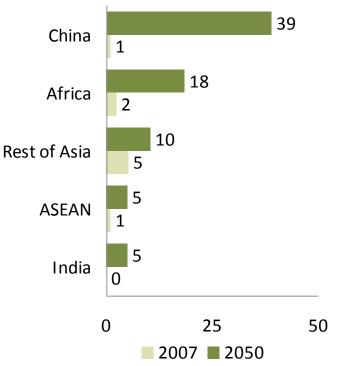
Global trade in meat (including beef) is forecast to grow substantially

#### World agrifood imports by commodity group



#### Beef global import demand

Beef import demand expected to be 3x higher by 2050



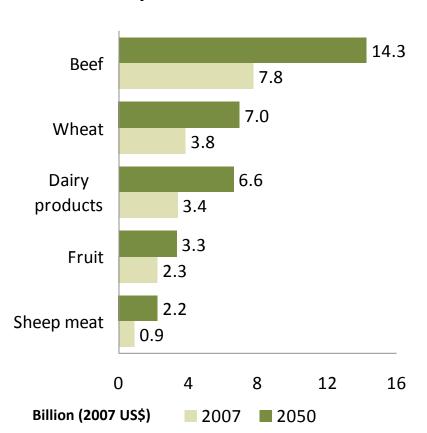
Source: ABARES model output



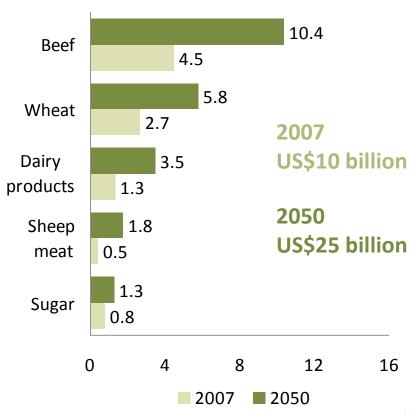
## **Implications for Australian Agriculture**

Increased global demand will lead to a dramatic shift in production and exports of key Australian agricultural commodities

#### **Australian production**



#### **Australian exports**



Source: ABARES model output



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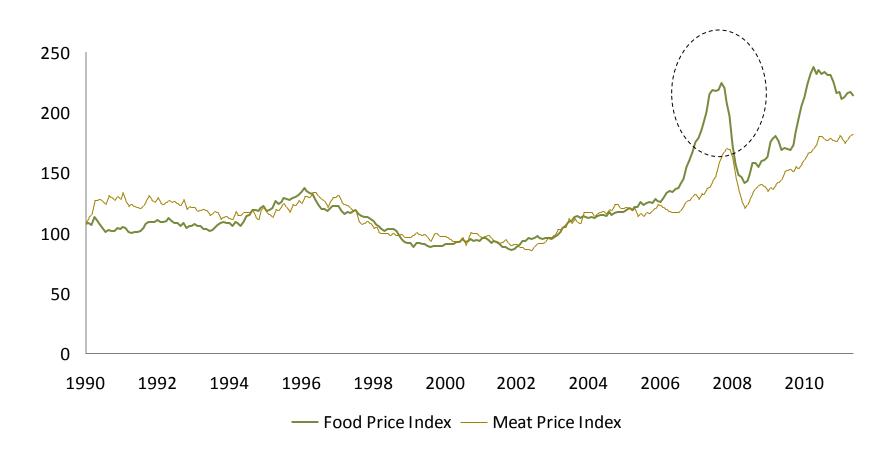
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## Impact of global supply shocks in agriculture

#### World food inventories run down in 2007-08, resulting in price spike

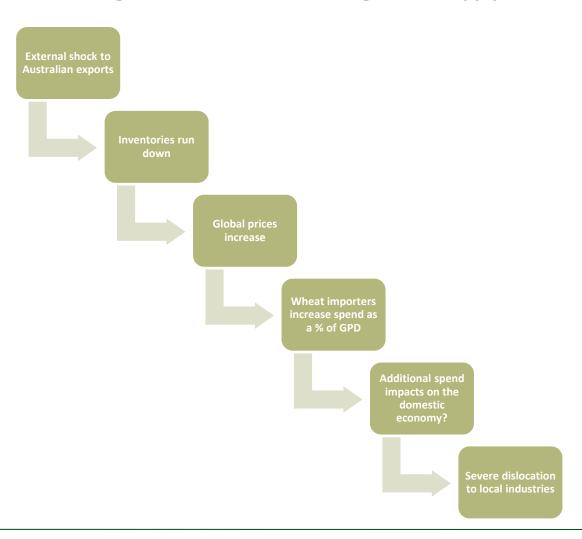


Source: FAO Food Price index



## Impact of global supply shocks in agriculture

#### Potential global flow on effects of a significant supply shock event





## Impact of global supply shocks in agriculture

Critical initiatives required to improve Australia's productivity in agriculture...





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## AAco is a low cost/high quality producer with close proximity to the world's highest growth markets in Asia

Low cost production

- Predominantly grass fed primary production
- Significant investment in productivity improvements

High quality

- Superior beef quality in terms of size of cuts produced from an animal and the marbling of the beef
- Highly attractive in export markets (i.e. Wagyu)

Assurance of clean, safe food

- Disease free, clean image
  - National Livestock Identification System

Proximity to Asia

- Significant freight advantage versus Brazil
- Fastest growing beef markets globally

Source: ABARES



#### Transforming itself into a globally focussed, vertically integrated producer

#### Progress on strategic initiatives over time

#### 2011

- Adjust land holdings (Tipperary, Meteor Downs)
- Increase feedlotting
- Capital raised to fund growth
- Herd re-stocked to record levels

#### 2012

- Vertical integration (proposed NT abattoir)
- Further adjustment of land holdings
- Divestment of underperforming assets

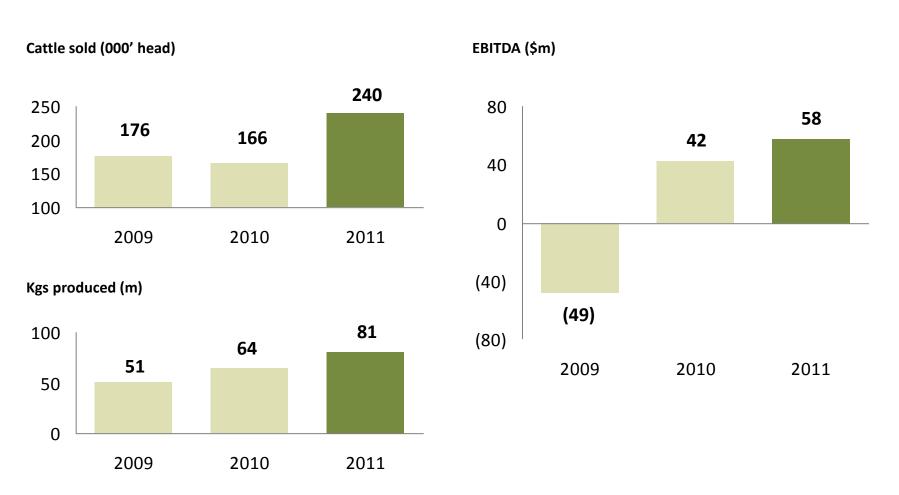
#### 2013 & beyond

- Achieve scale and relevance
- Reward shareholders with dividends and capital growth
- Further diversification of operations

### Work in progress



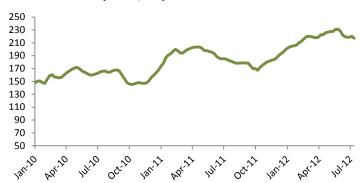
#### Translating to superior financial performance over the last two years





#### Beef prices have strengthened on the whole over the last 2 years

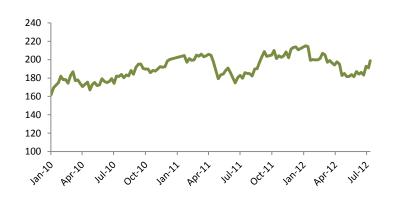
#### Domestic 90CL (US c / lb)



### Eastern Young Cattle Indicator (AUD /kg carcass weight)



#### Queensland Cattle Market Index (AUD c/kg carcass weight)



#### CME Live cattle futures (US c / lb)



Source: Various

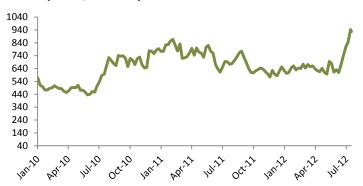


### Other relevant price benchmarks for AAco

#### Cotton (US c / lb)



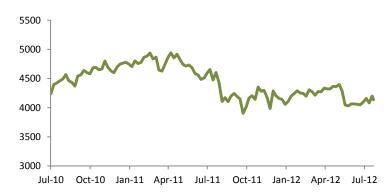
#### Wheat (US c / bushel)



#### AUD/USD



#### **S&P ASX 200**



Source: Bloomberg



## **Opportunity overview**

Pursuing vertical integration via the Northern Australia Beef Limited's (NABL) proposed beef processing facility in Darwin. As at June 2012, settlement of land purchase completed.

Strategic beef processing asset supported by Australia's largest beef producer

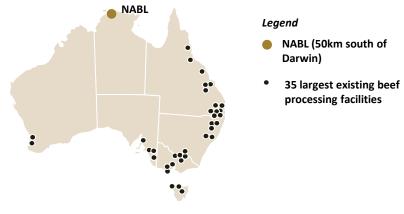
Exposure to global beef export markets with demand driven by compelling macro fundamentals

Sustainable competitive advantage with an integrated cattle supply chain

Compelling financial returns

Highly experienced and professional management team

#### Located in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia



#### **NABL** processing facility

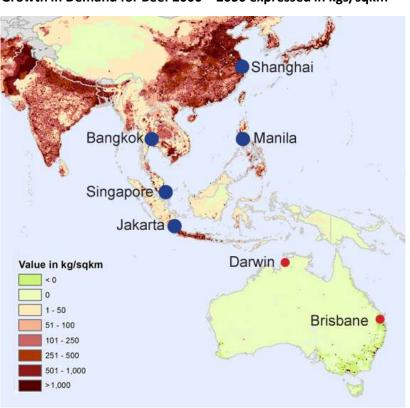


## **Proximity to key markets**

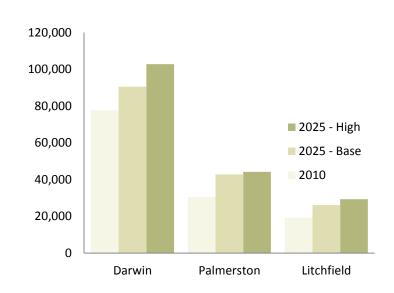
Shipping from Darwin Port provides the processing facility with a material distance advantage to high beef demand growth areas in South East Asia, compared to East Coast processors utilising Brisbane Port.

The domestic Darwin market is forecast to grow strongly in its own right.

#### Growth in Demand for Beef 2000 - 2030 expressed in kgs/sqkm



#### **Greater Darwin Forecast Population Growth 2010 - 2025**



Source: Mapping Supply And Demand For Animal-source Foods To 2030 FAO – Sep. 2011

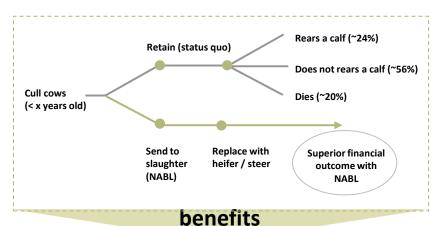
Source: Greater Darwin Plan 2012 Section 5: Future Growth



## NABL's impact on the northern cattle industry

Current economics of slaughter leads Northern producers to retain cows despite likelihood of death / lack of productivity.

Cow selling decision tree (ACIL Tasman analysis)



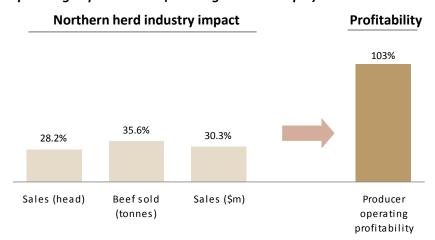
**Profitability** 

- Creates a viable marketing option for cull cows by eliminating transport / shrinkage costs
- Immediately increases sales value and turnover

**Productivity** 

 Improves average herd profile over time leading to increased fertility and lower mortalities ACIL modelling summary—impact of NABL on hypothetical 3k head producer

Operating improvements (% change on status quo)



The NABL project will provide an attractive market option for these cull cows and bulls, improving the productivity and profitability of the industry.

Source: ACIL Tasman Report: "The economic impact of the proposed AAco abattoir"

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### **Key regions of supply for NABL**

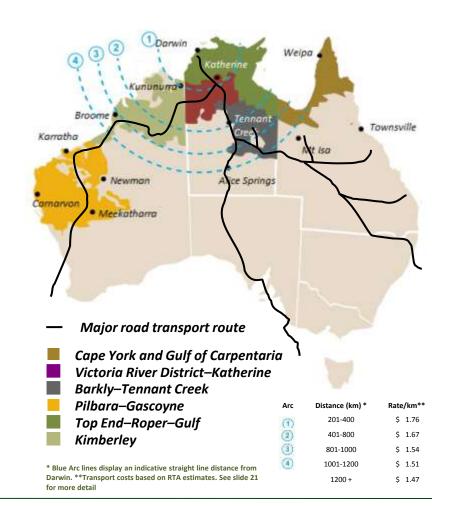
The NABL project will be the only material processing facility in northern Australia, a region that has a total herd of over 2 million head. Producers in NABL's target regions will incur lower transport costs and shrinkage rates to Darwin than East Coast facilities.

#### Summary of Northern cattle regions ('000)

						Avg.
Northern regions	2006-7	2007-8	2008-9	2009-10	2010-11	5 year
Alice Springs	268	345	182	245	230	254
Barkly Tableland	564	537	566	445	702	563
Katherine	676	800	843	843	907	814
Top End	176	294	42	56	55	125
Total NT	1,684	1,976	1,633	1,589	1,894	1,755
Kimberley	635	472	458	646	570	556
Total	2,319	2,448	2,091	2,234	2,464	2,311

#### Total cattle turnoff per annum ('000)

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Northern regions	2006-7	2007-8	2008-9	2009-10	2010-11	5 year
Alice Springs	65	126	57	55	48	70
Barkly Tableland	135	499	292	171	341	288
Katherine	136	247	243	188	217	206
Top End	31	117	7	14	13	37
Total NT	368	989	600	427	620	601
Kimberley	153	145	160	198	162	164
Total	521	1,134	760	626	782	765



Source: AgSurf Farm Survey Data



## Environmental, regional and animal welfare benefits

Pursuing the NABL project will have numerous positive impacts across the Northern Territory community

## Environmental and Animal Welfare

- Significant reduction in potential welfare impacts from transport, handling, loading, unloading and dipping requirements, with resultant reduction in welfare issues;
- Reduction in distances travelled on sealed roads by an estimated 2.3 million kilometres.
- Reduction in the carbon emissions generated from transport estimated to be around 5,700 tonnes per annum.

## Regional and Community

- Creation of over 800 direct and indirect full time equivalent jobs;
- Indigenous job opportunities;
- Adds value to the social and financial infrastructure of local regional communities;
- Assistance in stabilizing the Northern Australia economy with meat processing not having the fluctuations experienced in the construction industry;
- Strengthening the Port of Darwin as a commercial hub.



AAco is utilising its superior genetics and breeding programs to maximise profitability, as well as deliver cattle to suit end markets

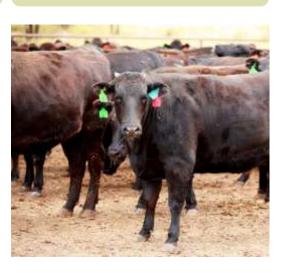
**Barkly composite** 



**Gulf composite** 



Wagyu program





Significant opportunity exists for AAco to increase contributions from cropping to improve returns across its portfolio

### **Cropping at Goonoo**







AAco is a recognised leader in developing innovative management programs to improve the production of its asset base

Land use and water management



**Energy management** 



**Technology and innovation** 



**Animal welfare** 



Youth engagement



**Indigenous engagement** 





## Indigenous engagement update

Proposed Bunuba partnership  Bunuba Cattle Company (BCC) Heads of Agreement announced in mid-July, proposing Company control over BCC's WA based herd operations, working with the original land owners for mutual benefit

Corella Creek Program  30 year + employment and training partnership with the Corella Creek Aboriginal Community (Kukululua People), on Brunette Downs Station, Northern Territory

ILC Real Jobs Program  3 year commitment as host employer for the Indigenous Land Corporation's Real Jobs Program

Future employment

Indigenous employment program for proposed Meat Processing Facility





## In summary

Population and income growth in developing economies is driving food demand

Need for more productivity in Australian agriculture

AAco is transforming into a globally focused vertically integrated producer

Latest initiative — acquisition of land for Darwin processing facility. Substantial benefits for Northern Australia and Australia's trading partners