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Advantages of Investing in Farmland

- Increasing global demand for food
- Consistent long-term appreciation
- Annual cash return
- Non-volatile asset
- Store of value





Investor-Friendly Country

- Foreign and local investors treated equally
- No limitations to ownership by foreign buyers
- No currency exchange controls or forced conversion
- Foreign currency can be used: Dollars, Euros, etc.
- No restrictions or taxes when transferring money into, or out of the country (repatriation of capital)



Stability and Safety

- Latin America's safest country
- Tops rankings in political and economic stability
- Tops rankings in transparency and lack of corruption
- No social turmoil: existence of middle class and Latin America's lowest income gap
- Solid legal system with strong reputation for respect of contracts and private property





Advantage # 1: Uruguay's Suitability

- Non-degraded soil
- Even rainfall year-round
- World's largest aquifer beneath region
- Temperate climate
- Two crops per year (over long run: 1.7)
- Competitive producer
- No government intervention in the market
- Developed land rental market



Uruguay: A Global Player

- 6th exporter of soybeans
- 5th exporter of dairy products
- 4th exporter of rice
- 5% of global beef exports ... Plus, Uruguay is the only country in the world with 100% traceability of its herd

A country of 3 million feeding 40 million people



Plus: One of the World's Best Places for Forestry

- Fastest growth rate of eucalyptus, due to soil, climate and water availability: 8-10 year cycles.
- World's highest FSC certification: 85% of forests.



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 In 2006 UPM (Finland) and in 2010 Stora Enso (Sweden) built the world's largest and newest pulp millsand in 2019 UPM launched a new one:





Global soil degradation, and where Uruguay stands



Source: UNEP, International Soil Reference and Information Centre (ISRIC), World Atlas of Desertification, 1997. Philippe Rekacewicz, UNEP/GRID-Arendal



Global water shortage and where Uruguay stands





Advantage # 2: Turnkey, Easy Investment

Most investors choose to:

- Outsource management of the operation to a farm management firm, which handles all aspects of the business (expertise is widespread and available); or
- Lease out the land (there is a very liquid rental market available).



Advantage # 3: Transparent Market for Land

- The country is mapped, with soil types classified according to their productivity
- Each type of soil is has a productivity index ("CONEAT" index)
- The map is available online
- Thus, land productivity is verifiable





The Online "CONEAT" System

- Type <u>http://web.renare.gub.uy/sl/coneat/</u>
- Plug in the property number(s)
- The system will show the specific property's:
 - location and water resources (rivers, creeks, lakes)
 - detailed soil map, with soil types in different colors, and the percentage of each soil type
 - description of each soil type
 - the productivity index of each soil type ("CONEAT" index)
 - the average "CONEAT" index for the whole property



The Online CONEAT System: Example



Advantages of the CONEAT System

- It allows anyone to verify the productivity potential of a property in Uruguay
- It provides a tool to determine uses for a specific farm
- The CONEAT index of a property correlates with the price of the land. The market is thus very transparent: it is easy to compare properties and determine their fair value

Types of Land in Uruguay

- Agriculture (soybeans, wheat, rice, etc.)
- Cattle/sheep ranches, dairy farms
- Forestry: eucalyptus, pine
- Vineyards / olives / blueberries
- Oceanside rural land for development



Uruguay's Most Attractive Options

Agriculture: Soy, Wheat, Corn ► Global player, among leading exporters Cattle: Angus, Hereford ► Top quality ► 100% traceability ► 5% of world beef exports

Forestry: Eucalyptus, Pine ► World's two largest paper mills ► World's highest FSC certification





















Farming has favorable tax treatment in Uruguay:

- Income tax:
 - Flat 25% income tax rate, levied on net income
 - For small farms, the rate is lower: farms with gross income below USD 250,000 per year have a capped tax amount of USD 5,125 (IMEBA system, which taxes sales –at 0 to 2%- instead of net income).
 - Certain timber operations qualify for tax breaks
- Low property taxes: average is 0.2% *



Our Services

We are a full-service Law and Tax Firm, with a specialized division assisting overseas farmland investors, both institutional and individual.

- Our Farmland investment advisory unit assists with:
 - Sourcing farmland according to client needs/preferences
 - Structuring purchases
 - Organizing corporate structures, setting up ongoing farm management
- Our Legal and Tax Services include:
 - Conveyance / Legal Assistance in the Purchase Process
 - Tax and Accounting Support
 - International Taxation
 - Company Incorporation
 - Legal Services in general (contractual, corporate, labor).





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