# CROWN AGRINET

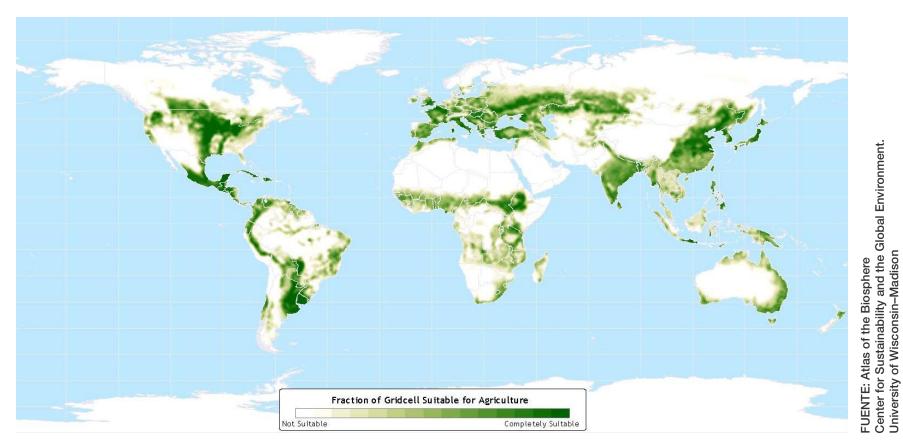
Invirtiendo en tierras y operaciones agropecuarias en Uruguay

# **URUGUAY** THE SWITZERLAND OF SOUTH AMERICA

- Socio-political stability = low risk for business activities.
- Efficient legislative power, with no corruption and a solid governability history.
- Political certainty and economic freedom placed on the same level as U.S. and Chile.
- 97% literacy free education at every level.
- 90% of European descendants: Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Ingland, France.
- There are no limitations to foreign peoperty.

### WHY INVESTING IN URUGUAY?

THE BEST PRODUCTIVE LANDS AND LOWEST SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL RISK RESOURCES.



AGRICULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY



# WHY INVESTING IN URUGUAY?

- Abundance of fertile soils, fresh water and correct climate.
- Advanced agricultural economy.
- Rural country: almost 4 heads of cattle per capita.
- Abundant rainfall with an average of 1200 mm per year and with no need for irrigation.
- Two crops per year.
- The cost of the agricultural land is 1/5 the cost of agricultural lands in Europe.
- Brazil, Argentina and United States of America have 40% higher taxes.
- Developed agricultural market and infrastructure.
- Strict environmental standards guaranteeing that agricultural operations are carried out in accordance with the highest sustainability standards.



# WHY INVESTING IN URUGUAY?

Agriculture receives a favorable fiscal treatment in Uruguay.

- Income tax:
- 25% flat tax on income (the effective rate may be 10-20% depending on deductions).
- For smaller farmland, the rate is lower: farms receiving income lower than USD 205,000 yearly, pay the tax up to an amount of USD 5,125.
- There are no taxes on assets, even if the asset is owned by a corporate vehicle.
- Low property taxes averaging less than 0.2%.
- No VAT is applied on sales in most supplies and machinery.
- No VAT is applied on sales of agricultural products (except for 1% municipal tax on cattle sale).

### MODULAR SCENE OF RETURN ON INVESTMENT CONSIDERING THE PURCHASE OF THE LAND ASSET

	SCENES:	PESSIMISTIC	MEDIUM	OPTIMISTIC
Return on gross income		27%	38%	45%
Return on costs		37%	60%	82%
Return on investment (land)		5%	9%	13%
Return on land cost + investment in plantation		5%	8%	11
Estimated annual appreciation of land: 15%				

Assumption: This example shows the profitability of an investment in a 100 hectares farmland (247 acres) in Uruguay, with a high agricultural yield index (150), acquired for a price of USD 7,500 per hectare. The model is based on a typical scene of the agrarian sector where two crops are sown in a year, and it is assumed that 85% of the farmland is sown (the yield of the remaining 15% is not calculated; usually, it is used for breeding cattle and this would slightly increase the total profitability of the investment).



### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS** OF AGRICULTURE IN URUGUAY

• Uruguayan farmland is currently being expanded; nowadays, only 1mm of 3mm hectares in Uruguay are used for agriculture.

• UY uses the advanced agricultural technology called "No-till farming," which ensures sustainability of the agricultural production in the long term and prevents the soil from physical/chemical damage. This is an accepted preservation practice, where farmers may sell carbon credits to power-generating companies.

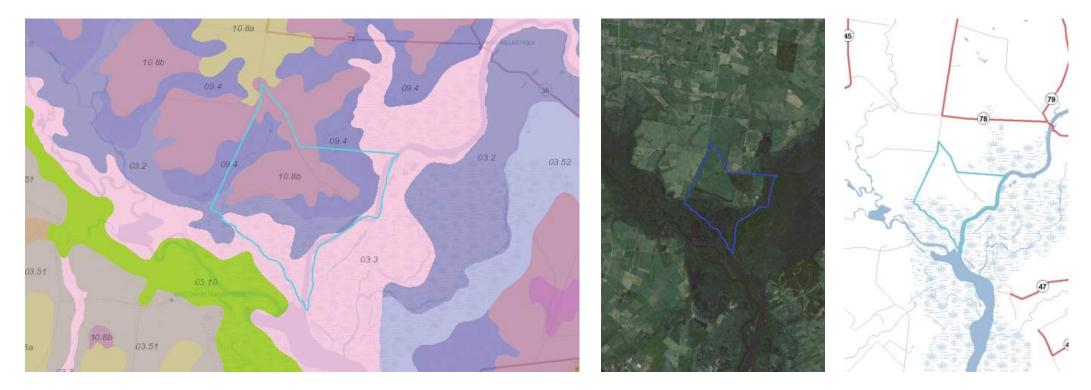
• The use of agrochemicals is much lower than in other countries.

- Uruguay is located in the Guarani aquifer, largely untapped, the biggest aquifer of South America.
- · In UY farmers do not receive subsidies.
- The price of the farmland is based on a scientific soil classification system and a productivity index (CONEAT).



## **PRODUCTIVITY** BY SOIL TYPE

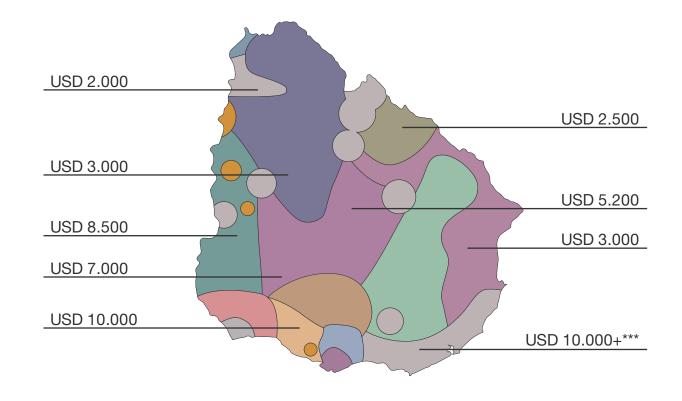
The different types of soils comprising the Uruguayan territory are classified according to their productivity, in accordance with the CONEAT index: www.prenader.gub.uy/coneat The system shows a detailed map of the property, types of soils in different colors, productivity index of each type of soil and average CONEAT index of the property.





# **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, thus offering a transparent market.





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#### **REDUCING RISK**

in the investment through a mechanism of localization pool and production types, insurance policies, pricing and fiscal advice customized for investors.

#### PROVIDING ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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