



# ENABLING OUR CUSTOMERS TO DO GREAT THINGS

In the Food, Agriculture and Energy Sectors

MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION



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Ceres Global Ag, through its network of commodity logistics centers and a team of industry experts, has grown into a trusted and valued partner for all players in the global food chain. Bolstered by an entrepreneurial approach and its ability to create unique solutions, Ceres is well-positioned for growth.

It enhances this leadership position by developing and delivering local, scalable, regenerative agriculture solutions that creates value for farmers and enables food processors to achieve their sustainability goals.





## CONNECTING FARMERS AND SUPPLIERS TO CUSTOMERS GLOBALLY

- A leading provider of innovative solutions to the global grain supply network
- Strategically located, integrated full-service operating platform
- Pioneer in regenerative agriculture initiatives
- Successful execution of strategy has led to solid growth in financials and market position
- Experienced management team focused on driving growth



- ~160 employees
- ~270 customers
  - 11 company-owned locations
  - 4 joint ventures
- +1 M metric tons of storage space
- **~3M** metric tons handled per year
- \$57.3M in gross margin in FY2024

# CERES' STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK TO ACHIEVE OUR VISION: ENABLING OUR CUSTOMERS TO DO GREAT THINGS IN FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY



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Expand grower-direct origination with creative partnerships

Strengthen our diverse supply chain through operational excellence

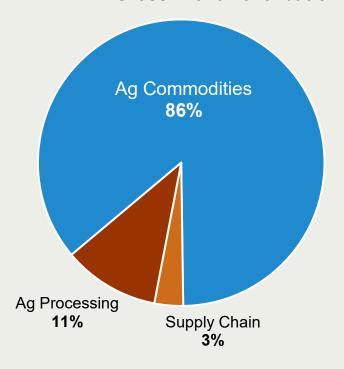
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86%

## CORE AG BUSINESS SUPPORTED BY VALUE-ADD OPERATIONS





### Core Ag Commodities

#### **PRODUCTS**

· Durum, wheat, oats

#### **COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY**

- Origination from Canada and the U.S. Northern Plains
- U.S.-anchored customer base, plus international customers through specific U.S. and Canadian export gateways
- · Adding regenerative agriculture initiatives to differentiate and secure market leadership

# Complementary Ag Commodities

### **PRODUCTS**

Canola, rye, organics

### **COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY**

· Originate, handle, and merchandise Ag products, leveraging Ceres' core product asset infrastructure

### Ag Processing

11%

### **PRODUCTS**

- Soybean meal, soybean oil,
- seed retail

### **COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY**

· Niche, non-hexane extraction of soybean seed

# Non-Ag Supply Chain Services PRODUCTS

3%

• NGLs, lumber, fertilizer, industrial products

### **COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY**

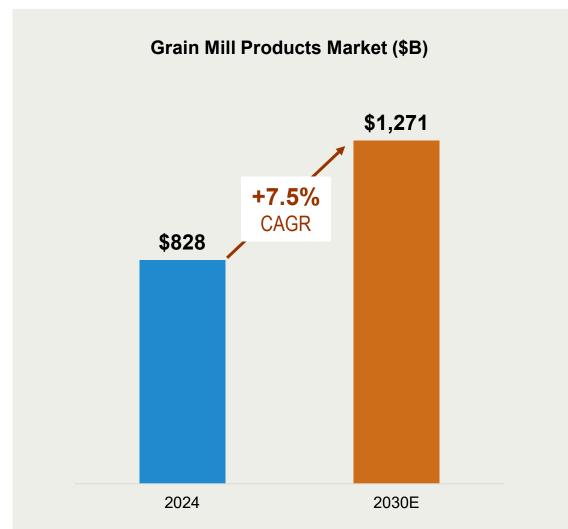
- Gateway Energy Terminal, joint venture with Steel Reef
- Truck-to-rail transloading and storage at Northgate Industrial Complex
- Volume-driven business model with zero price risk





## LEVERAGING A STRATEGIC POSITION IN GLOBAL MILLING MARKETS

- Attractive market with consistent and high-quality demand
- Growth drivers:
  - Increasing consumption of bread and confectionery products
  - Growing use of grain in all food products
  - Innovative grain formulations (low-carb, gluten-free, organic)
  - Regenerative-sourced grain a fast-growing trend
- Ceres leverages deep customer relationships and the ability to deliver bespoke solutions

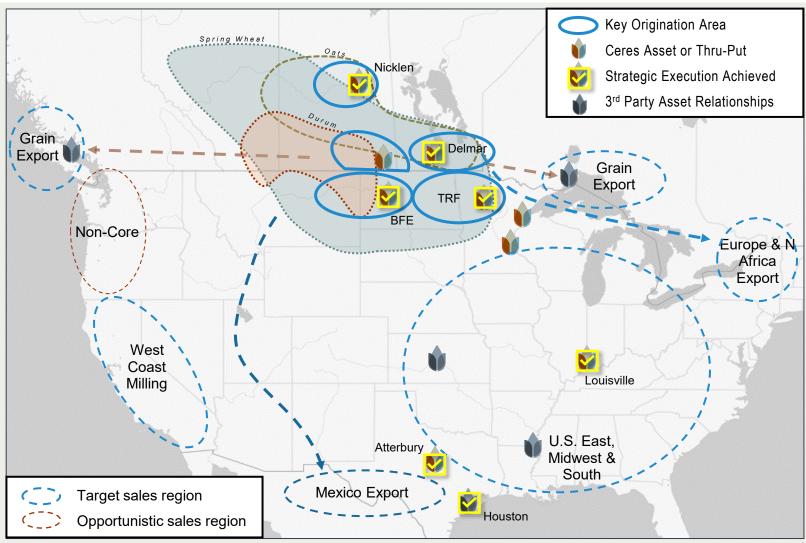




# STRATEGIC SUPPLIER WITH STABLE VOLUME AND OPPORTUNITY TO GROW



- Top 3 by volume serving U.S. and select international customers in oats, durum, and spring wheat
- Terminal infrastructure ideally suited to serve target regions, products, and customer base
- Diverse and experienced team across all business units





# STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE ENABLES MERCHANDISING LEADERSHIP









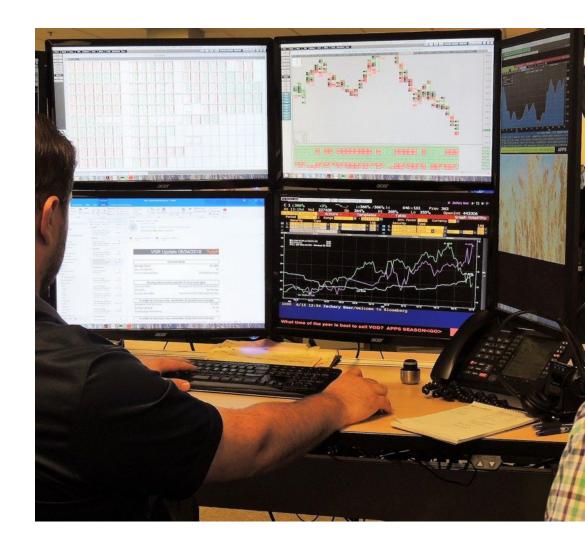


- 11 facilities
- ~45-million-bushel capacity (including joint ventures)
- Located on Class #1 Railways
- Partnership with BNSF railway provides direct access to U.S. markets
- Deep water port access
- Complementary non-ag logistics capabilities:
  - Hydrocarbons
  - Fertilizer
  - Industrial products



## PRECISE TRADING AND RISK MANAGEMENT

- A team of skilled professionals with a wealth of experience in commodity trading.
- Able to generate returns across varying market conditions and volatility levels
- Extensive market knowledge supported by direct farm origination and procurement
- Terminal infrastructure enables year-round trading
- Enhanced ability to create custom solutions for customers





## POSITIONED TO GROW AS A SOLUTION-BASED GRAIN MARKETER

- Partnering with strategic suppliers and farmer-partners in areas of stable production and competitive rail access
- Delivering superior value to customers as a lean, execution-focused company
- Rationalized asset base to match core competencies
- Solutions-oriented trade partner with key customers creates value-add opportunities
- Enabler of regenerative agriculture practices





# FORGING RESILIENT RELATIONSHIPS WITH MULTINATIONAL CUSTOMERS THROUGH NIMBLE AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

- Entrepreneurial culture focused on meeting unique customer requirements
- Ability to provide just-in-time and bespoke delivery of grain year-round
- Logistics expertise enables high efficiencies in crossborder and international shipping
- In close contact with farmers to understand production issues and meet customer requirements
- Unique ability to provide customized solutions in a sector dominated by large commoditized suppliers













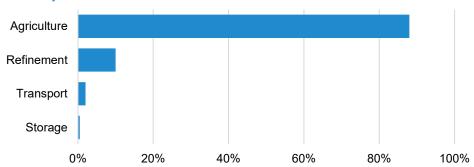


# FACILITATING REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE TO HELP MILLERS MEET MARKET DEMANDS AND FARMERS ACHIEVE SUSTAINABILITY

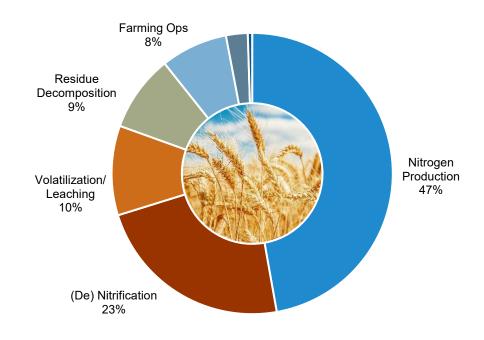


- Flour millers and bakers are striving to adopt green practices to meet consumer demand and corporate climate goals
- Ceres' programs enable transparency in grain supply chains from origin to destination.
- Growers receive premiums to adopt regenerative practices
- Ceres' programs support and reward growers by helping to identify, educate, implement, and fund practices that improve farm profitability and ecosystem health

# Flour Embedded Emissions at Mill<sup>1</sup> Share by Source



# Farm Emissions<sup>1</sup> Share by Source



- The largest opportunity to reduce farm greenhouse (GHG) footprints is regenerative practices that support nitrogen use efficiency.
- Practices like variable rate application and enhanced efficiency fertilizer products hugely impact GHG reductions and farm profitability.



Source: ScienceDirect: "Assessment of regional greenhouse gas emissions from spring wheat cropping system: A case study of Saskatchewan in Canada", June 2021



## FORGING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH REGEN AGRICULTURE

- Ceres' OREGEN™ branding builds recognition as program expands to trade partnerships
- Building a robust offering through technology partnerships with Regrow and Lavie Bio

### **Progress**

- Enrolled acres grew by 6 times
- Expanded Grupo Trimex and Miller Milling programs
- Doubled new mill customer programs
- Programs operating through an additional JV and Northgate Terminal







lavie bio











# AG PROCESSING ADDS A DIVERSIFIED INCOME STREAM

- Largest soybean crush business in Manitoba
- Growing local source of soybeans ensures cost efficiencies and robust supply
- Establishing key strategic initiatives to support regenerative agriculture solutions
- Adding renewable fuel customers as an outlet for soybean oil



Soybeans



Soybean Oil



Soybean Meal



# NON-AG SUPPLY CHAIN SERVICES GENERATES ADDITIONAL REVENUE BY LEVERAGING A FIXED COST BASE



- Expanded direct-pipeline connected to Steel Reef Fractionation Facility in North Portal, SK
- Increased and more efficient NGL loading capacity positioned to satisfy expected increased demand in the U.S.
- Lumber transload volume provides additional outlet for northern SK producers, generating steady growth
- Enabling Koch Industries entry to Western Canadian fertilizer consumption.
- Chemical transload businesses continue to experience incremental growth with ability to expand storage capability



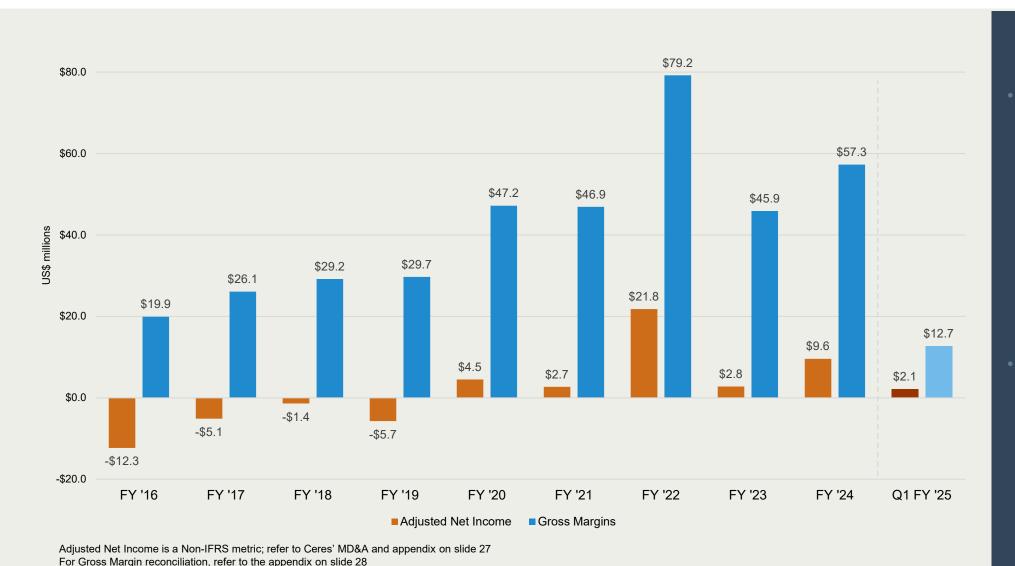


# NORTHGATE: FACILITATING LARGE-SCALE EXPORTS TO MAJOR MARKETS





# FOCUSED ON DELIVERING SOLID FINANCIAL RESULTS



- Strategic focus to improve financial results:
  - Strategic partnerships and acquisitions
  - Divesture of underutilized, non-core assets
  - Increase origination
- Grow complementary businesses
- Strong management team driving a lean company focused on executing against Ceres' core strategy

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# **EXECUTIVE TEAM**



Carlos Paz
PRESIDENT & CEO, BOARD MEMBER



Blake Amundson
VICE PRESIDENT & CFO



Holly Dammer

VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES



James Mowbray
VICE PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR
OF OPERATIONS



Tom Coyle
INTERIM CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER



Paul Backowski
COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR



Jeff Wildeman

MANAGING DIRECTOR



Dale Heide

MANAGING DIRECTOR

### Carlos Paz, President & CEO

Formerly Vice President & Commercial Director, Ceres; Portfolio Manager, Freepoint Commodities; Vice President Trading & Oilseed Crush North America & Global Soybean Meal Desk Head, Cargill

#### Blake Amundson, Vice President & CFO

Formerly Financial Controller & Manager of Financial Reporting, Xcel Energy, Audit Practice, KPMG

### Holly Dammer, Vice President of Human Resources

Formerly HR Director, Surescripts; HR Manager, CHS; Client HR Manager, Cargill

# **James Mowbray**, Vice President & Director of Operations

Formerly National Accounts Manager, BASF; Corporate & Operational Leadership, Cargill

### Tom Coyle, Interim Chief Compliance Officer

Managing Director; North America at Cofco International Former Chairman of the National Grain and Feed Association

### Paul Backowski, Commercial Director

Formerly Commodities Leader, DeBruce Grain, The Scoular Company

### Jeff Wildeman, Managing Director

Formerly Sales & Commercial Leadership, Cargill

### Dale Heide, Managing Director

Formerly Co-Owner, Delmar; Merchandiser: Richardson International, ADM





# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



James Vanasek
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



Carlos Paz
PRESIDENT & CEO, BOARD MEMBER



Harvey Joel
BOARD MEMBER



**David Rotenberg**BOARD MEMBER



Harold Wolkin
BOARD MEMBER

### James Vanasek, Chairman

Principal at VN Capital Management LLC, former JP Morgan

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### Harvey Joel, Board Member

Formerly CN Rail, Norbord Industries, >30 years of corporate leadership

### David Rotenberg, Board Member

Principal at Bixby Bridge Capital LLC

### Harold Wolkin, Board Member

Formerly BMO Capital Markets, >40 years of corporate leadership









APPENDIX



# NON-IFRS FINANCIAL MEASURES AND RECONCILIATIONS

### **Adjusted Net Income**

(in thousands of USD)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016 (15 mos)
Net income (loss)	9,360	(7,912)	(8,823)	12,044	4,337	(16,871)	(556)	(13,653)	(12,289)
Executive severance and employee cost reduction measures	-	2,574	-	-					
Expense related to special legal matters	259	5,165	4,743	334		1,309	1,518	558	
Legal settlement reserve	-	3,000	-	-		8,228			
Crush plant impairment	-	-	25,904	-					
(Gain) loss on formation of Savage Riverport, LLC							(3,675)		
Recognition of deferred tax asset				(9,684)					
Total Adjusted Net Income	9,619	2,827	21,824	2,694	4,337	(7,334)	(2,713)	(13,095)	(12,289)

Adjusted Net Income: The Corporation believes the presentation of adjusted net income can provide useful information to investors and shareholders as it can be used to evaluate the performance of the business. The measure is most directly comparable to net income (loss), an IFRS measure reported in the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Adjusted net income excludes major one-time write offs, such as severance and employee cost reduction measures, as well as legal fees and settlement costs that relate to special matters.



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### **Gross Margins**

(in thousands of USD)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016 (15 mos)
Gross Profit (loss)	35,158	22,765	55,875	24,918	27,318	14,320	11,670	7,841	(545)
Operating Expense and Depreciation	22,113	23,142	23,306	21,994	19,844	15,373	17,541	18,287	20,492
Total Gross Margin	57,271	45,907	79,181	46,912	47,162	29,693	29,211	26,128	19,947