Agriculture Investment Opportunities in Kenya

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Livestock Production and Processing Market Opportunity

Large, Unmet Demand for Beef in Kenya

Kenya’s beef consumption is growing significantly at 24%, fuelled by an increase in incomes and urbanisation, while reports indicate that ~30% of Kenyan demand is not being fulfilled by local production.

Growing Consumption of Beef

- With growth at 24%, the beef industry has been ranked as one of Kenya’s fast rising sectors.
- Kenya imports 25% to 30% of its beef from illegal cross-border trading that is not tracked in official data sources, indicating that there is strong local demand for beef within Kenya that is not currently being fulfilled domestically.

Sources of Increased Demand for Livestock

- Beef forms a significantly important part of the Kenyan diet, with higher consumption per capita in Kenya than other EAC countries. This population of traditionally carnivorous consumers is at 43MN and is set to continue to growing.
- The highest levels of consumption are in Nairobi and Mombasa, where residents consumed 25.8 kg and 21.2 kg per capita of beef, respectively, in 2011. Nairobi alone, consumed 43% of all beef consumed in Kenya.
- Driven by a growing middle class, evidenced by increasing per capita income, local consumption of beef is anticipated to grow as consumer preferences shift toward a more meat-heavy diet.

Livestock is one of Kenya’s most important agricultural value chains with over 17 million cattle; 80% of cattle is produced in arid and semi-arid regions, which constitute 80% of Kenya’s land.

Importance of Livestock

- Livestock is a major component of Kenya’s agricultural sector, accounting for:
  - 10% of Kenya’s GDP
  - ~42% of the agricultural GDP
  - ~30% of the total marketed agricultural products
  - ~50% of the employment of the country’s agricultural sector labour-force

- Beef is the most important source of red meat in Kenya, estimated to account for 80% of all red meat consumed in the country

Abundant Supply of Cattle

- The Kenyan livestock sub-sector is dominated by smallholder producers, with the majority of the livestock population concentrated in the Arid and Semi Arid Lands (ASALs) which make up about 80% of the country.
- There is ample supply of livestock in Kenya:
  - There are a total of 17.5 million heads of live cattle in Kenya
  - In the Eastern province, where this investment takes place, there are 2.3 million head of live cattle
  - With an average offtake rate of 15% for ASAL regions, there are an estimated 345,000 heads cattle in Eastern province being supplied to the market each year

97% of beef is supplied by pastoralists or from dairy cattle culls and as such, an opportunity exists for more commercialised and efficient livestock producers to enter the market.

**Sources of Beef Supply to Kenyan Market**

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<th>% of Kenyan Beef Market</th>
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**Local Production Landscape**

- An estimated *80 to 90%* of the livestock population in Kenya is produced by pastoralists.
- In terms of *sources of beef* supplied to the Kenyan market, it is estimated that over 70% comes from pastoralists (Kenyan or from neighboring countries), 26% from culled dairy cattle, and *only 3% from commercial ranches*.
- Overall, there is a *low degree of commercialisation in Kenya’s livestock production sector*, indicating there is much room for private sector expansion into livestock production.

Accounting for 90% of processing of skins and 60% for raw hides, *Wet Blue is the predominant form of processing by tanneries*, adding 80% to the value of skins and hides.

Finished leather accounts for 10% of current processing for skins, and 40% of hides, with the potential to add 250-400% to the value of raw hides and skins.

Despite the potential for over 800% value addition, minimal production of finished products is occurring due to the high cost of technology required.

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**Operational Highlights**

Investment in livestock production and processing will source from pastoralists and ranches, and supply over 40,000 heads of cattle per year to local markets to meet growing beef consumption.

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| ![Kenyan Flag] | - Cold-dressed carcasses, offals, uncured hides, and bales of hay  
- Additional revenues from slaughtering fees for outside cattle  
- Proposed price of $481.08 per carcass  
- Price will fluctuate given productivity, supply, and demand factors | - Majority of cold-carcass sales to Nairobi butcheries  
- Offals sold to Nanyuki and Nakuru and hides directly to traders | - 100,000 acre holding ground with throughput of 40,000 cattle per year  
- Abattoir will have capacity to process 300 heads of cattle per day | - Cattle sourced from pastoralists and ranches |

- Beef will be sold to **Kenyan local markets**, where consumption is **growing at 24%** per year and 25%-30% of beef is illegally imported.
The investment will reach revenues of $21.01M when the model is scaled to up to ~40,000 heads of cattle in Year 5; cost assumptions for each head of cattle will generate a net profit margin of 31%.

### Revenue (Million USD)

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### Investment ¹

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<td>EBITDA Return</td>
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<td>Net Profit Margin</td>
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### Channel Cost Structure per Head of Cattle (% of Unit Price, Year 5)

- **Procurement**: 72%
- **Holding**: 6%
- **Labor**: 1%
- **Transport**: 5%
- **SG&A**: 2%
- **Community Fund Contribution**: 2%
- **Margin**: 12%
- **Channel Price**: 100%

Note: ¹ Expected Return figures relate to Year 5
Source: Investor Interviews
The abattoir could partner with experienced companies to explore new business opportunities in hides and value-added beef product and consider expansion into smallstock.

**Hides and Skins**
- By working with an experienced partner, additional profits can be gained by either wet salting or air-drying raw hides.

**Value-Added Beef Products**
- By partnering with an experienced meat processor, there could be expansion into value-added beef products (e.g., special cuts of beef and sausages) with higher margins.
  - minced beef sells for as much as $4.33 / kg while regular un-minced meat sells at $3.13 / kg.

**Smallstock**
- Could consider expanding its business model to engage in the purchase, holding, and slaughtering of smallstock (i.e. sheep and goats) from pastoralists.
- Global goat and sheep meat consumption is growing at a rate of 2% per year.
- Smallstock represent an increasingly important source of income for pastoralists.

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Kenya’s Enabling Environment

Role of the Kenyan Government

Three key public sector organisations exist to oversee and support the development of the livestock industry in the northern ASAL regions of Kenya

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<td><strong>Ministry of Livestock Development (MoLD)</strong></td>
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<td>• Provides research, extension, food security management, policymaking, and <strong>support for livestock production and marketing</strong></td>
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<td>• Within MoLD, <strong>the Department of Veterinary Services</strong> upholds the guidelines laid out in the Animal Diseases Act through disease control services and regulation</td>
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<td>• The <strong>Ministry of State for Development of Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands</strong> was established in 2008 to coordinate efforts to address the unique challenges facing the ASAL regions</td>
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<td>• Coordinates activities of the several Ministries and other stakeholders that are engaged in the agricultural sector and helps provide a <strong>“one-stop shop” for agricultural activities</strong></td>
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Note: ASCU self defines their role as a one-stop shop for agricultural business and reform.
Source: Interviews with the Ministry of Livestock Development, Ministry of State for Development of Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands, and ASCU
Kenya’s Enabling Environment
Vision 2030 Livestock Sector Strategy

Under Vision 2030, disease free zones are being established, including one planned for the Laikipia region where the investment is located, which will open up long-term potential for accessing export markets.

Establishment of Disease Free Zones

- The Kenya government, through Vision 2030, has decided to establish disease free zones (DFZ)¹ to enable the country to export meat and improve earnings of livestock players in the value chain.
- The GoK, as articulated in vision 2030, also seeks to set up a DFZ in the Laikipia-Isiolo area, where this investment opportunity takes place.

Long-Term Implications for this Investment

- Disease free zones will allow Kenya to meet international market standards for livestock products, and increase demands for Kenyan beef exports.
- Ol Pejeta’s can expand its operations to take advantage of this export demand by:
  - Upgrading to an export-certified abattoir
  - Selling live cattle to export-oriented meat processing companies²

Note: ¹ Diseases suppressed include Lumpy Skin Disease, Tuberculosis, Trypanosomosis, Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia, Brucellosis, Rift Valley Fever, Sheep and Goat Pox and Peste de Petit Ruminants. For example: Farmer’s Choice, Kenya Meat Commission
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Established Disease Free Zone with Ranching Potential

*The government has begun to establish disease free zones and create incentives for cattle ranching, as evidenced by the Bachuma Holding Ground Livestock Multiplication Programme in Taita Taveta County*

**Taita Taveta County and the Bachuma Holding Ground**

- **Taita Taveta County**
  - The County offers *significant potential for expanded cattle production and processing through its 28 ranches on over 1.4 million acres of land*, roughly 22% of the total county’s land mass
  - Furthermore, the ranches in the county are *designated as a disease free zone (DFZ)* in Kenya, which will enable significant expansion in the export potential of beef produced in the area

- **Bachuma Holding Ground**
  - The Livestock Multiplication Programme at Bachuma Livestock Holding Ground is one of the projects the government has started in order to transform the livestock sub sector, through the breeding of quality livestock for beef and milk
  - The programme will help to *transform the county’s subsector from subsistence livestock farming practices into commercially viable income generating enterprises*
  - The facility, on a *holding ground of 15,000 acres with a potential over producing over 3000 heads of cattle*, is to be used as a multiplication centre where breeds of superior quality livestock will be made available to farmers at a subsidised cost

**Planned Initiatives**

To boost productivity of these ranches, the county government of Taita Taveta is undertaking the following key initiatives:

- Restocking of livestock (with Boran and Sahiwal breeds)
- Pilot testing on Artificial Insemination
- Construction of water pans/ dams/ water reservoirs from road water run-offs
- Disease control via vaccination at subsidised rates
- Development of new and lucrative export markets for both meat and live animals

Source: Taita Taveta County Government – Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
**Kenya’s Enabling Environment**

**Government of Kenya Initiatives**

To create a favorable environment for investors, the Kenyan Government is considering several policy interventions to drive and encourage investment in the livestock sector.

### Existing Initiatives

- To create an attractive business environment, the Government of Kenya has implemented a number of strategies, including:
  - Increasing the country’s political stability through more equitable land distribution
  - Prioritising the **construction and development of roads around Isiolo** to facilitate more efficient agricultural business development in these regions
  - Enhancing quality of the labor force through education and training
  - Reducing import tariffs, revoking export duties, and simplifying business license through the **Investment Promotion Act of 2004**

### Further Considerations

- To facilitate this livestock investment, the Government of Kenya is considering the following strategies:
  - **Aid in the land leasing process** to provide 60,000 acres of land at a low cost in close proximity to Ol Pejeta
  - Provide any additional support required from the Department of Veterinary Services to manage disease control
  - Provide **drought management systems** in northern pastoralist areas to help protect and ensure the supply of cattle
  - **Work with local governments to ensure support for Ol Pejeta’s operations** and support for NRT’s work with communities
  - Providing **tax breaks on capital expenditure** and **tax holidays on revenues** (under discussion with the Treasury)

Source: Interviews with the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands, Ministry of Roads, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, and National Irrigation Board and with the PS of Agriculture - Dr. Romano Kiome
## Abbreviations and Acronyms

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