The Global Potassium Market

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Preliminaries

▪ Market focus (plus an economist’s non-technical explanation of a few scientific subjects)

▪ Potassium chloride focus (not the 80-20 rule but the 95-5 rule)

▪ Primary statistical source: IFA (International Fertilizer Association)

▪ Unit: metric tonnes K$_2$O (potassium oxide)
Topics

- Historical Perspective

- Supply
  - Potassium minerals, ores, reserves and resources, project economics
  - Potassium products and 2015 potassium production
  - The mining and refining of sylvinitc ore
  - Potassium chloride production

- Demand
  - A few preliminaries
  - Global potassium demand by use and by crop
  - Potassium chloride shipments – all uses

- Trade and the Global Supply Chain
  - Potassium chloride trade
  - The long and large global supply chain
Historical Perspective

Muriate of Potash Prices
fob U.S. Midwest Warehouse

Potash prices surge to a record high in September 2008. Demand also surges driven by extraordinary crop prices and a “Carte Blanche” subsidy program in India. The “Big Five” importers – Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and Malaysia – import record volumes in either 2007 or 2008 despite record high prices. Potash producers step on the gas but realize that they should have changed the spark plugs years earlier when they couldn’t afford them.

Crop prices begin to take off in mid-2007 due to sharp drawdowns of global grain and oilseed stocks resulting from the combination of below-trend yields in four of the six previous years and the exponential growth of biofuels production, especially U.S. corn-based ethanol production.

New Mexico producers settle an anti-dumping suit with Canadian producers that “forces” them to sell into the United States at or above a minimum price.

Potash prices nearly double between mid-2003 and mid-2005 as stronger demand growth and planned and unplanned mine closures finally tightened the market. Demand growth is led by Brazil where high soybean prices and a highly depreciated currency drive a major expansion of soybean area and production.

Below-trend yields from 2010 to 2012 (culminating with the severe drought of 2012) cause agricultural commodity prices to climb to levels even higher than 2008 peaks. Potash shipments recover to ~56 million tonnes in 2011 and prices bounce back from financial crisis troughs.

Uralkali announces on July 30, 2013 that it: 1) will exit the BPC marketing joint venture, 2) plans to ramp up production to minimize cost, and 3) expects prices to decline to $300 tonne in major import countries.

The financial crisis and Great Global Recession in 2009 cause a collapse of commodity prices and lock the potash supply chain. Global potash shipments collapse 40% from ~50 million tonnes in 2008 to ~30 million in 2009.

The 1.4 million tonne Uralkali Berezniki I mine floods and is closed in December 2006, further tightening the global S/D and exacerbating concerns about potash supplies.

Prices bottom in mid-2016 due to strong farm demand, an emptying of distribution channels in key regions, and the closure of high cost mines especially in North America.

Prices rally in 2014 as global shipments surge from 54 million tonnes in 2013 to a record 63 million in 2014. An empty pipeline, lower potash prices, elevated crop prices and the expected loss of the 2.4 million tonne Uralkali Solikamsk 2 mine fuel the buying spree.

U.S. warehouse prices trade in a narrow range between ~$100 and ~$130 ton for 15 years from 1988 to 2003 due to the combination of excess capacity that was built during the agricultural boom years in the 1970s and early 1980s as well as low agricultural commodity prices throughout much of this period.

Source: Green Markets
Supply
Potassium Minerals

- Several potassium minerals but sylvite the most common

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<td>K₂Ca₂Mg(SO₄)₄</td>
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- Potassium minerals recovered from ores found in . . .
  - Deep underground deposits
    - Formed millions of years ago from ancient lake and sea waters
    - Potassium crystalized in sedimentary rock basins
  - Potassium-rich surface brines
    - Most are remnants of these ancient lake and sea waters
Potassium Ores

- Most common potassium ores
  - **Sylvinate** - most common by a wide margin and made up of:
    - Sylvite: potassium chloride (KCl) (~50%)
    - Halite: sodium chloride (NaCl) (~50%)
  - **Carnallitite** – second-most common ore made up of:
    - Carnallite: potassium magnesium chloride (KMgCl₃)
    - Halite: sodium chloride (NaCl)

- Other less common ores (mostly double salts containing soluble sulphate)
  - **Hartsalz** - sylvite (KCl), halite (NaCl), kieserite (MgSO₄) and/or anhydrite (CaSO₄)
  - **Kainitite** - MgSO₄•KCl
  - **Langbeinite** - K₂Mg₂(SO₄)₃
  - **Polyhalite** - K₂Ca₂Mg(SO₄)₄

- Potassium-rich surface brines (current operations recover mostly carnallite and kainite)
Reserves vs. Resources: General Definitions

▪ Reserves
  • Mineral deposits that are economically recoverable based on:
    − Expected product prices and capital costs, and
    − Current mining and processing technologies
  • Potassium reserves are concentrated in a small number of regions

▪ Resources
  • Reserves plus
  • Mineral deposits that may become economically viable based on:
    − Higher product prices and/or lower capital costs, and/or
    − Potential advances in mining and processing technologies
  • Potassium resources are abundant and found on five continents
Global reserves are equal to more than 90 years of production at current rates. The three largest producing countries account for nearly two-thirds of global reserves and have roughly 80-120 years of reserves at current production rates.

The largest producing countries possess large reserves. Most new supplies have or will come from brownfield expansions by current producers or a few greenfield projects by new entrants in Canada, Russia and Belarus. The potassium farmers use 50 or even 100 years from now likely will come from the same places as today.
Abundant Resources

- Potassium ores are not rare

- No precise estimate but it is a big number
  - Current USGS global estimate: 250 billion tonnes K$_2$O
    - Equal to 6,173 years of production at 2015 output of 40.5 mil tonnes K$_2$O
  - USGS 2010 potassium resource study (data base updated following 2007/08 price spike)
    - Most current and comprehensive inventory of global potassium deposits
    - Documents 981 deposits/occurrences on five continents
    - Identifies 84 tracts with best potential for development

  “Potash-bearing basins may host tens of millions to more than 100 billion metric tonnes of potassium oxide (K$_2$O).”

- 2007/08 price spike spawns interest in:
  - Global resource estimates (but interest in potassium not to the extent of peak phosphorus)
  - New project development (all majors expand production and dozens of “junior” projects crop up)
Saskatchewan possesses some of the largest and highest quality potassium deposits in the world. Deposits typically are characterized by thick flat beds of sylvinitic ore that contain up to 40% potassium chloride.

The Prairie Evaporate Deposit in the Elk Point Basin extends throughout the southern plains of Saskatchewan and dips into western Manitoba, northeastern Montana and northwestern North Dakota.

The Saskatchewan government in 1969 estimated that resources in the province totaled 65 billion tonnes K₂O. Even after accounting for nearly 50 years of production, current resources equal more than 5,500 years of production at current output rates.

Rich potassium ore is found in different layers or what are termed members of the Prairie Evaporate Deposit. Members in production today include the Patience Lake member (at depths of up to 800 meters), the Belle Plaine member (at depths of up to 1,000 meters) and the Esterhazy member (at depths of up to 1,500 meters).
Greenfield Project Economics

- Impact of 2007/08 price spike
  - Forecasts of commodity super cycles
  - Proliferation of new project development
  - The five most dangerous words in a commodity business

**Potassium Chloride Price**

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Source: Argus/FMB for actual prices.
Greenfield Project Economics

- Impact of 2007/08 price spike
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**Potassium Chloride Price**

- Actual
- June 2008 Consultant Forecast

**Source:** Argus/FMB for actual prices
Greenfield Project Economics

- Project X case study
  - Actual pre-feasibility study (PFS) and feasibility study (FS) estimates
    - April 2009 PFS prices and capital cost assumptions = 34.3% IRR
    - September 2010 FS prices and capital cost = 17.9% IRR
  - Our assessment: a sustained mine price of $500 to $600 per tonne is required just to earn a hurdle ROI on a lot of capital put at risk

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* Million tonnes annual capacity
** Billion $

New Entrant Breakeven Price $ Tonne fob Mine

Potassium Chloride Price fob Vancouver

Source: Argus/FMB for actual prices

Generic Greenfield Project Evaluation

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<td>Mine development time</td>
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<td>Financing</td>
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Source: Argus/FMB for actual prices
Potassium Production

- **Potassium products**
  - **Potassium chloride** (muriate of potash or MOP – 60%-62% K₂O)
    - From sylvinitite ore
      - Simple and low cost separation process (separate sylvite from halite)
    - From carnallitite ore
      - Carnallite decomposed into potassium chloride (dissolve carnallite and recrystallize potassium chloride)
      - More complicated, energy intensive and higher cost (large volume of magnesium chloride byproduct)
  - **Specialty products from other potassium minerals** (or secondary production)
    - **Potassium sulphate** (sulphate of potash or SOP – 50% K₂O)
      - Primary production from kainite or langbeinite ores
      - Secondary production by reacting potassium chloride and sulphuric acid (Mannheim process)
    - **Potassium magnesium sulphate** (branded products - 22% K₂O, 18% S, and 10%-18% MgO)
      - Primary production from langbeinite ore
    - **Potassium nitrate** – secondary production (13% N, 44% K₂O by reacting KCl with nitrogen source)
    - Polyhalite -- potential primary production
Global Potassium Production 2015

- By primary product
  - Potassium chloride dominates
  - Also used to produce secondary products

- By final product
  - Secondary products
    - NPK/PK compounds (e.g. ~25% potassium applied as NPK/PK in India)
    - Potassium sulphate
    - Potassium nitrate

### 2015 Global Primary Potassium Production

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<th>Product</th>
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<th>Percent of Total</th>
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<td>Potassium Chloride</td>
<td>38.6</td>
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<td>95.3%</td>
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<td>Potassium Sulphate</td>
<td>1.6</td>
<td>3.2</td>
<td>3.9%</td>
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<td>Potassium Magnesium Sulphate</td>
<td>0.3</td>
<td>1.4</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>40.5</td>
<td>67.8</td>
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Source: IFA and Mosaic.

Assumes that 0.3 million tonnes of potassium sulphate production was reported as potassium chloride from producers in Germany and Chile.
Global Potassium Production 2015

Mineral Ores
Underground Deposits and Brines

Primary Products
2015 Production (Mil Tonnes K₂O)

Other Inputs

Secondary Products
2015 Production (Mil Tonnes K₂O)

Final Products
2015 Production (Mil Tonnes K₂O)

2015 Disposition Estimates
Fertilizer/Inventory Change/Losses: 36.8
Feed: 0.2
Industrial: 3.5

Legend
KCl – Potassium Chloride
KS – Potassium Sulphate
KMS – Potassium Magnesium Sulphate
KCMS – Polyhalite
KN – Potassium Nitrate

Units: Mil Tonnes K₂O
Potassium Production

- Typical mining and refining operations
  - Much simpler than nitrogen and phosphate processes
    - No chemical reaction (unlike Haber process for ammonia synthesis or wet process phosphoric acid production)
    - Just separating potassium from other minerals in the ore
  - For underground deposits
    - Shaft mining and flotation (e.g. flat/thick sylvinite deposits 500-1000 meters deep)
    - Shaft mining and selective crystallization (e.g. milling carnallitite ore to potassium chloride)
    - Solution mining and selective crystallization (e.g. deeper and/or more difficult deposits)
  - For potassium-rich surface brines (e.g. Dead Sea, Qinghai Salt Lake, Great Salt Lake)
    - Solar evaporation for selective crystallization
    - Floating dredges or other heavy equipment used to harvest pond minerals
    - Further processing typically required (e.g. carnallite main ore from Dead Sea and Qinghai Salt Lake)
Shaft mining is the most widely used method for extracting sylvinite ore from deep underground deposits. Typical shaft mining operations utilize mining machines, a system of conveyors or fleet of specialized vehicles, and a powerful hoist to extract, transport and lift ore from deep underground deposits to the surface.

Most operations include two shafts – a production shaft and a service shaft. The production shaft contains the guides, cables and skips that are used to hoist ore as well as a cage that transports workers and some supplies into and out of the mine.

The service shaft typically is used to ventilate the mine, deliver electricity and transport larger equipment as well as workers and supplies into and out of the mine.
Mining Sylvinitite Ore – Shaft Operations

- The head frame over the production shaft houses a large electric motor that turns a hoist drum to lift skips from the bottom of the mine to the surface. A skip is a long narrow vessel that typically carries 25 to 50 tons of ore from the mine to the surface. Two are used in this process. The skips are attached at the ends of a long and large cable. The drum alternates first rotating clockwise and then counterclockwise so one skip loads at the bottom of the shaft while the other discharges in the dump in the head frame.

- Most underground operations utilize room and pillar mining techniques. Sylvinitite ore typically is soft rock, so the ore is extracted using continuous mining machines that cut into the face of the deposit. Bridge conveyors transport the ore from mining machines to room conveyors that deliver it to panel conveyors. Panel conveyors run across several rooms or mine cuts and move ore to the main haulage conveyor. This large conveyor then transports the ore often long distances to storage bins near the production shaft. The ore moves from a storage bin to a surge bin, through a crusher and finally to the loading pocket. From the loading pocket the ore is dumped into the skip and then hoisted to the surface for processing.
Refining Sylvinite Ore – Flotation Separation

- The most widely used separation technology is a common flotation process.

- In the case of sylvinite ore, the ore first is crushed in order to liberate sylvite crystals (potassium chloride) from halite crystals (sodium chloride).

- The crushed ore is mixed with saturated brine and then flotation agents are added to this slurry. Sylvite crystals attach to these agents, float to the top of the slurry and are paddled off and separated from halite crystals that sink to the bottom of the slurry. Halite crystals are pumped to a salt tailings area where they are de-watered and stored.

- The sylvite ore is fed through a centrifuge or cyclones where insoluble materials or slimes are separated from the ore. The ore then is dried, screened and compacted to produce different grades of potassium chloride.
Solution Mining and Selective Crystallization

- Solution mining is a less widely used method for extracting sylvinite and other ores from deep underground deposits. Hot water initially is pumped through a series of bore holes or “clusters” in the ore. Because sylvinite is soluble, the hot water dissolves the ore and a cavity or cavern forms in the deposit. Once the cavity is formed, hot brine (salt water) is pumped into the cavity. Brine will selectively dissolve the potassium chloride resulting in less sodium chloride in the solution.

- The life of a typical cavity is about 20 years. Production peaks from year four to year eight and then declines steadily. Production at year 20 typically drops to 10% to 20% of peak volume before the cavity is abandoned.

- Potassium-rich solution is pumped from several cavities to the refinery for processing. No chemical reactions take place during this process. Potassium chloride simply is separated from sodium chloride in the saturated brine. The most widely used separation technology in solution mining operations is selective crystallization. For sylvinite ore, potassium can be separated from salt because the solubility of potassium chloride declines more quickly than the solubility of sodium chloride as the saturated brine cools. In short, potassium chloride crystals form sooner than sodium chloride crystals as the brine temperature falls.

- Solution mining is energy intensive, but this technology has advantages over shaft mining in certain circumstances. This technology is better suited to mine extremely deep deposits or deposits that are more difficult, costly and unsafe to mine with underground mining machines. The technology also is better suited to mine and process some types of ore such as carnallite. The development of a solution mine requires less capital and time than a deep shaft mine. There are no flooding risks, and solution mining yields less sodium chloride tailings.
There is an indoor and outdoor version of selective crystallization. The indoor version takes place in vessels called crystallization circuits. In this case, the saturated brine first is heated to 80° to 100°C in large evaporators to vaporize water. The highly concentrated brine then is fed into the crystallizer where potassium chloride is precipitated and harvested. The brine containing sodium chloride is pumped to a salt tailings pile where it is dewatered and stored. In this case, both the mining and refining processes require significant amounts of energy – mostly natural gas – to heat water and brine. This process often is referred to as hot leaching.

The outdoor version of this process works on the same principle, but the beginning and ending temperatures are much lower, and it takes more time to crystallize potassium chloride from the brine. This technique typically is employed by companies that operate solution mines in cold climates. In this case, the brine from the cavities is pumped into large cooling ponds. Potassium chloride crystallizes as the solution temperature declines and then is harvested with floating dredges. This process, often referred to as cold crystallization, is particularly efficient during frigid winter months.

The potassium chloride from either process is dewatered, dried, cooled, screened and compacted to make finished potash products for agricultural and industrial uses. Because iron oxide is not water soluble, it remains in the cavity rather than the solution. As a result, the higher purity products from solution mining operations are white rather than red, typically contain more than 62% K2O, and are used in many food, pharmaceutical and industrial applications.

Mosaic’s Belle Plaine Saskatchewan operation is the largest potash solution mine in the world. About one million tonnes or roughly 40% of production was harvested from ponds in 2015.
Global Potassium Chloride Production 2015

- By type of operation
  - Underground deposits account for about three-fourths of global output
    - 70% from shaft mining operations
    - 4% from solution mining operations
  - Surface brines account for more than one-fourth of global output
    - Percentage has trended up due to large increases in Chinese production

![Pie chart showing global potassium chloride production sources in 2015]

Source: IFA, Company Reports and Mosaic
Potassium Chloride Production

- **Global production since 2000**
  - Increased at a CAGR of 2.7% (from 25.8 million tonnes K\textsubscript{2}O in 2000 to 38.6 million in 2015)
  - Erratic production mirroring erratic shipments/volatile prices
    - Surges in 2004-05 and again in 2014
    - Flat from 2005-2013 with a big drop during the great global recession
  - Top three countries account for more than 60% of global output
    - Share is trending down due to increases in Chinese production

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Source: IFA
Potassium Chloride Production

- Production by country
  - Only 14 countries produce potassium chloride today (#15 expected in 2017)
  - Only 8 countries produce more than the output of a world-scale mine
  - China now ranks #4 and posted largest production gain since 2010
  - Over-investment in new capacity following the 2007/08 price run-up
    - But optimization of operations underway in a lower price environment

- Bar chart showing potassium chloride production by country for 2013-15 average and 2015-2010 change.
  - Countries listed: Canada, Russia, Belarus, China, Germany, Israel/Spain/UK, Jordan, Chile, Other.
  - Source: IFA
Demand
Preliminaries – The K Nutrient

- Plant nutrition 101
  - Plant nutrients are common chemical elements
  - 17 elements are required for plant growth
  - N-P-K are the carbohydrates, protein and fat for a plant
    - Inert N from atmosphere is fixed to hydrogen (Habor-Bosch process)
    - P&K from mineral ores
  - Growing importance of secondary nutrients and micronutrients
  - No substitutes for these nutrients in a plant’s diet
  - Justus von Liebig’s Law of the Minimum

![Liebig’s Barrel](Image: M1)
Preliminaries – The Role of Potassium

▪ The Regulator and Quality Nutrient
  • Essential for controlling critical plant processes
    – Nitrogen uptake
    – Photosynthesis
    – Protein and starch formation
    – Enzyme activation
  • Therefore potassium is vital for healthy plant metabolism
    – Promotes development of strong roots, stalks and stems
    – Improves the plant’s ability to utilize water
    – Increases resilience to plant stressors (drought, wind, variable temperatures)
    – Boosts disease and pest resistance
  • Well-earned reputation as the quality nutrient
    – Improves overall plant health
    – Enhances appearance, taste, nutritional value, and self life
Preliminaries -- Safeguarding the Environment

- Case study: Efficacy of potassium in U.S. corn production
  - Corn yields increased from 79 bu ac in 1970 to 171 bu ac in 2014
  - Potassium application rates declined slightly during this period
  - Potassium use per bushel of corn dropped about 60% from more than 0.7 pounds to 0.3 pounds during the same period
  - U.S. farmers today are harvesting more than twice as much corn per acre using approximately the same amount of potassium as in 1970

Source: USDA

Potassium Efficacy: U.S Corn Production
(lbs. K₂O applied per bushel yield)

Precision Agriculture
• Based on the most recent IFA statistics, global demand for agricultural uses increased at a compound annual growth rate (GAGR) of 2.6% per year from 22.1 million tonnes K₂O in 2000 to 32.6 million in 2015.

• The chart shows that growth was erratic as a result of moderate changes in on-farm use but also from large swings in global channel inventories during this period.

• Demand is projected to increase at a CAGR of 2.2% from 2015 to 2020 with global use hitting 36.4 million tonnes K₂O by the end of the decade, according to IFA forecasts.

• Demand is expected to increase at a more consistent pace due to a less volatile price environment, but unexpected swings in pipeline stocks still likely will occur.

(IFA demand statistics do not mesh perfectly with implied shipments calculated from production and trade statistics)
Global Potassium Use by Crop

- Soybeans and other oilseeds are the largest consumers of potash and account for 20% of global potash use. Brazil and the United States make up the lion’s share of use on soybeans. In Indonesia and Malaysia, palm oil accounts for 62% and 86% of total potash use, respectively.

- Field crops are heavy potassium users by virtue of the large area under cultivation. Corn and other coarse grains account for 19% of global potash use, and rice and wheat combined capture an equivalent share. In the United States, corn accounts for almost one-half of domestic use. In India, one out of every three tonnes of potash goes down on rice.

- Fruits and vegetables account for 17% of global potash use. These crops are farmed intensively especially in large and rapidly growing countries such as China and India. In China, 40% of potash consumed is applied to fruits and vegetables.

- Fruits and vegetables are potassium intensive crops. Bananas are the top banana. According to the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI), bananas require more potassium per unit of production than any other crop – as much as 1,000 kilograms per hectare.
Global Potassium Demand – Industrial Uses

- Several industrial uses of potassium
  - Leading technical grade uses (>98% KCl purity)
    - Potassium hydroxide (KOH)
      - Dominant industrial use (~70% to 75% of total in most regions)
      - Used in a wide range of products from glass to LED screens to soaps
    - Water conditioning
    - Food and pharmaceutical
  - Leading non-technical grade uses
    - Flux (for aluminum recycling)
    - Drilling muds
    - De-icing

- No reliable demand statistics
  - Global estimates: 3.0-3.5 mil tonnes K₂O
    - China, North America and Europe account for ~75% of use
  - North American estimates: 0.6-0.8 mil tonnes K₂O
    - Mosaic Belle Plaine largest producer of industrial products
      - More than one-third of facility production
      - More than 20 products that serve nearly all industrial segments

### Industrial Use Estimates

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### Technical Grade Uses Estimates

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### Non-Technical Grade Uses Estimates

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### Total Industrial Uses

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<td>1000 Tonnes K₂O</td>
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Source: Mosaic
Potassium Chloride Shipments – All Uses

- Big Six importing countries dominate (China, Brazil, USA, India, Indonesia, and Malaysia)
  - Accounted for ~70% of global KCl shipments in 2015
  - Accounted for ~85% of the increase in global KCl shipments since 2000
  - Projected to account for ~90% of the projected increase in KCl shipments between 2015 and 2020

Source: IFA
Trade and the Supply Chain
Potassium Chloride Trade

- Trade accounts for about 75% of global shipments/use
  - Much higher percentage than grain
  - Higher percentage than main nitrogen and phosphate products

- This percentage is trending down due to:
  - Big increases in Chinese production and domestic shipments
  - Demand recovery in the former Soviet Union

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<td>Total Nutrients</td>
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Source: USDA, CRU, Mosaic
Grain use and trade average 2012-2016 crop years
Fertilizer use and trade average 2011-2015

Potassium Chloride Shipments

Source: IFA

Domestic | Exports | Exports Share of Total Shipments

85.0% | 82.5% | 80.0% | 77.5% | 75.0% | 72.5% | 70.0% | 67.5% | 65.0%
Potassium Chloride Trade – Key Players

- One dozen countries exported potassium chloride in 2015 and the top three – Canada, Russia and Belarus – accounted for 74% of the total.

- IFA statistics show that producers shipped potassium chloride to 122 countries in 2015. The Big Six accounted for more than 70% of the total.
A Long and Large Potassium Supply Chain

- A long supply chain
  - Largest producing regions are far from the largest using regions
  - Case study – from Saskatchewan mine to Mato Grosso field

- A large supply chain
  - At start: mines and mills operate 24-7-365 to meet annual demand
  - At end: products used during one or two short application windows
  - The challenge
    - Position enough product where and when farmers need it
    - Run mines and mills at steady rates so adequate supply to meet demand
    - Keep product flowing regularly in order to supply farmers and run mines
    - Several factors speed up or slow down this flow and exacerbate volatility
      - Weather
      - Price expectations
      - Systemic supply or demand changes
A Long Supply Chain – Case Study

From Saskatchewan Mine to Mato Grosso Field

- It typically takes 6 to 10 weeks to move potash from a mine in Saskatchewan to a soybean field in Mato Grosso.

- Canpotex rails product from mines in Saskatchewan to export terminals in Vancouver or Portland in 170 to 185 car unit trains. Loading a unit trains at the mine takes one to two days.

- The trip through the Canadian Rockies to Vancouver takes about 12 days, and the trip to Portland takes about 14 days. Snowstorms or avalanches sometimes delay trains during the winter.

- It typically takes 2 to 3 days to load a 40,000 tonne vessel. Sailing time from the west coast of North America to Brazil ranges from about 15 days if the vessel moves through the Panama Cannel to roughly 30 days if it sails around Cape Horn.

- Port infrastructure development has not kept pace with plant nutrient demand growth in Brazil. As a result, port access may take weeks or even months depending on the port and season. This analysis assumes 7 to 14 days to berth and discharge the vessel.

- Once the product is discharged, it typically is transported by truck to a warehouse in Mato Grosso where it is blended with other products, bagged into 50 or 1,000 kilogram bags and delivered to a farm. This journey and operation typically takes 5 to 7 days.

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<td>Truck to Interior Warehouse</td>
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<td>Blend and Deliver to Farm</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>42</strong></td>
<td><strong>72</strong></td>
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A Large Supply Chain – Rhythm of the Flow

North American Producer Inventories vs. Price

Inventories Deviation from Average

Brazil c&f Price

Inventories

1,500
1,250
1,000
750
500
250
0
-250
-500
-750
-1,000
-1,250
-1,500

Jan-00 Jan-01 Jan-02 Jan-03 Jan-04 Jan-05 Jan-06 Jan-07 Jan-08 Jan-09 Jan-10 Jan-11 Jan-12 Jan-13 Jan-14 Jan-15 Jan-16 Jan-17

1,000 Tonnes KCl

Source: IPNI, ICIS, Argus and Mosaic

Inventories Deviation from Average — Brazil c&f Price
Thank You!

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