

Veripath Farmland Fund Releases Updated Research on Constructing a Canadian Farmland Portfolio Using Factor Analysis

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Farmland Partners is pleased to
release its updated research report on
building a Canadian farmland portfolio
using factor analysis. A portfolio of
farmland raw acre weighted by



province generated a bench market return of approximately 8% over the last decade on an unlevered basis.

Based on Veripath analysis, a suitably factor weighted portfolio could have outperform this by as much as 50%.

Veripath's portfolio construction model utilises a weighted, factor analysis approach to adjust each provincial allocation to maximize the capture a number of factors by province:

- Broductivity adjusted pricing
- •Bharpe ratio
- •□orrelation to inflation
- •Dp/down return profile
- Market liquidity
- Average farm leverage levels

Using these factors, an adjusted Canadian portfolio would reduce the weighting to Ontario (down ~25% to 6% from 8%), while increasing the weighting to Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan (up ~10% to 88% from 81%). The full report can be found at www.veripathfarmland.com/resources

Who is Veripath: Veripath is a Canadian alternative investment firm. Members of Veripath's management team have decades of farmland, private equity, and private credit investment experience. Veripath manages over 90,000 acres across its active portfolios. Fact sheets can be found here – www.veripathfarmland.com/investors. The Veripath Canadian farmland investment thesis has a number of interesting elements, a few of are highlighted below.

- Walue: Canada has some of the most competitively priced farmland in the developed world particularly on a productivity adjusted pricing basis
- •Bortfolio Construction: Farmland exhibits low correlation to traditional stock/bond investments so can improve portfolio risk adjusted returns through enhanced diversification
- •BSG: Western Canadian zero-till portfolios capture material amounts of carbon
- •Inflation Hedging: Farmland has strong inflation/stagflation hedging capabilities and outperforms in real terms during period of low real rates/high inflation
- •Demand: Farmland is non-volatile way to capture the incremental demand coming from the emerging economies for food, feed, fuel and water (China and India alone are ~\$3b people on the path to becoming middle class)
- •Risk: Veripath constructs highly diversified, non-operated portfolios using limited leverage to capture the pure returns generated by land appreciation in the most non-volatile way possible.
- •Dpen-ended: Veripath operates a unique open-ended approach so beyond the initial short contractual hold period you can set the investment duration that best suits investor liquidity and portfolio construction needs.
- •Monitoring: Veripath has a proprietary land management system using an inhouse software platform combined with satellite monitoring and AI crop analysis
- •Geographic Split: Veripath divides the Canadian market into two separate geographies of ~84M acres each in order to streamline and simplify farmland ownership regulatory compliance. UR Fund invests in all of Canada (excluding SK and MB), R Fund invests just in SK and MB. The two sister funds have the same terms, fee structures and return expectations.

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