

Veripath Farmland Partners (Veripath) team celebrates 15 years in farmland investing

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Veripath Farmland Partners (Veripath) team celebrates 15 years in farmland investing

Veripath has one of the most experienced farmland investment management teams in Canada and over 90,000 acres across its rapidly growing Canadian row-crop portfolios.

Its principals have been deploying capital in the Canadian farmland space for 15 years with a consistent track record of generating returns, outperforming the Canadian farmland index by approximately 30% annually for 15 years without the material use of leverage and even excluding cash rents.

The team's internal rate of return (IRR) was 12% from 2007 to 2020 versus 9% for the Canadian farmland benchmark and just as importantly with little change to the risk characteristics of farmland (in part due to a proprietary portfolio construction model and the avoidance of leverage as a material return driver)*.

Veripath team: IRR = 11.7%, standard deviation = 5.9%, skew = 1.1, kurtosis = 1.6

Benchmark: IRR = 8.8%, standard deviation = 3.1%, skew = 1.2, kurtosis = 1.1

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 currently manages approximately 90,000 acres of Canadian farmland across its active portfolios. Veripath believes that there are a number of factors that are supportive of the Canadian farmland investment premise, a few of which are highlighted below.

- **Value:** Canada has some of the most competitively priced farmland in the developed world – particularly on a productivity adjusted pricing basis.
- **Diversification:** Farmland exhibits low correlation to traditional stock/bond investments so can



improve portfolio risk diversification.

- ESG: Western Canadian zero-till portfolios capture material amounts of carbon.
- Inflation Hedging: Farmland has historically had strong inflation/stagflation hedging capabilities and outperformed in real terms during periods of low real rates/high inflation.
- Demand: Farmland is a non-volatile way to capture the anticipated incremental demand coming from population growth and growing demands for food, feed, fuel and water globally.
- Veripath divides the Canadian market into two separate geographies of ~84M acres each in order to streamline and simplify farmland ownership regulatory compliance. Veripath Farmland (UR) LP invests in all of Canada (excluding SK and MB) and Veripath Farmland LP invests just in SK and MB. The two sister Funds have the same terms and fee structures.

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