

# **'Fair and Equitable' in context of current and future exchange practices**

**Uruguay**  
**Food Exporting Country**

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# Uruguay..... Where??



**3 million inhabitants**  
**12 million Cattle**  
**10 million Sheep**

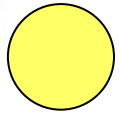




# Big plains

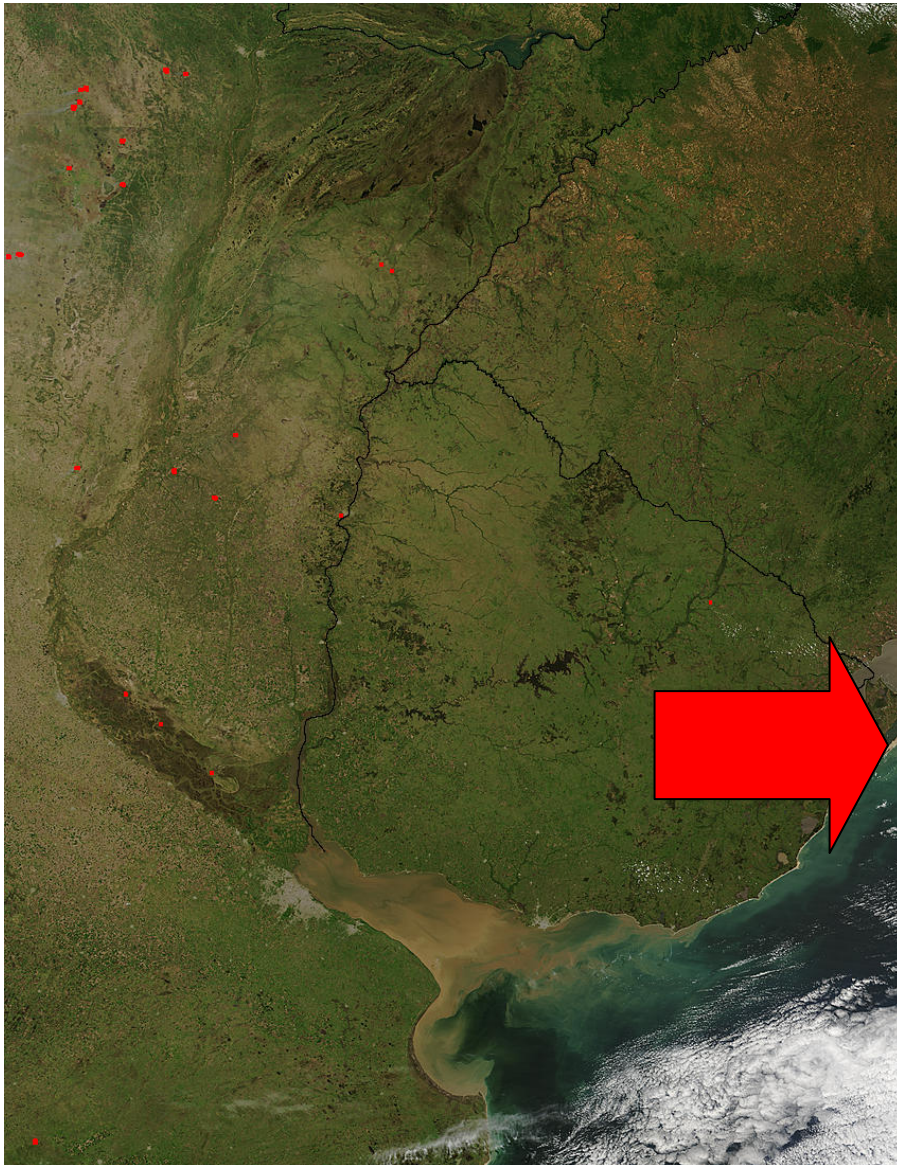


- 176.000 km<sup>2</sup>
- *Average Temperatures:*  
*Spring 17°, Summer 25°, Autumn 18°, Winter 11°*
- *Rainfall:* 1100 mm/yr.
- *Highest hill:* 514 m



# Getting closer: a satellite view

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● Big rivers, cultivated areas, green plains of grass

After 400 years of the first cattle arrived

The realm of beef cattle!



# EXPORTS

Item	<u>% total</u>
Beef meat	20,6
Agricultural Products	19,0
Forest Products	7,8
Dairy Products	7,3
Skins	4,8
Fishery Products	3,6
Wool	2,8
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>70,3</b>
Others NO Agricultural	29,7
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	<b>100,0</b>

# FOR EXPORT

60 – 70 % of total of beef production

60 % of total of milk production

90 % rice production

90 % wool (tops)

95 % soy-bean

**Big Influence of international prices over the production systems**

# Government focus

- **At national level**
  - Sustainable use of the resources
  - Avoiding social exclusion process
- **At international level**
  - Transparency and fair access to International markets



# Access & Use

- Since 1935 a specific law and regulations on the access and protection of fauna and flora
- In 1993 adopted CBD
- Since 2000 a National System of Protected Areas with the objective of preserving special ecosystems.
- No specific regulation on the access of farm animals but strong regulation on its use and on the activities related, commercial and non commercial

# Access & Use

- **Four basic dimensions:**
  - safety of products
  - animal welfare & health
  - labor issues
  - environment & natural resources
- **New situation:**
  - DNA banks and information related with them



# Some examples

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- No hormones used (by Law since 1978)
- No antibiotics used (controlled by Govm. Labs).
- Without animal protein in feed (by Law since 1996).
- Traceability (compulsory from 2006)

# Benefit sharing

- Historically, tax system
  - Less/more taxes
  - Specific taxes
  - Redistribution in chain itself
- Role of farm/breeder organizations
  - Formal participation as policy makers
  - Cultural values
- More vulnerable social sectors
- General Interest



# Benefit sharing

- More vulnerable social sectors
  - Special actions
- General Interest
  - Education
- To be inclusive
  - The aim is to give all citizens the right to decide their destiny and future



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# Summary & Future

- Use for conserve
- Promote sustainable use
- Regulation in the use to ensure benefits sharing



# .Traditional knowledge

