

## Company Spotlight

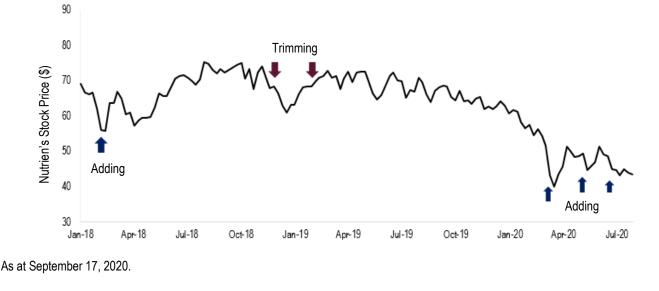
Nutrien is the world's largest producer of fertilizer; operations primarily in North America, South America and Australia. Wholesale segment sells product to large distributors, and a smaller retail segment provides product and services directly to farmers through its network of over 2000 stores.

## Thesis

- Competitive advantage stems from low-cost access to natural gas feedstock and large potash deposits concentrated in Canada.
- Extensive network of retail stores in remote locations provides economies of scale so the company can offer competitive prices and a full suite of agricultural services relied upon by farmers.
- Global fertilizer demand should grow long term, albeit with some cyclicality. Global agricultural production is increasing, while emerging economies are intensifying fertilizer use
- Company is expanding retail operations in underserved areas in South America and Australia where its value proposition should shine and the company could command a leading market position.

## Opportunity

- Recently, demand for fertilizer has been weak as the agriculture market experienced a difficult year. However, the situation is showing signs of improvement and agriculture continues to be an essential industry, leading to a compelling value opportunity.
- Company generates \$2.5 billion free cash flow per year and returned \$10 billion of capital to shareholders over the last five years (on a market cap of \$30 billion).
- Currently trading at a normalized price-to-earnings ratio of 9.4x, a free cash flow yield (trailing) of 8.3%, and a dividend yield of 4.5%.



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