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# Global Tracker: Philippines – *Presentation Deck*

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# INTRODUCING MLA'S GLOBAL CONSUMER TRACKER

*Diverse markets, with some universal truths.*



## 2022 Study Details:



8,300 interviews



11 Markets *(See right)*



20-minute online survey  
(supported by interviewer in MENA)



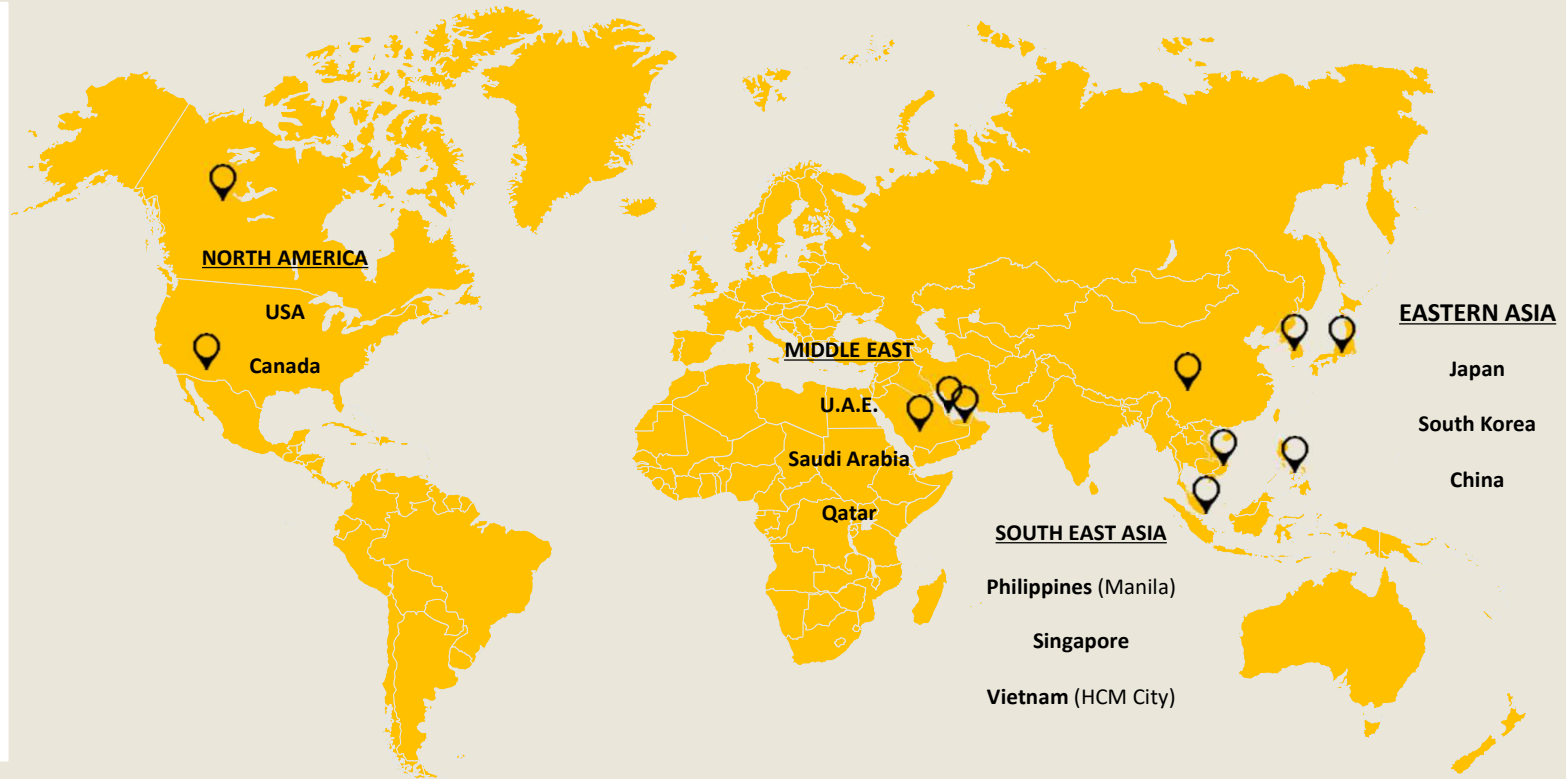
Consumers aged 18-64  
Grocery buyers, meal planners  
Affluent households (skew)  
Selected based on potential openness  
and ability to buy AU Beef and/or  
Lamb  
*(Not representative of total market)*



Captures meat consumption habits,  
attitudes, perceptions of COO Beef &  
Lamb, purchase drivers, channels, trust  
and True Aussie



Conducted annually, this study collects  
historical data allowing the tracking of  
trends overtime



We have conducted the global tracker in 22 markets over the last 8 years, with Philippines returning for the 1st time since major shifts to the study structure/content

MARKETS	 Japan	 Korea	 China	 Indonesia	 Singapore	 Malaysia	 Philippines	 Taiwan	 Thailand	 Vietnam	 USA	 Canada	 KSA	 UAE	 Oman	 Jordan	 Kuwait	 Qatar	 UK	 Hong Kong	 Mexico	 Chile	Total # of markets
2015	Green	Green	Green	Green	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	11
2016	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	15
2017	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	11
2018	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	13
2019	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	10
2020	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	9
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# Flow of the presentation today



## Macro-market context [HIDDEN]

Some important global trends which are relevant context for changing consumer behaviours



## Protein Landscape

Setting the scene by looking at the awareness, claimed consumption and perceptions of the key proteins in market. This also includes general beef buying behaviours.



## Beef country of origin brand health, trust & perceptions

Looking at the key associations with COO brands and trust in those brands.

How does this flow through to brand equity and premium.



## What next for AU beef in Philippines

What levers can we pull and what should we continue to communicate to protect and grow a strong position in the Philippines



## Final Thoughts & Discussion

Wrapping up with discussion and summary of the key findings

## The Central Question

How is Australian Beef positioned in the Philippines market, and what perceptions are most relevant for it to grow into the future?



## Philippines sample – a deliberate skew (not Nationally Representative)



**Sample is made up of 500 consumers**

		COUNTRY INCIDENCE	SAMPLE STRUCTURE
Gender	Male	50%	0%
	Female	50%	100%
Age	18-34	-	55%
	35-49	-	32%
	50-64	-	13%
Cities	Metro Manila	2%	100%
Consumption	Buy Fresh Meat at Least Occasionally	-	100%
MGBs	Main Grocery Buyers	-	93%
Children	Households with Children	-	71%
Annual HH Income	Less than 260K	40%	40%
	260-525K	37%	32%
	525K+	23%	27%

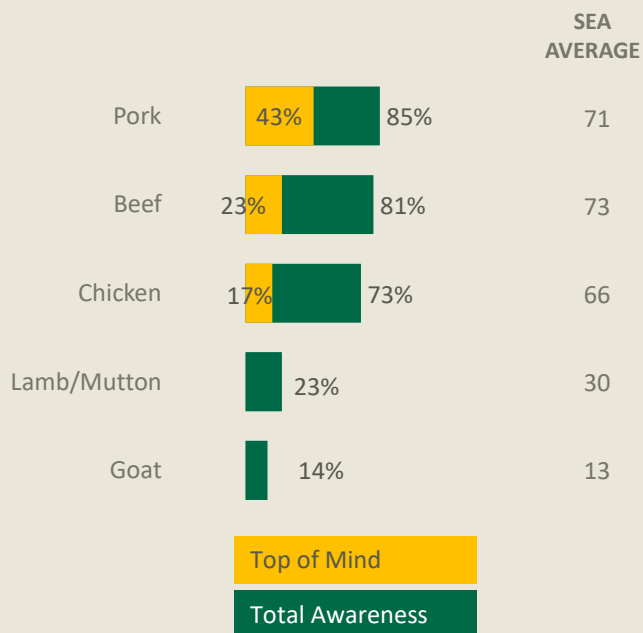


**PROTEIN**  
**LANDSCAPE**

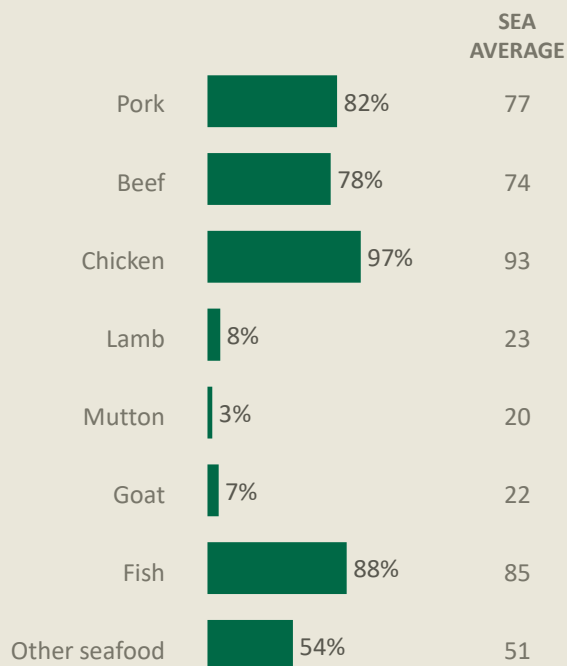
# Chicken, Fish, Pork and Beef are most popular meats respectively. Goat/Sheepmeat are niche.



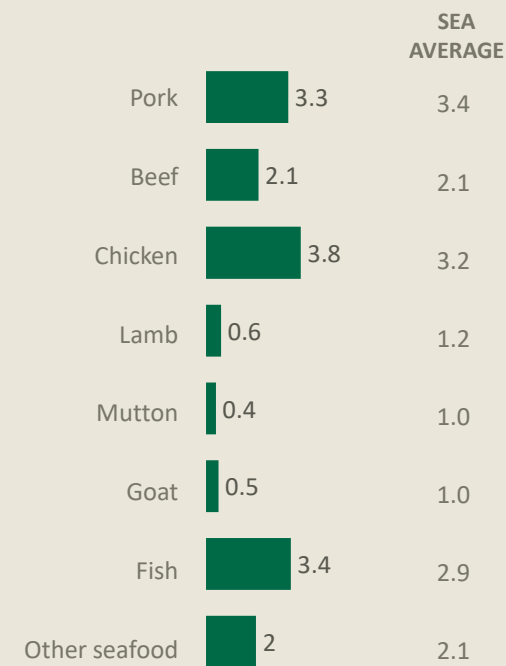
## SPONTANEOUS AWARENESS



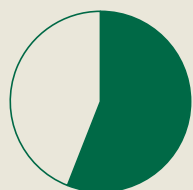
## BOUGHT IN LAST MONTH



## AVERAGE SERVES LAST 7 DAYS



More than half have never tried Lamb before, impacted by strong in-market factors of price, availability followed by unfamiliarity.



56%

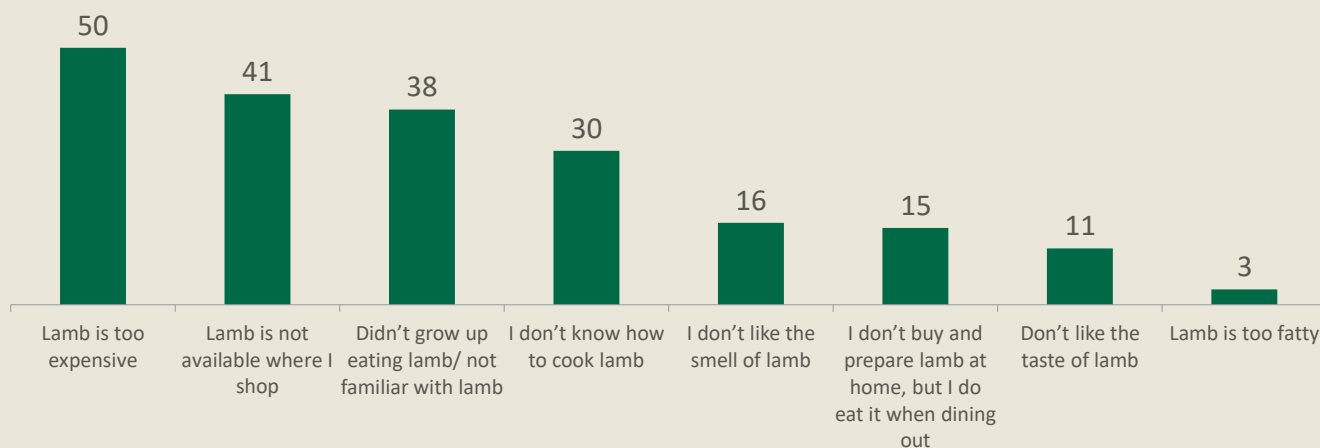
Of the sample have never bought lamb



Those who **have** bought lamb are more likely to be **younger, higher income or have children.**

Global Average:

18	17	29	28	25	15	26	7
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A reminder, we know that there are some consistent themes of what the proteins stand for across all of our markets. Beef is the 'Superior' protein.



### THE STAPLE



- Cheap (cost less) and easily available
- Versatile and easy to prepare
- Doesn't play to taste
- Not very nutritious
- Animals treated poorly
- Questionable safety
- *Pork: Consistent quality, favourite and taste in key markets like China, Taiwan, US, Jp, SK)*



### THE SPECIALTY



- Few strengths or weaknesses
- Weakly positive on animal welfare and sustainability
- Taste is a barrier
- Lean/tough
- Unfamiliar and uncommon except amongst certain groups



### THE SUPERIOR



- Good quality, great taste, superior
- Worth paying more for
- Nutritious
- *In MENA, beef is a Staple*

### THE CURIOSITY

- Unfamiliar, occasional purchase
- Premium option
- Not sure what to do with it
- Fatty
- Taste is a barrier for some
- *In MENA lamb is Superior*



### THE HEALTHY ALTERNATIVE

- Fresh
- Nutritious – especially for children
- Low in fat
- Tricky to use
- Welfare is not great
- *In SEA, fish is a cheap, low value protein - elsewhere it is premium*



Proteins play different roles in consumers life. Chicken, Pork and Fish give everyday volume and variety. Beef is more special, quality, tender and tasty so consumers are willing to pay more for it.

Tasty, premium



Superior, unfamiliar



Easy, versatile, affordable



Fresh, easy, low fat



PREMIUM

**Beef**

**Strengths**

- Delicious
- Tender
- Well-cared for
- Consistent quality
- Favourite
- Superior
- Willing to pay a bit more

**Weaknesses**

- Not fresh
- Not cheap
- Not sustainable
- Not Easy/convenient to prepare or purchase
- Essential for healthy kids' diet

**Sheep/Goat meat**

**Strengths**

- Well-cared for
- Low fat
- Lamb: tender, nutritious, consistent quality, superior, willing to pay more for
- Goat: Sustainable, safe

**Weaknesses**

- Not easy / convenient to purchase
- Lamb: Not versatile, easy/convenient to prepare, essential for healthy kids' diets, favourite

STAPLES

**Chicken & Pork**

**Strengths**

- Cheap
- Versatile
- Easy to prepare and purchase
- Favourite
- C: Essential healthy kids' diet
- P: Tender

**Weaknesses**

- Not fresh, safe
- Not nutritious
- Not well-cared for
- Not low fat
- Not superior
- Not worth paying more for
- C: Not consistent, delicious
- P: Not healthy kids' diet

**Fish & Seafood**

**Strengths**

- Fresh
- Cheap
- Nutritious
- Low fat
- Easy/convenient to prepare and purchase
- Essential healthy kids' diet

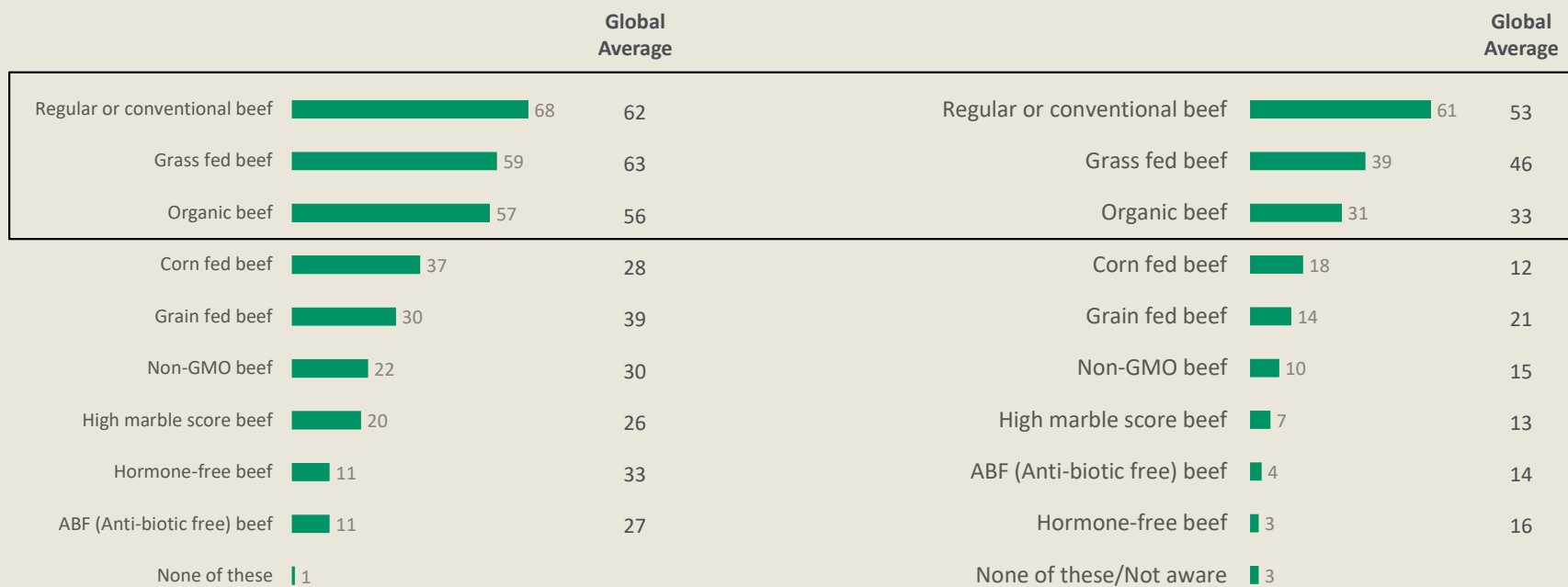
**Weaknesses**

- Not well-cared for
- Not consistent quality
- Not delicious
- Not tender
- Not versatile
- Not favourite
- Not superior, willing to pay

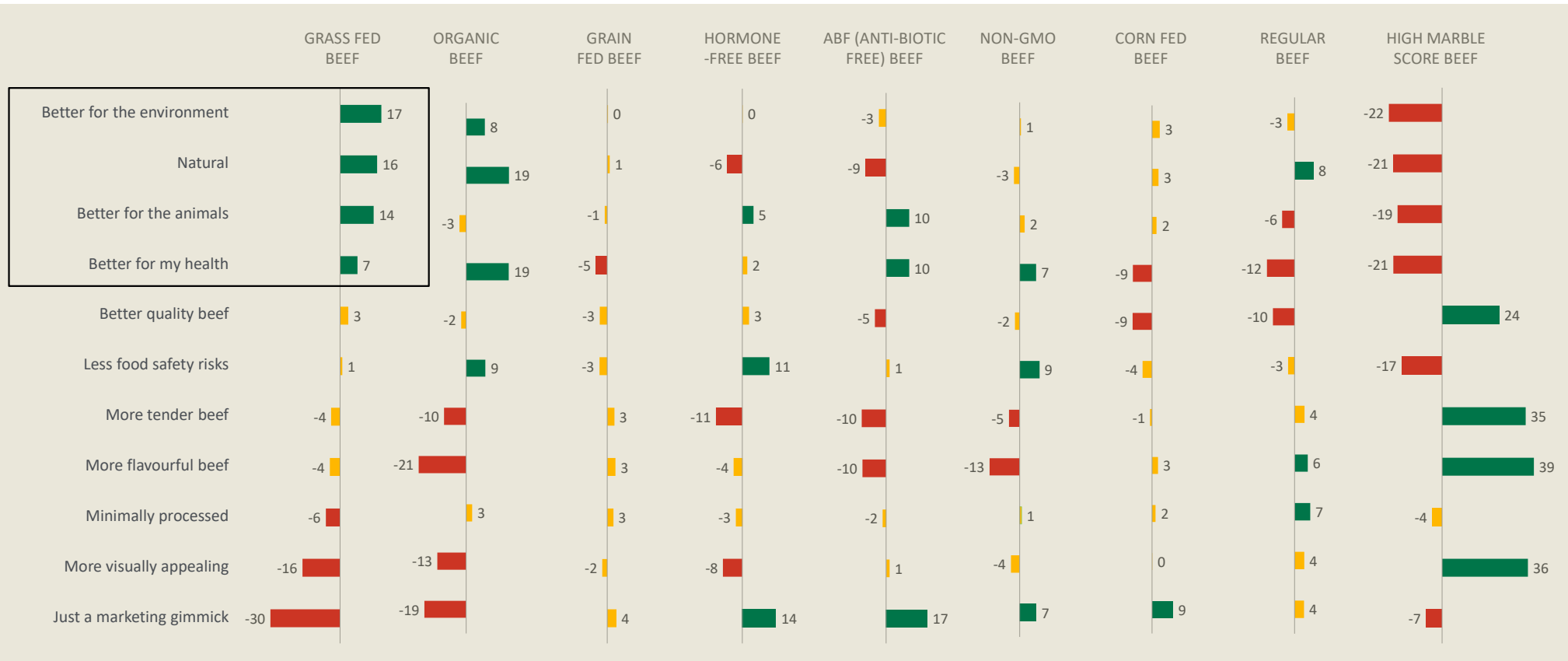
**Filipino consumers buy Regular beef most, followed by Grass and Organic, similar to Global levels. Awareness of other claims e.g. GMO, Hormone and AB free are less prevalent, as is highly marbled.**

**AWARENESS OF TYPES OF BEEF (%)**

**BEEF BOUGHT IN THE PAST (%)**



**GF is seen as 'Better' (for environment, health and animals) and is associated with Naturalness which is important to Filipino consumers. As such, Australia's GF Beef credentials are relevant to communicate.**



GF5. Which of the following things do you associate with each type of beef below? Base: Grass fed beef (n=296), Grain fed beef (n=151), Organic beef (n=286), Hormone-free beef (n=56), ABF beef (n=53), Non-GMO beef (n=110), Cornfed beef (n=183), Regular or conventional beef (n=342), High marble beef (n=98)

Note: Beef types in-market are not always exclusive (can carry multiple claims).

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+5 or more = relative category strength  
-5 or less = relative category weakness.



Compared to other markets, naturalness and price are a greater focus for Filipino consumers.  
 Can AU leverage its grass-fed processes and (where possible) organic claims which consumers see as natural?

GLOBAL AVERAGE	USA	CANADA	CHINA	SOUTH KOREA	JAPAN	SINGAPORE	PHILIPPINES	VIETNAM
Meat Colour 55%	Meat Colour 56%	Meat Colour 61%	Freshness 55%	Freshness 55%	Meat Colour 65%	Meat Colour 56%	Meat Colour 66%	Meat Colour 52%
Freshness 48%	Date packed 53%	Date packed 57%	Meat Colour 46%	Meat Colour 52%	Country of origin 47%	Date packed 50%	Natural 65%	Natural 51%
Date packed 46%	Freshness 46%	Freshness 46%	Natural 45%	Animal origin / provenance / 51%	Animal origin / provenance / 44%	Freshness 49%	Freshness 61%	Freshness 47%
Natural 39%	Natural 46%	Price per kg 39%	Date packed 44%	Country of origin 47%	Date packed 43%	Country of origin 45%	Date packed 60%	Country of origin 45%
Country of origin 31%	Use by date 32%	Price per pack 33%	Animal origin / provenance / 41%	Price per kg 45%	Use by date 43%	Natural 37%	Price per kg 38%	Date packed 44%

Themes: Colour, Freshness, Natural, Country of Origin / Provenance, Price, Other

# BEEF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN & TRUST



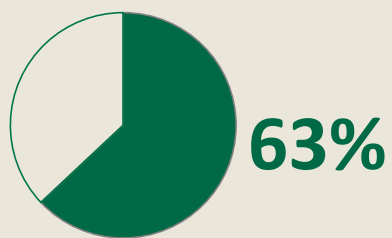
All questions in this section were asked of beef buyers only (must have ever bought beef). They also must have previously bought, or would consider buying, imported beef.

6 in 10 claim to know their Beef's COO; less than we see globally (8 in 10).  
 ¾ buy imported beef at least monthly, but more frequent purchase skews to local.



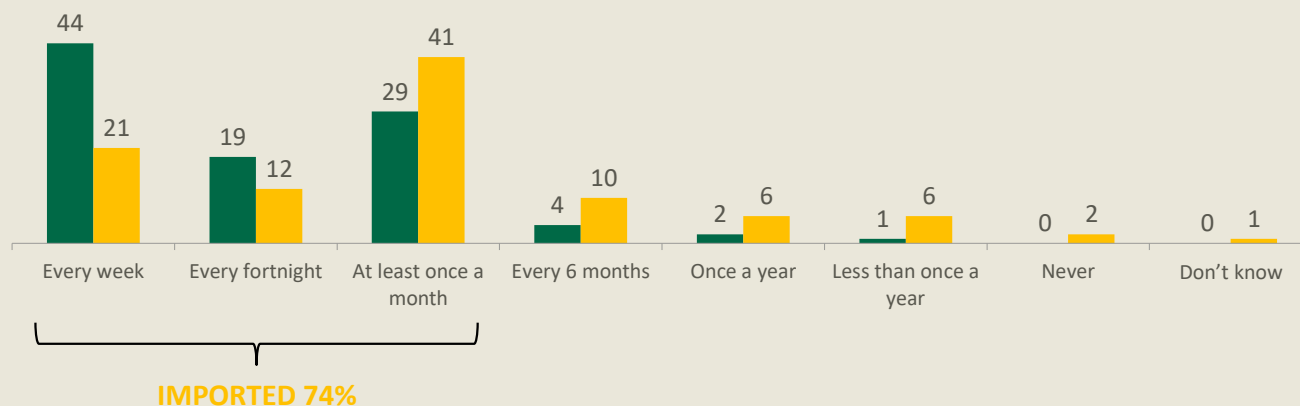
### Know Country of Origin?

Global Average: 84%



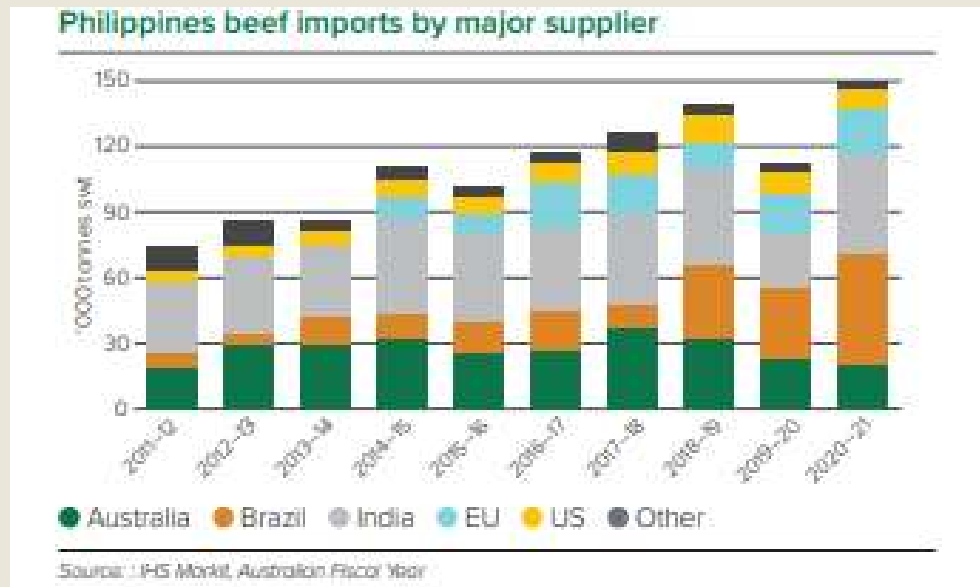
**Highest for:**  
 35-49s, higher  
 income, more  
 frequent buyers

### FREQUENCY OF BUYING LOCAL AND IMPORTED BEEF

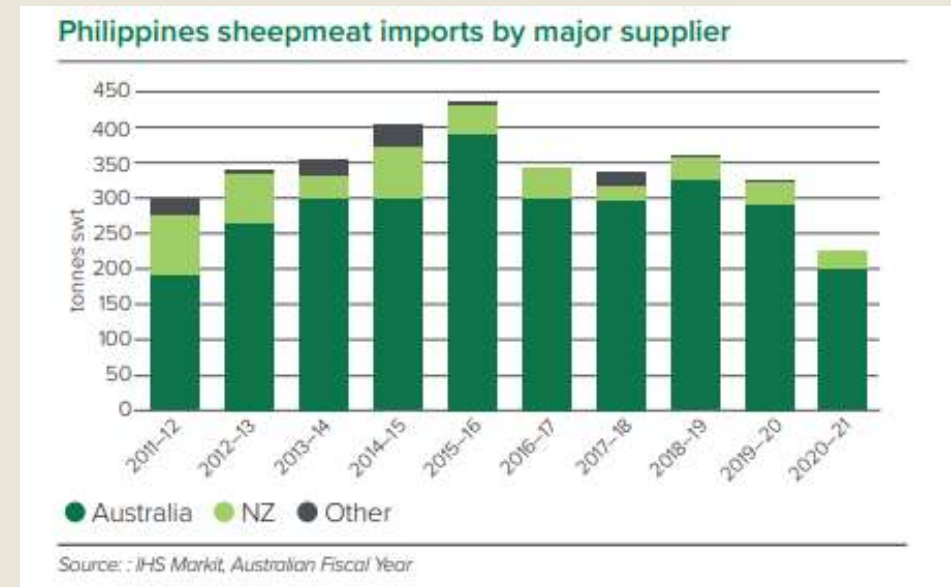


**Volume of imported Beef is growing in the Philippines, boosted by the EU entering in 14-15. Brazil and India provide the largest volume. Brazil grows overtime while AUS shrinks since 17-18.**

MLA market snapshot – Philippines Beef Imports (2022)



MLA Philippines Sheepmeat Imports (Market Snapshot 2022)



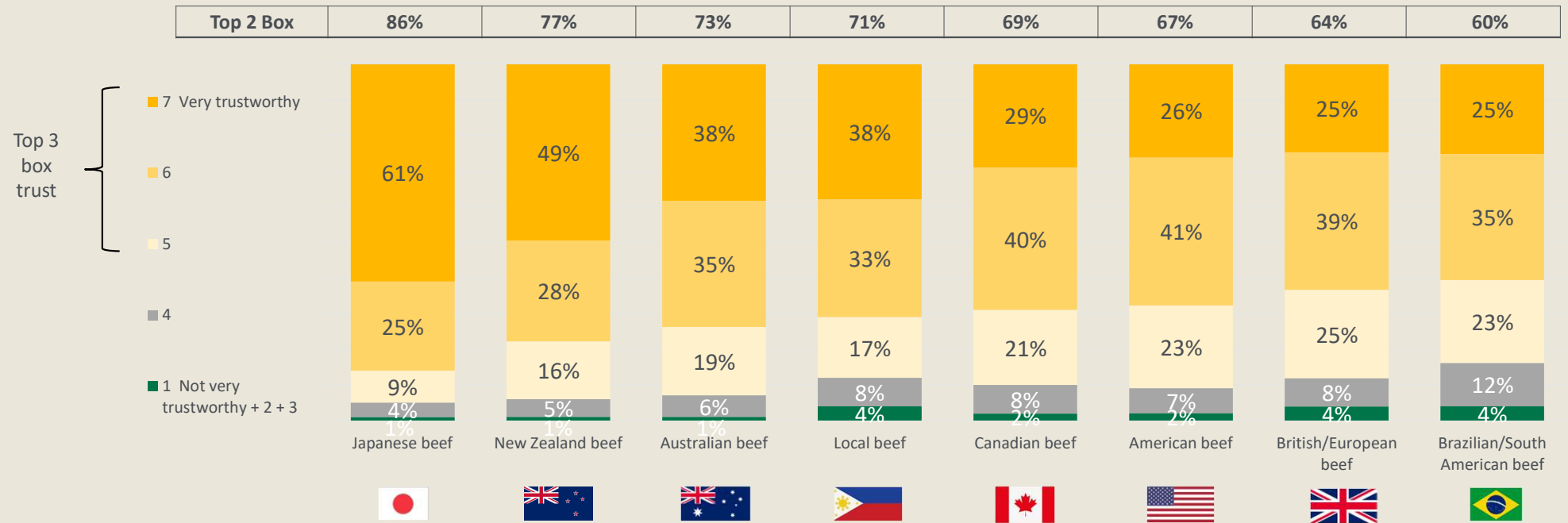
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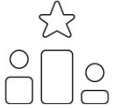



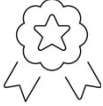



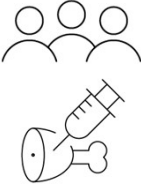





**Japanese beef is the most trusted COO, followed by NZ.  
AU Beef is close behind, with similar trust levels of 'local' beef.**



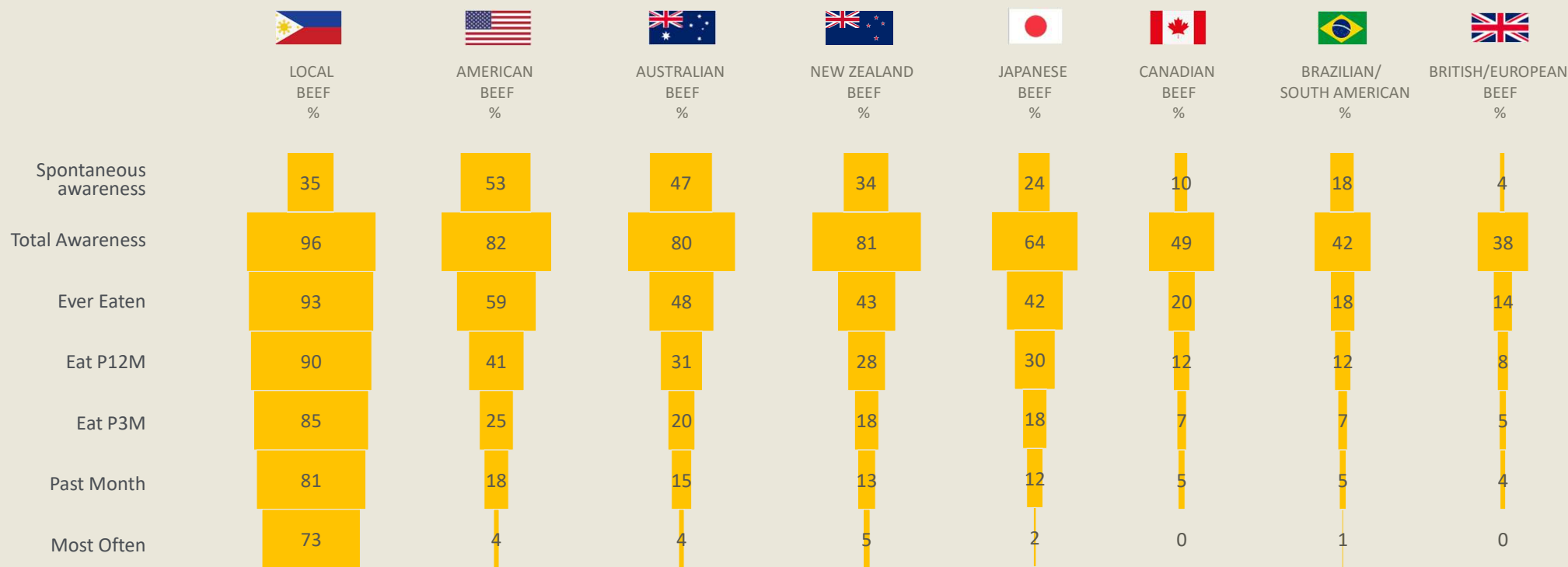
**Trustworthy - COO BEEF**



**COOs derive trust from perceptions related to country, processes and traceability, popularity and functional attributes. NZ epitomises the ‘perfect place’ for producing beef in Filipino minds.**

<p> <b>Japan - Process</b></p> <p>Processed under the highest standards High quality beef Comes from the perfect place to produce beef Has a long, stable shelf life</p> 	<p> <b>NZ – Perfect Place</b></p> <p>Comes from the perfect place to produce beef High quality beef I see others buying/ eating</p> 	<p> <b>Australia - Quality</b></p> <p>Comes from the perfect place to produce beef (less vs NZ) Has consistent quality standards</p> 	<p> <b>Phil – Popular, Local</b></p> <p>Is something I see others buying/ eating Can be clearly traced back to its origin</p> 
<p> <b>USA – Popular, Tasty</b></p> <p>I see others buying/eating Tastes great Antibiotics / hormones free Ethically/humanely produced</p> 	<p> <b>Canada – unfamiliar</b></p> <p>I see others buying / eating</p> 	<p> <b>British / Europe – Traceable</b></p> <p>Traceability in all steps of production process Grown with highest standards at every step</p> 	<p> <b>Brazil / S. America</b></p> <p><i>Building:</i> Has consistent quality standards Has traceability in all the steps of the production process</p>

# Local Beef dominates claimed consumption, with ¾ having it most often (in line past month purchase). US, AU and NZ consumption are on par - despite varying actual volume.

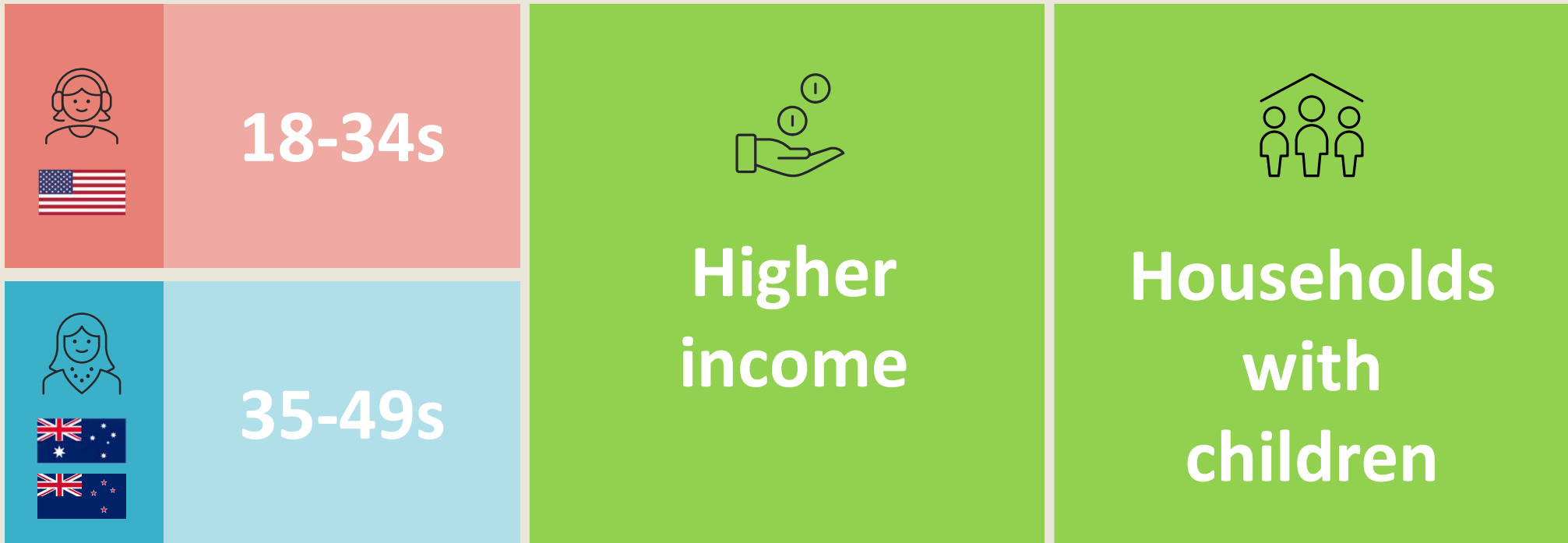


If limited in volume, this is likely 'adjacencies' driven (large dairy imports)

# Imported Beef skews to households with higher income and kids, but there may be an opportunity to secure future buyers (18-34s) where US (and Japan) Beef are stronger.



Claimed consumption is higher for...



## There are two paths to brand growth.

By increasing the likelihood  
that a consumer will buy a brand

We call this Brand  
Power



**Power**

High Power brands capture **5x higher** volume share

By increasing the likelihood  
consumers will pay for a brand

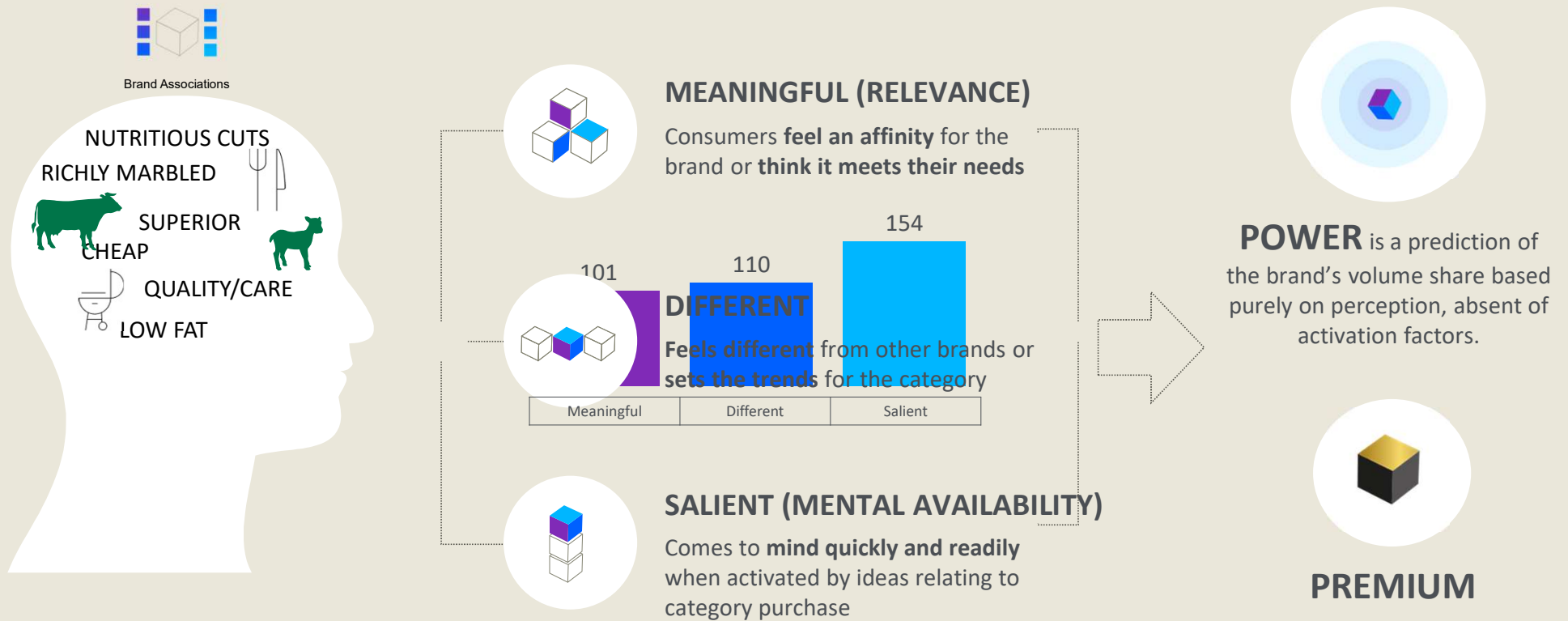
We call this Brand  
Premium



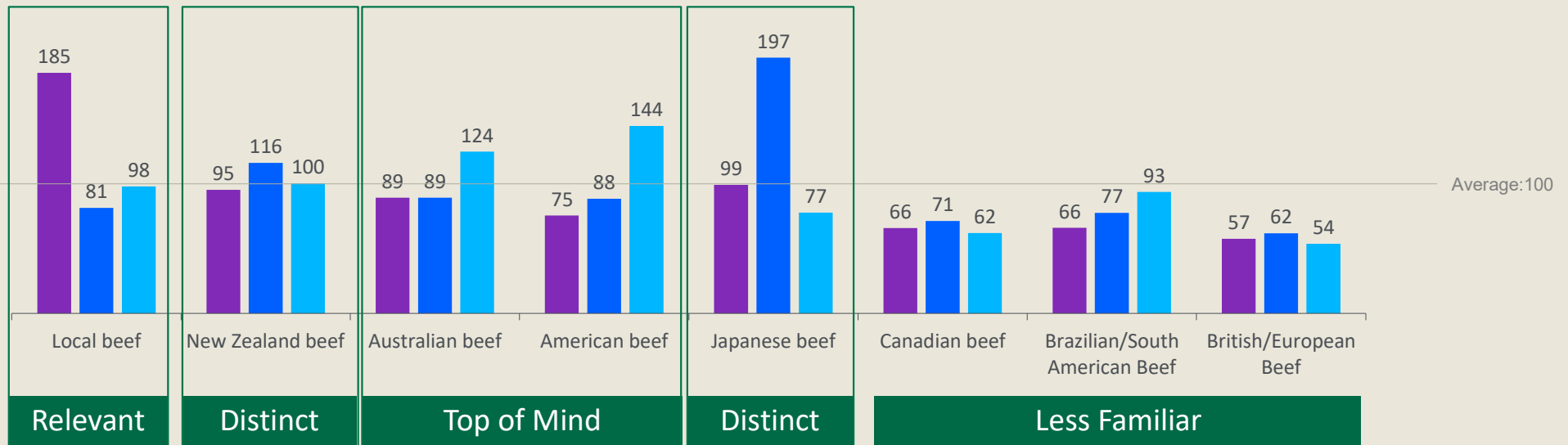
**Premium**

High Premium brands can charge **25% more** than brands  
with a low premium score

The elements of a successful brand or ensuring you are relevant, build an emotional connection, are differentiated from the crowd and mentally available when it matters.





Local is seen as relevant while NZ and Japan are distinct and differentiated in Filipino consumers minds, whereas AU and US beef come to mind readily.



Local is positioned for volume, while Japan is niche/Premium.

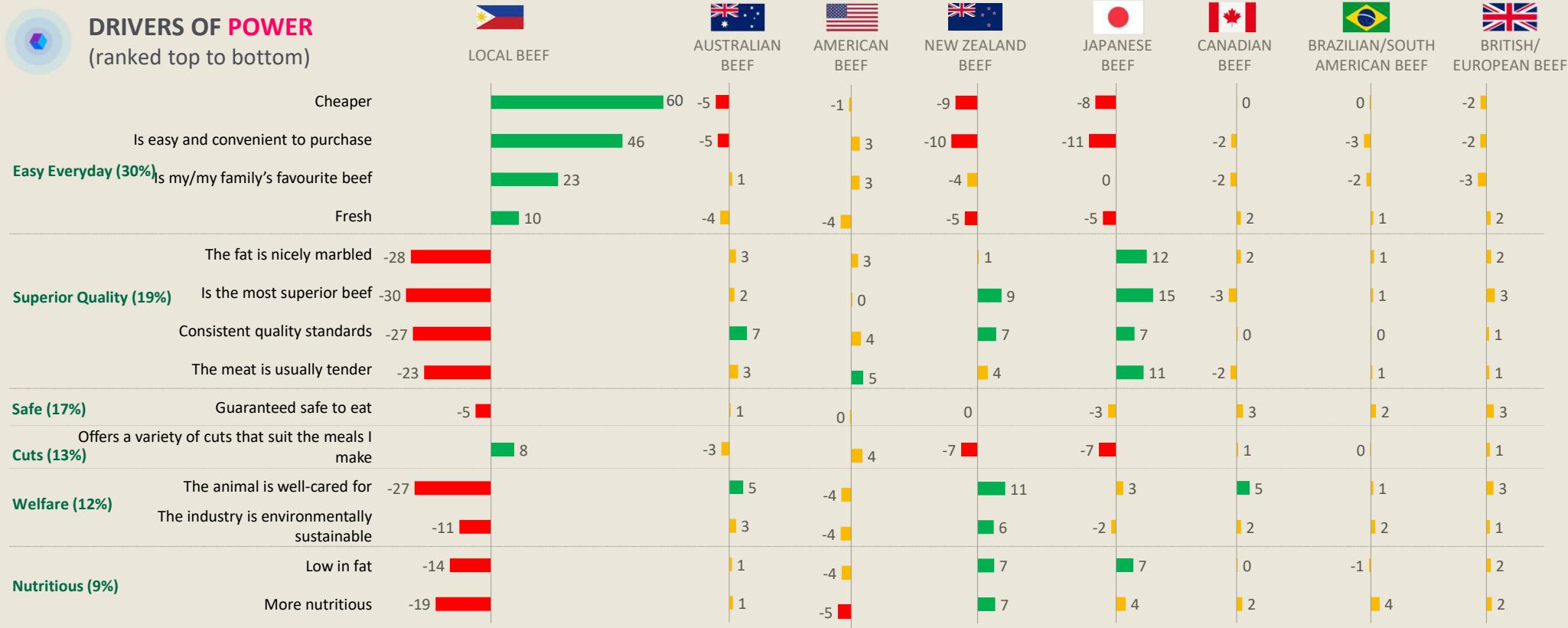
NZ's distinct benefits, anchored in perception of being from the perfect place for high quality beef, drive willingness to pay. AU and US battle as the Accessible Premium options.

Perceptions	Concepts	Meaning (Relevance)	Difference	 Drive: Volume	 Premium
Cheaper	EASY EVERYDAY	36%	-7%	30%	-11%
Is easy and convenient to purchase					
Is my/my family's favourite beef					
Fresh					
The fat is nicely marbled	SUPERIOR QUALITY	17%	42%	19%	38%
Is the most superior beef					
Consistent quality standards					
The meat is usually tender					
Guaranteed safe to eat	SAFE	16%	18%	17%	18%
Offers a variety of cuts that suit the meals I make	VARIETY OF CUTS	12%	4%	13%	4%
The animal is well-cared for	WELFARE / ENVIRONMENT	9%	10%	12%	11%
The industry is environmentally sustainable					
Low in fat	HEALTHY	10%	19%	9%	19%
More nutritious					

As measured by Power

As measured by Premium












Local Beef's volume is driven by owning ease/convenience (easier to buy, variety, cheaper). Imports play to a different space. AU, JP and NZ beef are harder to buy (price, availability). AU is well cared and consistent, US is fat and tender, NZ provides 'Goodness', JP is superior.



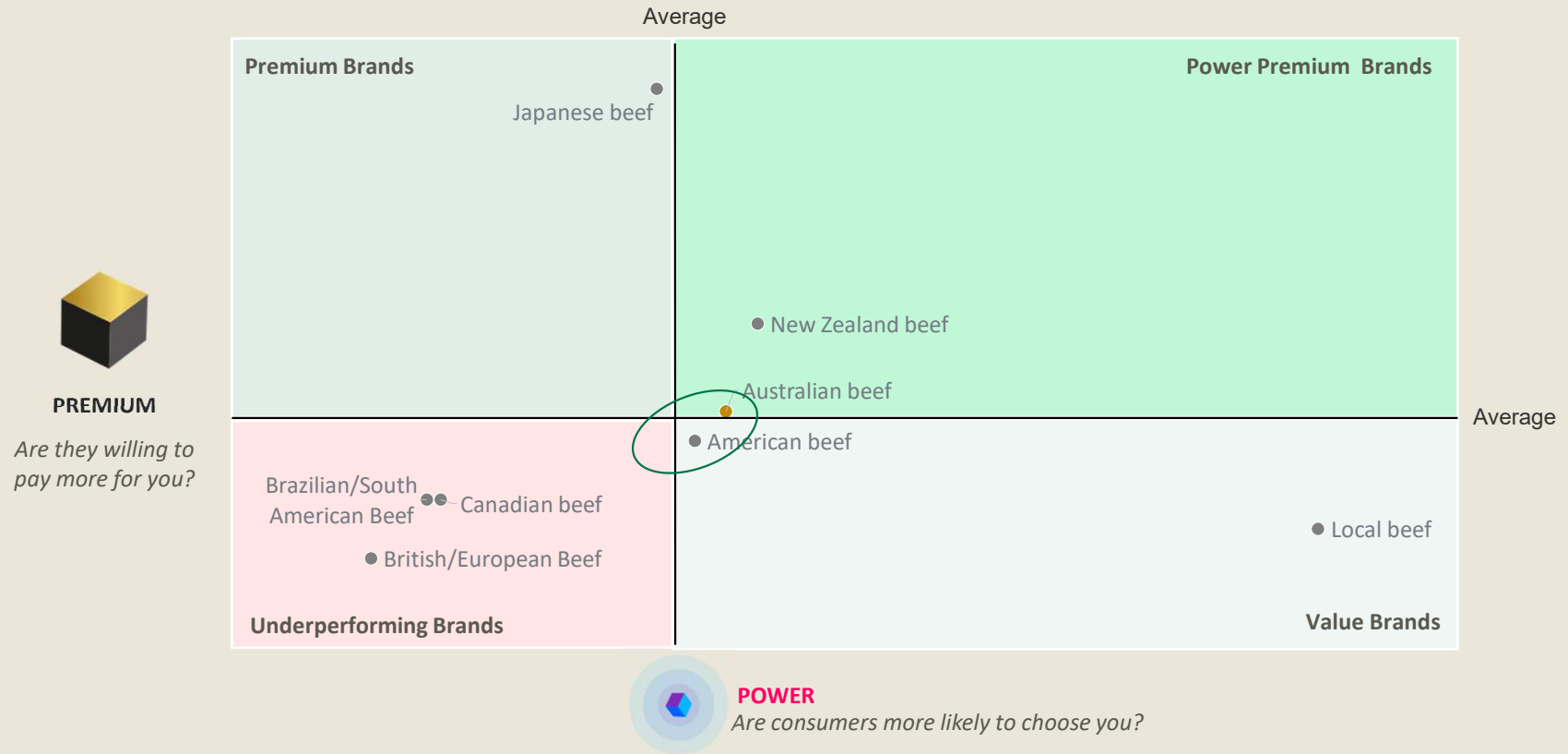
BBH9. Here are some things which people have said about beef. We would like to know which of the following statements apply to beef from different countries of origin. You may choose as many or as few countries of origin as you wish. It doesn't matter if you don't buy any of them - it's your impressions we'd like. Base: (n=xxx). Attributes are grouped according to level of co-endorsement i.e. when respondents endorse one attribute for a brand, they are likely to endorse the others in the group. In this way the attributes are linked, then the groups are given an appropriate, summary name.  
Base: '22 (n=500)



These different perceptions see the COOs fit different roles.

 <b>Everyday</b>	 <b>Premium</b>	 <b>Super Premium</b>	 <b>Undifferentiated</b>
<p> <b>Local</b></p> <p>Cheap Easy to buy Fresh Variety of cuts Favourite</p> <p><i>Not as superior, safe, consistent in quality, marbled, tender, nutritious, low fat, well cared for or environmentally sustainable</i></p> <p>Typical for 'local'</p>	<p> <b>Australia</b> Consistent quality Welfare <i>Not cheap or easy to buy</i></p> <p> <b>USA</b> Tender <i>Not nutritious</i></p> <p> <b>New Zealand</b> Welfare, Environment Low Fat, Nutritious, Superior <i>Not easy to buy. Not fresh or variety of cuts. Not cheap.</i></p>	<p> <b>Japan</b></p> <p>Marbled Tender Consistent Quality Superior</p> <p><i>Not cheap, easy, variety or fresh</i></p> <p>Typical for Japan</p>	<p> <b>Canada</b> Welfare</p> <p><b>Brazil / South American</b></p> <p> <b>British / European</b></p>

These differences in profile are reflected in COOs equity - Japanese beef super premium, NZ and AU beef both premium volume but NZ sitting apart from AU which more closely aligns with US.



There's an opportunity to make AU Beef more easy/convenient to purchase for 18-34s (the cohort driving our weakness, who more likely to eat US).





**Australian Beef** "Is easy and convenient to purchase"

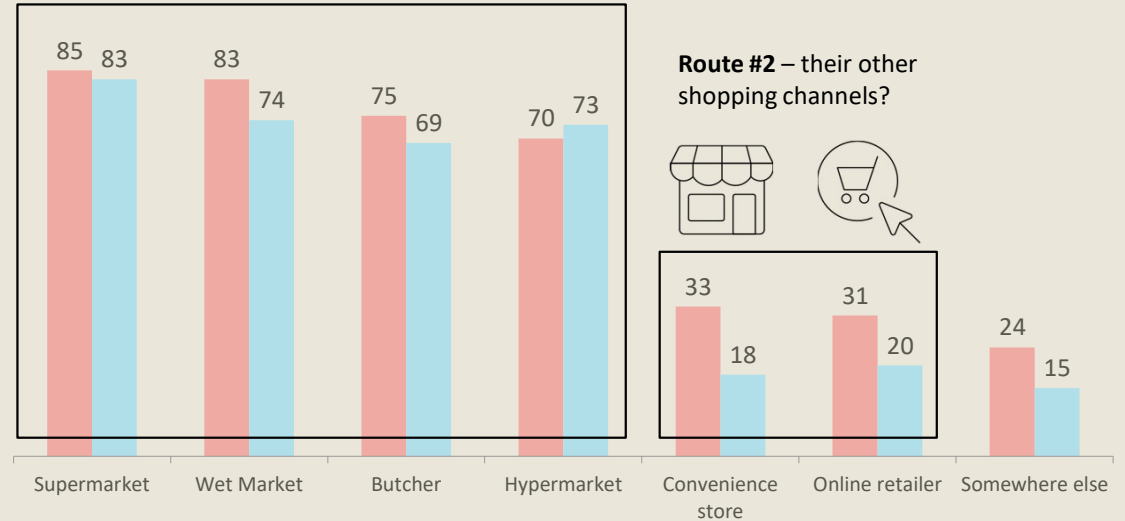


**18-34s** Relative Weakness



**35-49s** Neutral

**Route #1:** Are we in the right stores for 18-34s?  
Where is US stocked?  
And are we presenting in the right way for them in these key locations?



**Channel:** Monthly (or more frequent) purchase of Beef...

**Protecting AU's consistent quality strength (through experience/comms) remains relevant for justifying premium - but there's an opportunity with safe to drive volume and premium, and improve ease for 18-34s.**

**Top 5 Associations to Grow Volume/Power:**  
(Ordered based on impact on building equity\*)

1. Cheaper 	Association to build - implicit
3. Fresh 	2. Guaranteed safe to eat 
5. Offers a variety of cuts 	Improve for 18-34s
	4. Easy and convenient to buy 

**Top 5 Associations to Grow Premium:**  
(Ordered based on impact on building equity\*)

3. Meat is usually tender 	Protect association - explicit
	1. Consistent quality standards 
	Association to build - implicit
	2. Guaranteed safe to eat 

- Leveraging our grass-fed process can help us deliver 'naturalness' which Filipino's seek
- Driving an antipodean perception may benefit AU, to closer leverage NZ's strong perceptions

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**Associations for AU to communicate**

**Difficult to achieve for imported product**

**Less impactful associations for AU - currently owned by others**



## What should we communicate?



**1. Protect our consistent quality perceptions and reinforce the safety of Australian product**



**2. Communicate grass-fed process to deliver 'naturalness' which Filipinos seek.  
Driving an antipodean perception may benefit AU, to closer leverage NZ's strong perceptions**



**3. Our clean, safe, rearing environment can be leveraged as reason to believe for safe, natural, higher quality product**



# FINAL THOUGHTS & DISCUSSION

## Recapping what we have seen today

Beef plays a role of superior, tasty, premium protein. While it has high penetration, chicken pork and fish all also prevalent in most HH.

Natural is important in decision-making at shelf and Filipino consumers see grass fed beef as delivering to this promise - as well as being better for you.

Different demographic groups have built a different relationship with USA beef vs AU beef. The younger cohort appears to be choosing USA more frequently

There are channel differences that can present opportunity with younger cohort, but getting availability right in core channels is key.

New Zealand and Japanese have established a difference in Trust, and it is not about experience. This is reflected in the different perceptions that consumers hold of them.

AU is a trusted beef, so has the right to pursue a safety positioning. Trust is built on quality and perceptions of the 'place' it comes from.

Safety and consistent quality drive volume and premium and safe is currently unowned

AU beef's opportunity is to grow and consolidate the perceptions of quality and safety of our product to own the accessible premium space.

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