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# **GrainCorp** (GNC)

# Crop Report delivers another record

# Recommendation

Buy (unchanged)
Price
\$8.15
Target (12 months)

#### Sector

Food Beverage and Tobacco

\$9,10 (previously \$8.45)

Expected Return	
Capital growth	11.7%
Dividend yield	4.7%
Total expected return	16.4%
Company Data & Ratios	
Enterprise value	\$2,706m
Market cap	\$1,770m
Issued capital	217.2m
Free float	100%
Avg. daily val. (52wk)	\$7.6m
12 month price range	\$6.34-9.28

Shares adj. for buyback executed YTD.

# Price Performance (1m) (3m) (12m) Price (A\$) 7.55 7.51 8.70 Absolute (%) 7.42 7.99 -6.78 Rel market (%) 5.37 1.48 -17.63

# A record September forecast

The ABARE Sep'25 east coast crop forecast is a record driven by material uplift in VIC and NSW production forecasts. Details below:

**Winter East coast crop forecast:** ABARE has issued a September 2025-26 east coast winter crop forecast of 30.0mt (vs. 28.8mt in the pcp, a R5YA of 25.5mt and Jun'25 forecast of 27.2mt). The forecast is predicated on an acreage forecast of 12.2mHa (vs. Jun'25 of 12.0mHa and final 2024-25 of 12.4mHa). Notable movements were in NSW up +13%, QLD up +9% and VIC up +7% from the Jun'25 forecast.

**Summer crop forecast:** The initial 2025-26 summer crop forecast has been set at 4.5mt and compares to the closing forecast of 5.2mt for the 2024-25 crop. Sorghum production is forecast at 2.4mt (vs. 2.7mt in 2024-25).

Other earnings drivers: Oilseed crush margin indicators look to be stronger in 1H26e than 2H25e. Grain basis remains unfavourable in Canada and Australia, though at levels not materially different from May'25 levels. Domestic grain prices have on average been 2-3% lower than those at 1H25 balance date (~\$2-3m headwind based on 1H25 commodity risk movements).

On average the September forecast has been ~9% below the final. We would note that CSIRO Wheatcast projections and vegetation indexes in the east coast grain belt would imply a crop not materially different from a year ago.

NPAT changes are -1% in FY25e, +16% in FY26e and +6% in FY27e. Our target price is lifted to \$9.10ps (prev. \$8.45ps) reflecting upward movements in peer group trading multiples.

# Investment view: Buy rating unchanged

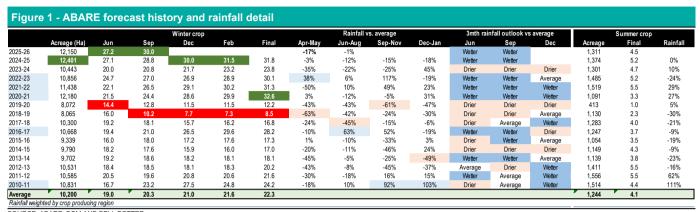
Our Buy rating is unchanged. Indicators for the 2025-26 winter crop remain positive and the prospects of a summer La Nina have been lifting. In addition, unlike this time a year ago canola crush margins have been strengthening rather than weakening.

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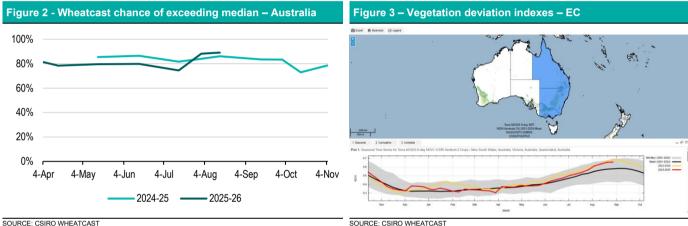
Earnings Forecast				
Year end September	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Sales (A\$m)	6,506.8	8,158.4	7,443.8	7,066.2
EBITDA (A\$m)	267.8	315.6	354.1	320.3
NPAT (reported) (A\$m)	61.8	86.7	113.1	97.3
NPAT (adjusted) (A\$m)	76.8	86.7	113.1	97.3
EPS (adjusted) (cps)	34.5	39.5	52.1	44.8
EPS growth (%)	(71.3)	14.7	31.7	(13.9)
PER (x)	23.6	20.6	15.7	18.2
FCF Yield (%)	(5.0)	(4.1)	8.9	6.9
EV/PBTDA (x)	8.3	7.1	5.8	5.4
Dividend (¢ps)	48.0	38.0	38.0	28.0
Yield (%)	5.9	4.7	4.7	3.4
Franking (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
ROE (%)	5.1	5.9	7.5	6.3
SOURCE: BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES				

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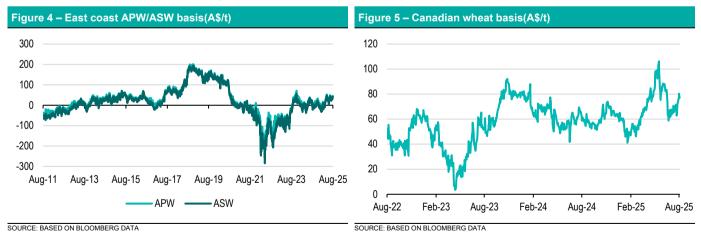
# **GNC Activity indicators**



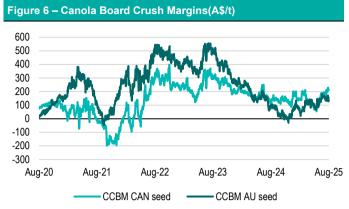
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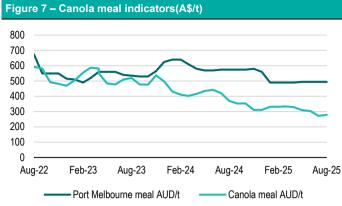


Wheat basis: Premiums for Australian and Canadian whet are at premiums to historical averages relative to US wheat. Positive basis is a typically a negative for GNC trading margins.



**Canola crush margins:** Crush margins have recovered from the low. Domestic canola meal pricing remains a premium to global indicators. Based on futures pricing, crush returns looks to be stronger in I 1H26e than those witness in 2H25e.

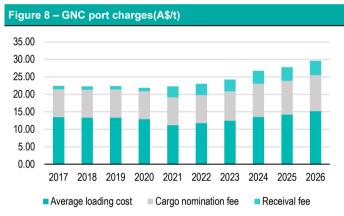


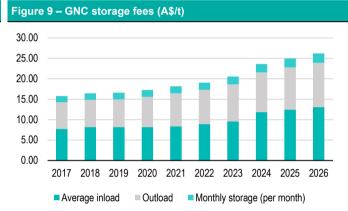


SOURCE: BASED ON BLOOMBERG, CME AND ICE DATA

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GNC 2025-26 port charges have been announced, with a +6-7% YOY upward movement (vs. +4% in 2024-25 harvest) and storage and outload fees up +4-5% YOY





SOURCE: COMPANY REPORTS

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# **GNC Company overview**

# **COMPANY DESCRIPTION**

GrainCorp (GNC) is a provider of handling, storage, marketing and logistics services for grain growers in Australia Canada and the UK. GNC's infrastructure footprint is primarily on the east coast of Australia, while it also operates oilseed processing and refining in Australia and NZ.

# **Target price**

Our target price for GNC is \$9.10ps and is based on normalised east coast crop production of 24.6mt (East coast winter + sorghum and cottonseed) and returns we would expect the grain and oilseeds business to generate in that year (Average ex-Canada – TTC PBTDA range estimate of \$240-285m). This is capitalised at an EV/PBTDA multiple of 7.0-7.5x.

# **RISKS**

Risks facing an investment in GNC include but are not limited to:

**Weather**: Weather patterns around the winter cropping season (April-November) are the major driver of grain volumes produced on the east coast of Australia and hence volumes that can be delivered into the GNC network.

**New competition:** The emergence of three new grain terminals at Newcastle and Port Kembla have added 3.1mt of capacity to an industry that already has sizeable excess capacity. Competition for grain has the scope to reduce returns generated to legacy assets and reduce GNC's share of crop.

**Grain trading risks:** a material portion of the earnings of GNC are exposed to grain trading margins which are linked to domestic and international prices. Rapid movements in

global arbitrages or the inability of GNC to develop attractive margins in its grain trading operation can have a detrimental impact on group returns.

**UMH Group trading value:** GNC will retain a 10% holding in the demerged operations of UMH Group. Sharp movements in the value of the UMH share price can impact the value of GNC and the potential for GNC to access future cashflow if a sale were to be pursued.

**Disruption of or changes to transportation services:** GNC's operations rely on rail and road transportation to move grain from farms into country storage sites, and from these sites to port terminals and domestic consumers. A disruption or delay in rail transportation service provision, for instance as a result of temporary or permanent rail track closures, a lack of rolling stock or train crews or access to rail paths, may adversely impact GNC's operations and operating results

**Grain and oilseed prices**: A sudden devaluation or revaluation in oilseed prices can impact the returns generated in the oils business, given the exposure to spot sales and inventory carry required to produce the final selling product.

**Processing risks:** Companies involved in the grain and processing industries are subject to various operational risks, including those which may be categorised as claims and disputes in relation to grain or finished product inventory, machinery breakdown, extreme weather, fire, supply issues, loss of long-term agreements for supply or for premises, regulatory requirements, workplace disputes and impacts of environmental obligations.

Food and feed industry risk: GNC is subject to food and stockfeed industry risks which include, but are not limited to, spoilage, contamination, fumigation or treatment applications which do not meet destination requirements, incorrect grade classification, tampering or other adulteration of products, product recalls, government regulation, destination or

industry standards, shifting customer and consumer preferences and concerns, including concerns regarding genetically modified organisms and plants, and potential product liability claims.

# **GrainCorp** as at 2 September 2025

RecommendationBuyPrice\$8.15Target (12 months)\$9.10

Table 1 - Financial summary																	
Sept year end	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e	Share price (\$)								8.15
Profit & Loss (A\$m)									Recommendation								Buy
Sales revenue	3660.9	5491.5	7868.3	8229.1	6506.8	8158.4	7443.8	7066.2	Diluted issued capital (m)								217.2
Change	(24.5%)	50.0%	43.3%	4.6%	(20.9%)	25.4%	(8.8%)	(5.1%)	Market cap (\$m)								1769.8
EBITDA	108.1	329.8	703.4	565.3	267.8	315.6	354.1	320.3	Eneterprise value (\$m)								2705.7
Deprec. & amort.	(109.5)	(107.1)	(117.3)	(116.9)	(119.4)	(120.9)	(119.2)	(115.9)	Target price (\$)								9.10
EBIT	(1.4)	222.7	586.1	448.4	148.4	194.7	234.9	204.4									
Interest expense	(26.4)	(25.9)	(36.0)	(58.5)	(44.7)	(66.3)	(69.0)	(65.3)									
Pre-tax profit	(27.8)	196.8	550.1	389.9	103.7	128.4	165.8	139.1	Sept year end	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Tax expense	11.9	(58.5)	(169.7)	(121.0)	(26.9)	(41.8)	(52.7)	(41.7)	Valuation Ratios								
tax rate	42.8%	29.7%	30.8%	31.0%	26.0%	32.5%	31.8%	30.0%	EPS (¢ps)	(6.9)	60.4	168.1	120.0	34.5	39.5	52.1	44.8
Minorities	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	Change (%)	n.a.	n.a.	178.2%	(28.6%)	(71.3%)	14.7%	31.7%	(13.9%)
Net Profit	(15.9)	138.3	380.4	268.9	76.8	86.7	113.1	97.3	PE (x)	(117.3)	13.5	4.8	6.8	23.6	20.6	15.7	18.2
Abs. & extras.	359.2			(19.2)	(15.0)	-	-	-	EV/EBITDA (x)	25.03	8.20	3.85	4.79	10.10	8.57	7.64	8.45
Reported Profit	343.3	138.3	380.4	249.7	61.8	86.7	113.1	97.3	EV/EBIT(x)	n.a.	12.15	4.62	6.03	18.23	13.90	11.52	13.24
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Cashflow (A\$m)									***PBTDA is EBITDA less								
EBITDA	108.1	329.8	703.4	565.3	267.8	315.6	354.1	320.3		•				1			
Tax Paid	(6.3)	-	(47.3)		(93.8)	(46.4)	(47.3)	(47.2)	NTA (\$ps)	4.24	4.82	6.05	6.66	6.28	6.25	6.39	6.55
Net Interest Expense	(40.1)	(26.1)	(36.0)	' '	(44.7)	(55.5)	(67.7)	(67.2)	P/NTA (x)	1.92	1.69	1.35	1.22	1.30	1.30	1.28	1.24
Change in Wkg Capital	127.8	(511.6)	(313.1)	' '	265.1	(154.5)	(83.6)	129.9	Book Value (\$ps)	4.79	5.27	6.50	7.10	6.79	6.77	6.91	7.08
Other	(192.5)	352.4	100.1	184.9	(308.1)	37.7	134.2	(103.2)	Price/Book (x)	1.70	1.55	1.25	1.15	1.20	1.20	1.18	1.15
Operating Cash Flow	(3.0)	144.5	407.1	534.6	86.3	96.8	289.8	232.6	DPS (¢)	7.0	18.0	54.0	54.0	48.0	38.0	38.0	28.0
Capex	(77.7)	(54.6)	(80.8)	(66.3)	(54.7)	(65.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	Payout (% )	-101%	30%	32%	45%	139%	96%	73%	62%
Div Paid	-	(34.3)	(76.5)	' '	(121.1)	(105.2)	(82.5)	(60.8)	Yield (%)	0.9%	2.2%	6.6%	6.6%	5.9%	4.7%	4.7%	3.4%
Free Cash Flow	(80.7)	55.6	249.8	347.5	(89.5)	(73.4)	157.2	121.8	Franking (%)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Acquisitions	(1.7)	(26.2)	(5.7)	(49.2)	(40.0)	- (. 0. 1)				10070	10070	10070	10070		10070	10070	
Disposals	198.2	25.8	3.6	1.3	128.4	0.1	_	_	Performance Ratios								
Share Issues	-		(50.0)		(26.9)	(37.5)	_	_	EBITDA/sales (%)	3.0%	6.0%	8.9%	6.9%	4.1%	3.9%	4.8%	4.5%
Other	781.2	(415.2)	(138.6)		301.1	(37.7)	(134.2)	103.2	EBITA/sales (%)	0.0%	4.1%	7.4%	5.4%	2.3%	2.4%	3.2%	2.9%
(Inc.) /dec. in net debt	897.0	(360.0)	59.1	167.6	273.1	(148.4)	23.1	225.0	OCF Realisation (%)	19%	104%	107%	199%	112%	112%	256%	239%
() / 2001 1101 2001	***************************************	(000.0)	••••			(1.101.1)			FCF Realisation (%)	508%	65%	86%	174%	41%	37%	212%	188%
Balance Sheet (A\$m)									ROE (%)	(1.5%)	11.5%	26.2%	16.9%	5.1%	5.9%	7.5%	6.3%
Cash & near cash	124.7	126.6	322.4	609.2	596.5	524.1	675.3	785.4	ROIC (%)	-0.1%	14.2%	30.9%	22.7%	8.3%	11.7%	13.6%	12.5%
Receivables	260.6	510.7	630.2	620.6	622.5	780.5	712.1	676.0	Aseet Turn (years)	0.99	3.08	6.00	4.84	2.24	2.61	2.97	2.76
Inventories	277.4	665.6	857.5	827.9	535.2	597.8	721.2	612.3	Capex/Depn (x)	0.71	0.51	0.69	0.57	0.46	0.54	0.42	
Other	121.7	235.3	423.8	331.6	79.1	79.1	79.1	79.1	Interest cover (x)	(0.05)	8.60	16.28	7.66	3.32	2.94	3.40	3.13
Current assets	784.4	1,538.2	2,233.9	2,389.3	1,833.3	1,981.5	2,187.7	2,152.7	Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	2.21	1.82	0.77	0.66	0.37	0.79	0.63	(0.00)
Fixed assets	678.2	668.1	663.8	639.1	626.5	613.2	586.5	563.2	Net debt/equity (%)	22%	50%	37%	23%	7%	17%	15%	0%
Right of use assets	177.1	189.2	190.1	173.3	194.7	194.7	194.7	194.7	1,7(,)								
Intangibles	125.1	102.4	99.0	98.8	113.1	113.1	113.1	113.1	Segmental operating EBIT	DA (A\$m)							
Other	414.40	388.80	348.30	291.60	332.00	332.00	332.00	332.00	Agribusiness	78.5	253.5	602.3	352.4	161.7	232.8	265.4	227.1
Non current assets	1,217.7	1,159.3	1,111.1	1,029.5	1,071.6	1,058.3	1,031.6	1,008.3	Nutrition and Energy	45.5	99.3	148.8	200.8	134.4	112.8	118.7	123.3
Total assets	2,002.1	2,697.5	3,345.0	3,418.8	2,904.9	3,039.8	3,219.4	3,161.1	Other/Discountinued	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Creditors	153.4	280.1	278.4	285.9	260.2	326.2	297.7	282.6	Corporate	(15.9)	(23.0)	(47.7)	12.1	(28.3)	(30.0)	(30.0)	(30.0)
Borrowings	213.9	575.8	712.5	831.7	545.9	621.9	750.1	635.1	EBITDA	108.1	329.8	703.4	565.3	267.8	315.6	354.1	320.3
Lease liabilities	26.9	31.7	37.8	38.0	42.4	42.4	42.4	42.4	***************************************	~~~~~							
Other	152.9	252.8	508.9	326.8	211.7	237.9	287.3	322.6	East coast crop (mt)	12.7	35.0	35.4	34.1	27.2	35.4	33.6	24.6
Current liabilities	520.2	1,108.7	1,499.8	1,444.4	1,017.8	1,186.0	1,335.1	1,240.2	GNC receivals (mt)	4.2	16.5	16.3	13.9	10.1	13.0	12.5	10.0
Borrowings	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	GNC share (%)	33%	47%	46%	41%	37%	36%	35%	39%
Lease liabilities	204.9	210.1	203.5	186.9	201.7	201.7	201.7	201.7	GNC grain exports (mt)	1.3	7.9	9.2	8.3	5.6	6.7	5.7	4.7
Other	236.6	233.7	242.5	232.6	234.4	234.4	234.4	234.4	Domestic outloads (mt)	5.1	5.0	6.4	6.4	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
Non current liabilities	386.6	383.7	392.5	382.6	384.4	384.4	384.4	384.4	EC grain sales (mt)	3.5	6.7	6.1	5.3	4.5	6.3	5.2	4.8
Total liabilities	906.8	1,492.4	1,892.3	1,827.0	1,402.2	1,570.4	1,719.5	1,624.6	Offshore grain sales (mt)	4.3	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.4	4.0	4.0	4.0
Net assets	1,095.3	1,205.1	1,452.7	1,591.8	1,502.7	1,469.4	1,499.9	1,536.5	Total grain sales (mt)	7.8	10.1	9.6	9.0	7.9	10.3	9.2	8.8
Share capital	572.8	570.6	516.6	527.1	500.9	463.4	463.4	463.4	Carry out (mt)	0.7	4.3	4.9	3.9	2.5	2.9	3.8	3.2
Reserves	16.3	23.3	21.0	20.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	Throuput (mt)	6.6	22.6	25.2	22.6	16.4	19.5	17.8	15.1
Retained earnings	506.2	611.2	915.1	1,044.2	985.3	989.4	1,020.0	1,056.5	Grain handled (mt)	12.8	34.4	41.1	37.4	28.0	31.0	30.8	27.6
Outside equity Interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Crush volume (kt)	424	459	471	496	540	540	510	510
S/holders' funds	1,095.3	1,205.1	1,452.7	1,591.8	1,502.7	1,469.4	1,499.9	1,536.5	Crush margin (A\$/t)	81	164	303	381	265	205	220	232
Net Debt (Cash)	239.2	599.2	540.1	372.5	99.4	247.8	224.7	(0.3)	East coast crop = Total EC w	rinter crop + sorghu	ım + cottor	seed					
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SOURCE: BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES

## **Recommendation structure**

**Buy:** Expect >15% total return on a 12 month view. For stocks regarded as 'Speculative' a return of >30% is expected.

**Hold:** Expect total return between - 5% and 15% on a 12 month view

**Sell:** Expect <-5% total return on a 12 month view

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