

The World's Largest Landowners

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There are farms, forests, and rural properties all over the world. But have you ever thought about who owns the most land in the world? Some properties are owned by major organizations, while others are owned by private landowners. The researchers at [Madison Trust](#) looked at land ownership data to determine who owns the most land in the world. Keep reading to see who comes out on top!

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Use

🌳 Agriculture, forests
📍 United Kingdom, Canada
1. King Charles III and the British Royal Family

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6,600,000,000
Size (acres)



37x scale

🌳 Churches, schools, farms
📍 Worldwide
2. Catholic Church

In addition to churches, parochial schools, and other properties, the Catholic Church owns farms and other real estate throughout Italy.

177,000,000





3.

Canada
Inuit People of Nunavut

87,500,000

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4.

Gina Rinehart

Agriculture, cattle
Australia, United States

Rinehart is Australia's richest person, a mining magnate, and a businesswoman.

23,969,000



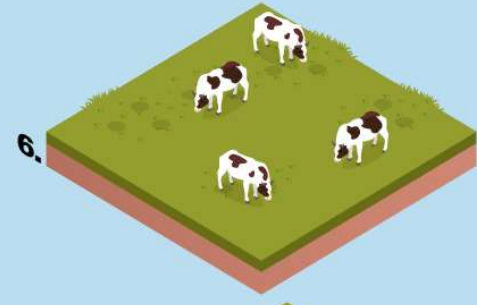
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Canada

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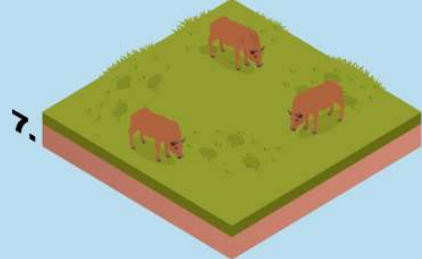
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Mudanjiang City Mega Farm

Dairy farm
China

This is the largest farm in the world and has more than 100,000 dairy cows.

22,239,000



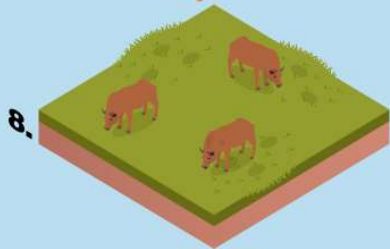
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Australian Agricultural Company

Cattle farm
Australia

The Australian Agricultural Company is Australia's oldest agricultural company, and its largest shareholder is Joe Lewis, one of the richest people in the United Kingdom.

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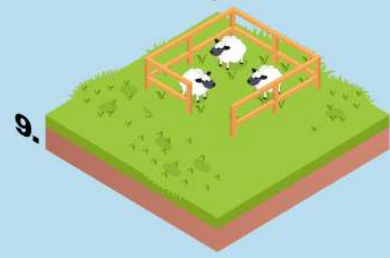
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North Australian Pastoral Company

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The North Australian Pastoral Company was founded in 1877 and is among the biggest cattle companies.

14,826,000



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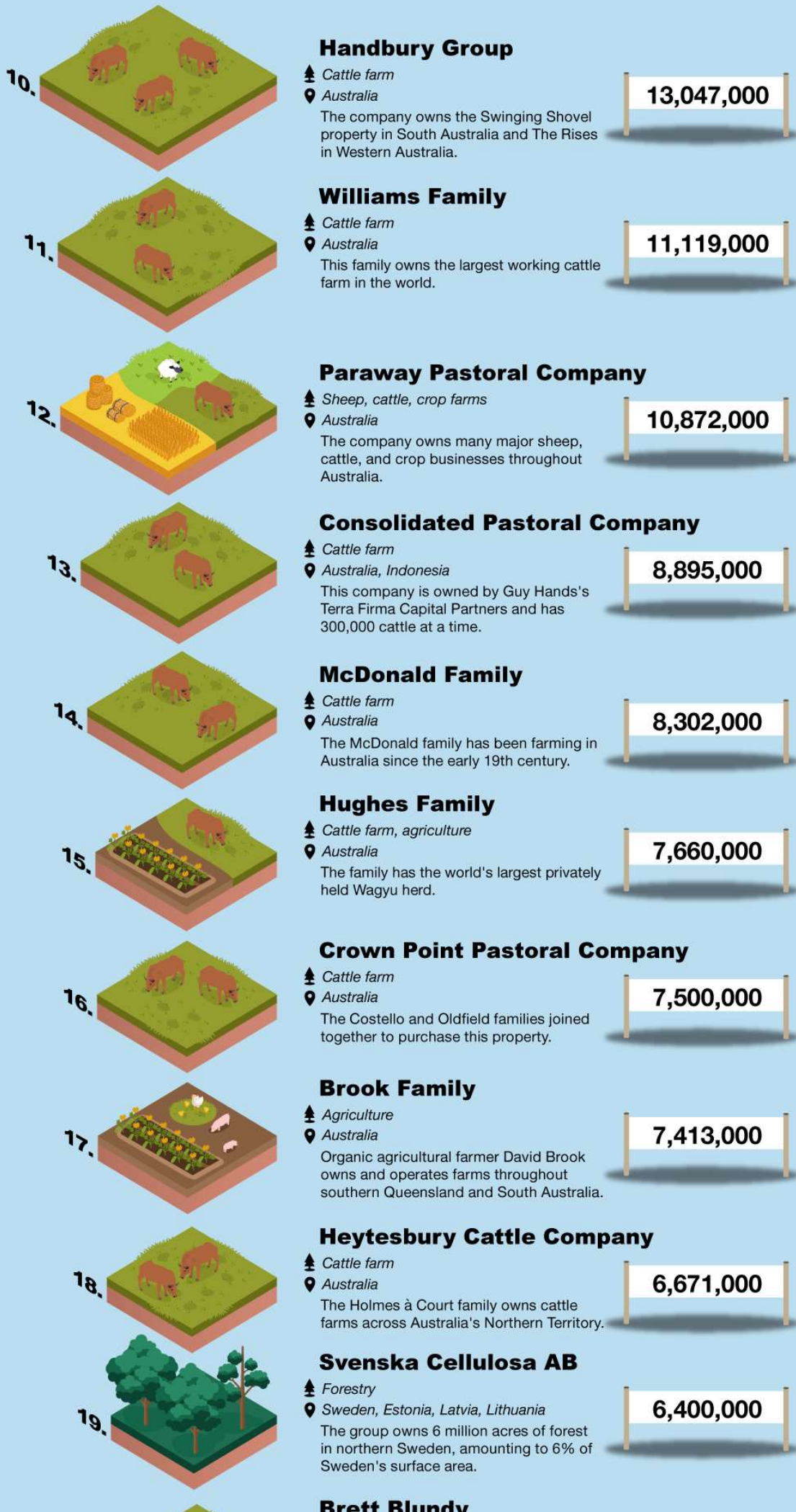
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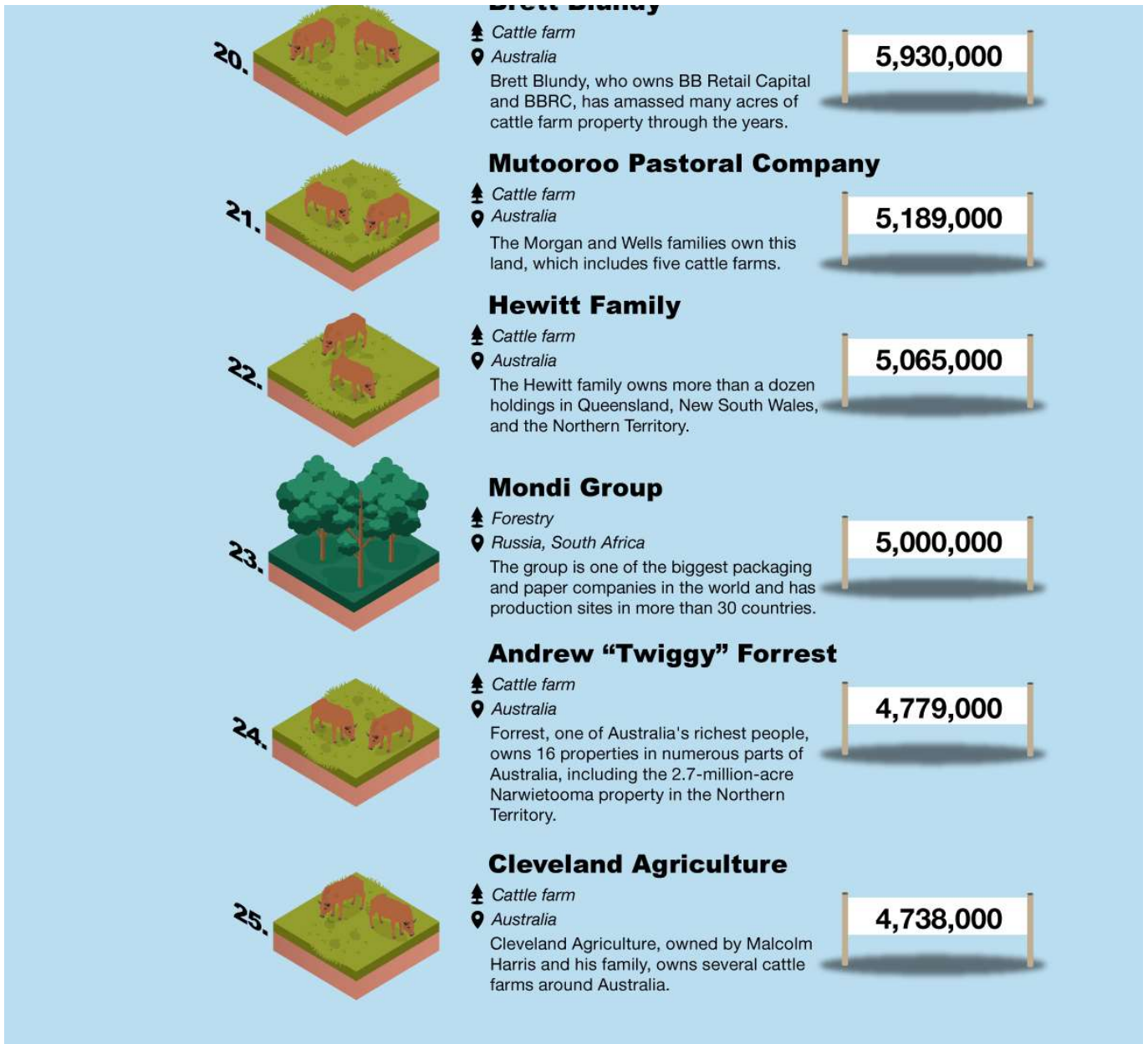
Sheep farm
Australia

Jumbuck Pastoral Company is the largest producer of wool in Australia.

14,208,000







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Who Owns the Most Land in the World?

The largest landowner in the world currently is King Charles III of England. How much land does the Royal Family own? He and the British Royal Family own more than 6,600,000,000 acres of land around the world. They technically own many territories around the globe, amounting to 1/6 of the surface of the planet. The family owns land in the United Kingdom, Canada, and beyond.

Second on the list is the Catholic Church. Their 177 million acres are located throughout the world and include churches, schools, and farms. They also own many religious landmarks like the Scala Sancta and the Apostolic Palace as well as farmland.

In third are the Inuit people of Nunavut in Canada. According to the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement Act of 1993, the government of Canada and the government of the Northwest Territories granted the Inuit people ownership of a separate territory called Nunavut, which is about 87 million acres in size. It was (and still is) the largest land claim settlement in the history of Canada.

The fourth entry on the list is Gina Rinehart, who is the richest person in Australia. She is a mining magnate who has more than \$30 billion. She owns 23 million acres of land consisting mainly of forests and cattle farms. Rinehart made her fortune on iron ore and is the daughter of iron-ore explorer Lang Hancock.

Ranking fifth are the Inuvialuit people of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region in Canada, with more than 22 million acres. The Inuvialuit Settlement Region (sometimes abbreviated as ISR) was designated by the government of Canada in 1984 and includes several areas of land, including the northern portion of Yukon and the northwest portion of the Northwest Territories.

The largest farm in the world is Mudanjiang City Mega Farm, which is located in Heilongjiang, China, and ranks sixth on the list. At more than 22 million acres, the massive farm has more than 100,000 dairy cows and produces 800 million liters of milk every year.

How Many Acres of Land Are on Earth?

Earth is mostly covered by water; in fact, it makes up 71% of the surface of the planet. In total, there are about [57 million square miles](#) of land on the planet, which amounts to 36 billion acres. Much of this land is uninhabitable, as it is either mountainous or desert land. It's estimated that there are about 15 billion acres of habitable land on the planet. Considering that there are 7.8 billion people on Earth, there is just less than 2 acres for every person. This doesn't account for the many public services and commodities, like grocery stores, schools, roads, lakes, and parks.

About [900 million acres](#) of land in the United States is considered farmland, which is about 40% of all land in the country. See [who owns the most land in the U.S.!](#)

The Biggest Landowners in the World

The following are the largest private landowners in the world:



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Handbury Group

Australia

13,047,000

The company owns the Swinging Shovel property in South Australia and The Rises in Western Australia.

11

Williams Family

Australia

11,119,000

This family owns the largest working cattle farm in the world.

12

Paraway Pastoral Company

Australia

10,872,000

The company owns many major sheep, cattle, and crop businesses throughout Australia.

13

Consolidated Pastoral Company

Australia, Indonesia

8,895,000

This company is owned by Guy Hands's Terra Firma Capital Partners and has 300,000 cattle at a time.

14

McDonald Family

Australia

8,302,000

The McDonald family has been farming in Australia since the early 19th century.

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Hughes Family

Australia

7,660,000

The family has the world's largest privately held Wagyu herd.

16

Crown Point Pastoral Company

Australia

7,500,000

The Costello and Oldfield families joined together to purchase this property.

17

Brook Family

Australia

7,413,000

Organic agricultural farmer David Brook owns and operates farms throughout southern Queensland and South Australia.

18

Heytesbury Cattle Company

Australia

6,671,000

The Holmes à Court family owns cattle farms across Australia's Northern Territory.

19

Svenska Cellulosa AB

Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

6,400,000

The group owns 6 million acres of forest in northern Sweden, amounting to 6% of Sweden's surface area.

20

Brett Blundy

Australia

5,930,000

Brett Blundy, who owns BB Retail Capital and BBRC, has amassed many acres of cattle farm property through the years.

21

Mutooroo Pastoral Company

Australia

5,189,00

The Morgan and Wells families own this land, which includes five cattle farms.

22

Hewitt Family

Australia

5,065,000

The Hewitt family owns more than a dozen holdings in Queensland, New South Wales, and the Northern Territory.

23

Mondi Group

Russia, South Africa

5,000,000

The group is one of the biggest packaging and paper companies in the world and has production sites in more than 30 countries.

24

Andrew "Twiggy" Forrest

Australia

4,779,000

Forrest, one of Australia's richest people, owns 16 properties in numerous parts of Australia, including the 2.7-million-acre Narwietooma property in the Northern Territory.

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Cleveland Agriculture

Australia

4,738,000

Cleveland Agriculture, owned by Malcolm Harris and his family, owns several cattle farms around Australia.

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