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#### Animals in Extensive Production Systems 1.1 Australia in the world and agricultural innovation

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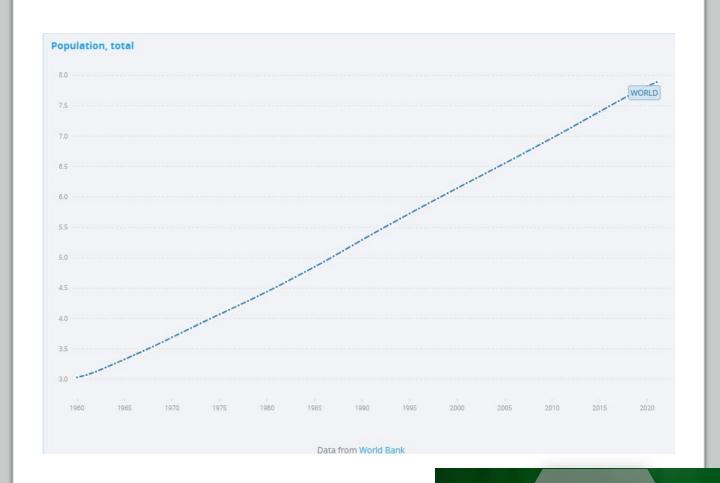






#### Country and world population

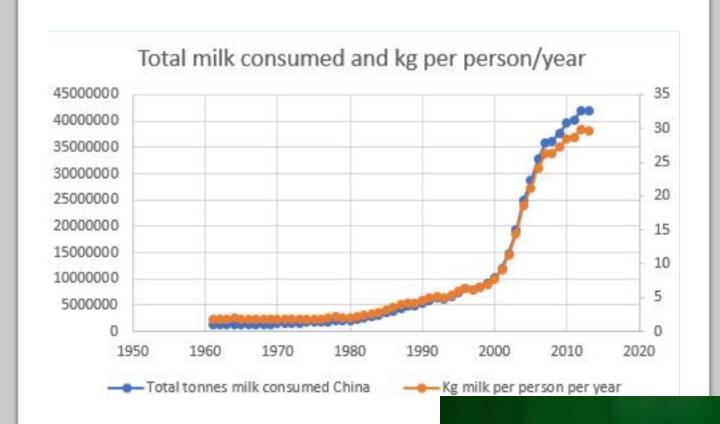
- In 2023 Australia population = 26.3 million
- As a wordwide % = about 0.3%
- Compare to China 18.5% and USA 4.3%
- Changes in food consumption patterns in countries can lead to major changes in export from countries like Australia and NZ with relatively small populations and large livestock production



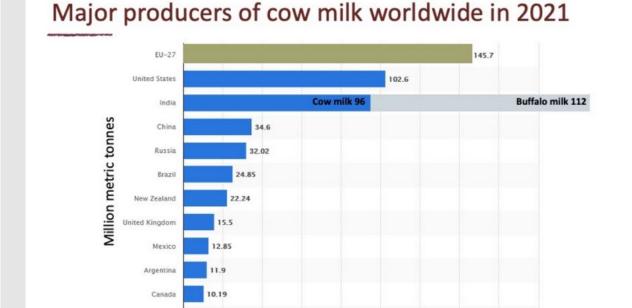
# What changes consumption patterns?

- As wealth increases, consumption of a range of products, including livestock products tends to increase
- Example showing Chinese milk consumption
- Not all produced in country
- Import versus export

From: www.fao.org/faostat/en#data/CL



### Import/export and supply/demand



- Need to import food varies based on demand per head and total population
- If enough livestock to produce amount then don't need to import
- May import specific type
  - E.g. USA lean beef
  - Country may both import and export



https://www.statista.com/statistics/268191/cow-milk-production-worldwide-top-producers/



# Area of world devoted to agriculture

- Nearing limit of land for agriculture in many areas
- Agriculture versus wild areas
- Increasing intensification of current areas to produce more per unit area
- Climate change impact (positive and negative, depends on location)

