



M&A Update

Agribusiness

March 2020

Key Highlights

Special Note on the Impact of the Coronavirus on M&A in the United States

Our world today looks very different than when we published our last M&A update report in December 2019. The evolving impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) is felt across society, healthcare, education, employment, politics, and the economy. Consequently, the M&A market in the United States has not been immune to the pandemic. The data so far speaks for itself: overall transaction value was down 52% compared to the same time last year, despite only a small change (-2%) in overall transaction volume.

Uncertainty surrounding the longevity of the pandemic and its actual impact on the global economy, as well as a deep selloff in the stock market, will further contribute to a subdued deal environment in the short-term. We expect a continued weak M&A market as the world will likely experience the impact of COVID-19 more directly in the second quarter than before.

The character of M&A in the U.S. has completely changed within the past weeks, turning quickly from a booming sellers' market with high valuations to one that will likely see many buyers and sellers favor a "wait and see" approach. We believe deal activity will ultimately recover on the strength and attractiveness of the U.S. economy; however, it is difficult to estimate when that will take shape.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, or you or someone in your network needs assistance in M&A or capital matters, please do not hesitate to contact our team. We stand ready to provide our advisory services where needed.

Stay well and safe,

Your CC Capital Advisors Team



M&A in the United States

Deal Activity & Valuations

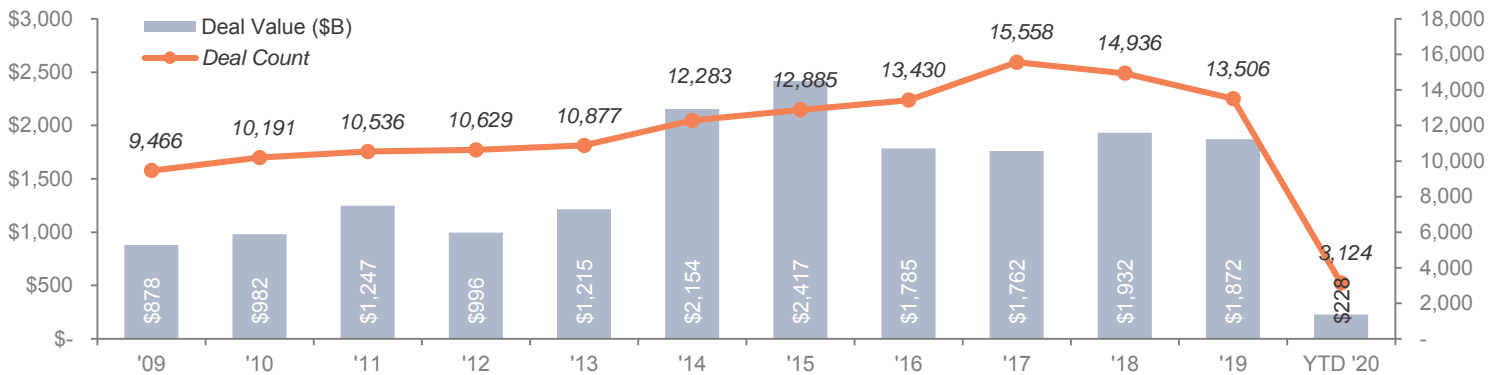
Deal Activity

Mergers and acquisitions activity in the first quarter of 2020 fell 2% on a year-over-year basis as the devastating economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic took hold of the United States. Likewise, total deal value dropped by more than half to \$228 billion compared to the first three months in 2019. The short-term M&A landscape will likely remain subdued as corporations shift focus away from M&A to the safety of employees and maintaining core operations.

3,124 M&A Deals	\$0.2 Trillion Deal Value
▼ 2% YoY decline	▼ 52% YoY decline

Total M&A Deal Volume & Value in the United States

\$ in Billions; Year to date through March 31, 2020



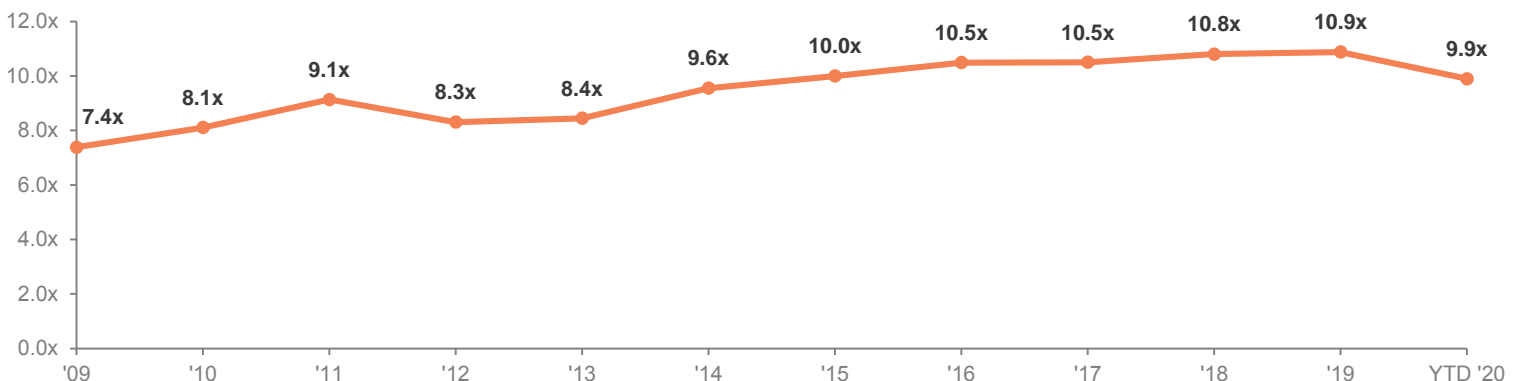
Valuations

For the first time since 2012, valuation multiples have contracted. After reaching a high of 10.9x in 2019, the median Enterprise Value (EV) to EBITDA multiple declined by one full turn to 9.9x in 2020. While this still represents a high level by historical standards – a 34% increase compared to 2009 – valuation multiples may contract further in Q2 in large part to the stock market decline and low global economic activity caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

9.9x	10.5x
Current Median EV / EBITDA	5-Year Median EV / EBITDA

Median Enterprise Value (EV) / EBITDA Valuation Multiple

Only includes transactions with disclosed financial terms; Year to date through March 31, 2020



Sources: S&P Capital IQ, Pitchbook, IMAA Institute, CCCA Research

Definitions: YoY = Year-over-year; Enterprise Value = Market Cap + Debt – Cash; EBITDA = Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation & Amortization

M&A in the Agribusiness Sector

Sector Snapshot

Industries in the U.S. Agribusiness Sector

Agricultural Products & Services

- Dairy
- Grains
- Crop Inputs
- Machinery & Equipment Manufacturing
- Machinery & Equipment Distribution
- Agricultural Services

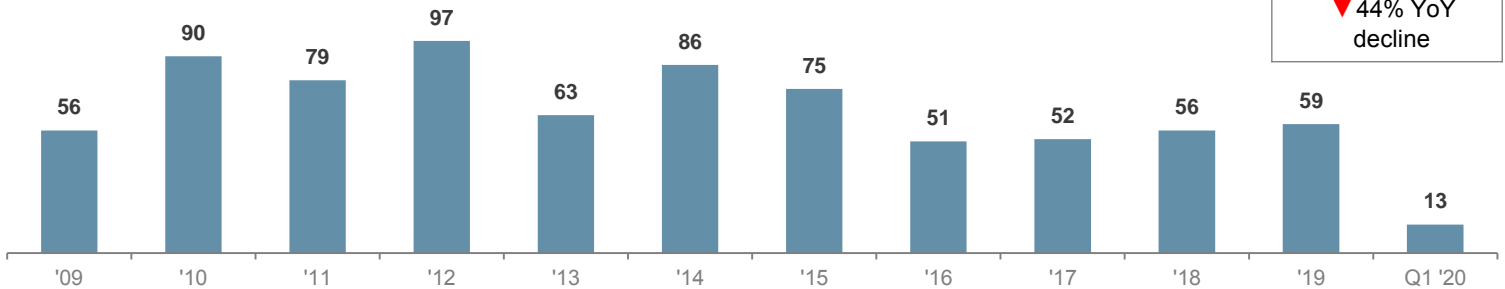
Livestock

- Livestock Feed
- Livestock & Animal Specialties

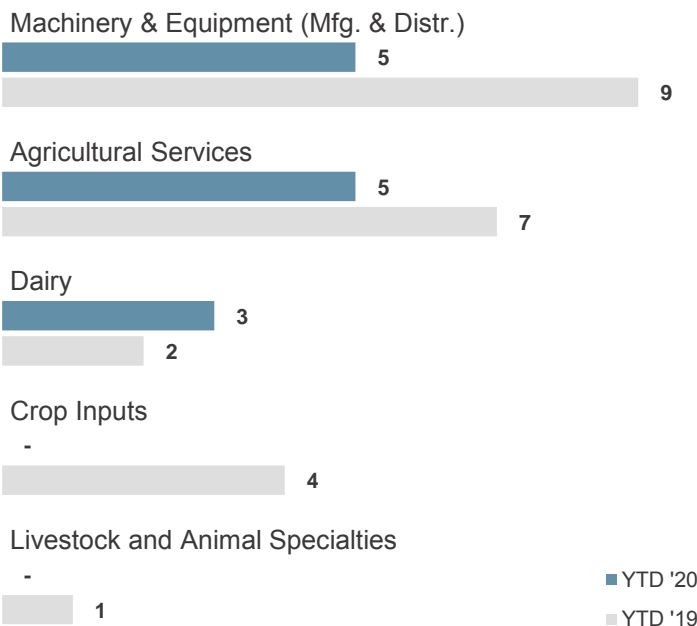
Sector M&A Deal Volume

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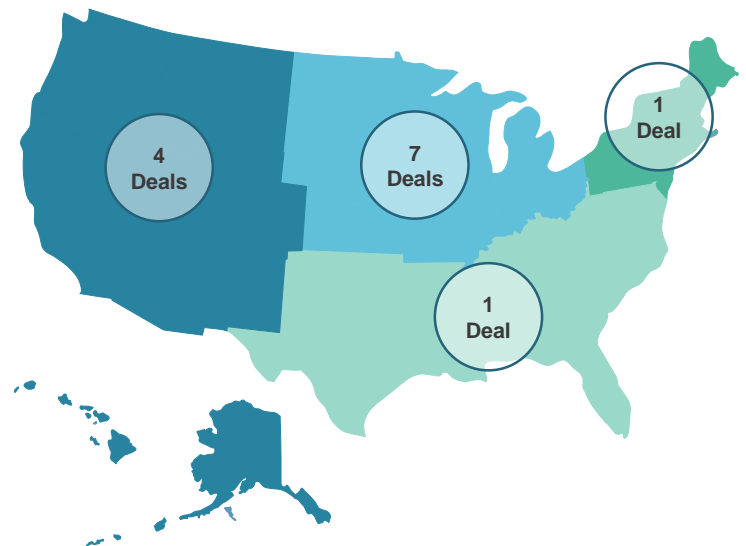
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M&A Deal Volume by Industry



M&A Deal Volume by U.S. Region



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M&A in the Agribusiness Sector

Notable Deals & Buyer Mix

Notable Deals

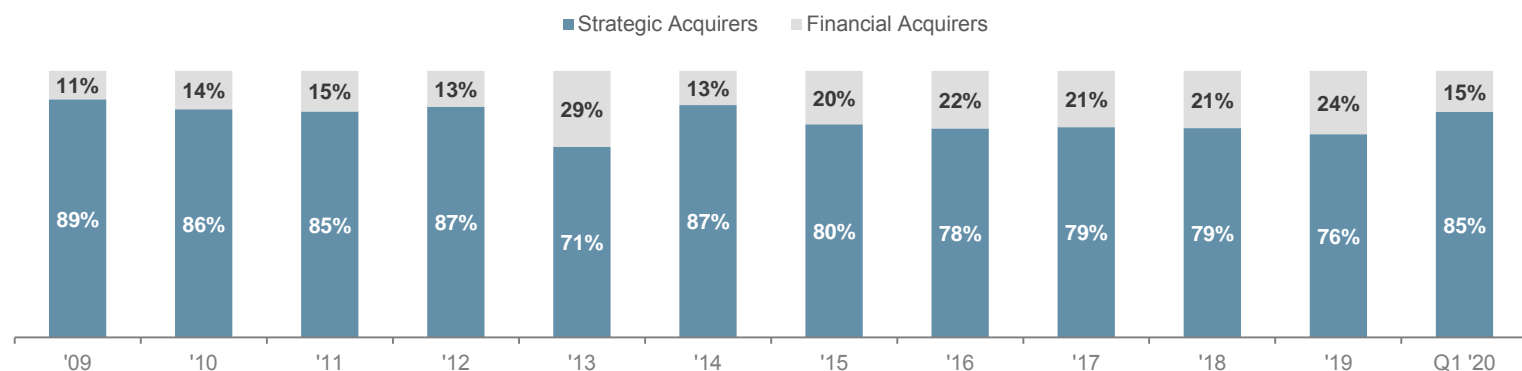
Date	Company	Acquirer	Enterprise Value (EV) (\$ in MM)	Implied EV / Revenue	Implied EV / EBITDA
Mar 2020	Ashland Industries, Inc.	K-Tec Earthmovers Inc.	-	-	-
Feb 2020	Apex Curb & Turf LLC	Selby's Soil Erosion Control Co., Inc.	\$2	-	-
Jan 2020	Marroquin Organic International, Inc.	AGRANA Beteiligungs-Aktiengesellschaft (WBAG:AGR)	-	-	-
Jan 2020	Reynolds Farm Equipment, Inc.	Greenville Turf & Tractor Inc	-	-	-
Jan 2020	Signature Coast Holdings, LLC	BrightView Holdings, Inc. (NYSE:BV)	-	-	-
Jan 2020	fairlife, LLC	The Coca-Cola Company (NYSE:KO)	\$1,739	-	-
Dec 2019	The Dirt Doctors LLC	SiteOne Landscape Supply, Inc. (NYSE:SITE)	-	-	-
Dec 2019	CubicFeed Systems U.S. Corp	CubicFarm Systems Corp. (TSXV:CUB)	\$4	3.1x	-
Dec 2019	Landscapes Unlimited, LLC	MSNW Group, LLC	-	-	-
Oct 2019	Mid-West Fertilizer, Inc.	Mid-Kansas Cooperative Association	-	-	-

Note: This table includes only a sample of relevant transactions in the context of M&A activity in the sector. It is not meant to be all-inclusive.

Buyer Mix

Share of Acquisitions

% of Acquisitions by Strategic and Financial Acquirers



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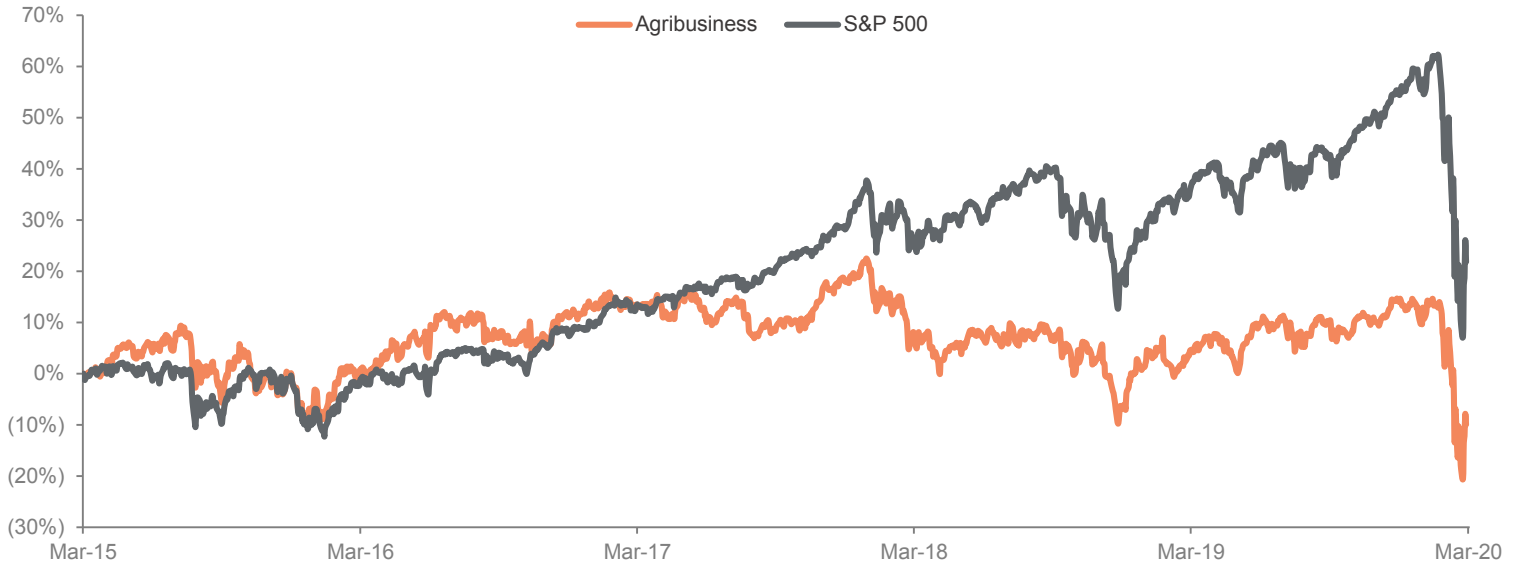
Public Companies in the Agribusiness Sector

Performance & Valuations

Sector Performance

Return vs. S&P 500

Last 5 Years



Valuations

Enterprise Value / LTM EBITDA

Median of Publicly Traded Companies

Machinery & Equipment (Mfg. & Distr.)
14.5x

Dairy
10.8x

Agricultural Services
8.8x

Livestock and Animal Specialties
8.3x

Crop Inputs
7.5x

Grains
6.7x

Enterprise Value / NTM EBITDA

Median of Publicly Traded Companies

Machinery & Equipment (Mfg. & Distr.)
15.7x

Dairy
11.3x

Grains
8.1x

Crop Inputs
8.0x

Agricultural Services
7.7x

Livestock and Animal Specialties
7.3x

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Who We Are

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What We Do

Mergers & Acquisitions	Capital Raising Advisory	Strategic Advisory
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sales of privately-held companiesBuy-side acquisitionsMinority buyoutsCorporate subsidiary divestituresPrivate equity and venture capital portfolio divestitures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior secured and unsecured debtMezzanine capitalGrowth equity capitalRecapitalizationsPrivate placements of institutional capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Business valuationsFairness opinionsStrategic options assessmentOwnership transition planningCorporate reorganizations

Why Clients Choose Us

100+ Years	Collective investment banking experience of our team	\$7 Billion	Completed transaction experience of our team
Midwest Values	Integrity, experience and commitment are our core values	\$1 Billion	Completed transaction value in the last five years
Global Reach	We represent clients across the world	20+ Deals	Number of transactions closed since 2017

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