Hokkaido Noboribetsu Akebi Secondary School The Threat of Cheaper Foreign Beef – How can Wagyu 'Meat' the Challenge and Keep Mooo -ving on in the Global Market? Background **Research Questions** Is Wagyu (premium beef) a really 1. effective strategy for survival? Do Japanese beef producers really 2. provide what the consumers want? **Research & Result** 1. Questionnaire Internet research & interviews - Preference, impressions of -governments' policies & strategies 7EUI Japanese & foreign beef retail company executive, strategist Agricultural Cooperative **Impressions about** Impressions about Japanese Beef **Foreign Beef** hallenges 16%^{3%} 27% 26% 38% Higher cost Crossbred Dairy 26% Labor shortage 19% 10% 9% cheap delicious expensive delicious Awareness premium safe others cannot trust Discussion PRICE MATTERS TOO Japan is re-thinking its beef policy SAFETY FIRST \rightarrow create new demand with new images "safer and more affordable Japanese beef" **Conclusion** As for R.Q.1 - No. We cannot only rely on Wagyu. It's **NOT** for everyone, for everyday use. As for R.Q.2 - Regrettably, No. But it is changing for "safer and more affordable" beef. What can we do ? Let's eat!! (now more! Tell more! В