

IBEROAMERICAN MINISTERIAL MEETING

Energy Security in the Latin American Region: Renewable Energy as a Viable Alternative"

Round Table 1: "Overall potential of Biomass and Bio-fuels in the region: Successful experiences"

BRAZILIAN BIOFUELS EXPERIENCE

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Suggestions for replication in other developing countries

- **First phase: Macroeconomic feasibility analysis**
 - Best crops / costs
 - Countries already producing sugarcane and sugar – potential candidates to alcohol production from sugarcane
 - Production costs evaluation
- **Second phase: for the chosen DC's**
 - **First phase: Special Policies for local production - consumption**
 - Legislation establishing mandatory blend of ethanol to gasoline – 5 to 10% (in volume)
 - Taxes Policy
 - Subsidies for a pre-determinate period
 - Differential taxes for biofuels production and use
 - **Second phase: Biofuels export**
 - Candidate countries (?) – competitive production costs
 - CDM projects

Barriers in DC's

- **Lack of Infrastructure (production and commercialization)**
- **Lack of Capacity building**
- **Need for development of a Consumer market**
- **Few feasibility studies**

Perspectives for biofuels trade (2)

- International trade in biofuels: strong barriers still existing**
- Need for new approaches and policies:**
 - Trade liberalization efforts**
 - Kyoto Protocol implementation policies**
 - Reduction on GHG emissions.**

Perspectives for biofuels trade

(1)

- **South-North and South-South trade: important for developing countries producing biofuels.**
- **Biofuel production (Brazil's experience): sustainable production and low production cost.**
- **Biofuels from developing countries: can be commercialized with developed countries;**
- **Reduction of carbon emissions from developed countries (Kyoto Protocol).**
- **Brazilian experience:**
 - **be repeated in other developing countries**
 - **allow benefits for developed countries under the Kyoto Protocol.**

Perspectives for Developing Countries

- **Production of biofuels locally**
 - job creation (rural areas)
 - industrial development
 - reduction on oil imports
 - use of degraded lands
- **Biofuels exports**
 - increase on revenues

Perspectives for Developing Countries

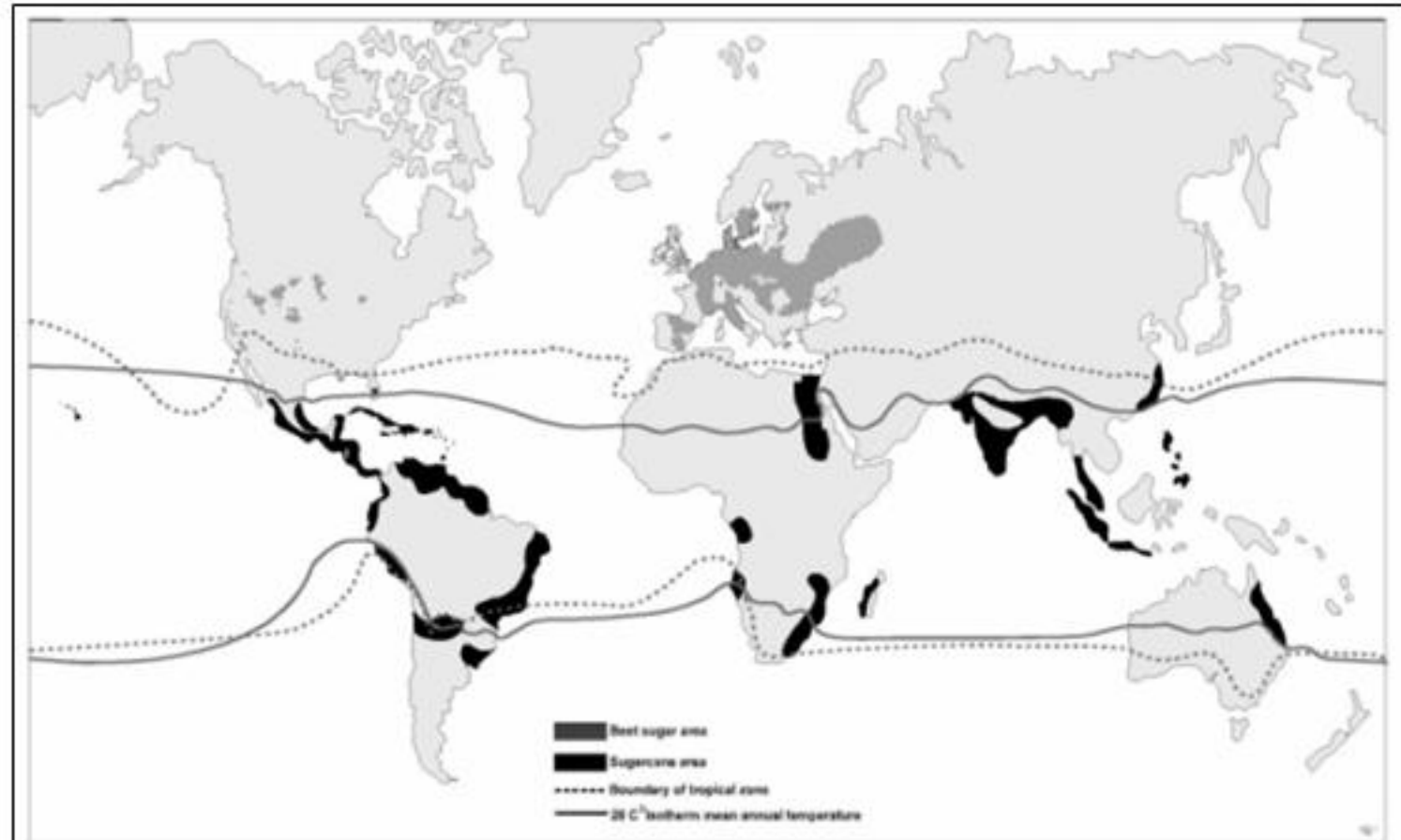


Figure 3.5. Global Distribution of Sugar Beet and Sugarcane Production. Redrawn from Helmut Blume, *Geography of Sugar Cane* (Berlin, 1985), 22.

Perspectives for Developed Countries

- **Utilization of biofuels produced locally → high production costs**
- **Import of biofuels from developing countries**
- **Advantages**
 - **reduction on Carbon emissions → targets from Kyoto Protocol.**
 - **Diversification of energy matrix – energy security.**

Land use to produce ethanol to be blend to gasoline in 10% (volume basis)

	Unit	World	OECD countries	Non-OECD countries
Gasoline consumption	Billion litres/yr	1165	838	327
Ethanol 10% blend (a)	Billion litres/yr	175	126	49
Sugarcane area necessary for E10	Million ha*	29	21	8
"Suitable" and "very suitable" sugar crops (FAO)	Million ha	383	116	217
All sugar crops (all cultures, FAO)	Million ha	1455	496	959

Source: FAO, 2005^[1]

Note: conservatively considered (a) 6,000 litres of ethanol/ha.yr, LHV (gasoline) = 33MJ/liter, LHV (ethanol) = 22 MJ/liter

[1] Source: FAOSTAT (2005)

<http://faostat.fao.org/faostat/form?collection=Production.Crops.Primary&Domain=Production&servlet=1&hasbulk=0&version=ed&language=EN>

Compatibility of Existing Fleets with Ethanol-gasoline Blend

Ethanol Content in the Fuel	Carburetor	Fuel Injection	Fuel Pump	Fuel Pressure Device	Fuel Filter	Ignition System	Evaporative System	Fuel Tank	Catalytic Converter	Basic Engine	Motor Oil	Manifold Intake System	Exhaust System	Cold Start System	
≤ 5%	For any vehicle NN														
5 ~ 10%	For relatively new fleets (10 ~ 15 years old) NN														
10 ~ 25%	Brazilian Application PN NN														
25 ~ 85%	USA Application PN NN														
≥ 85%	Brazilian Application PN														

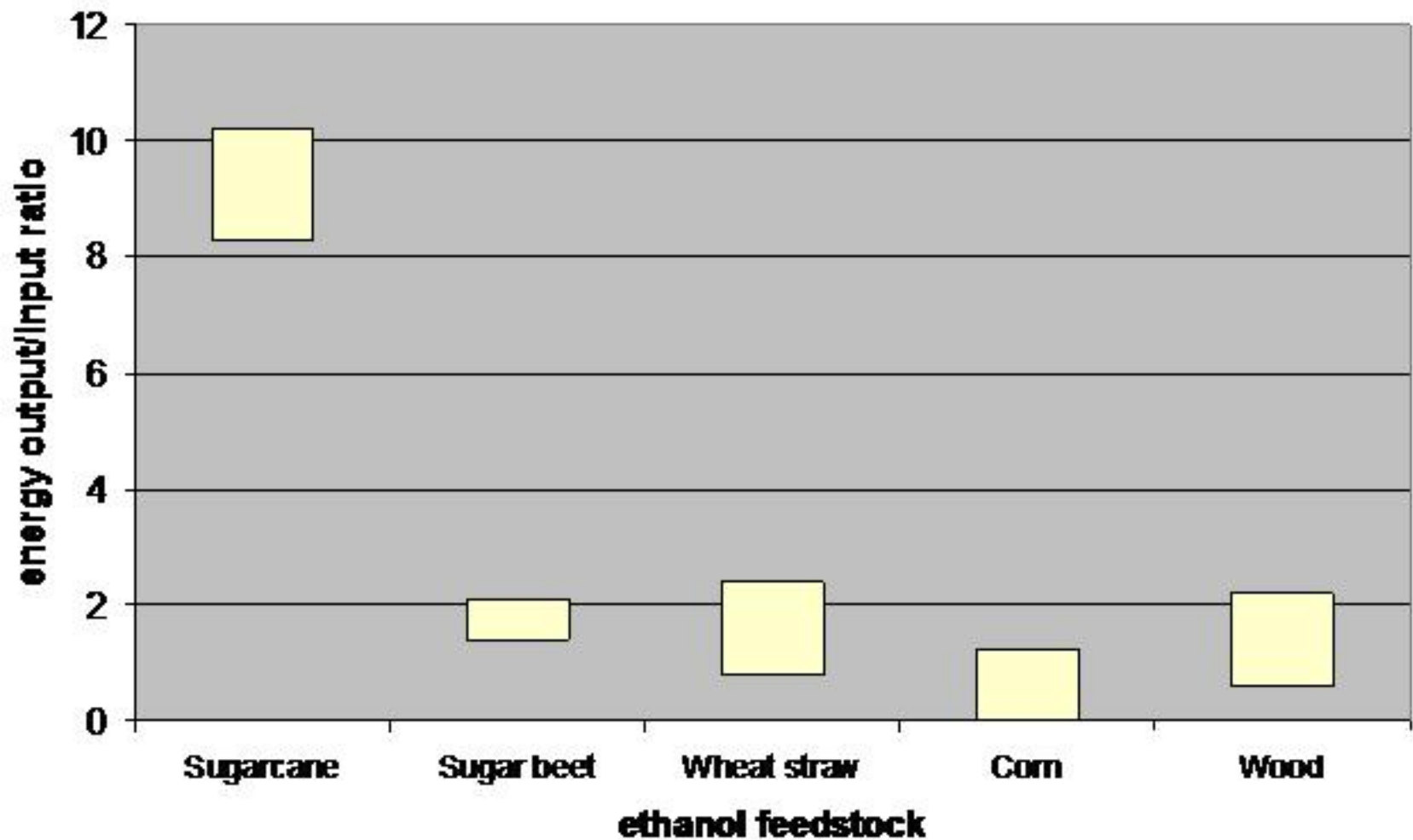
 - Not Necessary

 - Probably Necessary

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Energy balance of alcohol production from different feedstocks



Sources: (Macedo et al., 2004; UK DTI, 2003 and USDA, 1995)

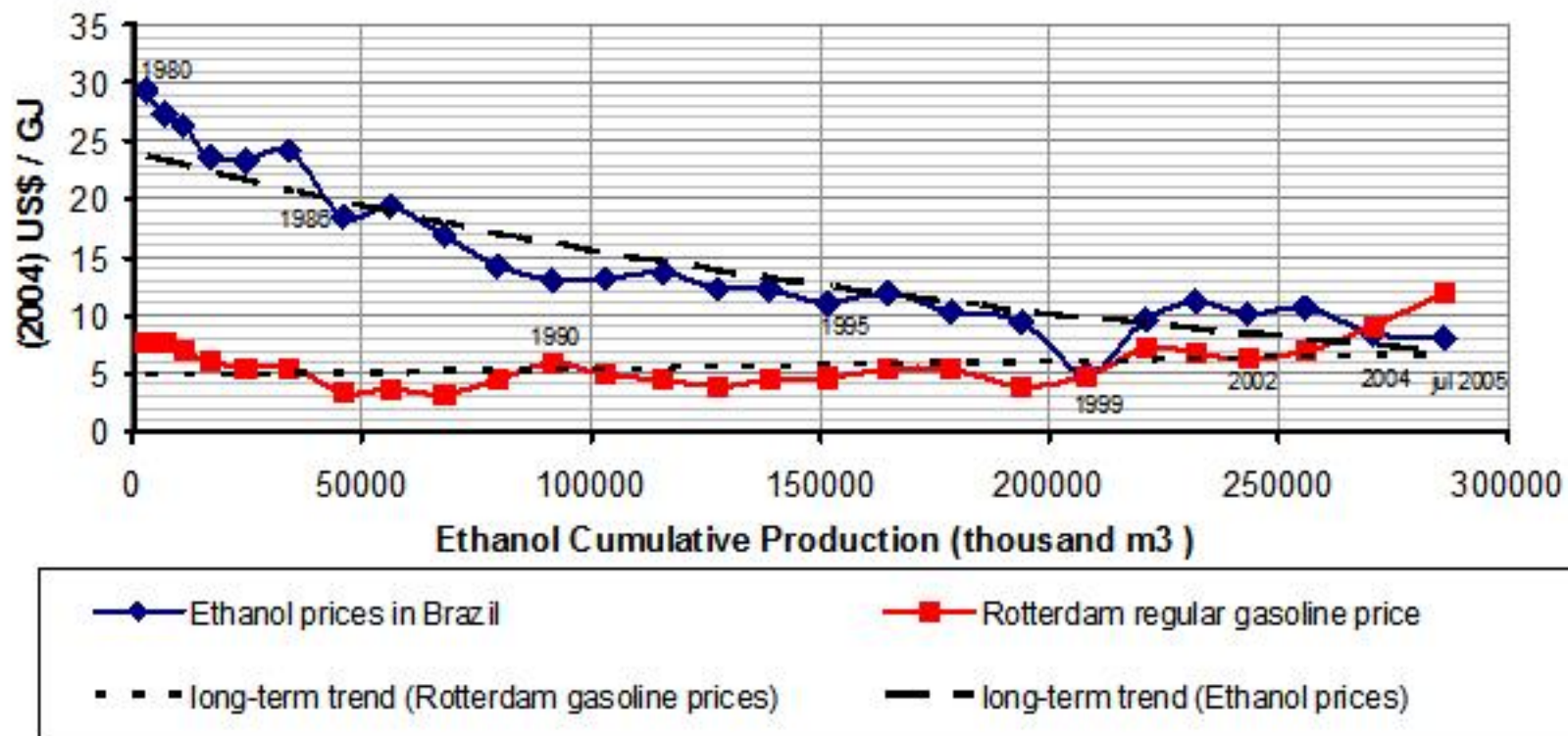
Ethanol Energy Balance

Activity	Energy consumption			
	Scenario 1 (kcal/TC)		Scenario 2 (kcal/TC)	
Sugar cane production (total)	48,208		45,861	
Agricultural operations	9,097		9,097	
Transportation	10,261		8,720	
Fertilizers	15,890		15,152	
Lime, herbicides, pesticides etc.	4,586		4,586	
Seeds	1,404		1,336	
Equipment	6,970		6,970	
Ethanol production (total)	11,800		9,510	
Electricity	0		0	
Chemicals, lubricants	1,520		1,520	
Buildings	2,860		2,220	
Equipment	7,420		5,770	
External energy flows	Input	Output	Input	Output
Agriculture	48,208	-	45,861	-
Factory	11,800	-	9,510	-
Ethanol produced	-	459,100	-	490,100
Surplus bagasse	-	40,300	-	75,600
Total	60,008	499,400	55,371	565,700
Output/input	8.3		10.2	

Source: Macedo, I et al., 2004

Ethanol international competitiveness

Ethanol Learning Curve (Hydrated Ethanol)

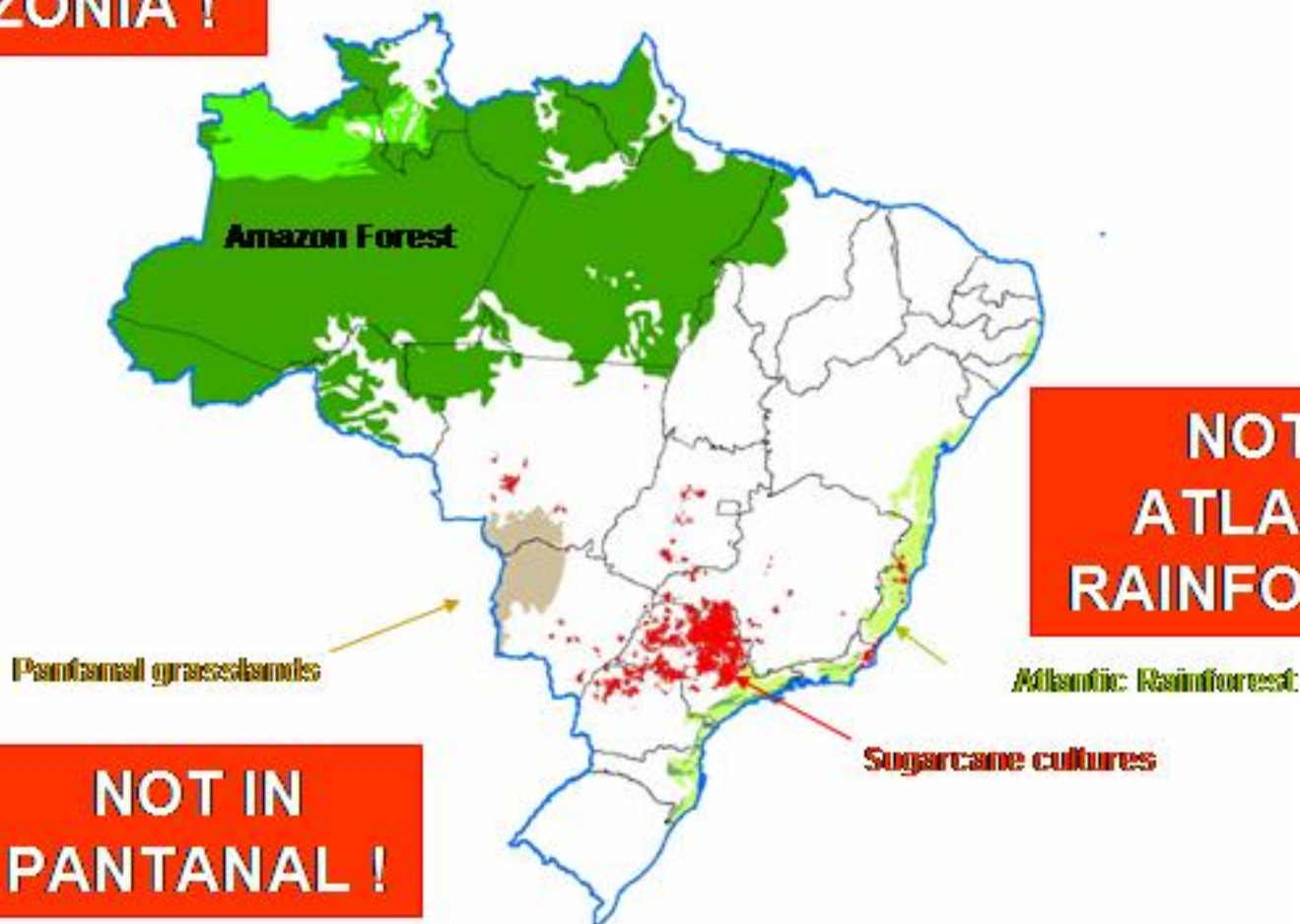


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Sugarcane Plantations in Brazil

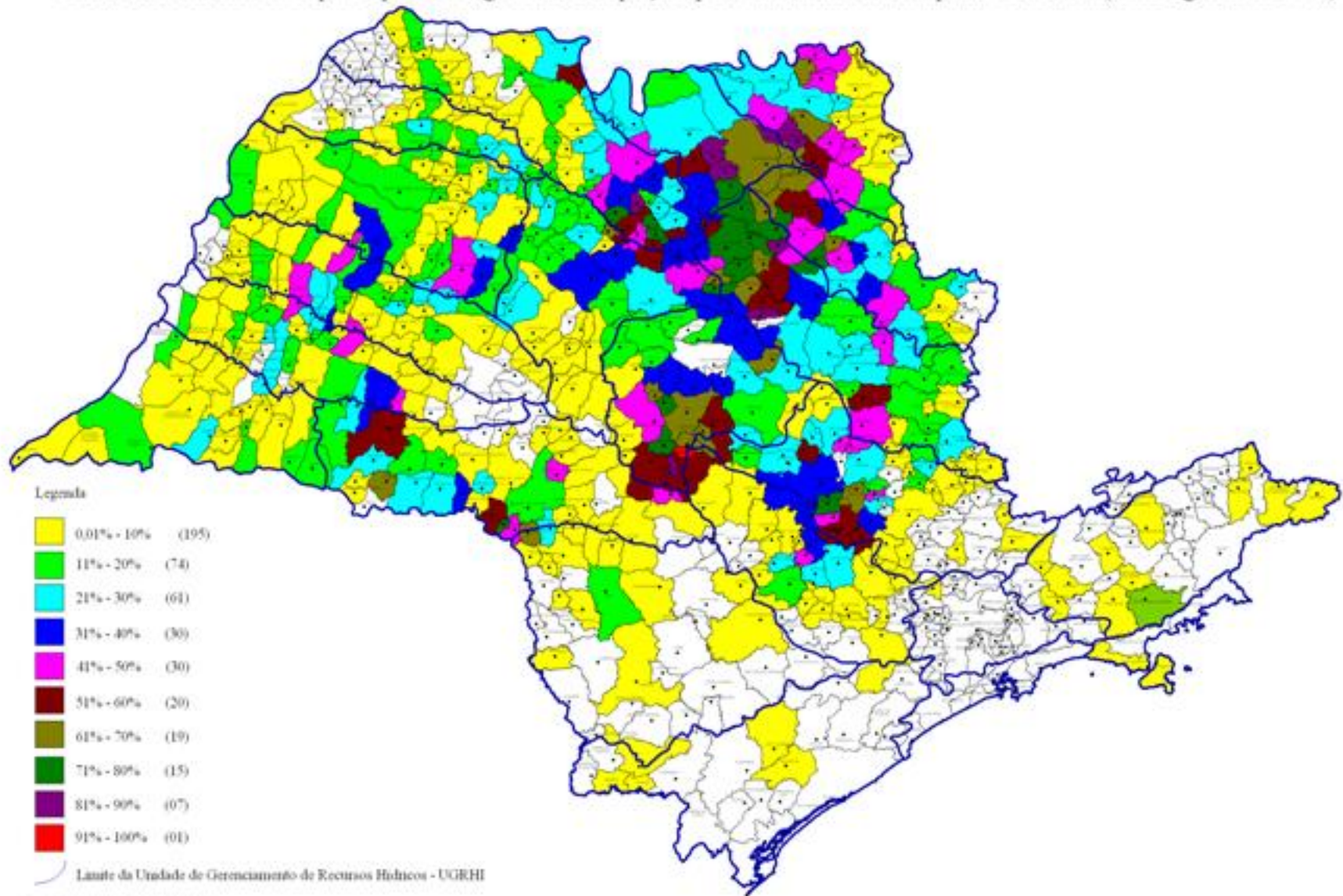
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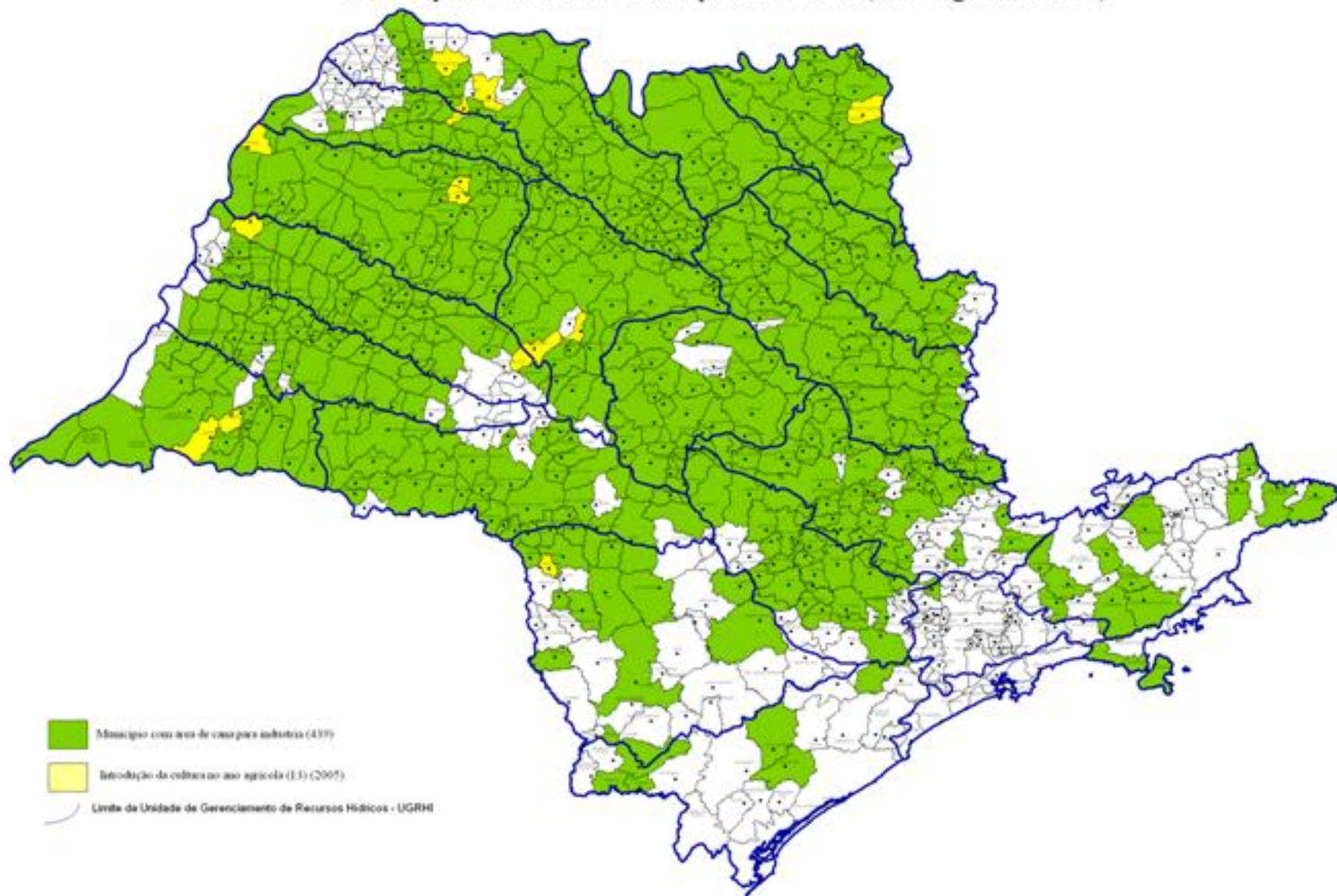
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ATLANTIC
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**NOT IN
PANTANAL !**

Área territorial municipal e porcentagem de ocupação pela cultura de cana para indústria (Ano agrícola 2005)



Municípios com área de cana para indústria (Ano Agrícola 2005)

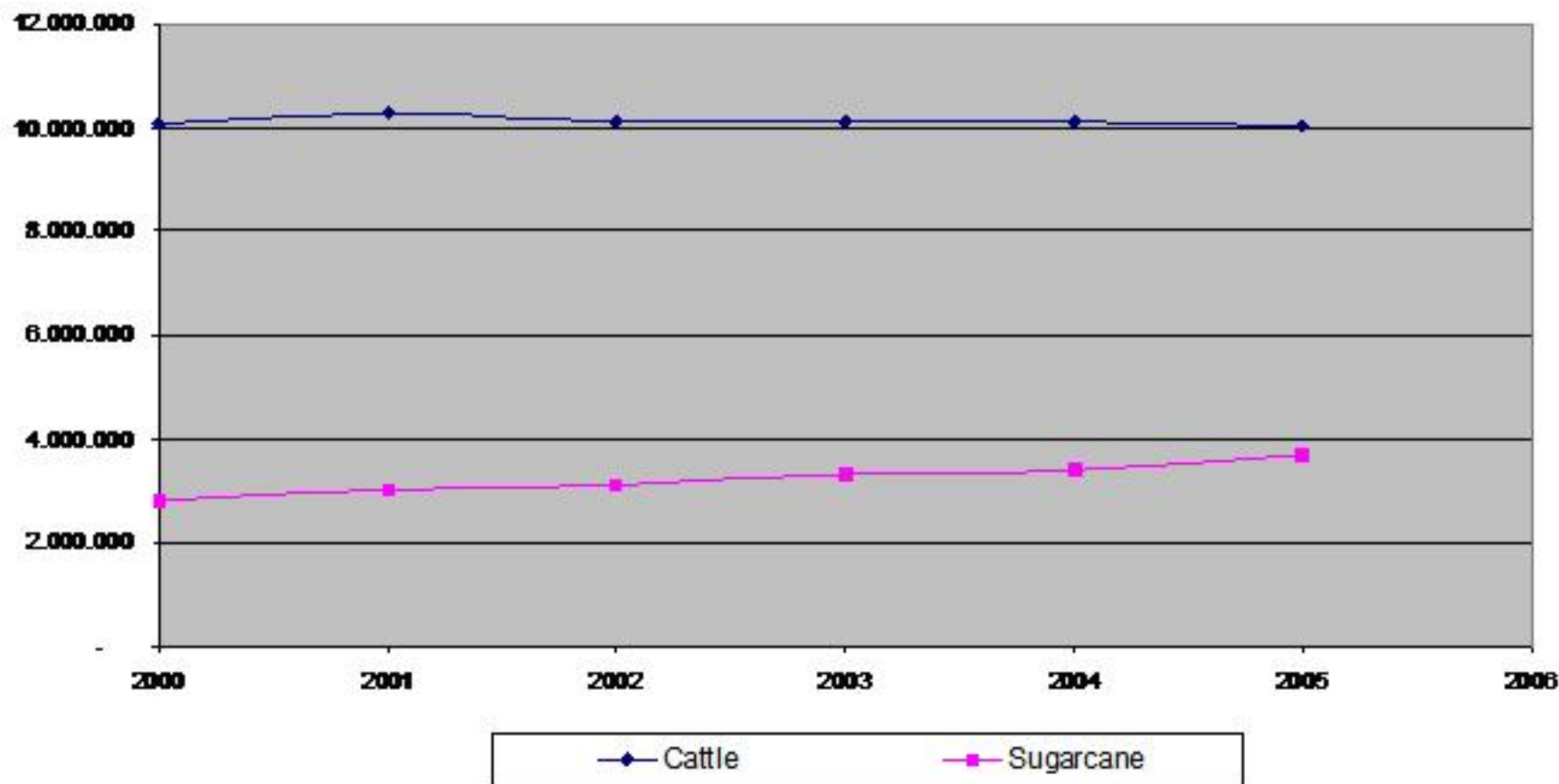


Cattle: Evolution in São Paulo State

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Cattle (heads)	13,154,649	13,457,460	13,764,772	13,773,913	14,072,447
Pasture (hectares)	10,288,887	10,102,539	10,107,540	10,118,143	10,010,491
Density (heads of cattle/hectare)	1.28	1.33	1.36	1.36	1.41

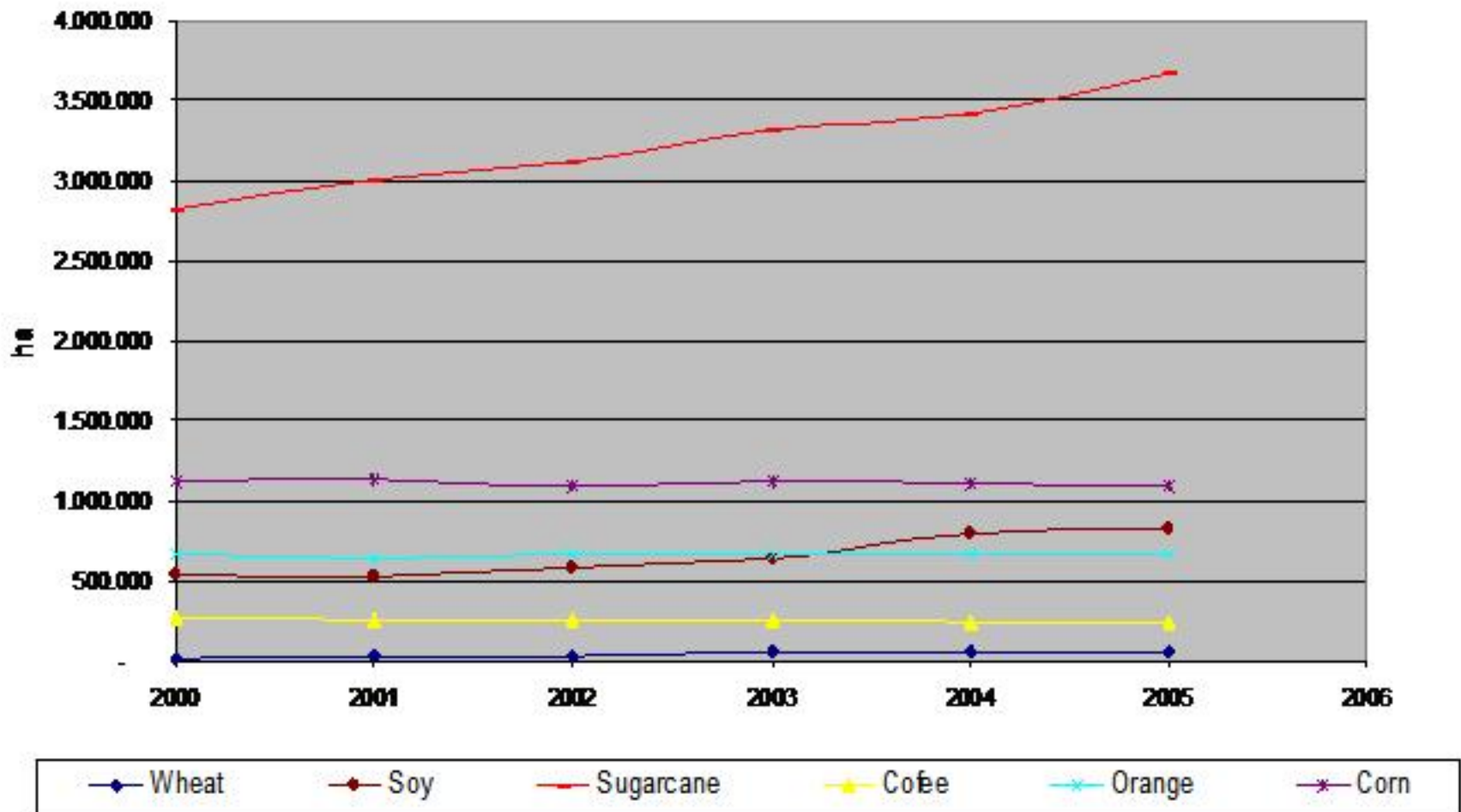
Trend to more intensive cattle-breeding

Sugarcane Expansion (2)



Source: São Paulo State Agriculture Secretary Database (www.iea.sp.gov.br)

Sugarcane Expansion (1)



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Land Use in São Paulo State

Annual cultures (corn, soybean etc)	12.3%
Perennial cultures (orange, coffee etc)	5.2%
Semi-perennial cultures (sugarcane)	17.5%
SUB-TOTAL CULTURES	34.9%
Natural forests	14.2%
Reforestation	5.0%
SUB-TOTAL FORESTS	19.2%
Pastures	45.9%
TOTAL	100.0%

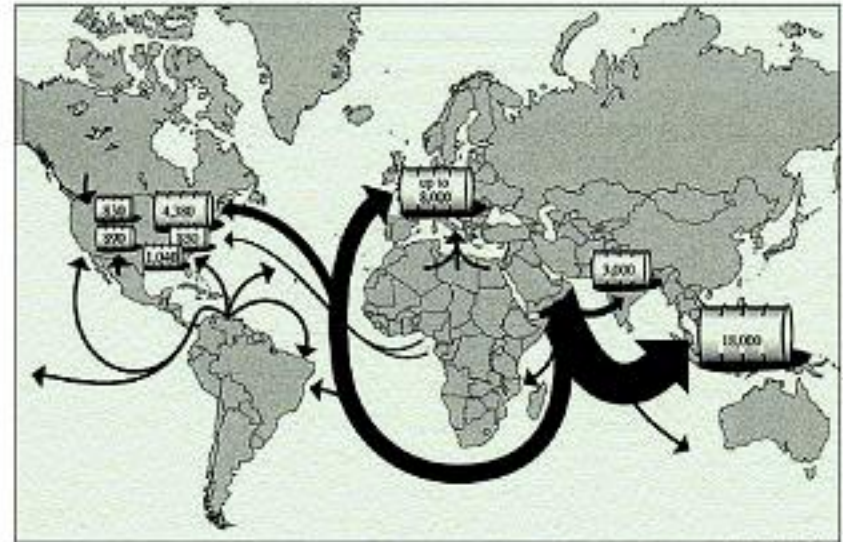
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Main Advantages of Biofuels

- To enhance diversity in energy supply markets and security of supply - they do not require imports of fossil fuels.



Oil flows throughout the world.

Source: UNDP, UNDESA, WEC, 2002

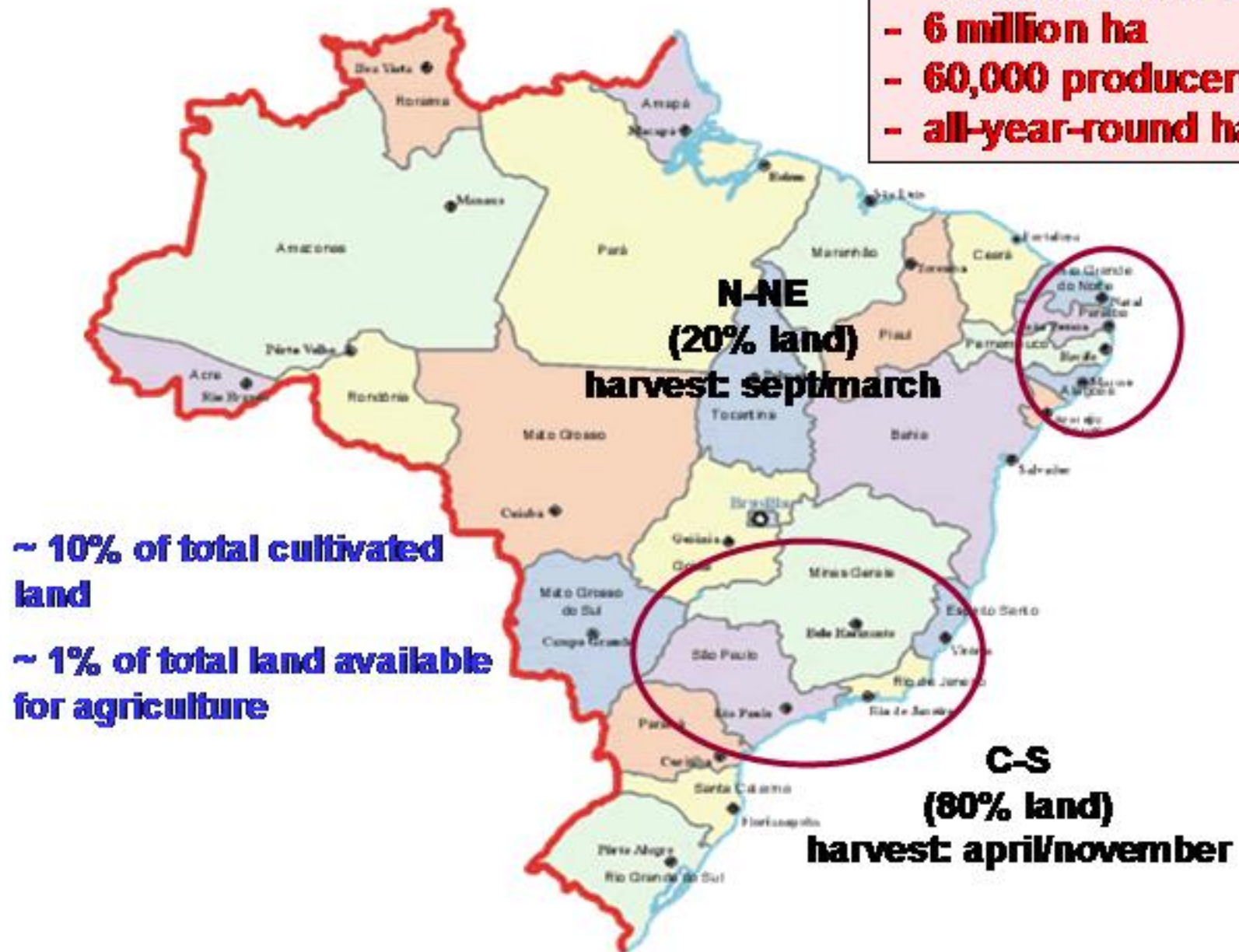
- To reduce GHG emissions – climate change benefits



Brazil

SUGAR CANE

- 6 million ha
- 60,000 producers
- all-year-round harvest



Introduction - The Brazilian Alcohol Program

- **The world largest commercial program on biomass**
- **Started in 1975 by Federal Government**
- **Decision from Brazilian Federal Government to produce ethanol in addition to sugar (from sugarcane): objective of reducing petroleum imports (Gulf War).**
- **High-octane fuel in vehicles, replacing lead and/or MTBE.**
- **4,000,000 cars running on pure (hydrated) ethanol in Brazil**
- **1,500,000 flex-fuel vehicles (both ethanol and gasoline, any blend)**
- **all gasoline blended with (anhydrous) ethanol: 20 to 26% of ethanol in volume basis – gasohol**
- **Nowadays - economically competitive to gasoline**



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Biofuels offer an unique win-win opportunity to, simultaneously, enhance exports from developing countries, promote rural development and poverty alleviation, diversify the range of energy sources and reduce oil reliance, meet Kyoto Protocol reduction targets and promote real new investment through the Clean Development Mechanism.