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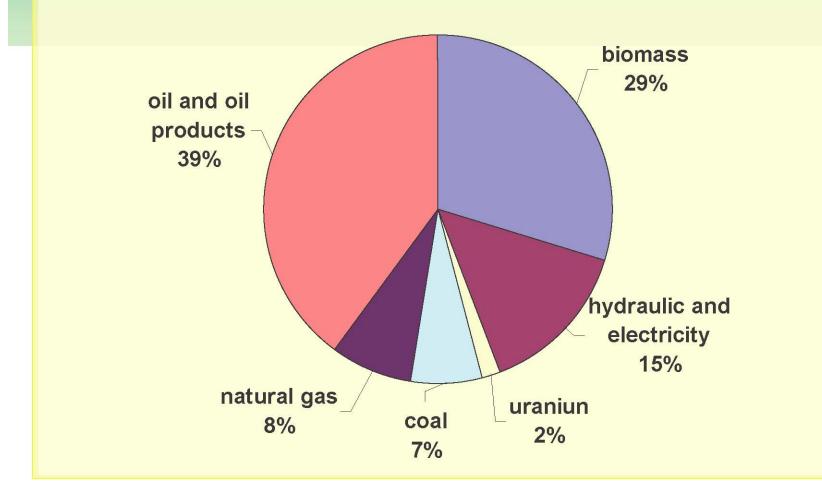
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#### SUMMARY

- 1. BIOFUELS IN BRAZIL'S ENERGY MATRIX
- 2. BRAZIL'S ETHANOL: PRODUCTION, POLICIES AND PROSPECTS
- 3. BIODIESEL: THE NEW CHALLENGE
- 4. FINAL REMARKS



### **BRAZILIAN ENERGY MIX**



World: biomass 11%; hydraulic and electricity 2%

Source: MME/BEN (2005)

# Why BIOFUELS?

- Environmental gains
  - carbon sequestration
  - lower emission levels in consumption

- Renewability
- short production cycle
- man-controlled process

- \* Economic aspects
  - new demand component
  - impacts on trade balance

- Social aspects
  - jobs creation
- income deconcentration

Norman Borlaug

# BRAZILIAN ETHANOL: PRODUCTION, POLICIES AND PROSPECTS

# THE BRAZILIAN SUGAR CANE AND ETHANOL EXPERIENCES









1925: First ethanol powered vehicle tested in Brazil

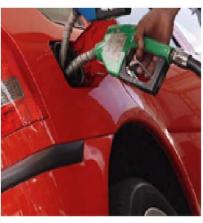




1979: First commercial ethanol moved vehicle in Brazil



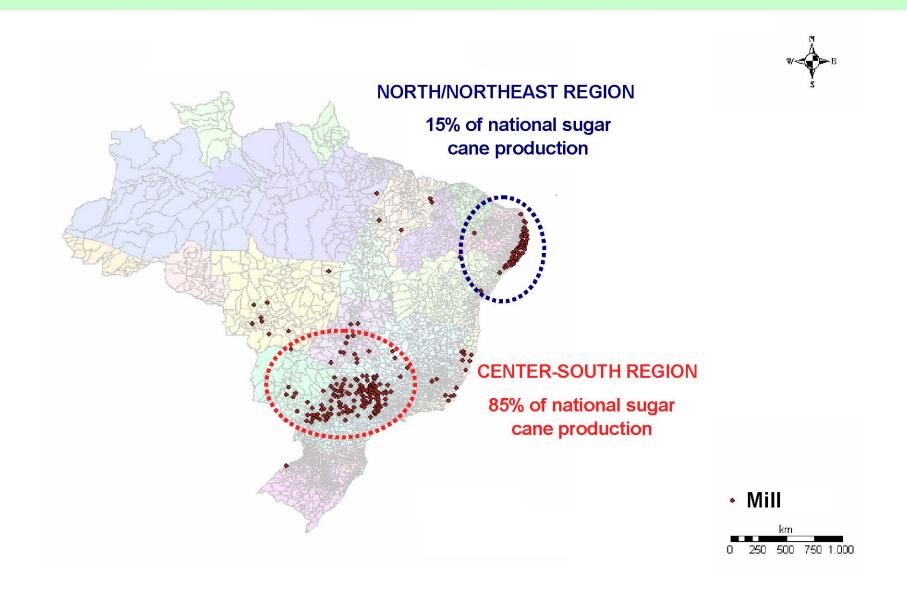




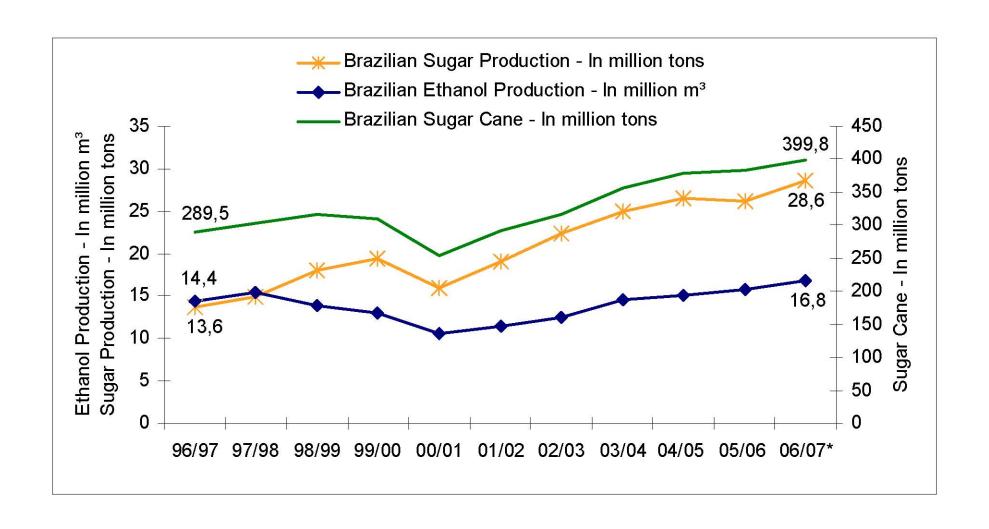




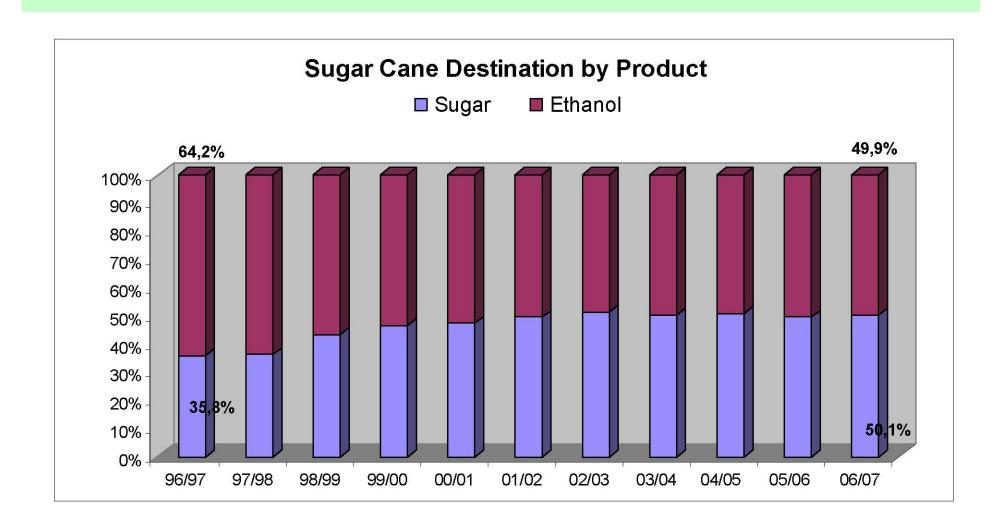
## **SUGAR CANE IN BRAZIL**



#### PRODUCTION DATA FROM THE BRAZILAN SUGAR CANE SECTOR



#### PRODUCTION DATA FROM THE BRAZILAN SUGAR CANE SECTOR



### **BRAZILIAN ETHANOL PROGRAMS**

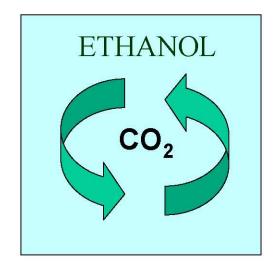
| YEAR | PROGRAMS   |
|------|--|
| 1975 | - HYDROUS ETHANOL -  |
| 1985 | - ANHYDROUS ETHANOL - FIXES THE MIX LEVEL AT A MANDATORY 22% |
| 2003 | FLEX FUEL VEHICLES   |

#### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF ETHANOL IN BRAZIL**

| Raw material            | Energy output / Energy input |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Wheat <sup>1</sup>      | 1.2                          |
| Corn <sup>1</sup>       | 1.3 - 1.8                    |
| Sugar Beet <sup>1</sup> | 1.9                          |
| Sugar Cane <sup>2</sup> | 8.3                          |

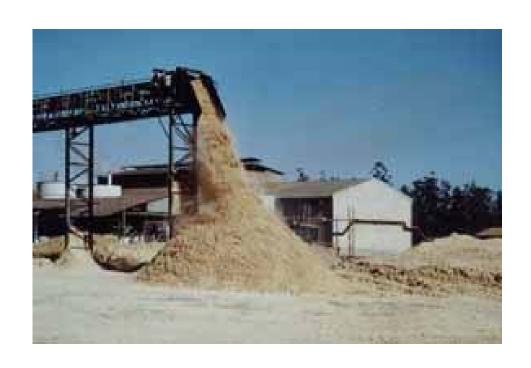
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> F.O. Licht, 2004.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Macedo, I et al., 2004 – Under Brazilian production conditions.



- High photosynthesis efficiency (C4 crop).
- Possibility for using the sugar cane by-products in the production process, avoiding external energy sources.

#### CO-GENERATION WITH SUGAR CANE BAGASSE IN BRAZIL



**CURRENT POWER: ~ 2200 MW** 

(700 MW are exported to the grid and 1500 MW are consumed in the own mills)

**ACTUAL MEASURED POTENTIAL:** 

3.000 MW - 14.000 MW (extra)

Depending of the technology applied in the generation process.

- Possibility to obtain carbon credits from CDM Projects (Kyoto Protocol)
- Complementary to the hydraulic generation in the Center-South Region

#### THE USES OF VINASSES IN BRAZIL

Good fertilizer: high amount of potassium (K<sub>2</sub>O)

Vinasses can be applied on the soil by irrigation

A new technology is being developed in Brazil: to dehydrate and transform vinasses into a new commercial product



# THE FLEX FUEL CAR – A NEW DOMESTIC ETHANOL DEMAND

• Flex-Fuel Engine: allows the use of ethanol or gasoline in any concentration of these fuels

• Current Manufactures: VW,GM, Ford, Fiat, Renault,

Peugeot, Citroen and Honda

Sales of Flex-Fuel Vehicles in Brazil:

- 2003: 48.000 units

- 2004: 330.000 units

- 2005: 865,000 units

- 2006: 1.447.000 units

15,5 million gasohol cars (20% anhydrous ethanol blend

2,6 million flex fuel cars

3,6 million motorbites (20% anhydrous)



#### **ETHANOL: The Brazilian Experience**

- Total production: 18 billion liters

- Production per ton of sugar cane: 82 L/t

- Production per hectare: 7000 L/ha

- Production ratio: 160 thousand ha to produce 1 billion liters ethanol

#### **EXPORTS: ETHANOL AND GASOLINE PRICE RELATIONSHIP**

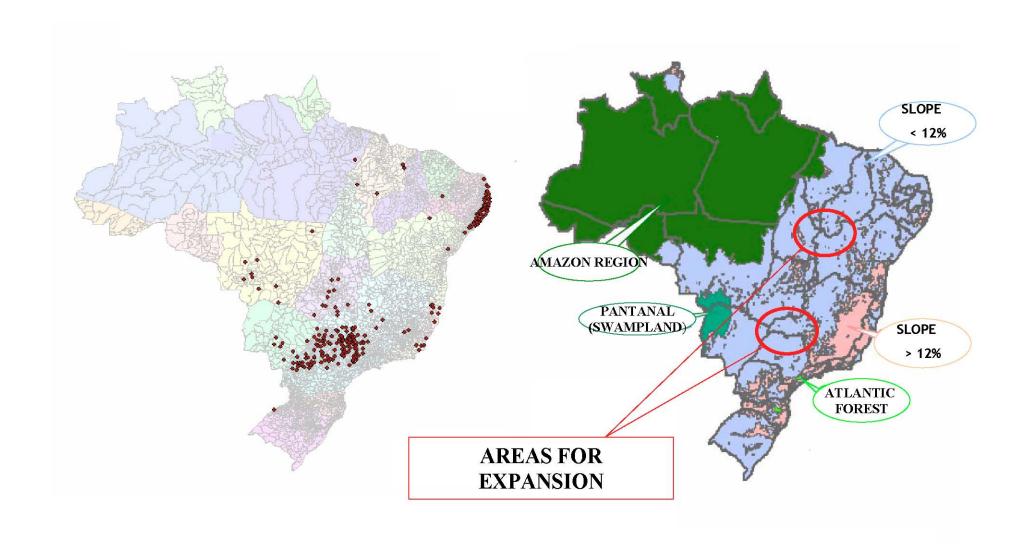
| YEARS | ETHANOL                   |                     |                    | GASOLINE                  |                     |                    | PRICE                         |
|-------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
|       | Million<br>US\$<br>F.O.B. | Liters<br>(Billion) | Average<br>US\$/m³ | Million<br>US\$<br>F.O.B. | Liters<br>(Billion) | Average<br>US\$/m³ | RELATIONSHIP<br>Ethanol x Gas |
| 2003  | 158,0                     | 0,757               | 208,56             | 548,0                     | 2,640               | 207,48             | -0,5%                         |
| 2004  | 498,0                     | 2,408               | 206,68             | 570,0                     | 2,002               | 284,49             | +37,7%                        |
| 2005  | 766,0                     | 2,592               | 295,31             | 1.066,0                   | 2,857               | 373,01             | +26,3%                        |

Source: MDIC (Alice System)

### THE FUTURE OF ETHANOL

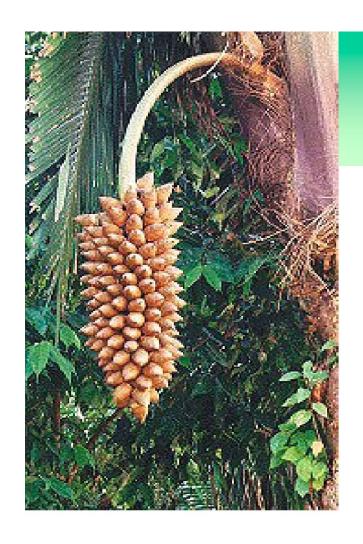
The Brazilian aim is to transform ethanol in a great commodity, together with other countries

#### **HOW TO EXPAND SUGAR CANE WITH SUSTAINABILITY?**



# Production, Export and Consumption of Sugar and Ethanol

|         |            | 2005   |             |            | 2015   |             |
|---------|------------|--------|-------------|------------|--------|-------------|
| 2       | Production | Export | Consumption | Production | Export | Consumption |
| Sugar   | 26.714     | 14.624 | 12.090      | 43.199     | 25.317 | 16.201      |
| Ethanol | 16.216     | 2.661  | 13.555      | 36.849     | 8.484  | 28.365      |



# BIODIESEL: THE NEW CHALLENGE



#### **BIODIESEL** in Brazil

1970: first experiences (obstacle: vegetable oil prices)

1980: first biodiesel patent in the world (Federal University of Ceará)

2002: Government Agenda (Working Group)

Dec/2003: Inter-ministerial Executive Committee and a management group, responsible for a program implementation

Dec/2004: Program launching, with 14 Ministries and various Research Centers

2005: States structure research nets

#### Basic Objectives of the Biodiesel Program:

- Reduce oil dependency
- \* Produce environmental gains
- Introduce family agriculture into the raw material production process
- \*Allowed mixture: up to 800 million liters/year
- \* 2008: Mixture of 2% made compulsory
- \* 2013: Mixture increases to 5%

# **FINAL REMARKS**

#### **BIG CHALLENGES**

FREE INTERNATIONAL MARKET FOR AGROENERGY

**FUTURE PRICE OF PETROLEUM** 

**BIODIESEL EFFICIENCY; AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL** 

**GOVERNMENT POLICIES** 

TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FOR BIODIESEL

#### **GOVERNMENT POLICIES**

- 1. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AT THE BEGINNING: PROALCOOL (1980s) AND BIODIESEL (NOW!).
- 2. REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OF THE MARKET
- 3. FINANCING SUGAR AND ALCOHOL MILLS
- 4. SOME TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT
- 5. DRIVE FORCE: MARKET

#### BRAZIL HAS A GREAT POTENTIAL FOR BIOFUELS PRODUCTION...



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