

USE OF BIO-FUELS IN BRAZIL

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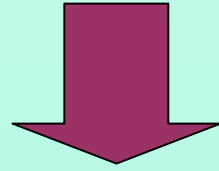
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Brazilian experience with fuel grade ethanol started in the 1920's. Variable ethanol content in gasoline depending on ethanol availability...until

1973 OIL CRISIS & LOW SUGAR PRICES



1975

**PROÁLCOOL
BRAZILIAN FUEL ETHANOL PROGRAM**

- **GASOHOL REGULARLY AVAILABLE SINCE 1977**
- **NEAT ETHANOL FOR ALCOHOL CARS AVAILABLE COMMERCIALY SINCE 1979**
(over 5 million ethanol fueled vehicles produced in Brazil)

FUEL ETHANOL TYPES

Under Brazilian regulations two types of fuel ethanol are produced:

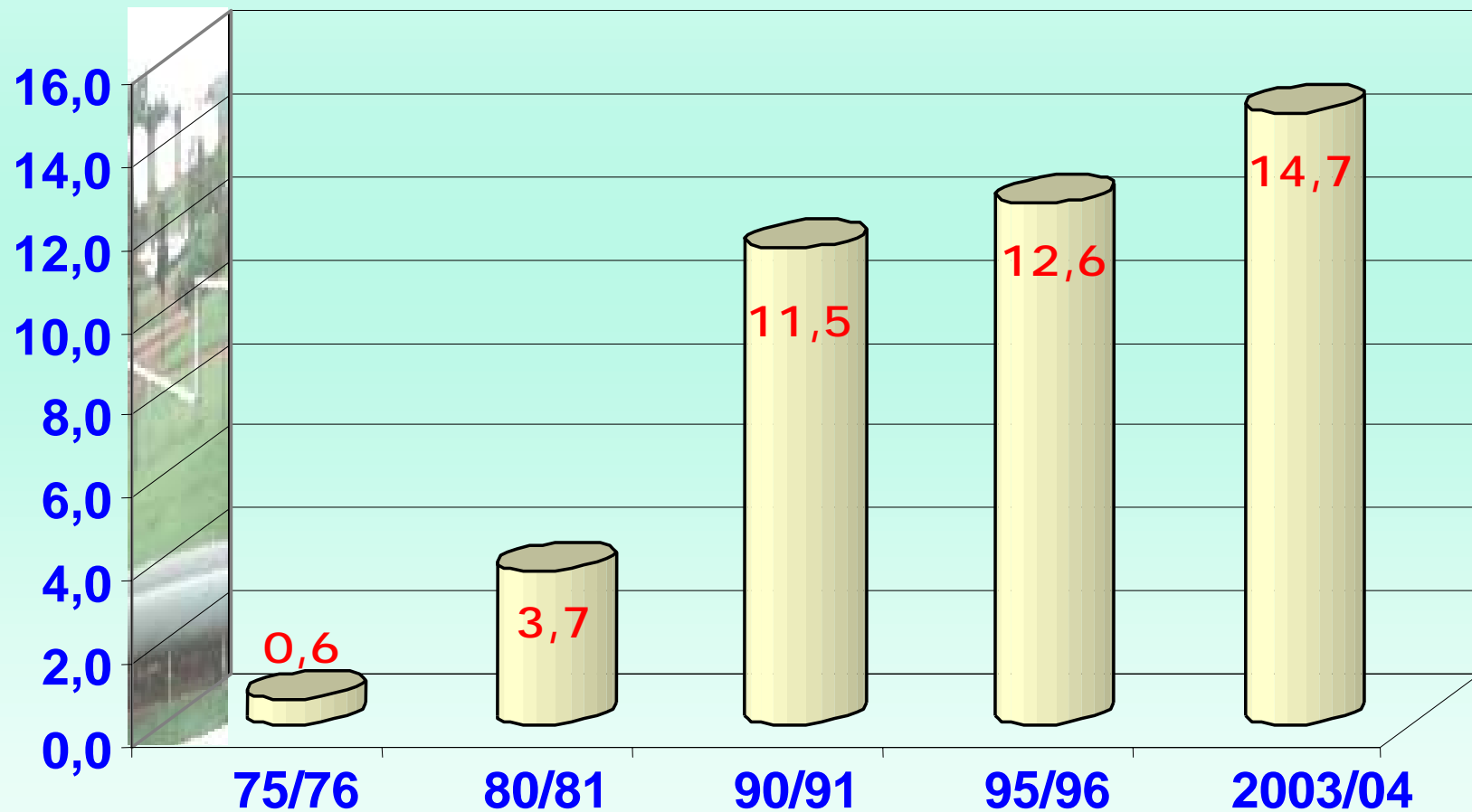
- **Anhydrous: blended with automotive gasoline**
- **Hydrous: used as a neat fuel in vehicles or blended with gasohol by the consumer in FFV**

Type	alcohol content °GL (at 20 °C)
Anhydrous	99.58 minimum
Hydrous	95.13 – 95.98



Brazil: Ethanol production milestones (anhydrous + hydrous)

million m³/ crop season



Brazil

SUGAR CANE

- approx. 5 million ha
- 60,000 producers
- all-year-round harvest

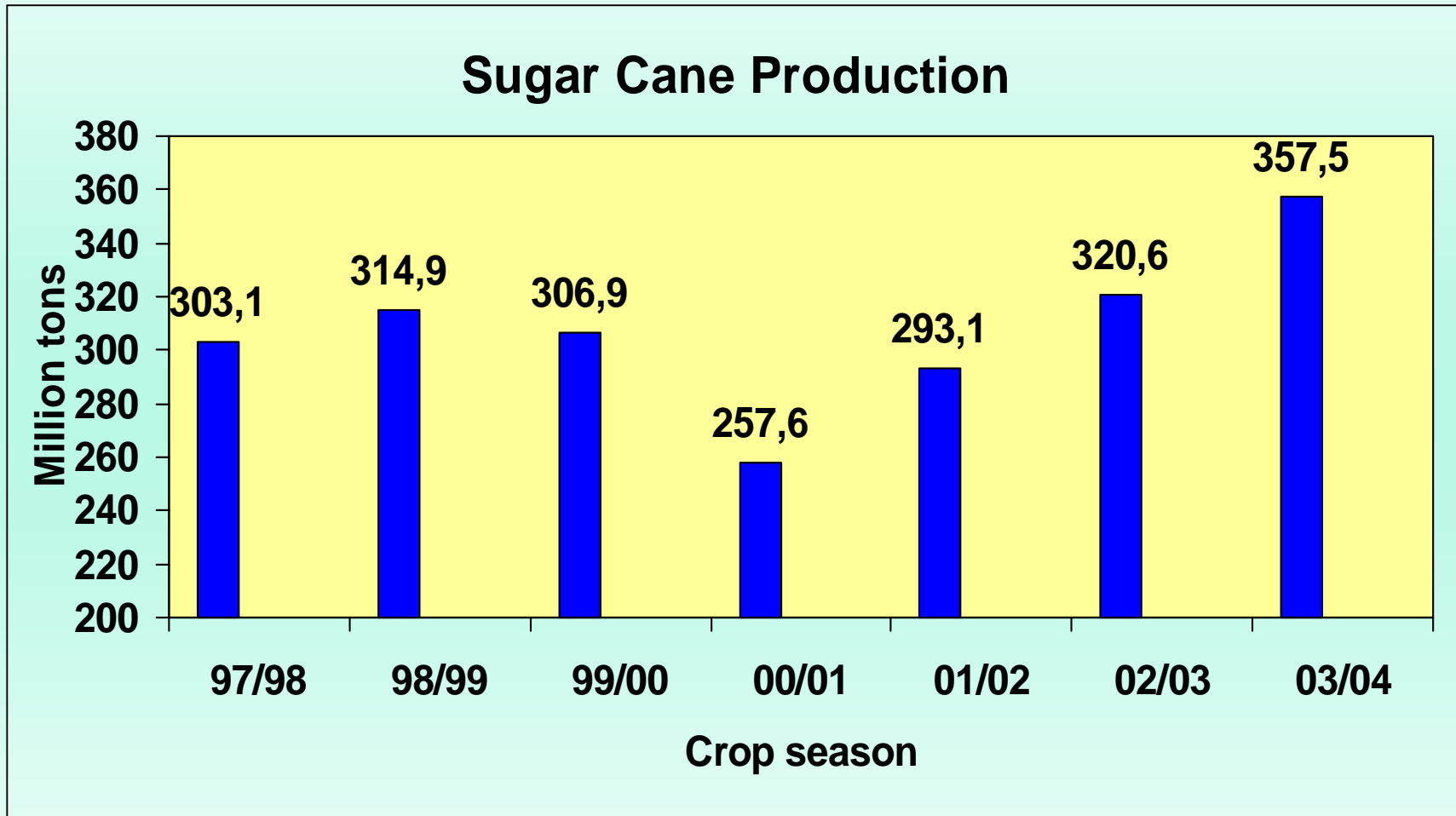
~ 10% of total cultivated land

~ 1% of total land available for agriculture

N-NE
(20% land)
harvest: sept/march

C-S
(80% land)
harvest: april/november

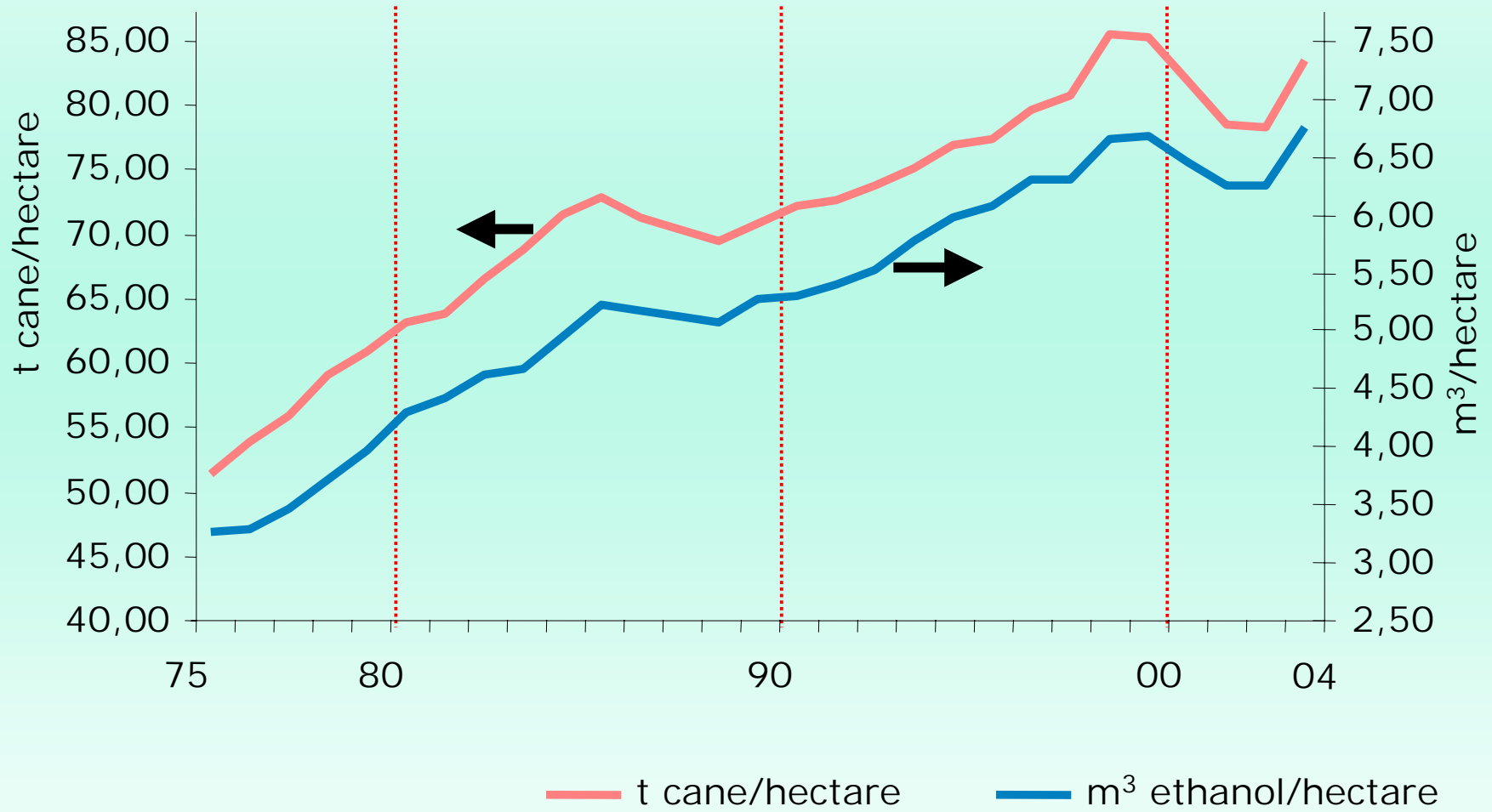
Brazil: 1997/98 - 2003/04



About 50% of sugar cane is used for ethanol production

Productivity Gains

Center-South Region



Source: UNICA

FERTI-IRRIGATION WITH STILLAGE



**ferti-irrigation with stillage helps to reduce use of water
& chemical fertilizers and recovers soil fertility**

Autonomous Energy



bagasse



electricity

SUGAR & ETHANOL PLANT IN BRAZIL



The Brazilian Ethanol Experience

- Brazilian ethanol, gasohol & Flex-Fuel vehicles
- Imported gasohol vehicles and engines



- energy security & diversification
- technology development
- environmental benefits
- balance of payments
- jobs



% Ethanol in Gasoline (gasohol)

1977: 4.5%

1979: 15%

1981: 20%

1985: 22%

1998: 24%

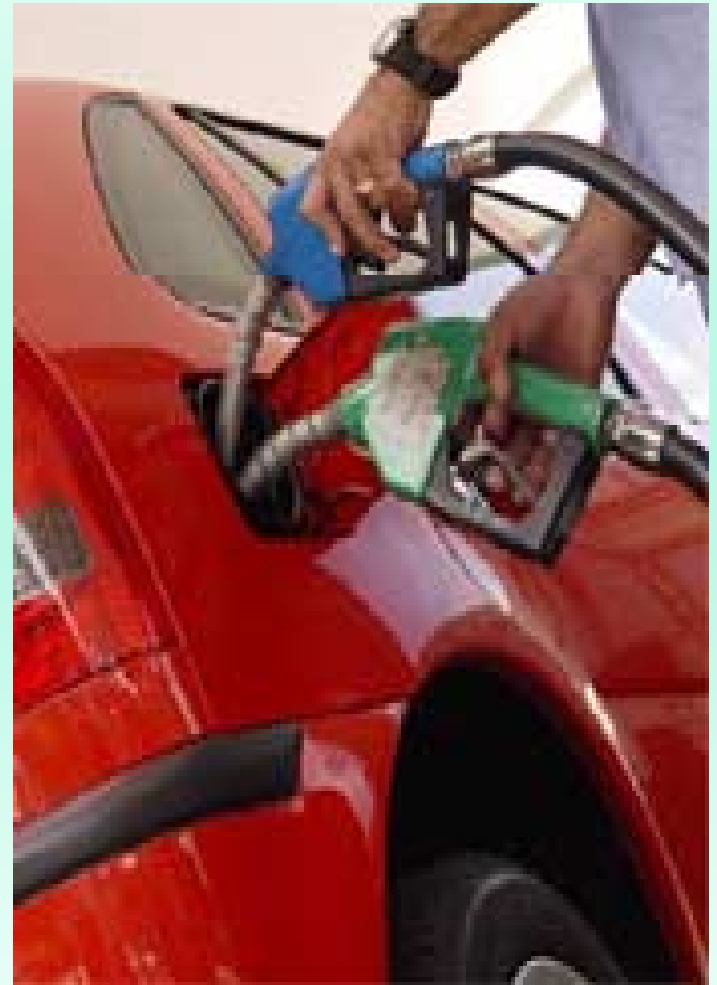
1999: 20 to 24%

SINCE 2002

20% to 25%

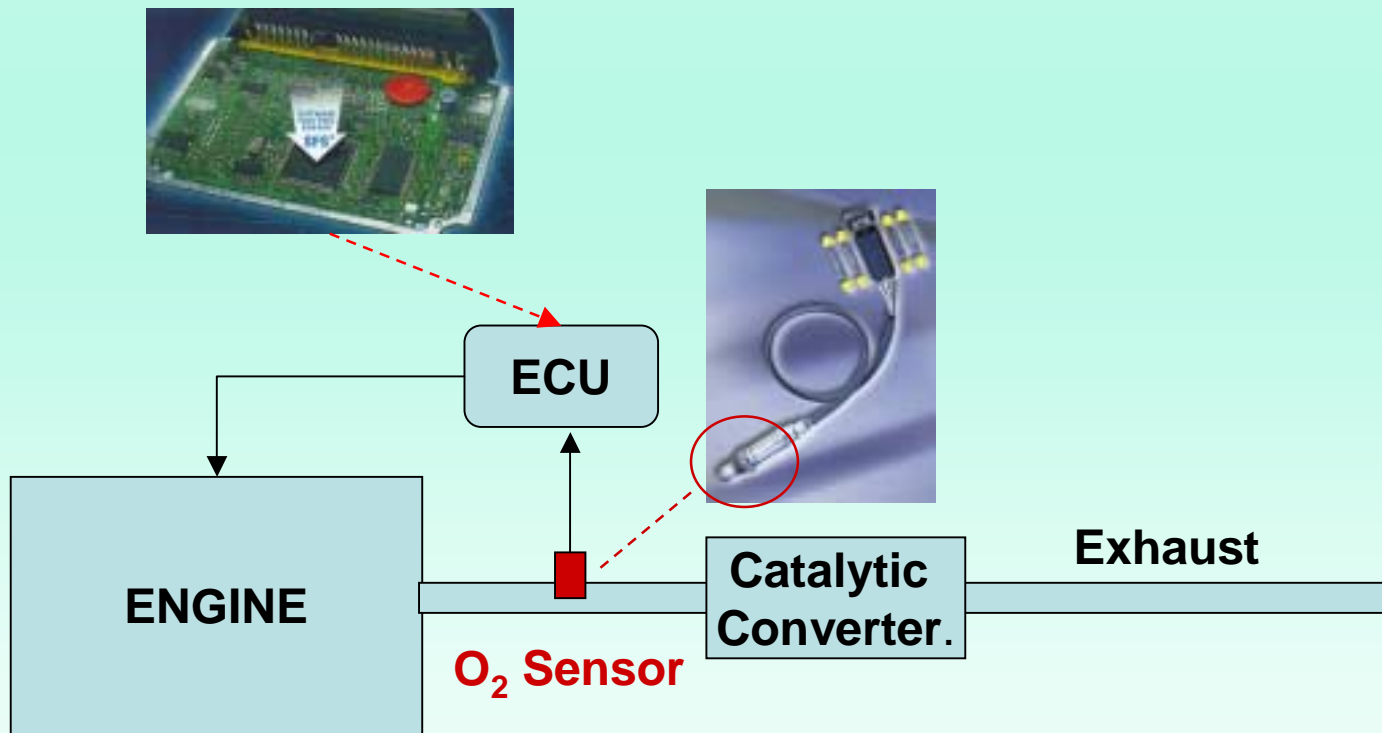
“FLEX FUEL” Vehicles

- **Vehicle can operate on gasoline or ethanol or any ethanol-gasoline blend without any special requirement**
- **Consumers’ good acceptance: 2004 sales projections → 300,000 Flex Fuel units**

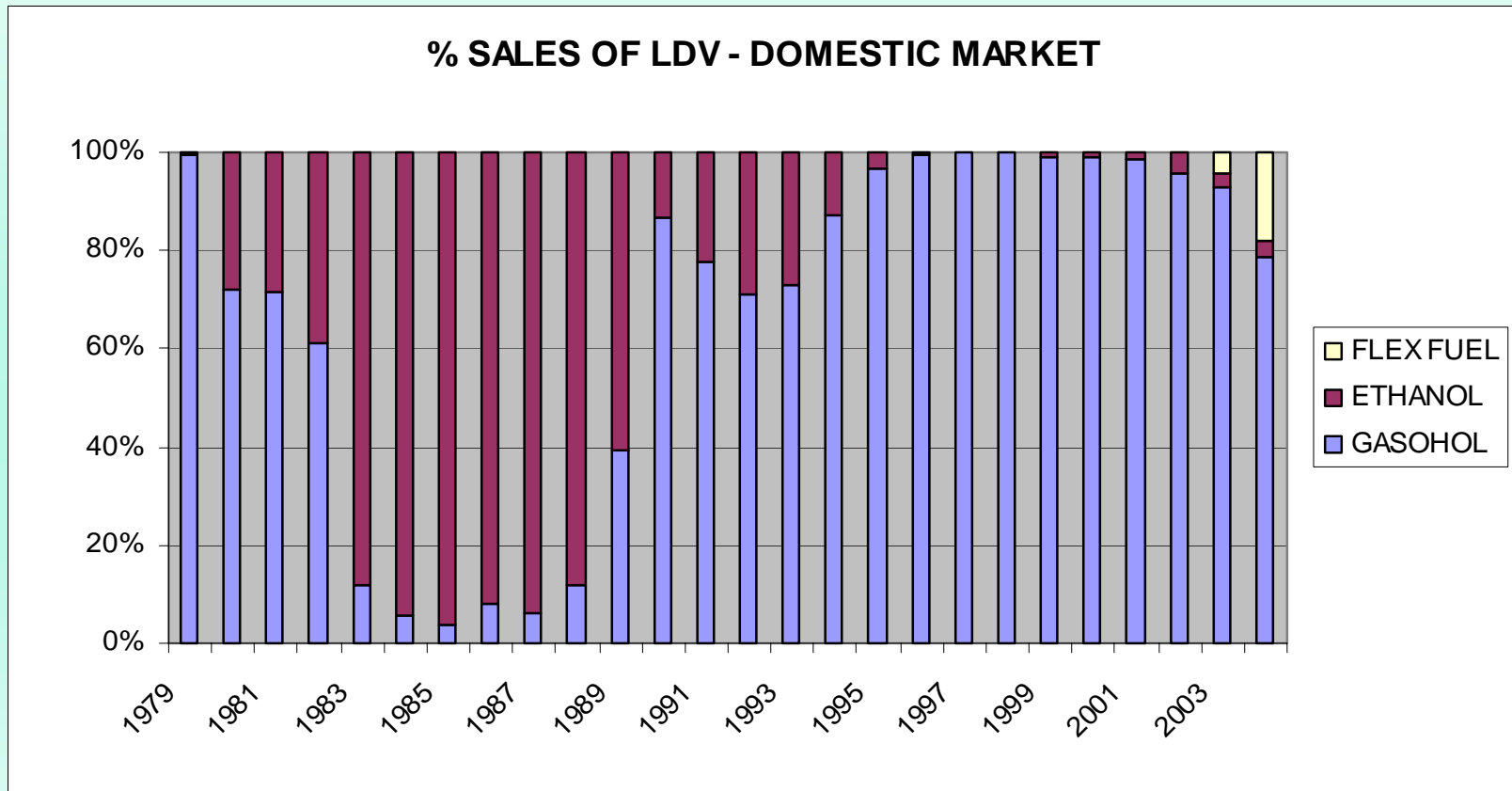


The FLEX FUEL Concept

Sensor originally used for emission control measures O_2 content in exhaust gas and sends a signal to the Engine Control Unit (ECU) indicating the level of ethanol in the fuel line → ECU automatically recalibrates spark timing and fuel injection.



Vehicle Market Share in Brazil



Sales Jan/Sept 2004: 35,497 Ethanol 218,320 Flex Fuel 942,993 Gasohol

Vehicle Emission Reductions Related to Fuel Ethanol Use in Brazil

Lead additives banned since 1990

Reduction of SO_x

Reduction of PM (carbon and sulfate particles)

VOC's with lower toxicity & photochemical reactivity

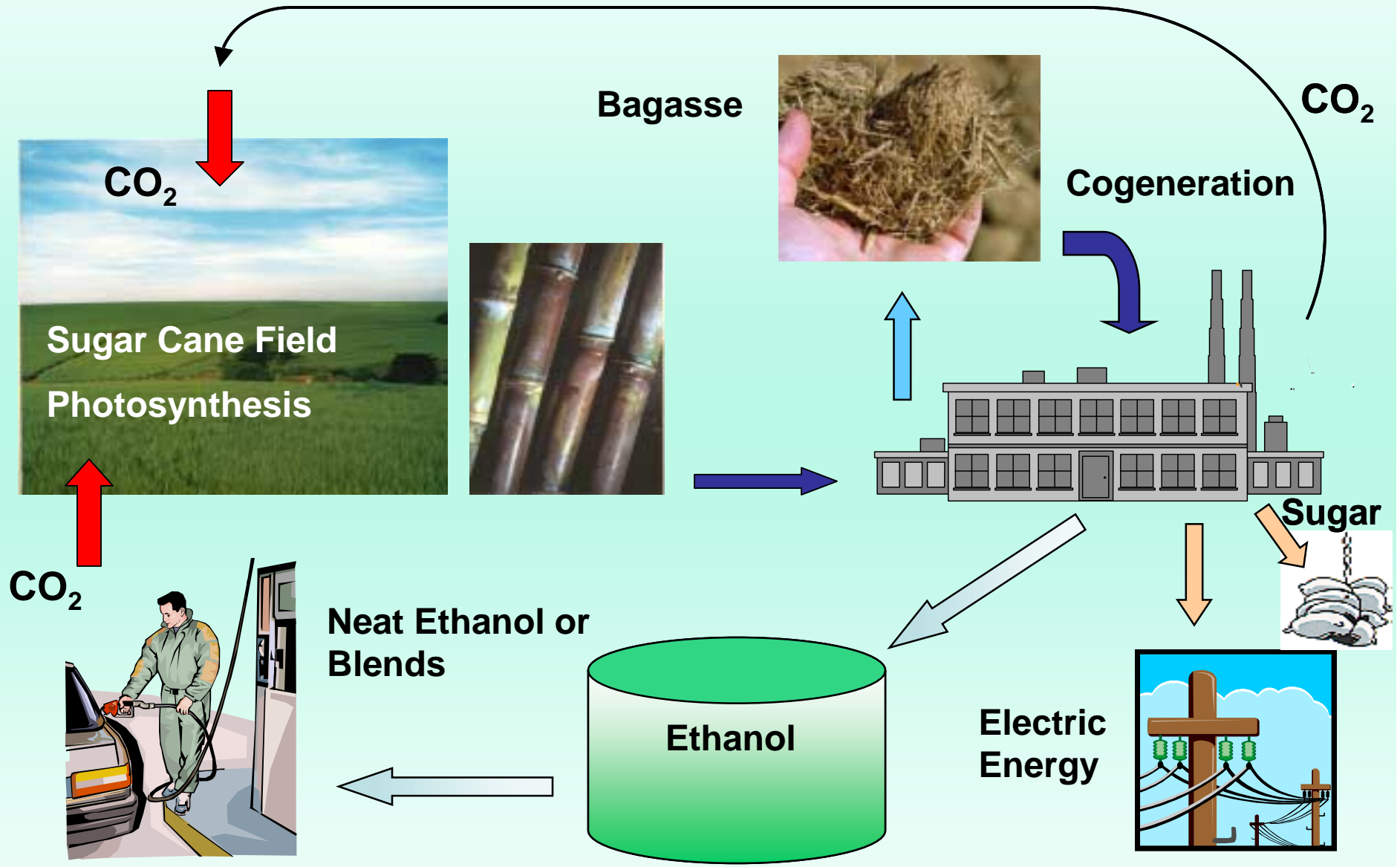
CO: Higher reduction in older E100 (up to 70%) and gasohol (up to 40%) vehicles in comparison with ethanol-free gasoline

Ethanol Production & Energy Balance by Feedstock

Feedstock	Energy Output/Energy Input
Wheat	1.2
Corn (USA)	1.3 – 1.8
Sugar Beet (EU)	1.9
Sugar Cane (Brazil)	8.3

Gasoline	0.83
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Sugar Cane and the CO₂ Cycle



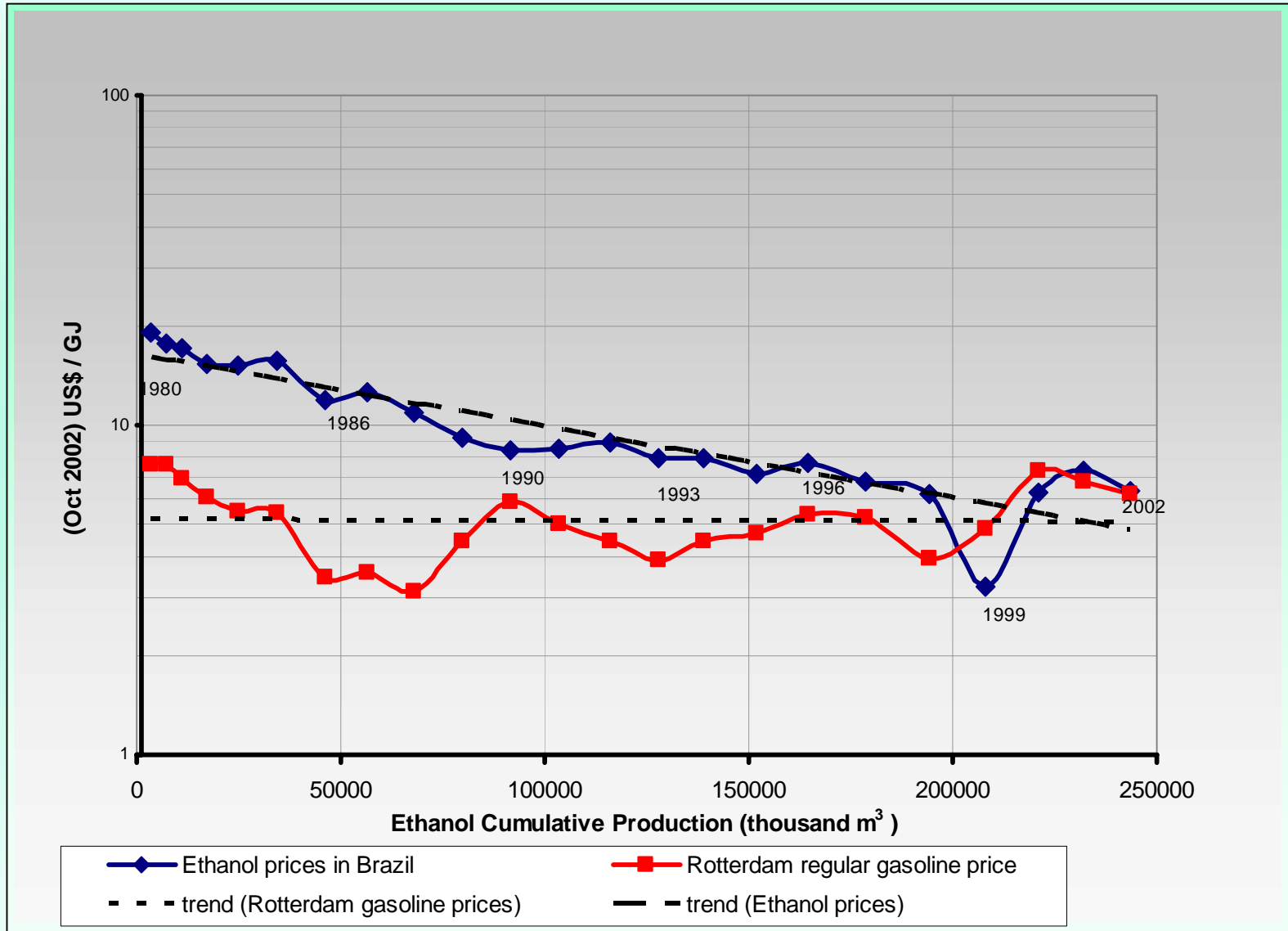
Greenhouse Effect Mitigation

Under Brazilian production conditions the substitution of ethanol for gasoline & bagasse for fuel oil avoids the emission of:

2.6 t of CO₂ equivalent/m³ anhydrous ethanol

1.7 t of CO₂ equivalent/m³ hydrous ethanol

Gasoline X Ethanol Prices



New Uses for Ethanol

AVIATION FUEL

(100% ethanol airplane by Embraer. Already certified → production will start in 2005)



INDUSTRIAL FUEL

100% ethanol boiler

(boiler can operate also on CNG or LPG)

Ethanol Vaporizer

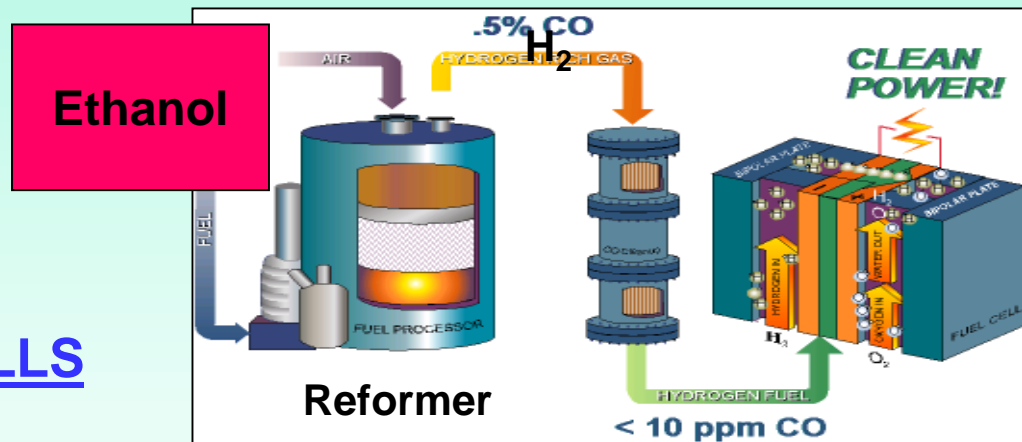
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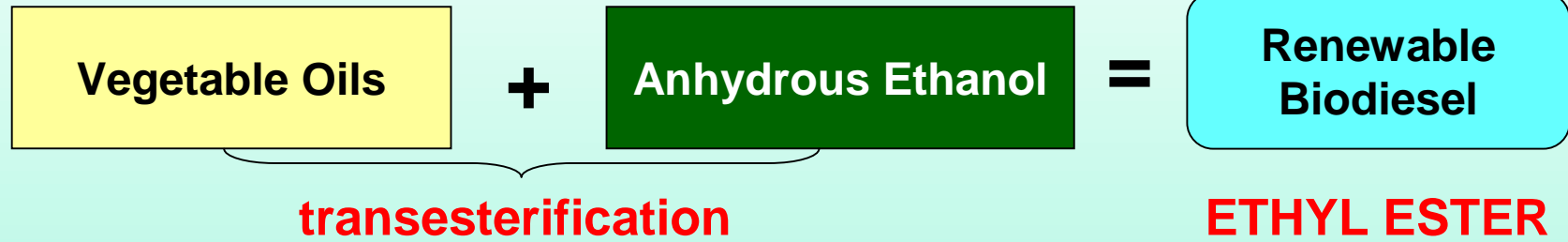
DIESEL-ETHANOL BLENDS (Pilot Tests)

Truck operating with diesel + 7% ethanol

SOURCE TO PRODUCE HYDROGEN FOR FUEL CELLS (Research Level)



New Uses for Ethanol: 100% Renewable Biodiesel



SOY BEAN

OR → PEANUTS, SUNFLOWER, CORN,
COTTON, PALM TREE.....ETC.

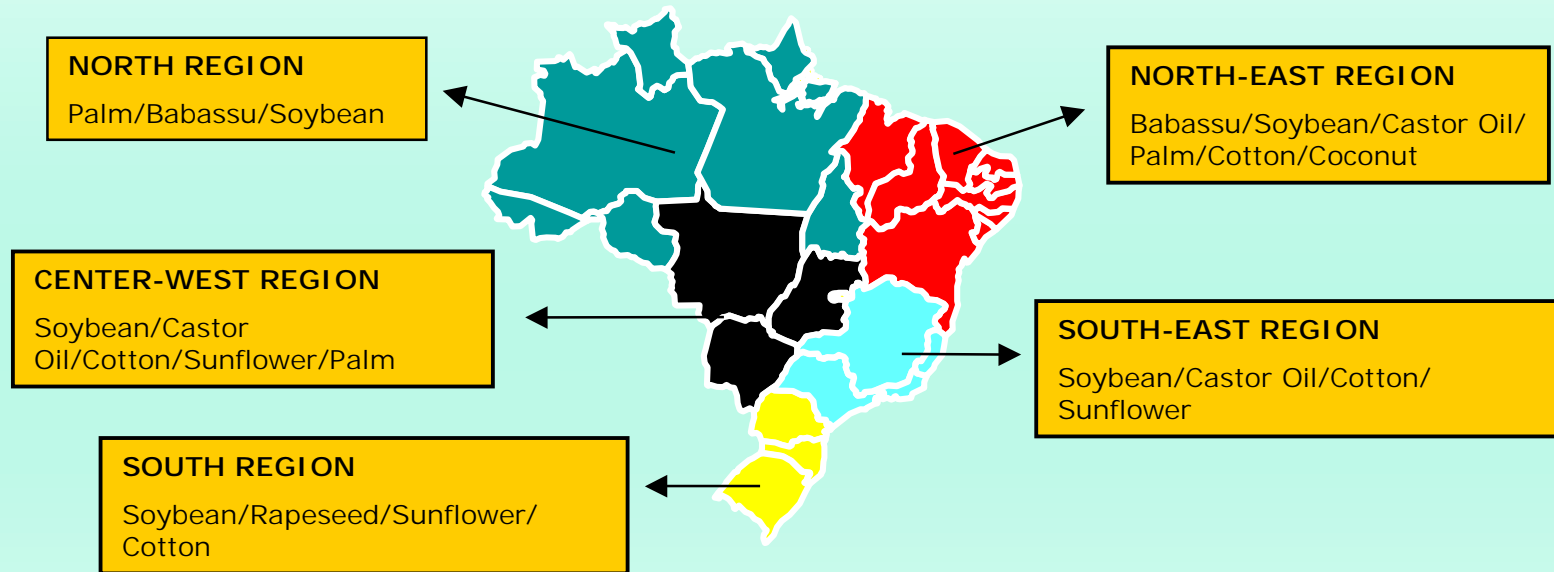


SUGAR CANE

Biodiesel in Brazil

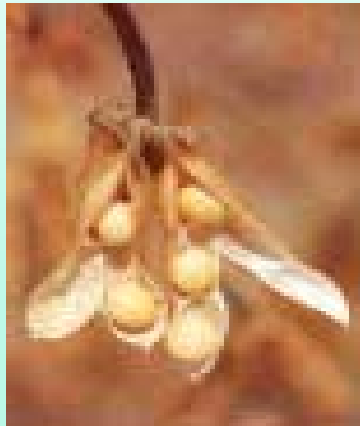
- Since the 1920's → initiatives to promote use of vegetable oils in Brazil
- During the 1980's: Pró-óleo and OVEG Programs → limited results
- In 2002 MCT implemented the Research & Technology Development PROBIODIESEL National Network
- 2003 Interministerial Commission evaluated feasibility of Biodiesel in Brazil and set recommendations for a program
- 2003: first Biodiesel specification (ANP 255/03)
- 2004: permission to use 2% biodiesel + 98% diesel blends (B2)
- December 6 2004: announcement of National Biodiesel Program

Vegetable Oil Sources in Brazil



soybean oil represents over 95% of present vegetable oil production

Vegetable Oil Productivity in Brazil



Soybean oil
(18-21%)
400Kg/ha



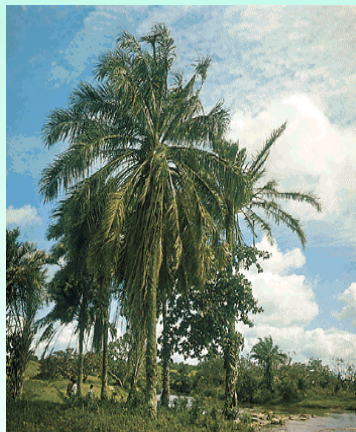
Sunflower oil
(45-55%)
800Kg/ha



Peanut oil
(40-50%)
900Kg/ha



Castor oil
(45-55%)
1200Kg/ha



Palm oil (Dendê)
(35-45%)
5900 Kg/ha

Note: values in % indicate oil content of each feedstock

BIODIESEL – Environmental Aspects

- Biodegradable
- Reduces emission of:
 - Particulates
 - Carbon Monoxide
 - Sulphur oxides
 - Hydrocarbons
 - CO₂

Benefit is proportional to the amount of biodiesel used

Soybean biodiesel energy balance
3.2 output energy/input fossil energy
For diesel oil the ratio is 0.83

On a well-to-wheel basis it is estimated that:

biodiesel reduces CO₂ emissions by 78% compared to diesel oil

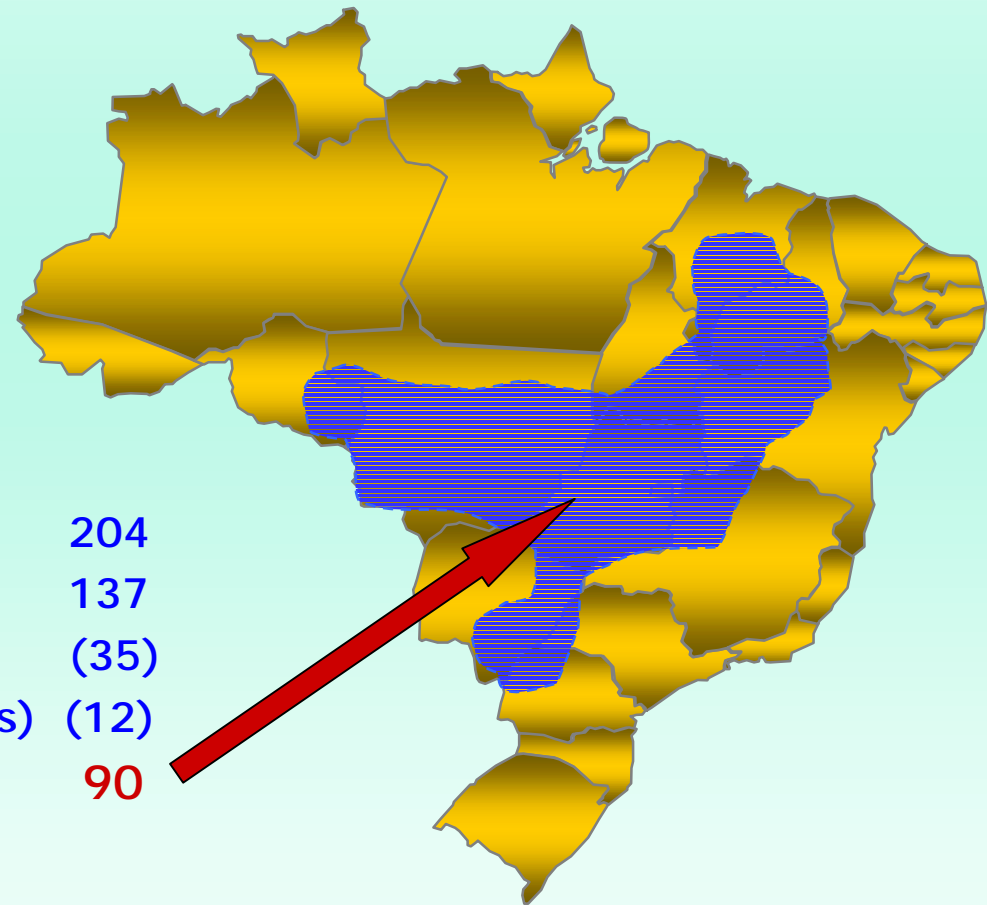
BRAZIL: Agribusiness Expansion

Brazil is one of the few countries with great capacity to expand its agricultural production → opportunities for bio-energy and sustainable development

Expansion area in the “Brazilian Cerrado” region

(million hectares)

Total Area	204
Area good for agriculture.....	137
Area in use for cattle raising...	(35)
Occupied area (forests & plantations)	(12)
Available Area for expansion.....	90



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