

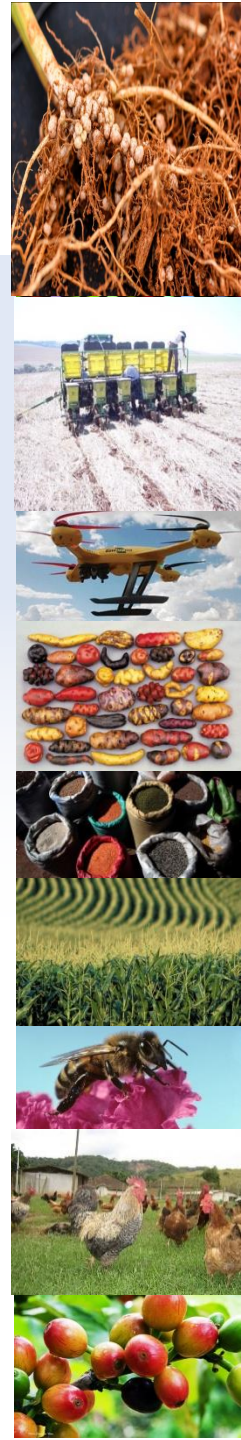
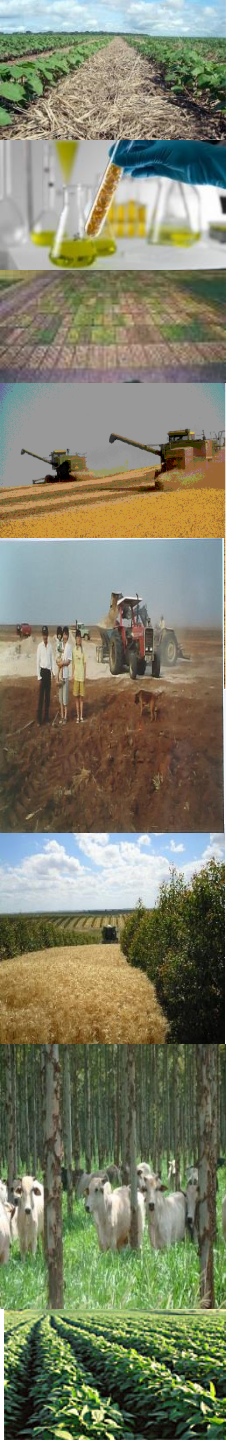
# A Brazilian perspective

Koronivia workshop on “[Improved soil carbon, soil health and soil fertility under grassland and cropland as well as integrated systems, including water management](#)”

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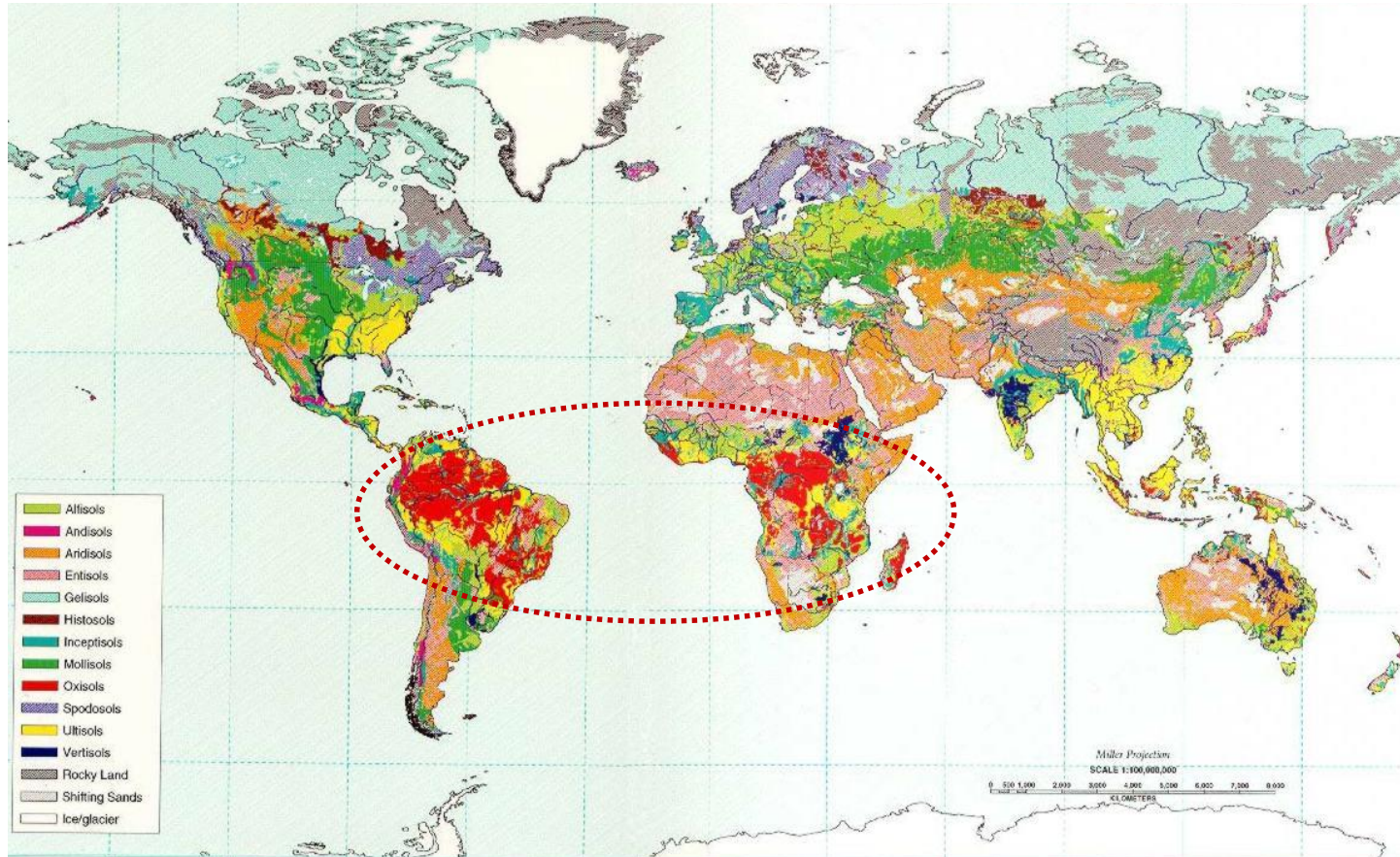
**Embrapa**





How Brazil has been improving soil carbon, soil health and soil fertility under grassland and cropland as well as integrated systems, including water management

# Constraints to agricultural development



Acid soils leading to → P fixation ↓ Ca+Mg+K ↑ Aluminium

- 1970s - Agricultural modernisation meant intensive tillage for seed-bed preparation and weed control.

*Disc plowing and several harrowings*



*Loss of organic matter and expensive mineral fertilizers (P, K, Ca, Mg & micronutrients)*



*Gullies in the State of Parana*



# Before 1970

## Far from being a food secure country

- Low agricultural production and low yields;
- Constant food supply crisis and rural poverty;
- Lack of specific knowledge in tropical agriculture;
- Lack of a national strategy on agricultural development;
- Brazil: a coffee and sugar producer.

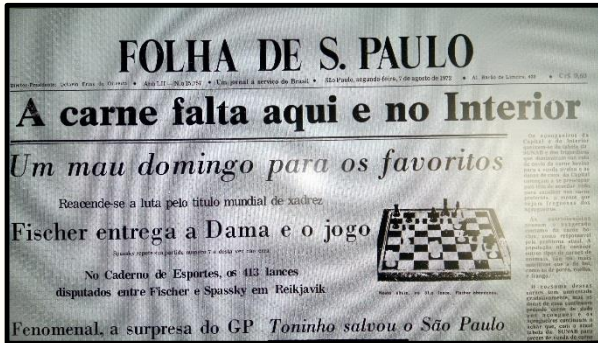


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# Investment and planning based on science

## 1973 – Start of Embrapa

- . 6 research centers: wheat, rice and beans, soil survey, beef cattle and rubber tree.
- . Post-graduate studies abroad (US, Europe)
- . **637 researchers (50% MSc and PhD)**

## *Today:*

- . 47 research centers
- . 2 415 researchers (90,4% PhD)



Passo Fundo



Rio de Janeiro



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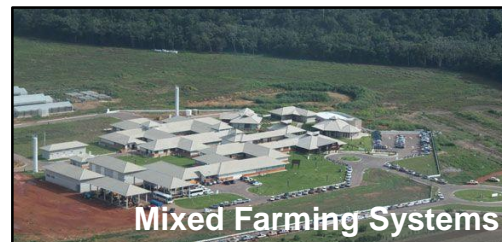
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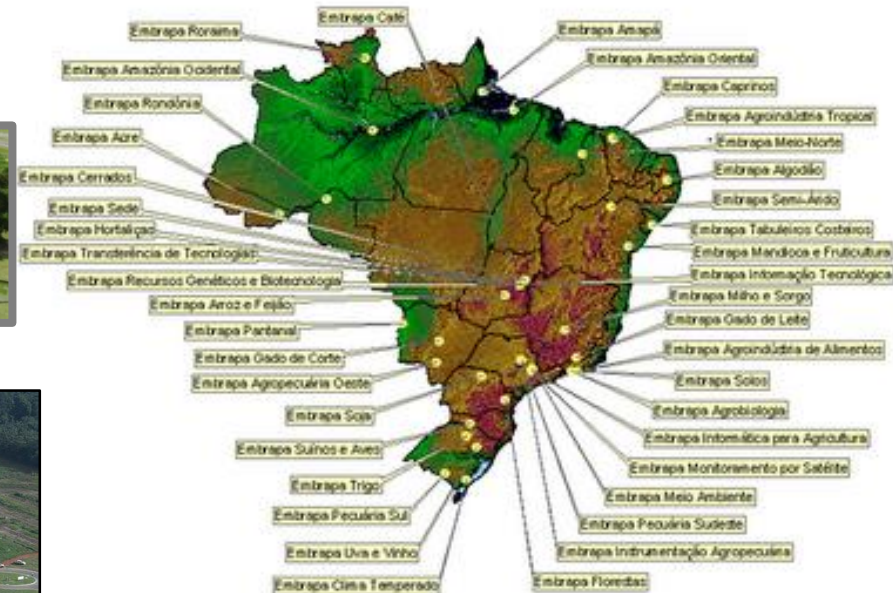
Environment



Cerrados



Mixed Farming Systems



# Initiatives towards a science-based, advanced in tropical agriculture

Key scientific and technological advances



Plant Breeding



Animal breeding and tropical forage breeding

- Plant Breeding Programme;
- Animal Breeding Programme;
- Advanced Soil Conservation Practices;
- Biological Nitrogen Fixation
- Integrated Production System



Zero tillage



Biological N Fixation



Brazil has been strongly investing in the improvement of soil health and soil fertility aiming to address multiple objectives and co-benefits



# Key Drivers of Agricultural Innovation

Improvements in fertilizer recommendation and acidity control

Soil erosion control – Zero tillage with *contour* terraces.

Crop breeding programs;

Quality and certified seeds

Government commitment and public policies;

Availability of mineral resources (limestone);

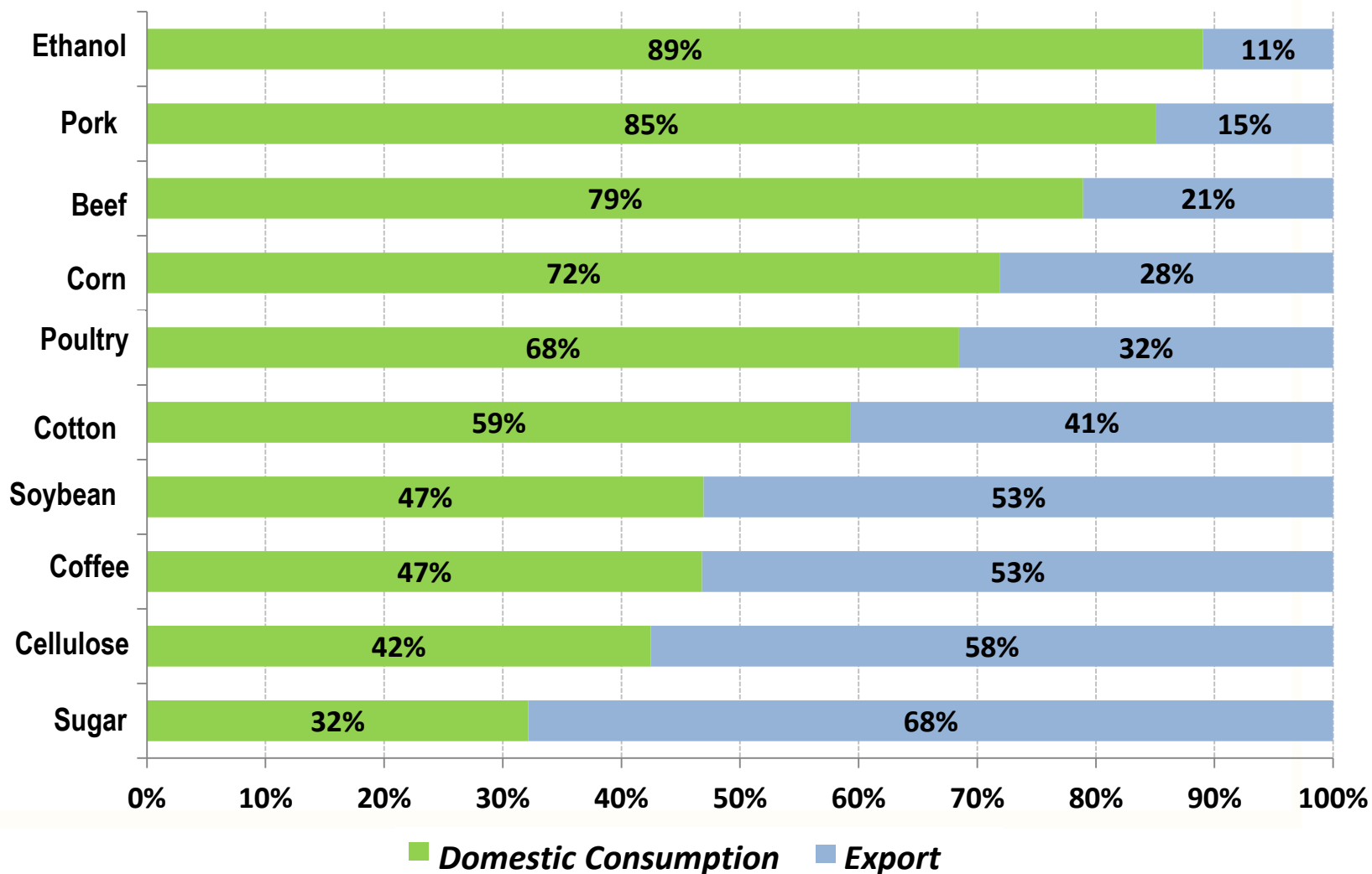
Biological nitrogen fixation

Farmers' will for entrepreneurship.



# Key results and impacts

In 40 years Brazil became a relevant export country (2015)

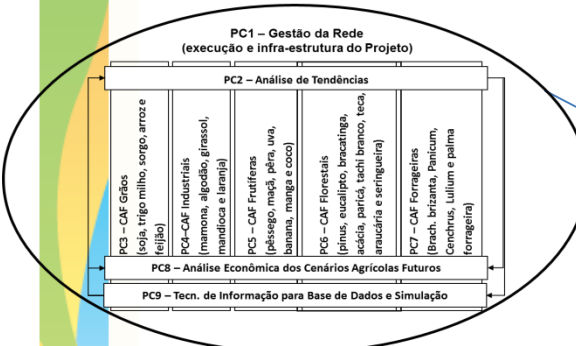


# Climate change science-Based process

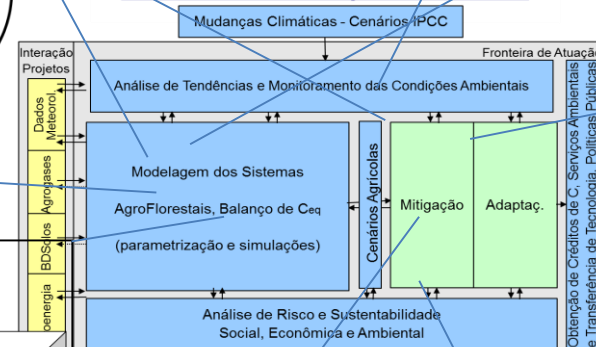
## Climate Change Portfolio: Nation-Wide R&D Projects

### Vulnerability/Adaptation

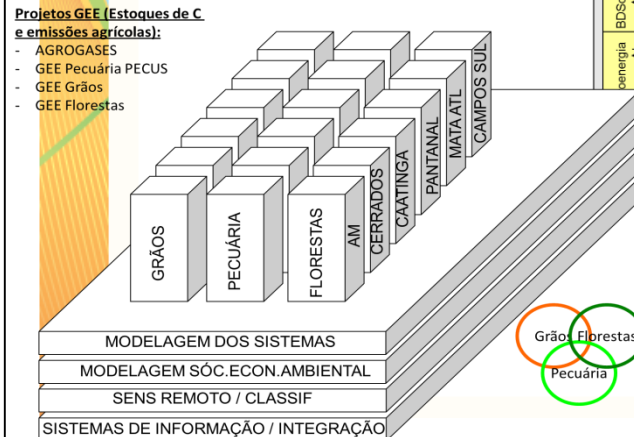
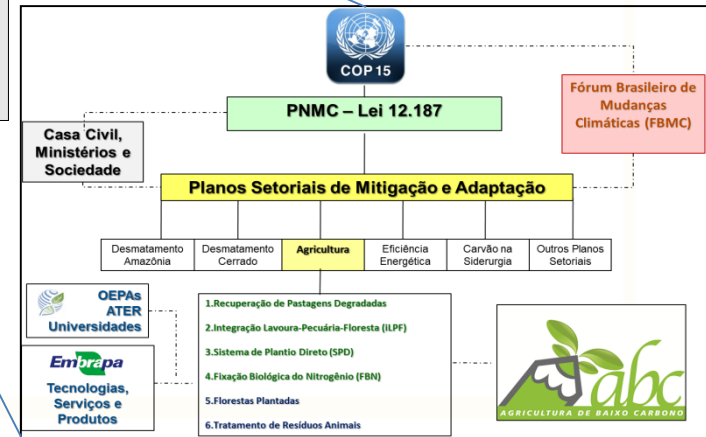
SCAF - Simulação de Cenários Agrícolas Futuros



### Plataforma Mudanças Climáticas



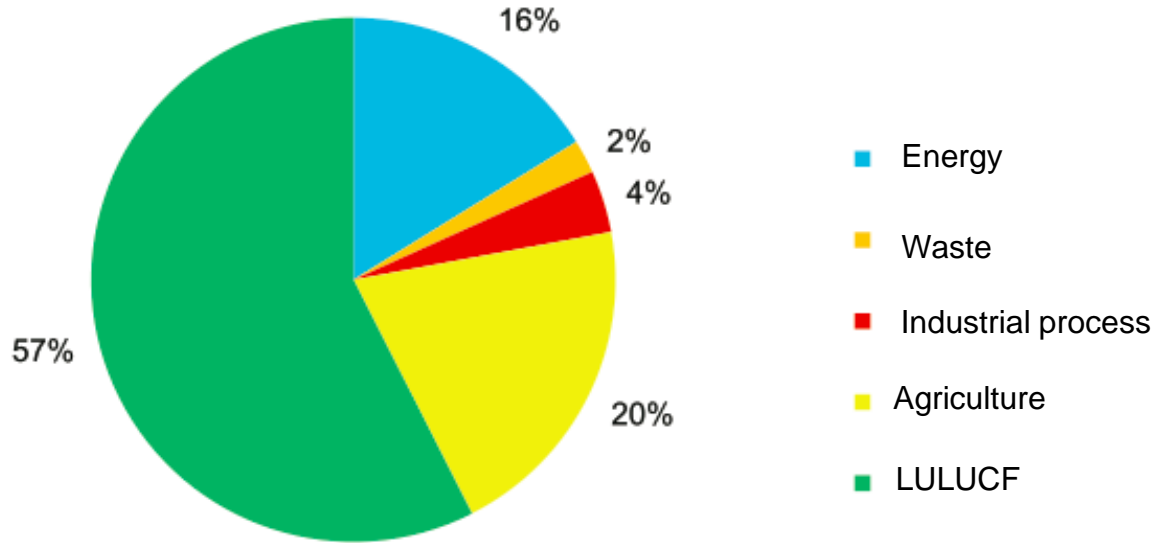
### Support to ABC Public Policy



### C Balance Projects


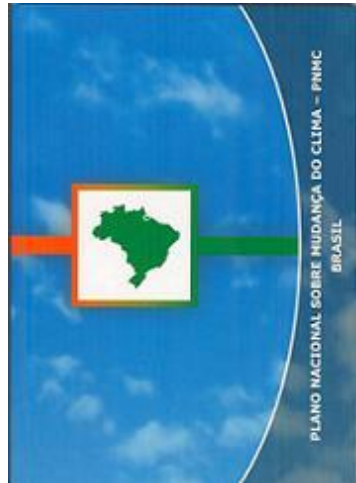
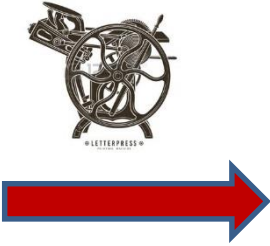


# Brazilian GHG Emissions – 2005 (CO<sub>2</sub>e)



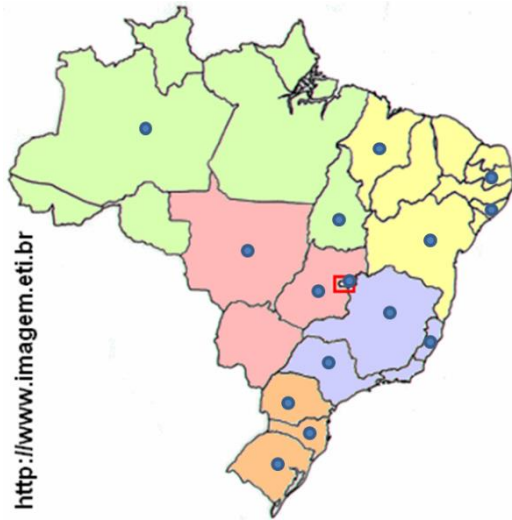
## National Plan on Climate Change – PNMC (2008)

. 15 Ministries (Energy, Agriculture, Transportation, Economy, Science & Technology)



**PNMC**  
**National Plan on**  
**Climate Change**

# Construction of State and Municipal Plans



**National Level - strategic, Interministerial Committee**  
**National level – tactic, Executive Committee of ABC Plan**

**Coordination:** Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Agrarian Development + Casa Civil, MF, MMA, Embrapa, FBMC



**State and municipal level - operational, Local committees**

Elaborated for local conditions

- strengthening technical assistance
- training and information
- technology transfer strategies (field days, lectures, seminars, workshops),
- implementation of Technological Reference Units (URTs)
- publicity campaigns
- contracting for Technical Assistance and Rural Extension (ATER)

Until 2018

16 states+DF with Plan under implementation

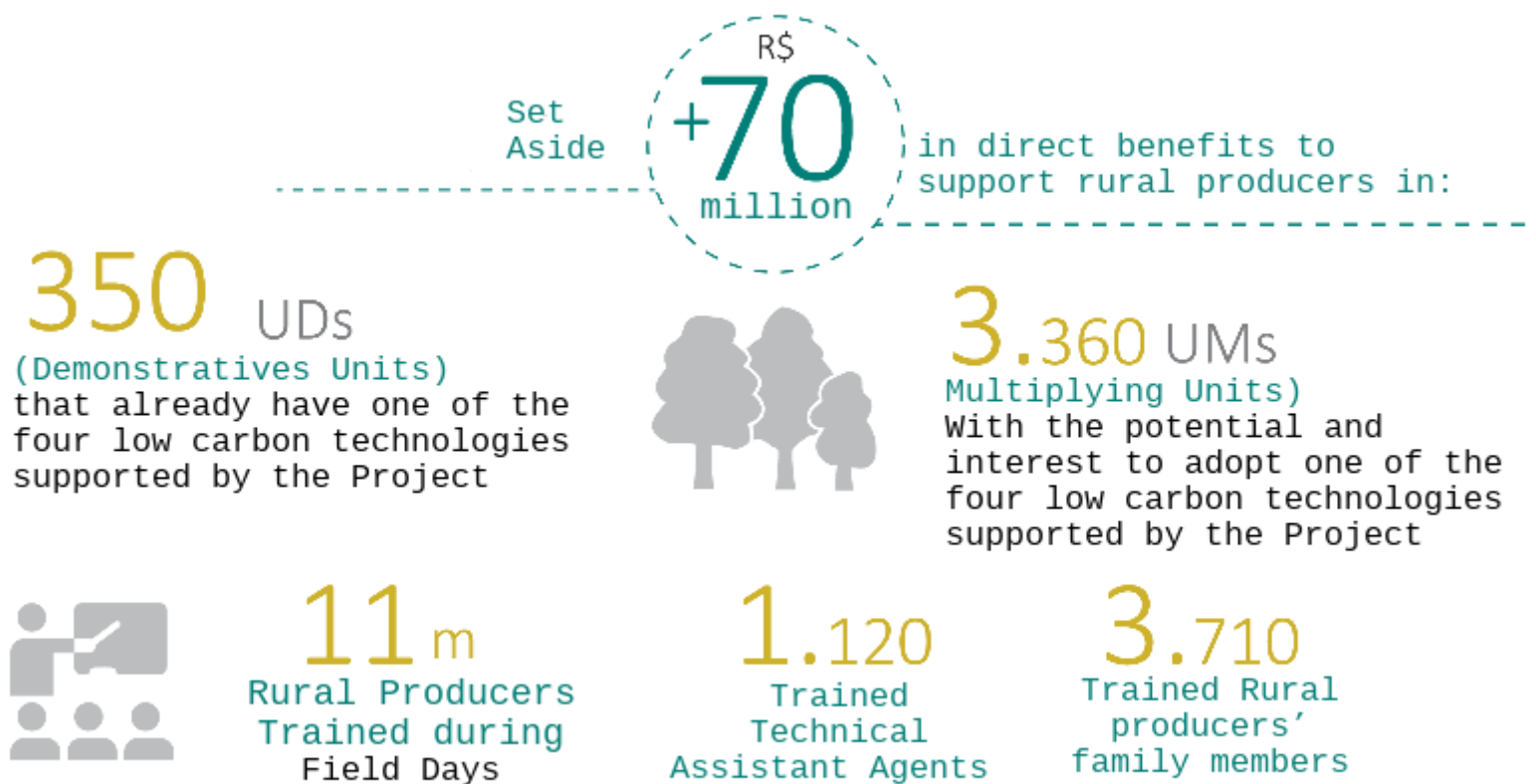
10 states with elaborated Plan

1 states miss Plan (in elaboration)





The program aims to promote the implementation of a large-scale project to enhance the development of the Low-Carbon Agriculture (ABC) Programme and encourage the implementation of agriculture technologies within rural properties under the Project. (ICF, DEFRA, IDB, IABS)





Brazil strategy towards measurement of progress in improving soil carbon, soil health and soil fertility

## SIGABC

ABC Plan Governance System

MAPA

### Banking system

Monitoring the adoption of technologies by rural credit (ABC Program)

### State Management Group - GGE

Monitoring ABC Plan activities

### Plataforma ABC

Monitoring emissions reduction and elaborating national GHG inventories

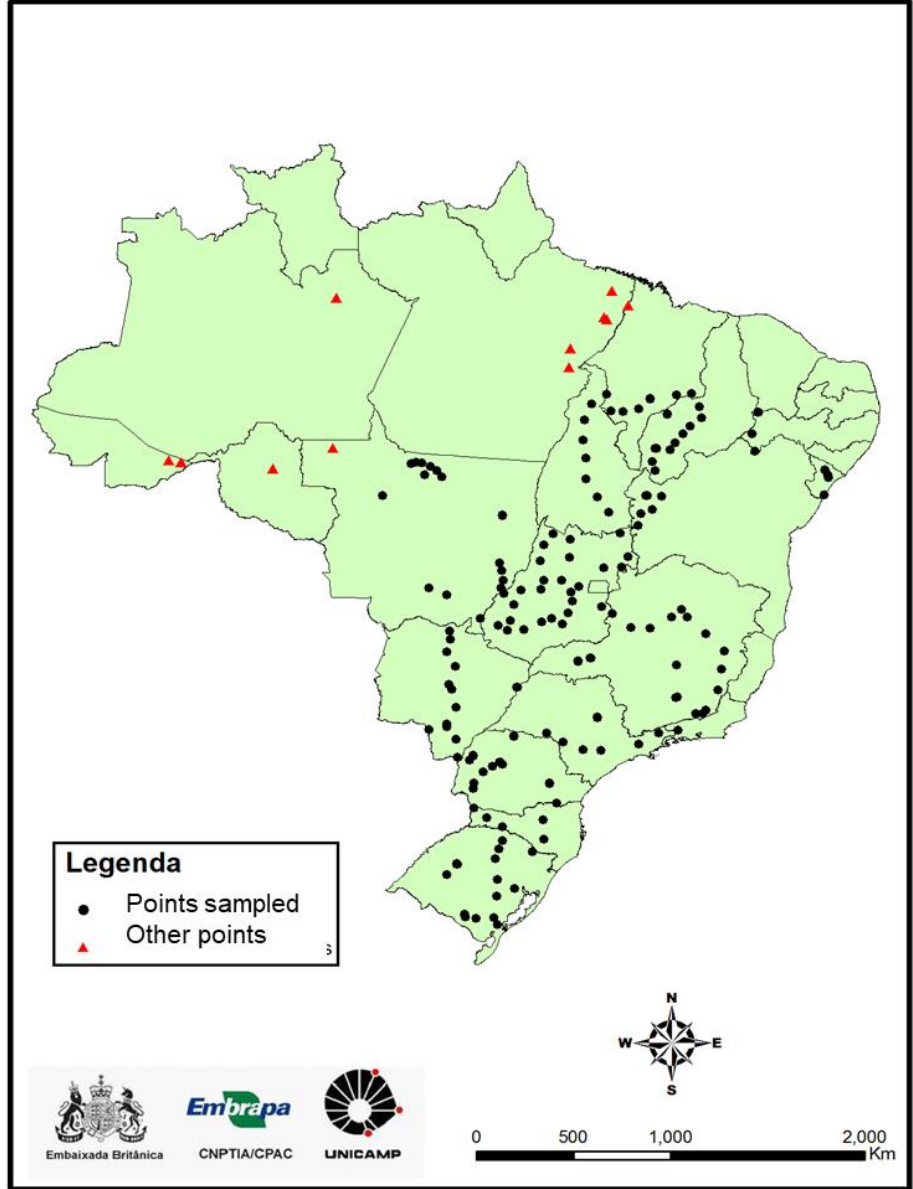




# Methodologies – *in situ*

## ABC Plan – Sample points

- Points sampled until 08/25/2012
- 170 points sampled, including: Native Vegetation, Pastures, SAFs, iLP and iLPF.
- Several Biomes.
- **Soil sampling:** Chemical and physical analysis; Carbon stocks; Density of soil; Retention curve.
- **Depths sampled:** 0-5 cm; 5-10 cm; 10-20 cm; 20-30 cm (pastures); up to 60 cm (iLPF).
- Second phase of results in North Region finalized in March 2014.
- **Incremental process:** Based on the principle of incremental enhancement of the monitoring strategy



# Methodologies – *in situ*



**Automatic GHG collection and analysis system, installed in the ILPF experiment at Embrapa Agrossilvipastoril, Sinop-MT**



**Micrometeorological system for monitoring the emission of N<sub>2</sub>O e CO<sub>2</sub>**

# Methodologies – remote sensing



Zoom: 14 5d 1m 3m 6m 1y Max

• EVI2 original: 0,393 • EVI2 filtrada: 0,36 | 17/12/2009



# Incrementing quality of data



National Soils Programme

## Goal:

- Systematization of existing data
- Mapping 1.3 million km<sup>2</sup> of soils in the first ten years, and another 6.9 million km<sup>2</sup> by 2048, ranging from 1: 25,000 to 1: 100,000
- Improve information for land use management, adaptation and vulnerability assessment, prediction of catastrophic events, agricultural credit system

Cost / financing: R\$ 4 billion in 30 years (national public and private)

Institutions: Embrapa, IBGE, SBCS, CPRM, UFRRJ, UFPI, UDESC, UFPA e Ministry of Agriculture, ....

**13** CLIMATE ACTION



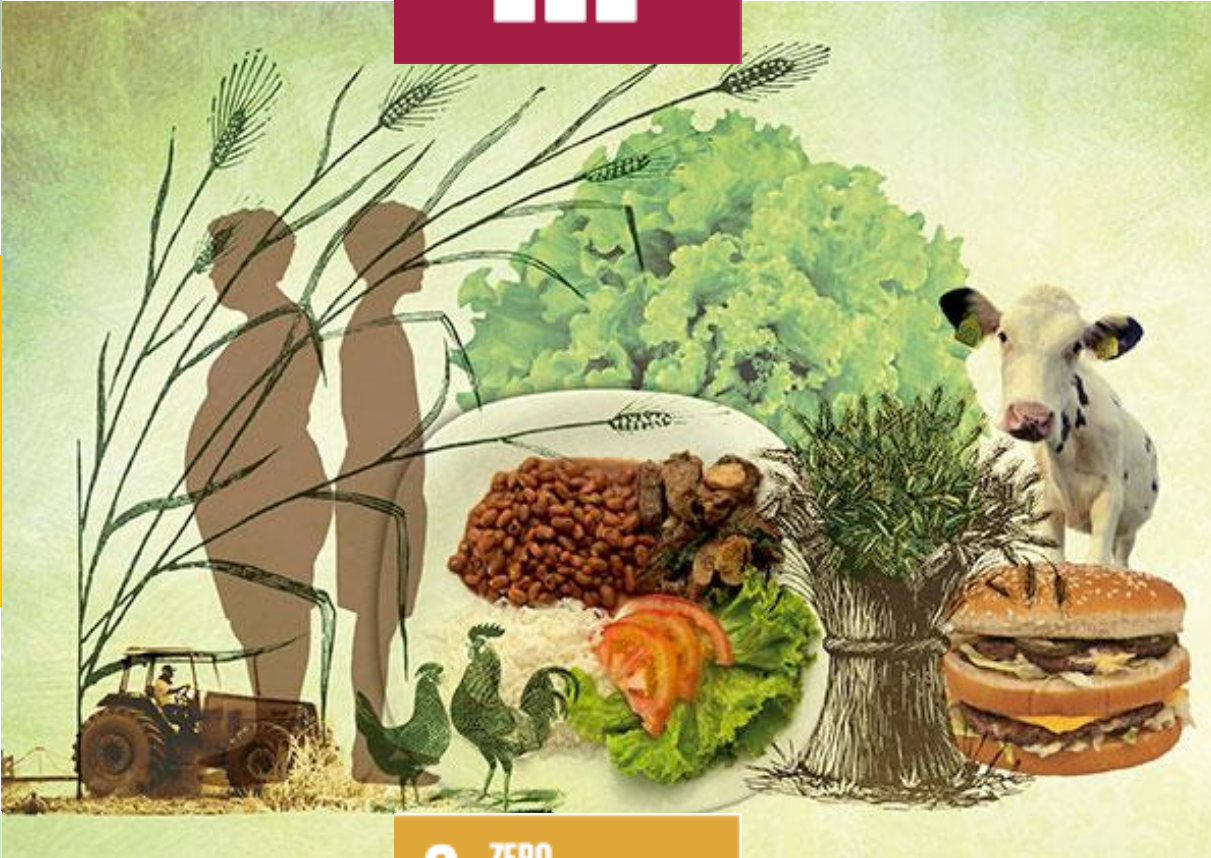
**8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



**14** LIFE BELOW WATER



**7** AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



**12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



**15** LIFE ON LAND



**2** ZERO HUNGER



**1** NO POVERTY

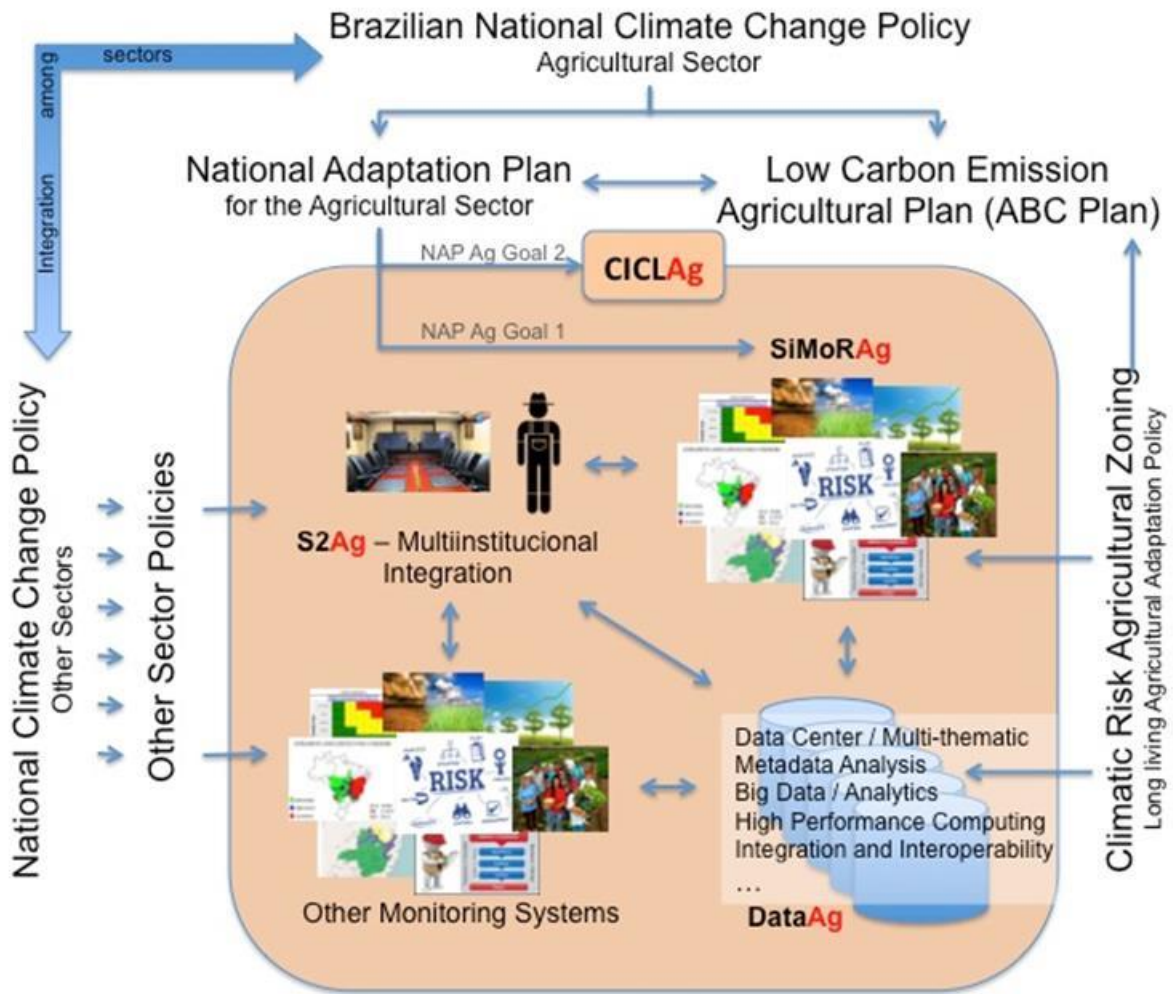




How to measure all this and make a difference?

# CICLAg

## Center for Agricultural Climate Intelligence





Challenges Brazil has faced in improving soil carbon, soil health and soil fertility, and how did the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture and UNFCCC constituted bodies help to address these challenges?





## • Brazilian NAMA:

- Amazon deforestation control (PPCDAm);
- **Agriculture (Precursor to the ABC Plan)**



Before the COP 15

Brazilian agricultural sector had a **NEGATIVE** perception on the UNFCCC process



After the COP 15

Brazilian agricultural sector started to understand how strategical and **POSITIVE** the UNFCCC process could be

# Brazilian sectorial policy on climate change

Resilience of production systems

Adaptation



Revenue

Productivity

Emission control

Tropical agriculture, efficient use of inputs, soils fertility



# Activities planned in the ABC Plan

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## Technology Process

## Increase in area/use

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. Recovery of degraded pasture land          | <b>15 million ha</b>             |
| 2. Integrated crop-livestock-forestry systems | <b>4 million ha</b>              |
| 3. No-till farming with cover crops           | <b>8 million ha</b>              |
| 4. Use of biological nitrogen fixation        | <b>5.5 million ha</b>            |
| 5. Planted forests                            | <b>3 million ha</b>              |
| 6. Treatment of Animal Waste                  | <b>4.4 million m<sup>3</sup></b> |
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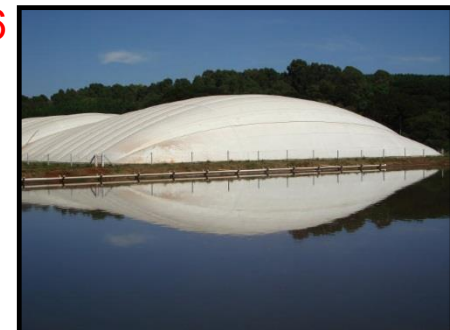
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# Compliance with Brazilian environmental legislation

## Agricultural production and Environmental preservation (Forestry Code)



1. APP top of the hill
2. APP spring contour
3. APP natural water course contour
4. APP natural pond contour
5. Forestry productive activity
6. Legal reserve
7. Livestock productive activity and infrastructure

### *Legal Reserve in "Legal Amazonia"*

- ✓ 80% for properties located in forest area
- ✓ 35% for properties located in cerrado area
- ✓ 20% for properties located in grassland area

Source: Leis ambientais n.12.651 e 12.727)

**Thank you for your attention!**

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