The Role of Animal Production in Rural Development and Attaining SDG 8, "Decent Work and Economic Growth"

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# **The Importance of Livestock** production and animal protein: the Western hemisphere perspective

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Source: Athenagro, Abiec, Secex, IBGE. Cepea, BNDES



Source: Athenagro, Secex, Ministry of Economy, IBGE, Abiec prepared by Athenagro

### **Evolution of pasture and productivity**



PASTURE LAND MILLION HA

PRODUCTIVITY @/HA/YEAR

Source: Athenago. dados Agroconsult. Agrosatélite. IBGE. Inpe/Terraclass. Lapig. Prodes. Rally da Pecuária. Map Biomas



## **Productivity as a challenging solution**



Source: Athenago, Agroconsult, Agrosatélite, IBGE, Inpe/Terraclass, Lapig, Prodes, Rally da Pecuária, Map Biomas, Rede Fomento



### Agriculture areas profile in Brazil

#### Number of farmers



#### 2.476.629 Livestock farms

Source: Censo IBGE/2017.

**Agricultural Area in Hectares** 



## **SDGs interdependency**

**B** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH





## Average prices to consume the human needs protein amount from each source in selected countries (US\$/month)

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	Pork	Chicken meat	Soybean	Corn	Lentil	Chickpea	Pea	Eggs
	25,97	15,91	118,37	48,00	58,33	138,07	202,78	20,24
	41,17	40,07	84,04	193,50	150,00	129,55	116,67	33,33
8	61,71	17,14	48,80	88,50	123,33	80,11	111,11	11,90
	59,69	45,80	84,04	118,50	270,00	112,50	111,11	33,33

Source: Based on data from local supermarkets, UNIFESP and carterwings'

Source: http://www.agroicone.com.br/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Folder-ABPA-2020.pdf



## Global Index of Hunger versus animal protein consumption (per capita)



Source: OCDE, Global Hunger Index and PNUD (2019)

'Caterwings. "Meat price index-USD". Available at <http://bit.ly/36yRFds>

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## Low Carbon Agriculture Plan (ABC Plan)

	Targets up to	Estimated reach	Total area up to
	2020	up to 2018	now
Pasture recovery	15 million ha	10.44 million ha	10.44 million ha
No-tillage	8 million ha	12.72 million ha	32.88 million ha
Biological Nitrogen Fixation	5.5 million ha	10.64 million ha	32.98 million ha
Integrated crop-livestock-forestry	4 million ha	5.83 million ha	12.61 million ha
systems (ILPF)			
Planted Forests	3 million ha	0,783 million	7.84 million ha
		hectares	
Animal manure treatment	4.4 million m <sup>3</sup>	38.3 million m3	

Sources: MANZATTO, C. V. (et. al). Mitigação das emissões de Gases de Efeitos Estufa pela adoção das tecnologias do Plano ABC: estimativas parciais. Embrapa Meio Ambiente. Jaguariúna, SP. 2020; MAPA, Diagnóstico da expansão da adoção da tecnologia de Tratamento de Dejetos Animais (TDA) no território brasileiro entre 2010 e 2019.

## **Amazon deforestation rates**





#### Amazon deforestation rates by land use category



Private Areas Rural Settlements Non Designated Areas Indigenous Land Conservation Units Source: Ministry of Environment. PPCDAM 2016-2020.



## FAO principles of sustainable agriculture

- Improve efficiency in the use of resources.
- Conserve, protect and improve natural resources.
- Protect and improve rural livelihoods, equity and social welfare.
- Increase the resilience of people, communities and ecosystems.
- Develop responsible and effective governance mechanisms



#### **Defining Low Carbon/Climate Smart Agriculture**



## Brazilian NDC at the Paris Agreement (Land Use and Agriculture)

Zero illegal deforestation in the Amazon by 2030; Full implementation of the new Forest Code; Compensate emissions from legal deforestation; Restore 12 million hectares of forests for multiple uses; Promote sustainable forest management; Restore 15 million hectares of degraded pastures; Encourage 5 million hectares of ILPF; 18% of biofuels in the energy matrix.



## **Pasture degradation: liability or asset?**



- In 2018 the degradation of pastures generated losses equivalent to R\$ 7,23/@ produced, due to expenses with reforming pastures in an advanced stage of degradation.
- These losses can reach up to R\$ 15/@ which reduces the revenues of the producer, requires more time to finish the animals, keep a degradation process on evolution and generate GHG emissions.
- The costs to recover degraded pastures relies on several factors as the level of degradation, the access to inputs and specialized labour, the cost of capital, among other. On average, the costs to promote pasture recovery ranges from R\$ 3,000 to R\$ 6,000 per hectare, (implementation and maintenance), depending on the specific situation of the area.
- Pasture degradation creates several impacts, from socioeconomic to environmental.

Sources: LAPIG; Athenagro and Rally da Pecuaria.



## The "3 S" Surrounding Livestock Worldwide

#### **Food Security**



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#### Sustainable Development



Adapted from Marcos Jank.



## Innovation and jobs towards promoting sustainable development in livestock production

- Pasture recovery and management are essential to enhance productivity
- Livestock intensification is key to allow more beef in less area and time
- Native vegetation conservation on farms
- Adoption of good practices and Animal welfare practices
- Integration of crop, livestock and forest
- Innovation at the farm level requires technical assistance and rural extension.
- Moreover, innovation requires acess to credit and innovative financial mechanisms
- Around 145 Parties considered agriculture at their NDC at the Paris Agreement
- Promote sustainable production on a continuous improvement basis is a trigger to support SDG 8, 2, 12, 13
- Supporting small scale producers is fundamentaly important to avoid verticalization and other social issues





