Bioraffinerien in Argentinien – Status quo und Zukunftsperspektiven

Biorefineries in Argentina – status quo and future perspectives

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ARGENTINA: FACTS AND FIGURES

Official name: Argentine Republic Chief of state: MAURICIO MACRI Capital: Buenos Aires Area: 2.8 million sq km Population: 40 million inhabitants GDP (purchasing power parity): US\$ 550 billion GDP - per capita (PPP): US\$ 12,500 Great dependency on Ag products









Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria

Source: CIA-The World Factbook and INDEC

3.700 Km Buenos Aires Montevideo

Santiago

Arc

Paraguay

Asunción

CHALLENGE TO REACH A NATIONAL SUMMARY PERSPECTIVE IN SUCH A DIVERSE AND BIG COUNTRY

(Islas Malvinas) Stanley

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Ministerio de Agroindustria Presidencia de la Nación

is a public decentralized body subordinated to the Ministry of Agroindustry with operative and financial autarchy.

MISSION



"To carry out and foster actions addressing the innovation of agricultural and livestock, agro-food and agro-industrial sectors to contribute to the competitiveness of agro-industrial chains, environmental health and sustainability of productive systems, social equity and territorial development, through research, technological development and extension". (2005-2015 Institutional Strategic Plan)





NATIONAL STRUCTURE

- Central office B.A.
- 15 Regionales centers
- 53 Experimental stations
- 6 Research centers
- 13 Research institutes
- 300 Extension units
- 9 Innovation parks
- INTA group members:
- Foundation ArgenINTA
 Private company INTEA S.A
- 7300 EMPLOYEES
- Year budget 270 M dollars

http://www.inta.gov.ar

http://inta.gob.ar/videos/institutional-video-inenglish/view



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Agroindustry research center

Biotechnology research institute

Microbiology research institute

Soils research institute

Water and climate research institute

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Rural engineering research instr





Life cycle assesment studies, energy balance, social and environmental impacts of biorefinery systems

Rural Engineering Institute

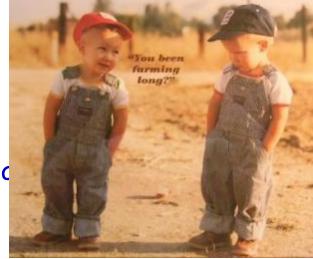
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Buenos Aires. Argentina

What type of agriculture producing biomass for biorefineries we umagine

Agriculture milestones

- Traditional farming Ag 1.0
 - Self-sufficiency, and natural methods of fertilizing, weed and pest control
- Mechanized farming Ag 2.0
 - Mechanization and chemical fertilizing and weed/pest control
- Precision farming Ag 3.0
 - Resource management responding to inter- c intra-field variabilities in crops
- Smart farming Ag 4.0
 - Various definitions, focusing on human well being, economic, and ecological sustainability



PARTICULARITIES OF A VERY HIGH DEVELOPED AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION SYSTEM

Intensive application of technology Farmers knowledge share History and experience Presition agriculture

CROP PRODUCTION CHOICE IS BASED ON COMPARATIVE PROFIT

High tec mature farm machinery technology Development of high level employment in rural towns

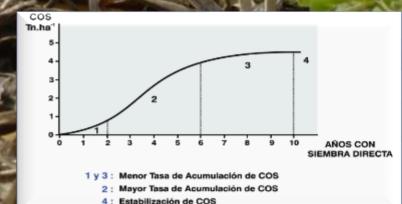






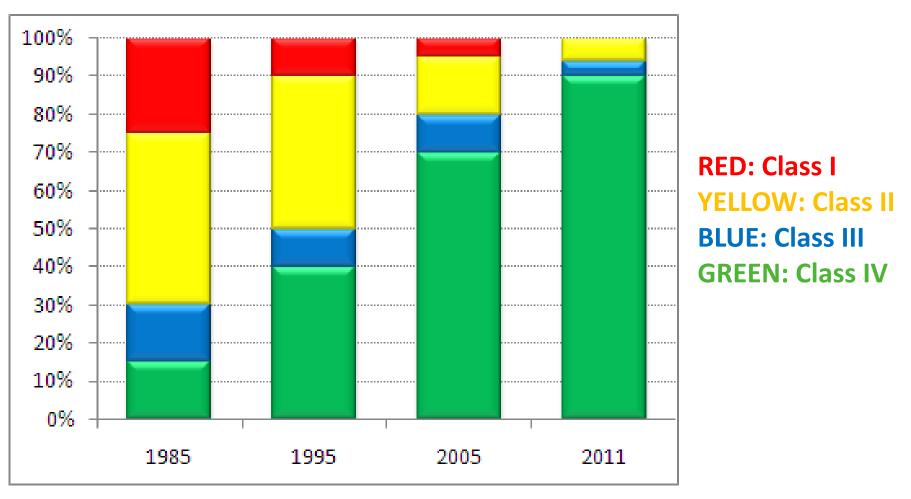
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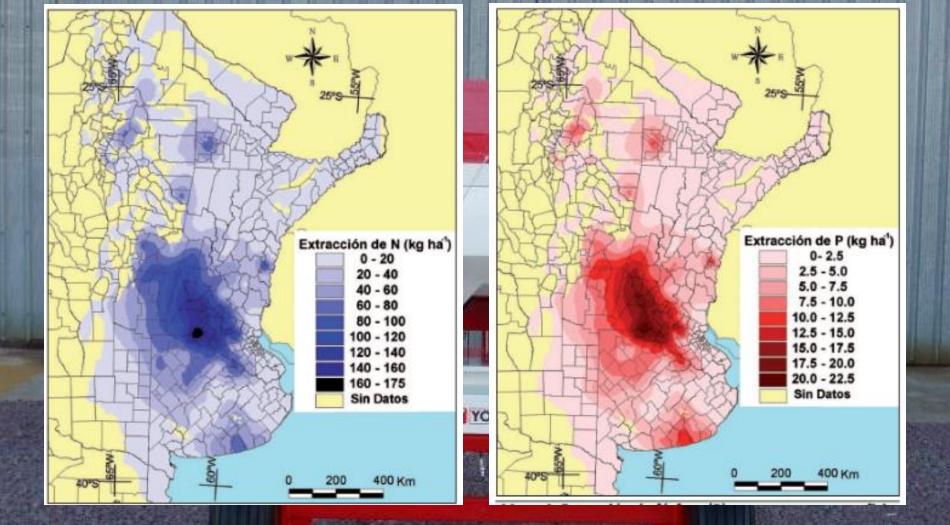
Technology improvement impact

Promedio ponderado de la utilización de productos fitosanitarios en una rotación según los marbetes.



* La presente clasificación toxicológica se realizó según los rangos de la OMS de agosto de 2012 (no se consideró aún la Res. de SENASA 302/12 en la que se reclasifican las categorías de los marbetes).

Fuente: I+D, Movimiento CREA



Nutrient balance concerns on the main grain production area

Fuente Extracción y balance de nutrientes en los suelos agrícolas de la Argentina Cruzate Casas 2012

Inteligent agriculture 4.0

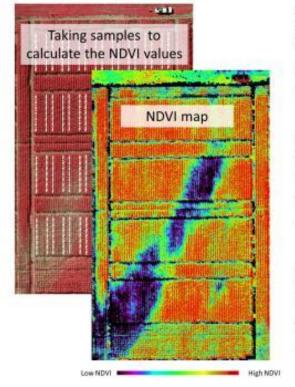


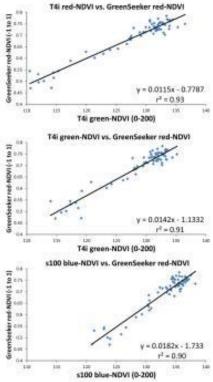
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Comparing sUAS with Modified NDVI cameras Values to GreenSeeker NDVI Values

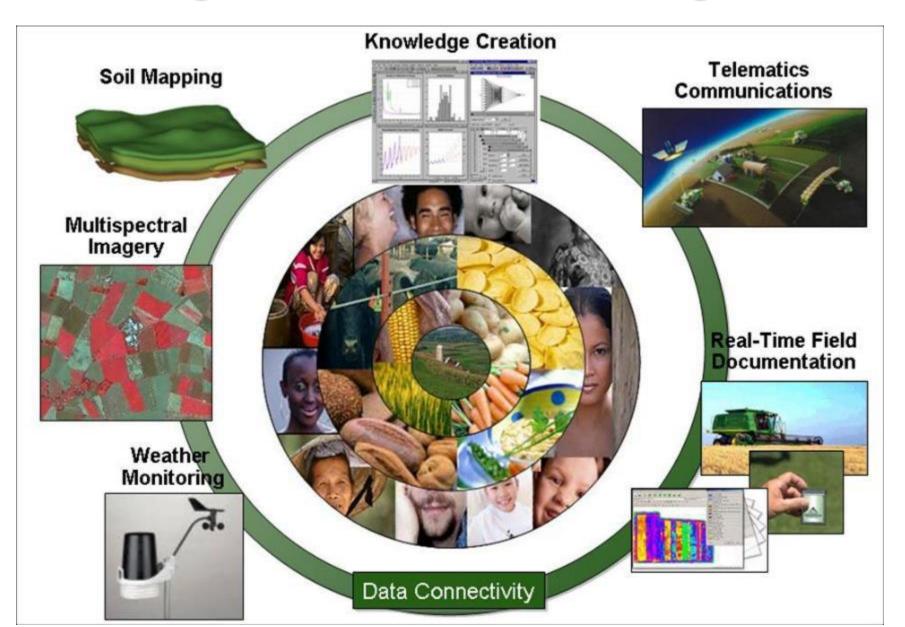




Robots will have a major impact



Intelligent information management



Oportunidades para biorefinerías sustentables

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- Agricultura
 - Residues use and tranformation
 - Yield increase and pesticedes decrease

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- Artificial meat
- Food losses reduction
- Algae
- New biofactories

AMERICA

BOOSTING BIOFUELS Sustainable Paths to Greater Energy Security



Why small scale is possible using biomass products

- Significative energy consumption reduction by product unit.
- Lower residue volumen & treatment cost
- Lower values of raw materials
- Lower investment per unit of product generated
- Diversified markets and products
- Lower GHG emitions
- Lower logistics and transport requirements Johan Sanders 2016

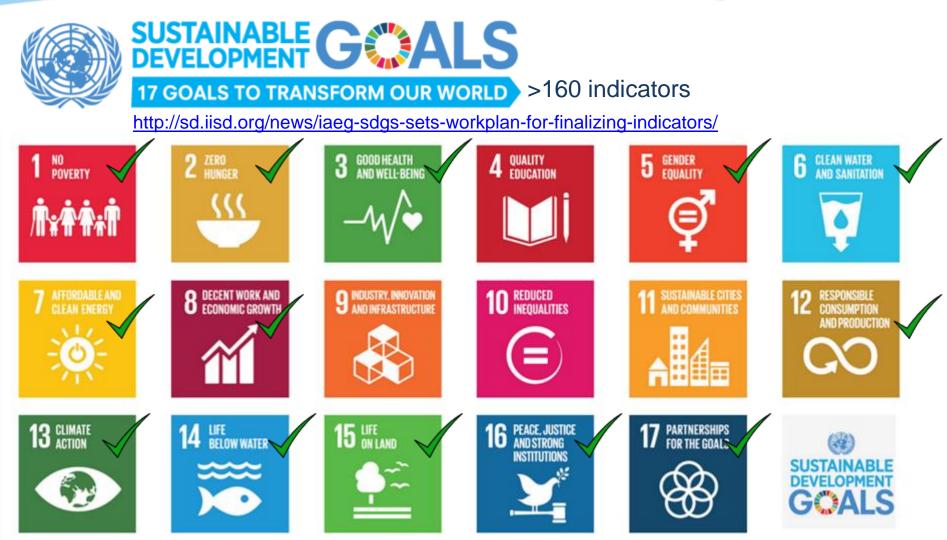
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Variables to consider in biomass use in a biorefinary

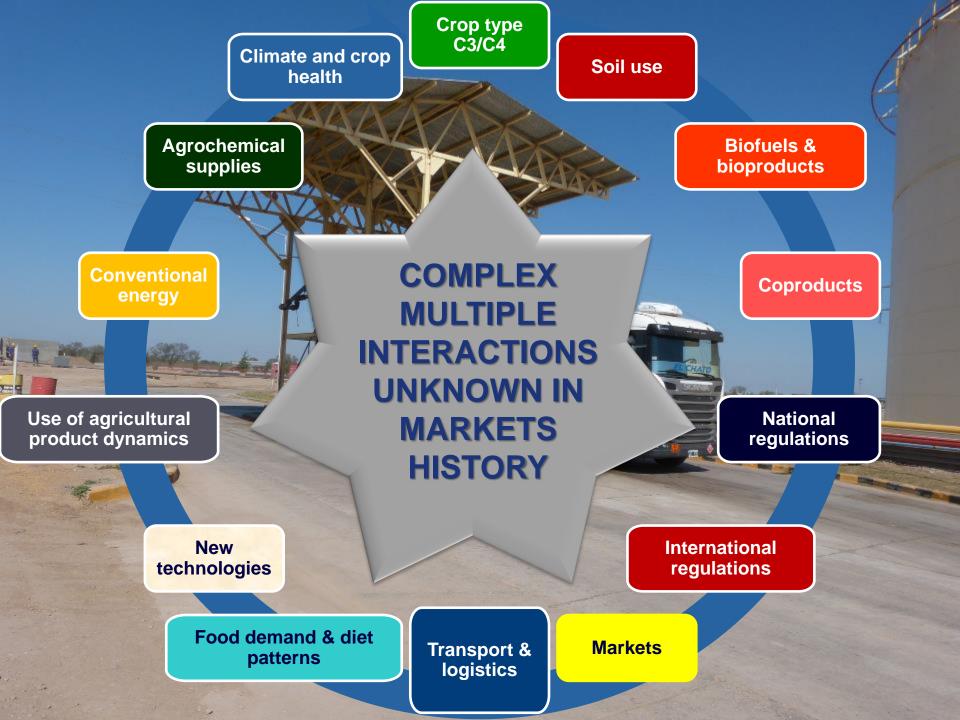
- Relative low price of final product
- Working force and technology availability
- Foreign currency balance of the country
- Profit of the combination of products
- Added employment and value at local level
- Risk of local and foreign policy changes
- Changes in final product public perception
- Competitive use of feedstoks in present and future markets
- Transport & logistics



Sustainable bioeconomy contributes to SDGs addressing #1 poverty, #2 food security and nutrition, #3 health, #5 gender, #6 water and sanitation, #7 **affordable and clean energy**, #8 **jobs**, #12 sustainable consumption/production, #13 **climate change**, #14 oceans, seas and marine resources, #15 terrestrial eco-systems, forests, land degradation and biodiversity, and #16 strengthened institutions. Souza et al. 2015

Biorefinery studies must consider all the components of biomass conversion chain





BIOMASS ADDED VALUE

Bioproducts (bioplastics, biomolecules, biophármaco etc.

Biomaterials (construction, paper etc.)

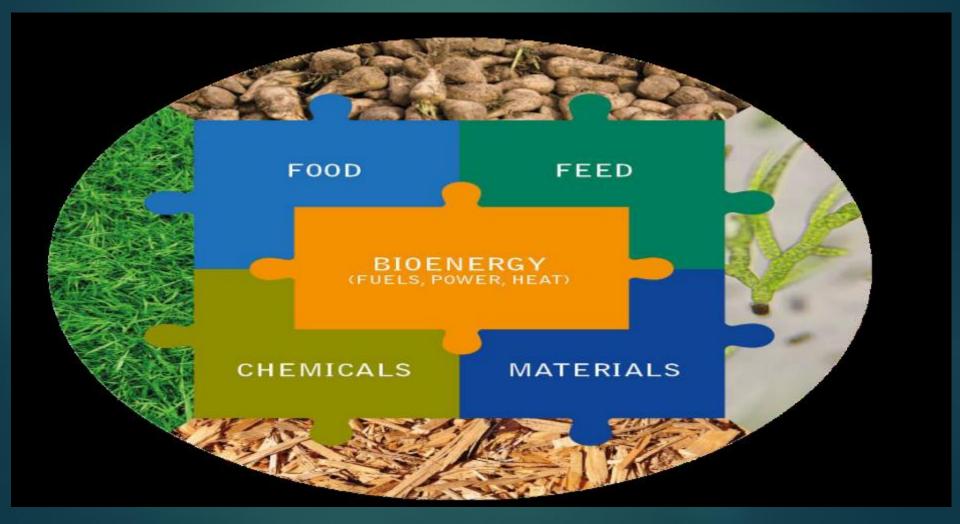
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- KOLUMEN OF PRODUCTION ** Human food Pets food Fodder and animal food

Biofuels - Bioenergy

ADDED VALUE OF THE TRANSFORMING PROCESS

Biofuels acted as a catalizer towards a circular ec<mark>onomy</mark> promoting the production of food feed chemicals and materials in **biorefineries**



Argentine farmers are investing in biotechnology startup companies



Bioceres

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Innovación.

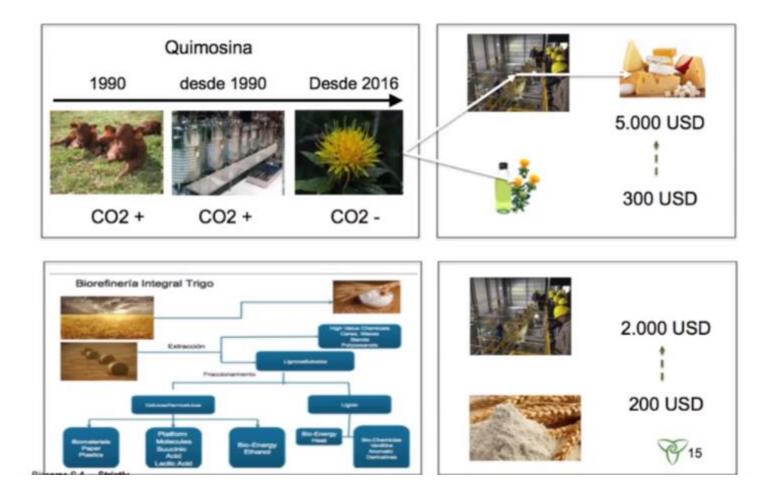
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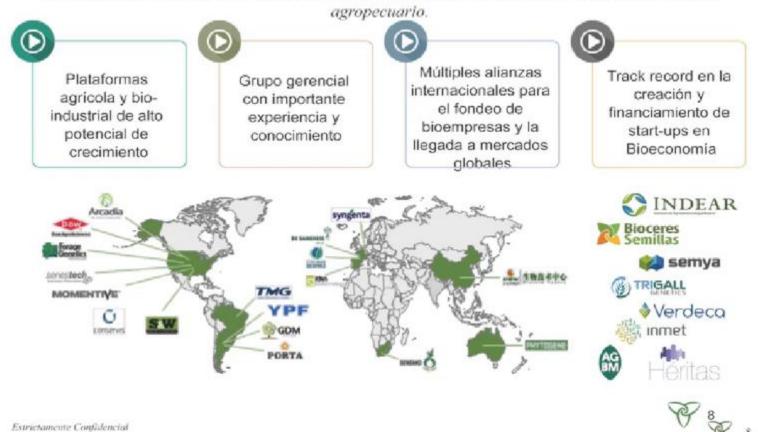
Biotecnología Industrial: Cambio de Paradigma



El Caso Bioceres

W BIOCERES

Empresa líder en biotecnología y ciencias afines, que desarrolla y comercializa productos y tecnologías para incrementar la productividad de cultivos y valorizar materias primas de origen





Environmental and energy analysis of bioethanol biorefineries

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¿Why its important to study the carbón footprint of the biorefinery

Process efficiency

- Know each step in order to decrease the amount of material used:
 - Nutrients
 - Energy

Comercial reasons

- Anticipate regulatory measures
- Overcome environmental barriers of external markets
- Marketing of new products
- Create new products
- Lobby with authoroties

Introducción

Conceptos

Plan de trabajo

Relevamientos de datos:

Feedstock production

Transport & logistics

Industrial process

Final products delivery



¿Donde se generan emisiones?



Crop residues.

- Oxido nitroso. (Emisiones directas e indirectas)
- Datos: Superficie del lote. Producción del Lote.

of fertilizers.

- Oxido nitroso. (Emisiones directas e indirectas)
- CO₂ (Fertilización con Urea y producción de fertilizantes)
- Datos: Tipo y Cantidad aplicada .



Agrochemicals production.

- CO₂ (Producción de agroquímicos).
- Datos: Tipo y cantidad aplicada.



Fuel and lubricants production & use.

- CO₂ (Uso de Combustibles y Lubricantes).
- CO₂ (Produccion de Combustibles y Lubricantes).
- Datos: Tipo de laboreos y cantidad realizada.



Farm infraestructure

- CO₂ (Uso y producción de Combustibles y Lubricantes).
- CO₂ (Uso y producción de semillas).
- Datos: Cantidades consumidas.

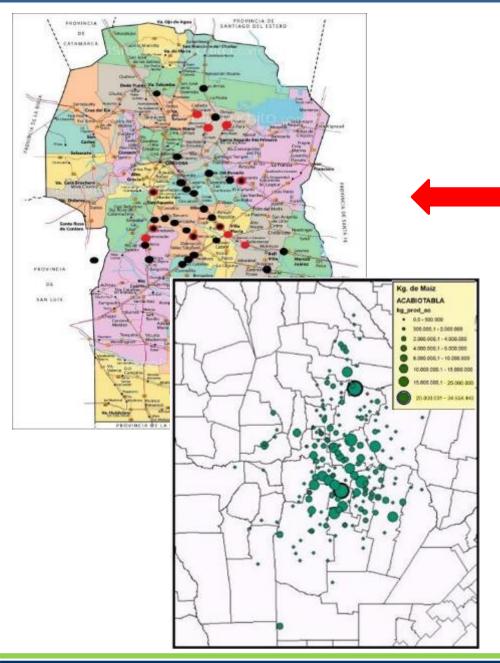
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Resultados

Regional study on the source of materials.



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Cantidad Localidades:	166	
Localidades	Kg	%
12 localidades	163.568.140	51,44%
20 localidades	207.685.380	65,31%
30 localidades	244.421.180	76,86%
40 localidades	266.329.500	83,75%
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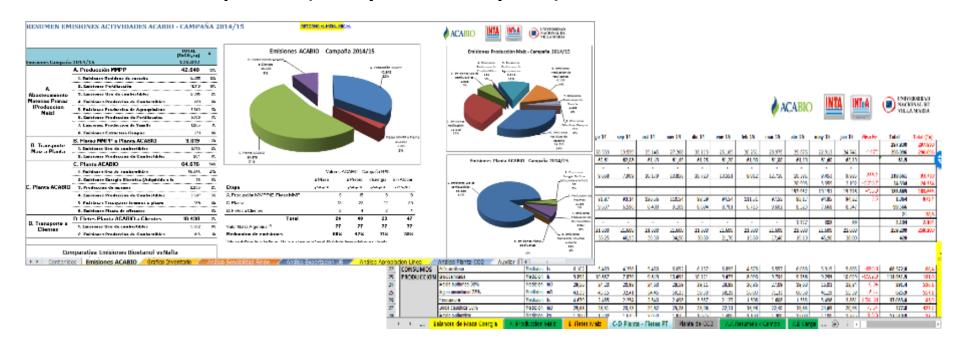
- A través de la Incorporación de la <u>territorialidad</u> a los análisis en función de los orígenes del maíz y las cantidades.
- Relevamiento de datos en lotes o campos que representan sistemas productivos homogéneos.
- Los datos relevados de campos en el ultimo periodo representan el 49% del total de maíz ingresado a planta.

Conceptos

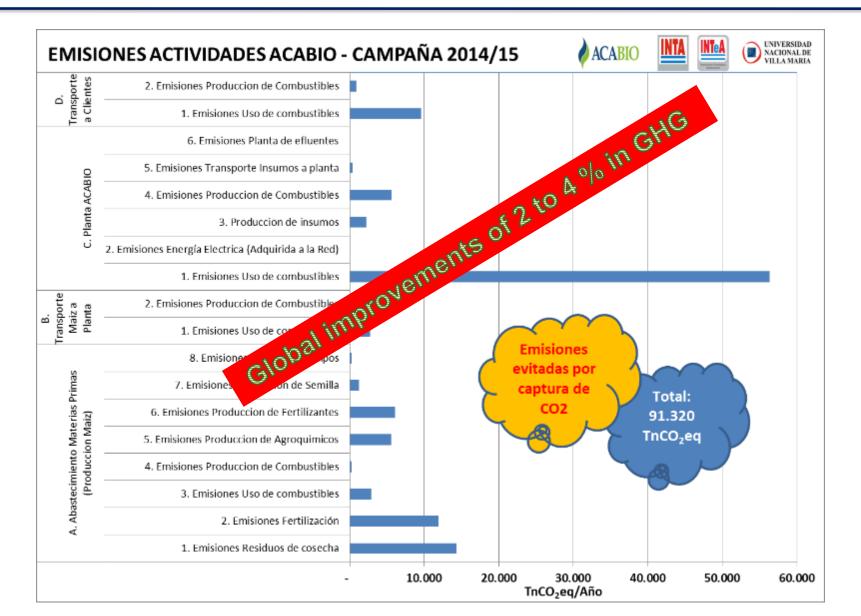
Plan de trabajo

Huella de Carbono de ACA BIO. Pasos

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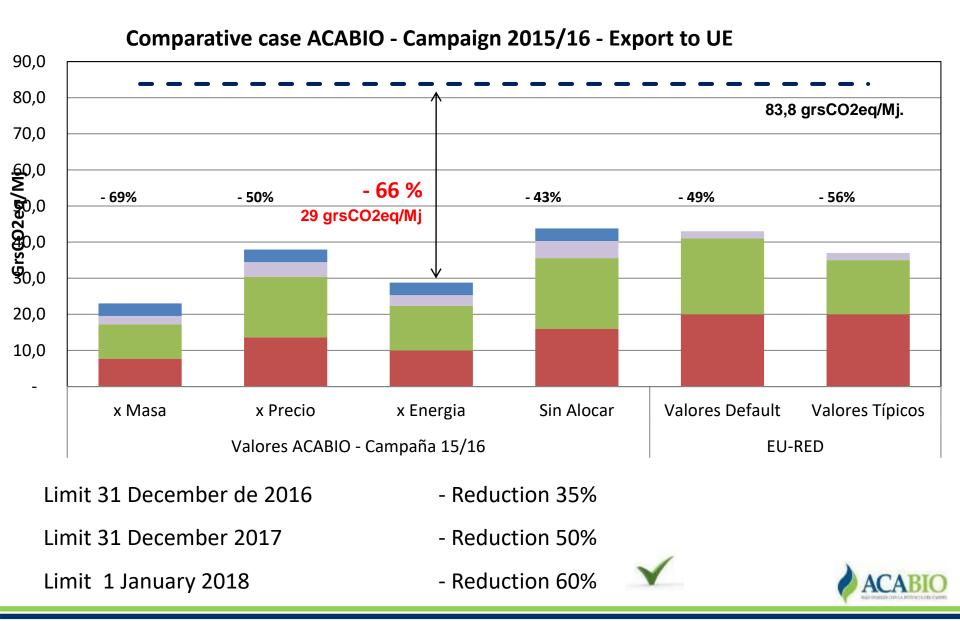


Impact of introduciend a new product as carbón dioxide



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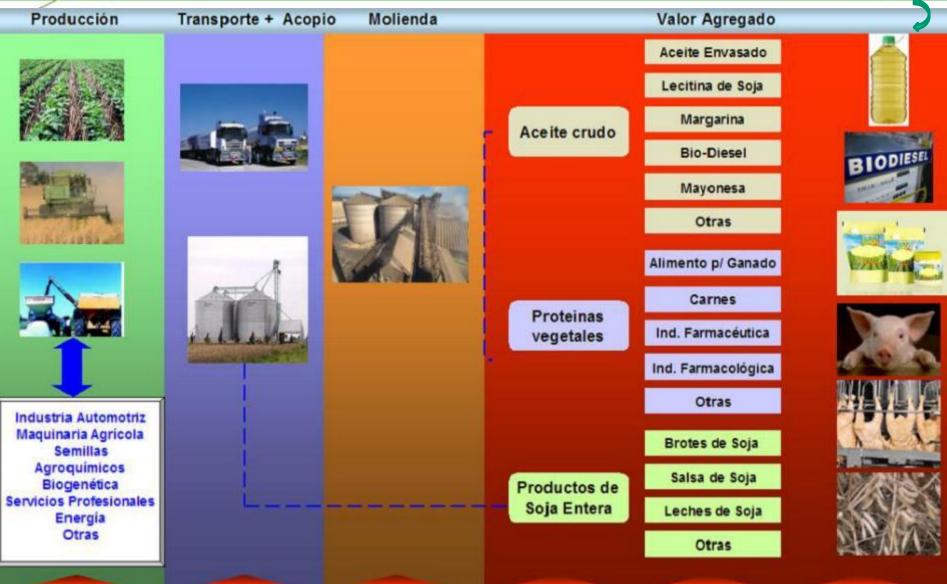
Emission reductions: grsCO2eq/Mj





ADDED VALUE FOR SOYBEAN CHAIN



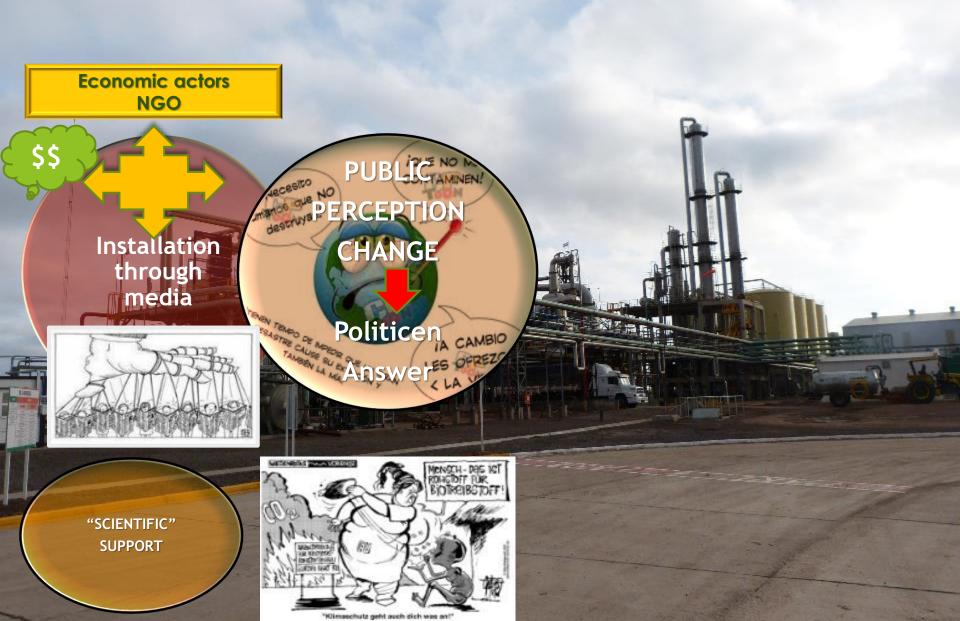


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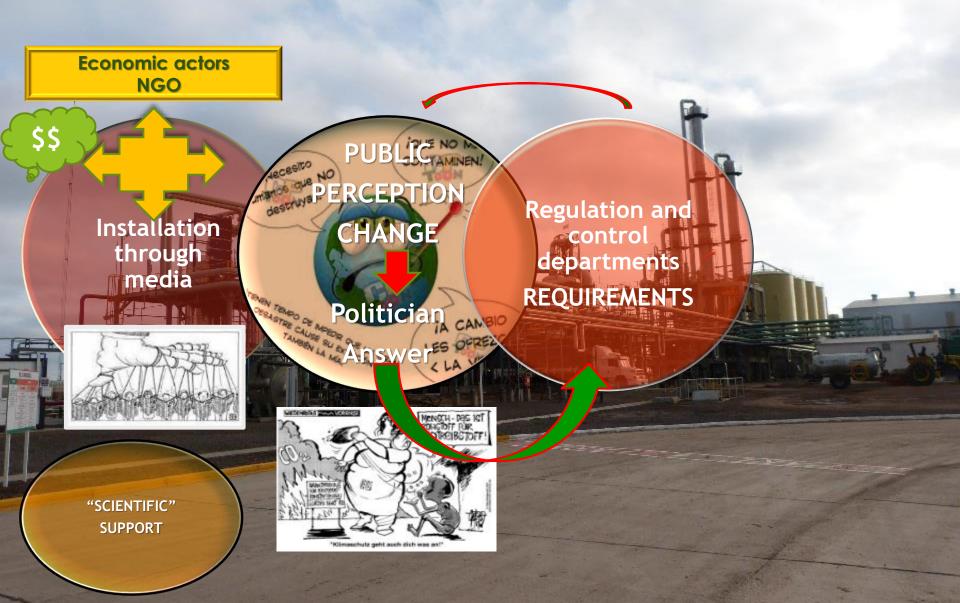
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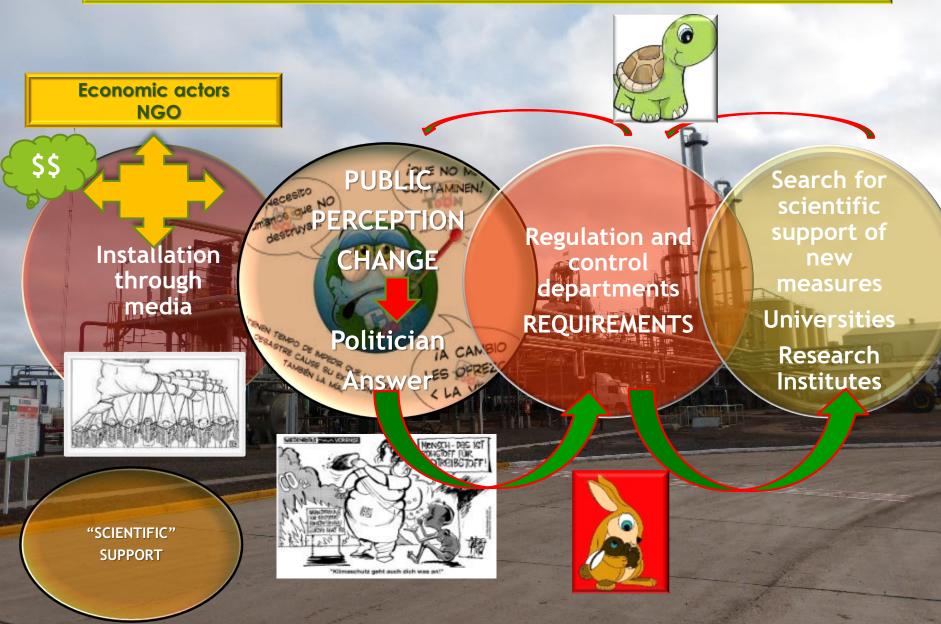
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Installed paradigmas

Direct relation between bioproducts production capacity and food security Food competence Advantages of non food crops (II generation) n Superior costs than conventional fuels Direct relation between crop use and biofuel production Increase crop production altering forest areas **Relative advantages on GHG savings** Neutral or low Energy balances

Principle characteristics of bioproductos large scale production in biorefineries

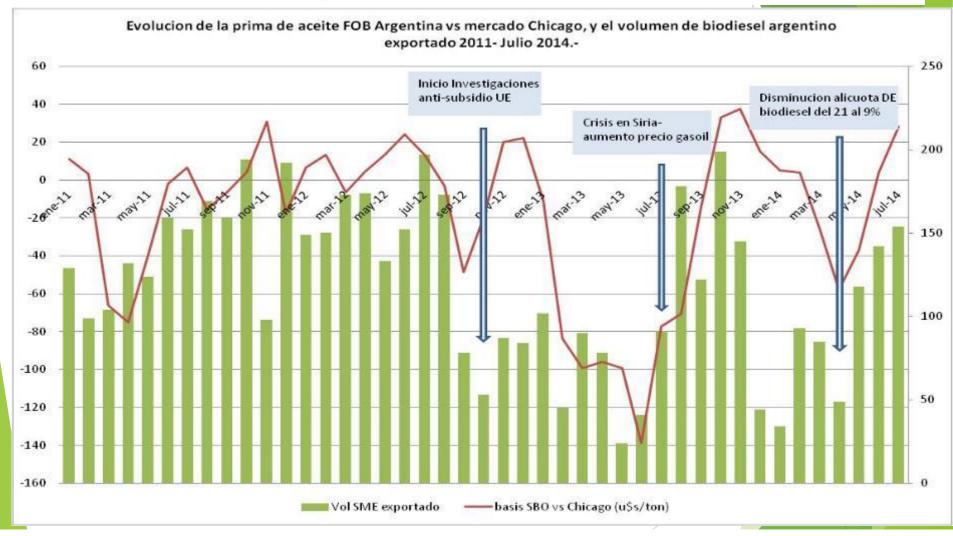
DINAMOTE INAMOTIVE

The

- Derive from a well established transforming chains (food, fiber, feed etc.)
- Produced from a coproducts of flexcrop production
- Rely on logistics and size economy savings already established.
- Produces multiple impacts in established markets generating new products, price movements, replacements, food feed patterns etc.
- Much affected by policy and administrative changes inside and outside country boundaries
- The industry were feedstock transformation occurs has great plasticity to produce or not the biofuels according to prices profit etc.

SUSTEINABILITY OF THE VALUE CHAIN

The fall in biodiesel production is producing a "comodizations" of exports since we have to sell higher volumes in an inelastic market.



Less foreing income less tax income less investment projects less Jobs and added value.

Large plants & médium size plants





Old and reinvesting sugarcane plants

New corn starch bioethanol plants





Small scale biorefineries

MiniDest°

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MiniDest are remotely operated small size modular plants for the processing of corn and the production of alcohol and animal food in farming facilities.

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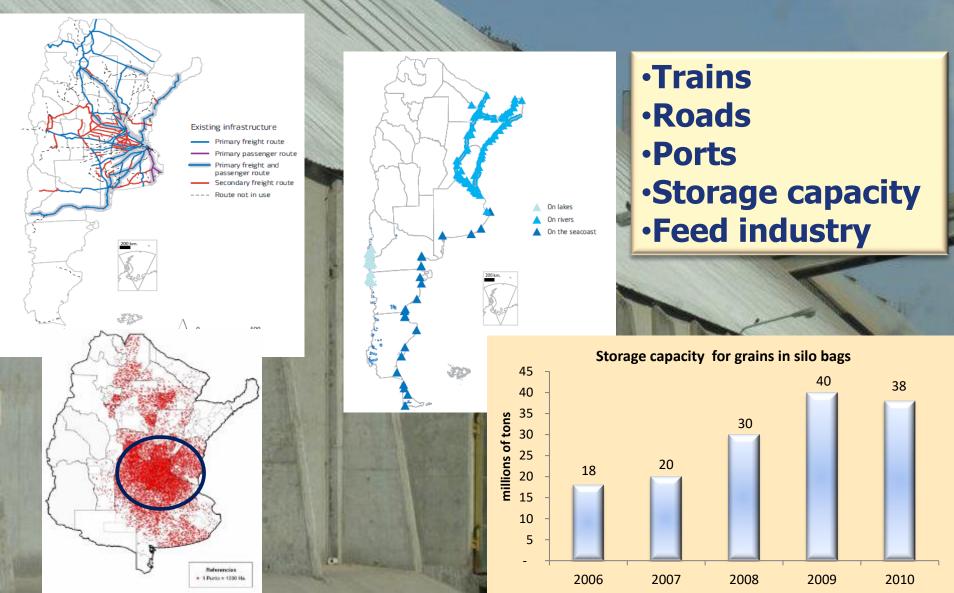


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Microdestileries en Argentina

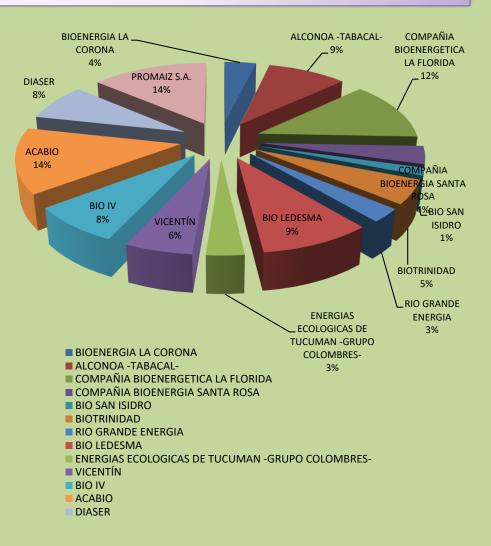


Infraestructure demands of the agroindustrial complex Bio refineries growth is based on these advantages

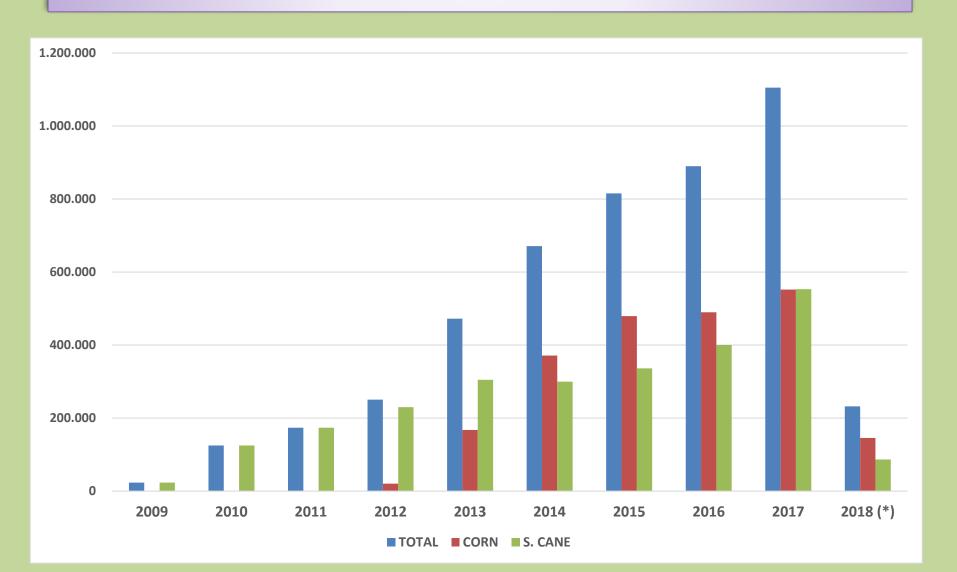


Installed bioethanol capacity sugar cane plus starch <u>corn bioethanol</u>

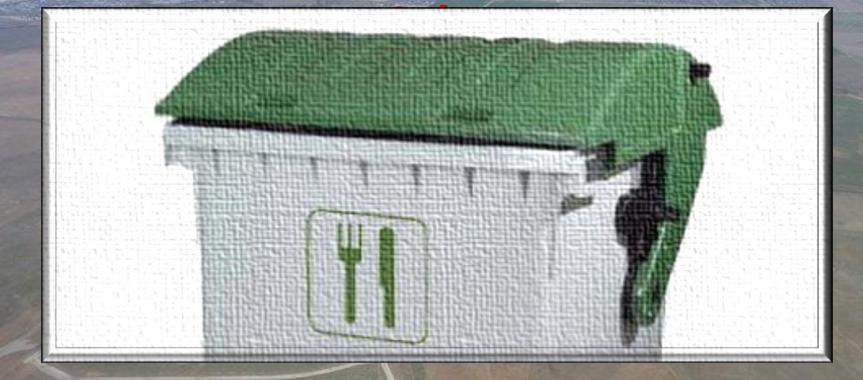
CAPACIDAD DE PRODUCCIÓN	m3/día	m3/año
BIOENERGIA LA CORONA	120	39.600
ALCONOA -TABACAL-	300	99.000
COMPAÑIA BIOENERGETICA LA FLORIDA	400	132.000
COMPAÑIA BIOENERGIA SANTA ROSA	120	39.600
BIO SAN ISIDRO	50	16.500
BIOTRINIDAD	160	52.800
RIO GRANDE ENERGIA	90	29.700
BIO LEDESMA	300	99.000
ENERGIAS ECOLOGICAS DE TUCUMAN - GRUPO COLOMBRES-	100	33.000
VICENTÍN	180	60.000
BIO IV	250	82.500
PROMAIZ S.A.	440	145.000
ACABIO	440	145.000
DIASER	250	82.500
SUBTOTAL	3.200	1.056.200



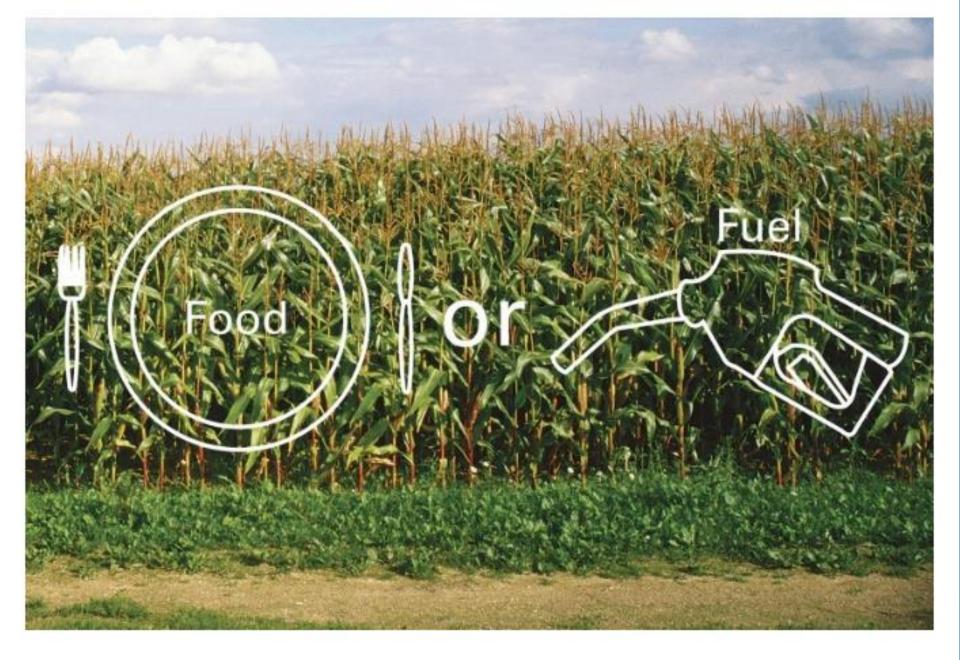
Bioethanol production (m3)



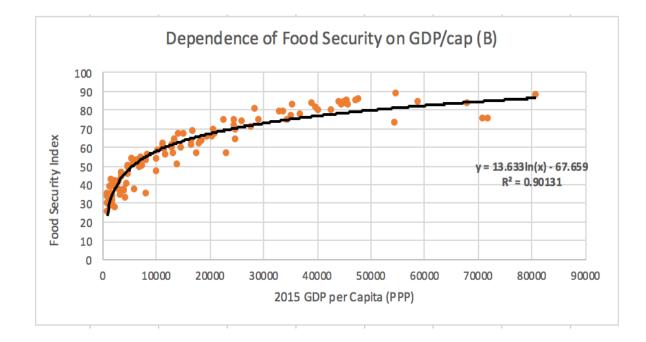
FOOD CONTROVERSY ?? 1/3 of food is thrown in the world according to FAO 2011

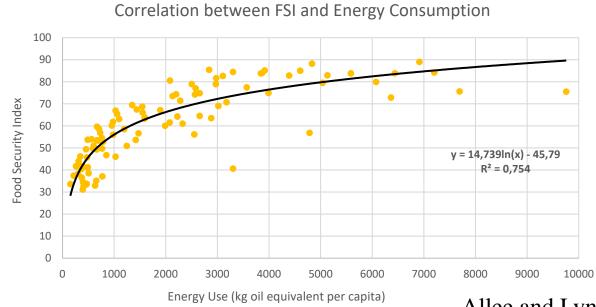


1.300 millones tons per year

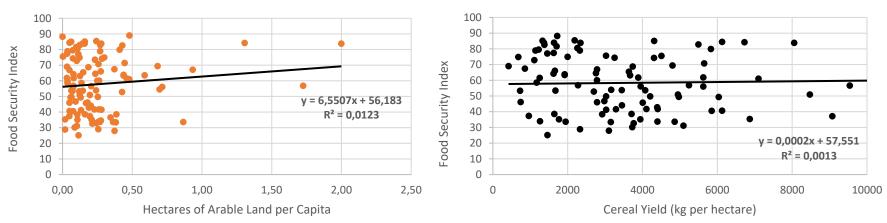


Biofuels: FAO asks to finish "food vs fuel" debate





Allee and Lynd, in preparation

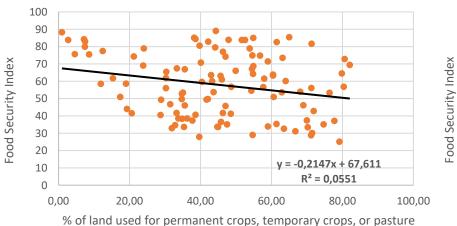


Dependence of Food Security on Arable Land

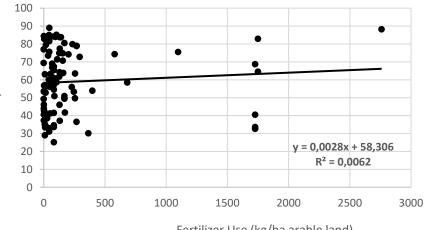
per Person

Dependence of Food Security on Cereal Yield

Dependence of Food Security on % of Total Land Area Used for Agriculture



Dependence of Food Security on Fertilizer Use



Fertilizer Use (kg/ha arable land)

Allee and Lynd

Overweight and obesity

Food consumption increase as a world business

- In 2010, 43 millon children presented overweight.
- Since 1980, obesity has duplicated in the world
- En 2008, 1500 millon adults (20 years (and over) were overweight. Within this group, 200 million men and 300 million women showed signs of obesity.
- In general terms, in 2008 more than one in ten adults worldwide were obese.
- Each year more than 2,8 million people die from obesity or overweight.

The World health organization estimates obesity to rise to 700 million people

ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS

ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS EU & USA

Folowed Strategy

- Develop and implement a specific segregation standard to comply with EPA requirements
- Develop a EU scheme not adopted use approved EU standards 2Bs ISCC
 Develop own calculations for industry transport & crop



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What is the scope?

Better Business Management

The systematic application of the set of GAP's, together with the measurement of soil chemical and physical indicators and the ordered registry of all the information, constitute a true "control panel" of the agronomic and business management.

- It orders and facilitates the decision-making process related to the agronomic management:
- It allows to evaluate the system evolution, and ensures a continuous improvement of production; and
- It promotes the investments on adequate technologies and infrastructure as well as the demand of qualified. services, which contributes to the dynamics and development of networks.

After obtaining the certification, what are its potential uses?



Benefits and Opportunities B+O

Higher Agronomic Efficiency

Higher water use efficiency.

Higher nutrient use efficiency.

Energy efficiency in the productive system.

AC seeks a sustainable and a more efficient use of natural resources.

🚺 A World of Opportunities

Differential contracts and agreements with

Development of a "Country Brand" related

companies whose products get to the consumer (certified production);

to a Differential production:

AC falls within an increasing global demand for food, which also requires guarantees of environmental and social sustainability. Because of that, new opportunities for agribusinesses arise:

Added Value products;

New markets.

Preferential access to specific markets; and

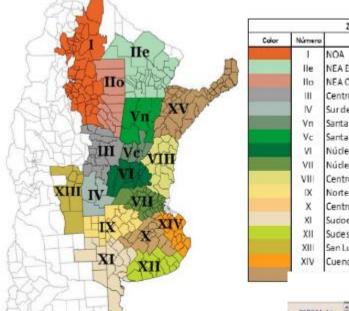
LCEA challenges

How to deal with a by product when the driver force of the crop comes from other sector • Emitions Baseline substraction ?? > Emition factor specially N2O +- 300 % ?? How we can evaluate agric. systems with crop rotations and not single crops Land use change Positive rather than negative effects of new agricultural techniques

Biodiesel Bioethanol & Biogas Green House Gases default value

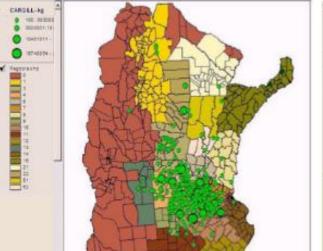


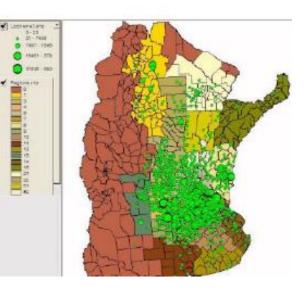
Introducing regional studies BECS





THE NEW STUDY INCLUDED 3 YEARS 26 MILLION TONS OF SOYBEANS & 2,2 M TONS OF BIODIESEL





Carbon calculator as a mean of approach

Instructions

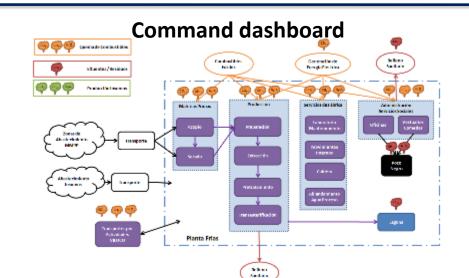
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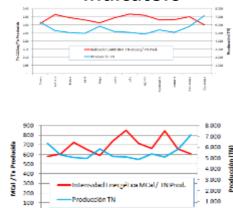


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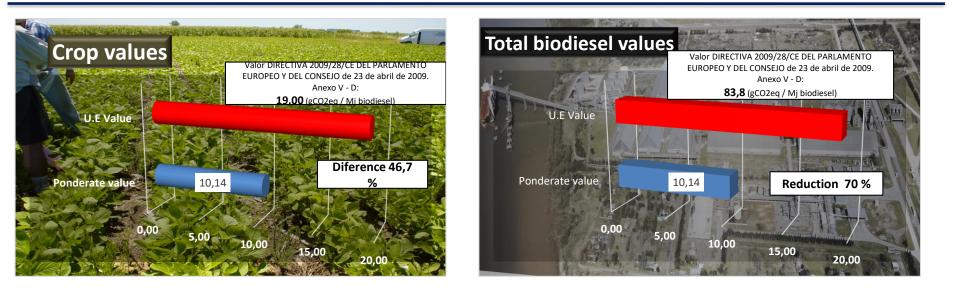
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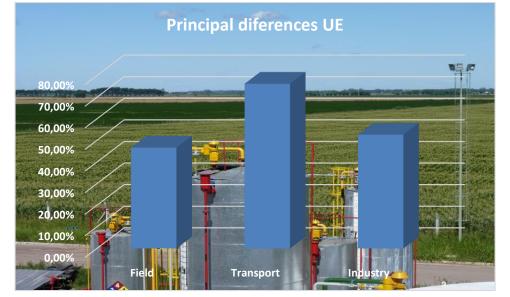


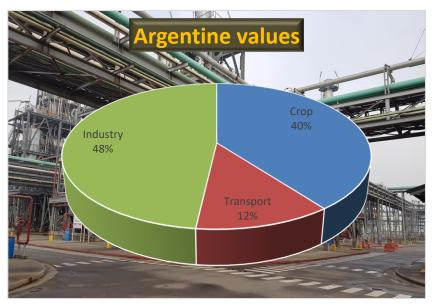
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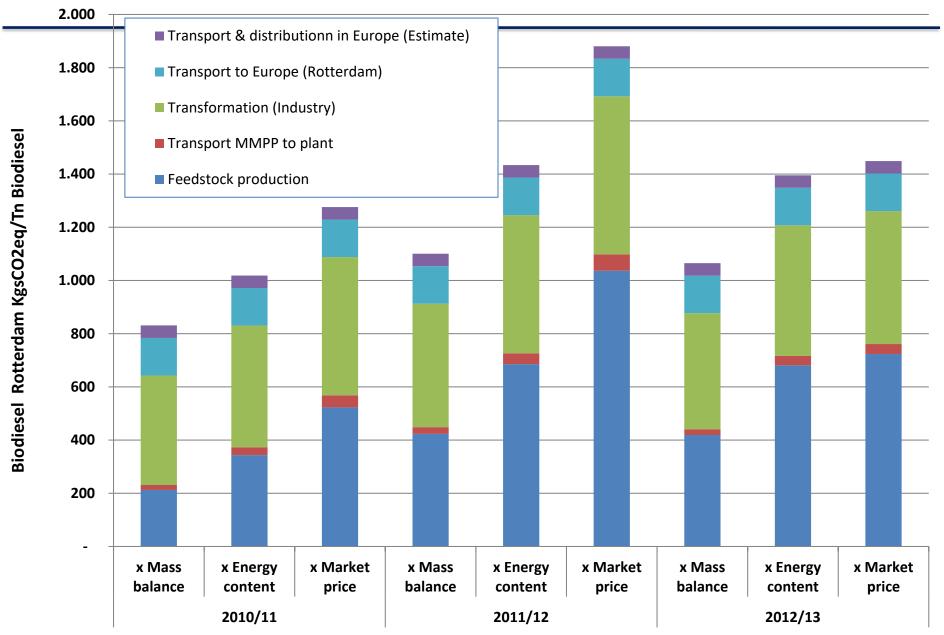
New 2018 studies







Interanual variation



LCA FOR II GENERACIÓN

Boundaries of the studies

- Alocation critera and factors
- Valorization criteria of each product and product
- Methodology

Energy value of each feedstock

Logistic considerations

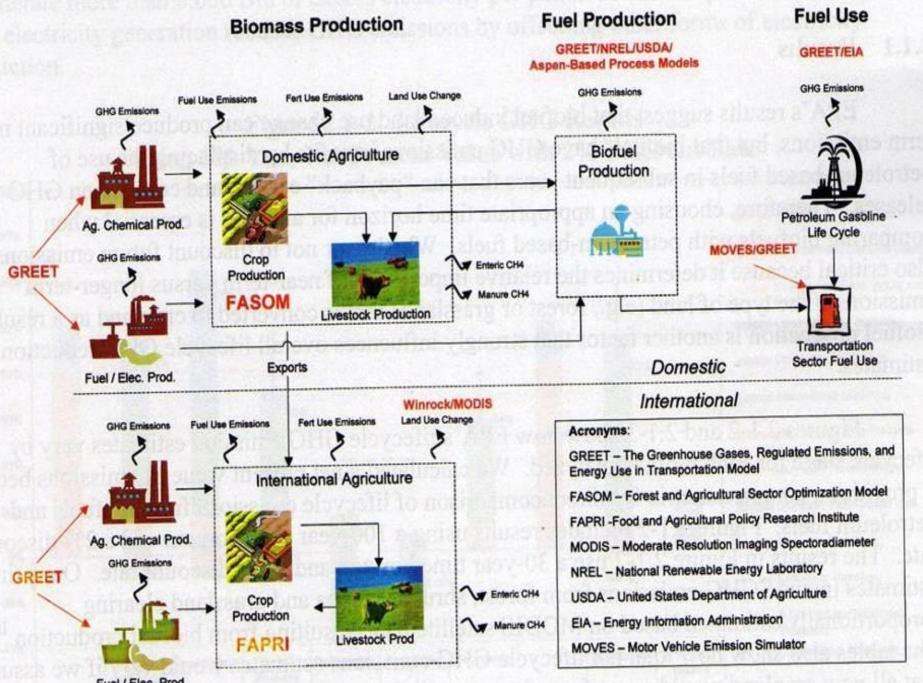
ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Energy efficiency (MJ consumed/MJ produced)	0.49 (0,51)	0.48	0.60
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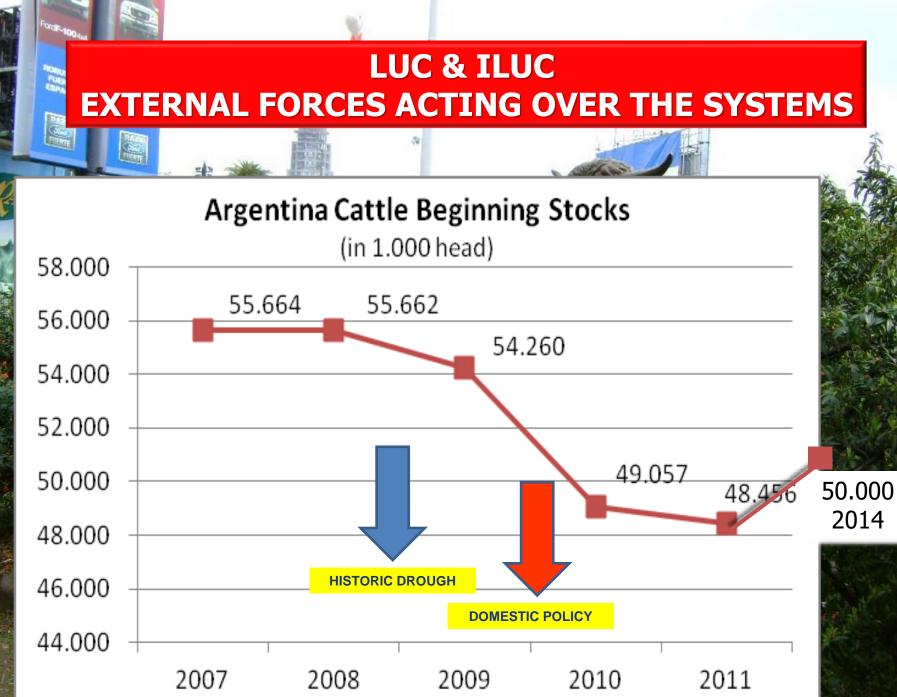
Economic model and output that affects LCA economic allocation results

	Material delulosico	Bagazo de a	agave	Rastrojo de	maiz	Rastrojo de ce	bada
	Ingresos	Ingreso anual	% del total	Ingreso anual	% del total	Ingreso anual	% del total
	Etanol	3.194.490	30%	3.392.708	22%	2.871.441	19%
	Fertilizante P		0%	1.616.112	11%	2.585.780	17%
IAS	Fertilizante K		0%	3.723.491	25%	2.606.444	17%
VENTAS	Fertilizante organico liquido (33,2% Brix)	7.184.994	67%				\frown
	Ventan de metano		0%	6.384.874	42%	6.937.196	46%
	Electricidad generada	344.335	3%		0%		0%
	Total de ventas	10.723.819	100%	15.117.185	100%	15.000.860	100%

Indirect impacts weakness and risks



Fuel / Elec. Prod.



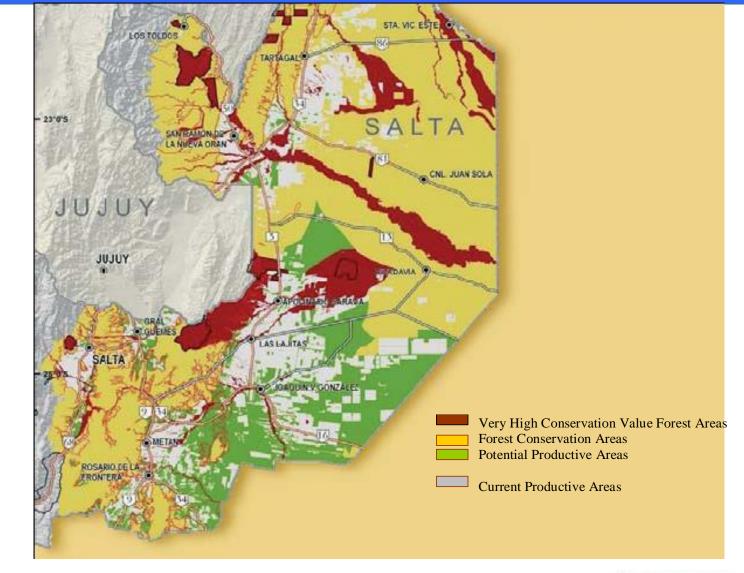
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LAND USE CHALLENGE

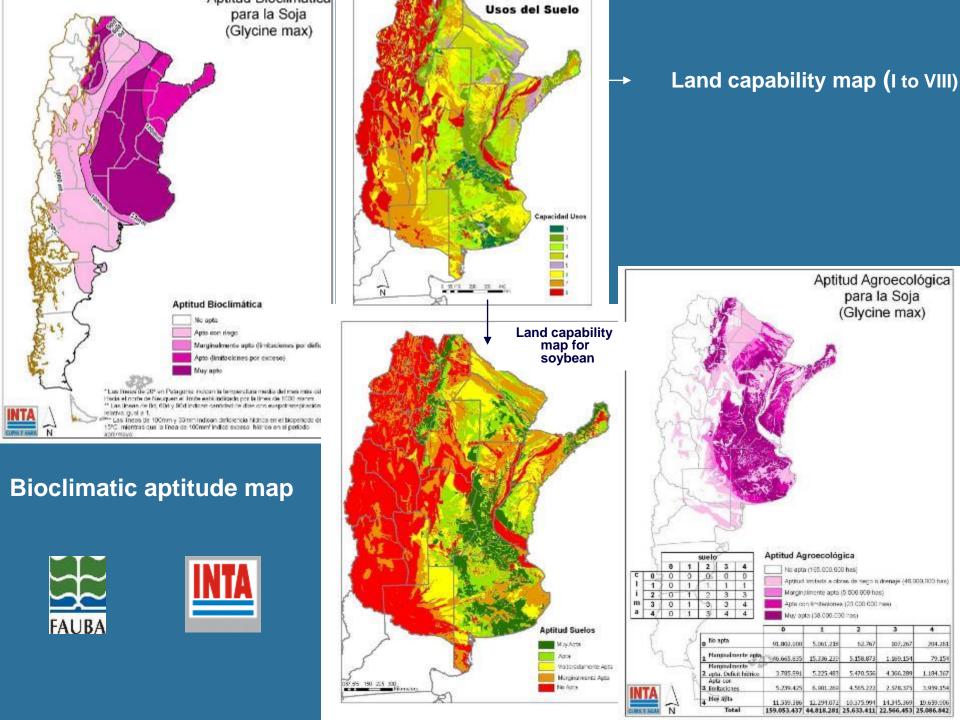


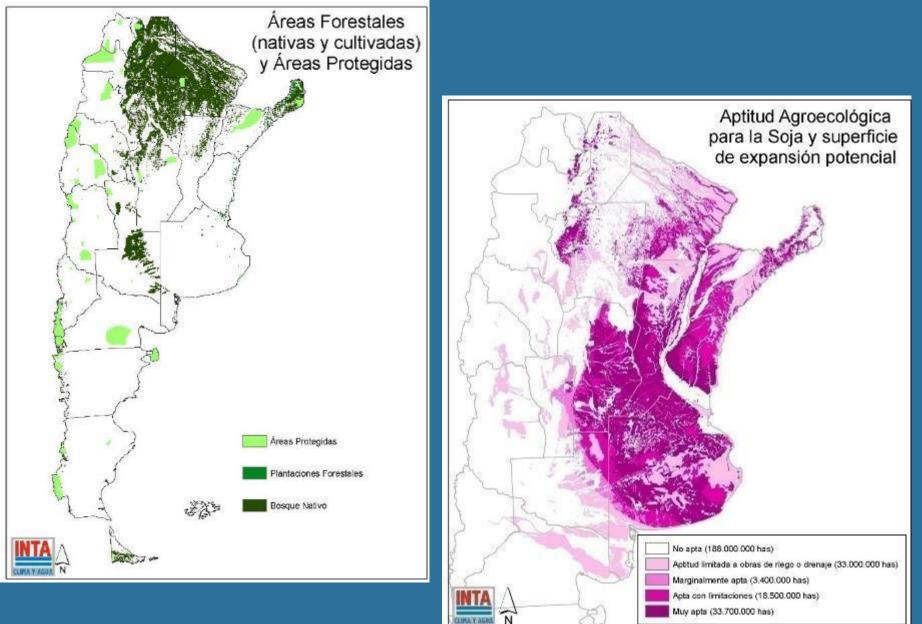
FOREST LAW No. 26331 – November 2007

Argentine provinces have begun enacting land zoning policies under the Forest Law's land management provisions, laying out areas where agricultural expansion is banned due to environmental concerns and areas where agricultural expansion is permissible.









Restricted Areas to agriculture under biodiversity and legal consideration

Agroecological Aptitude for soybean under biodiversity and legal considerations.

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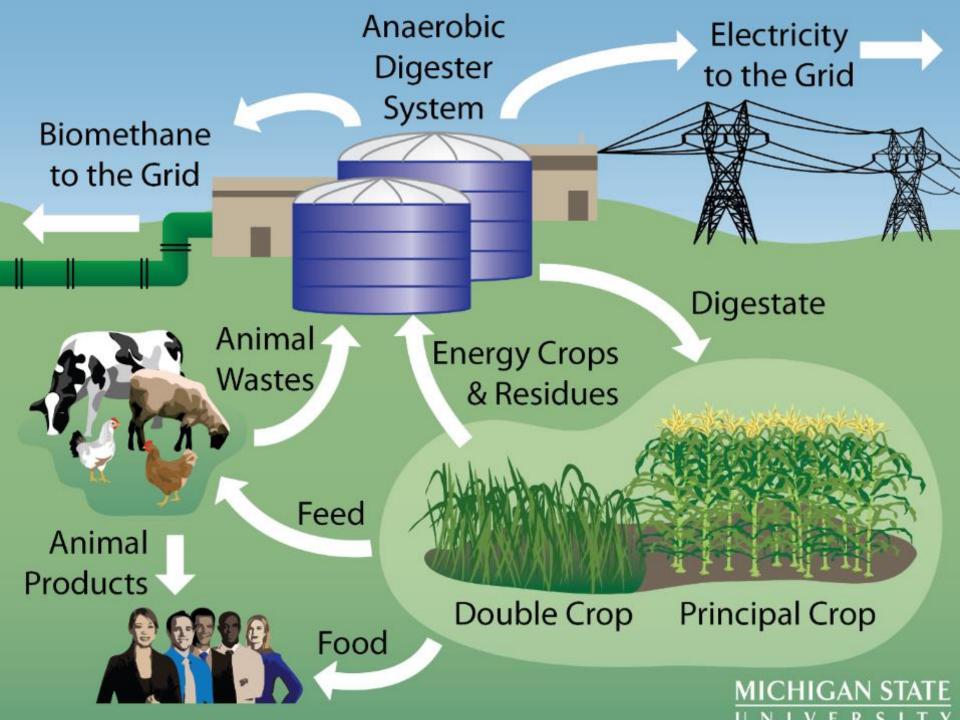
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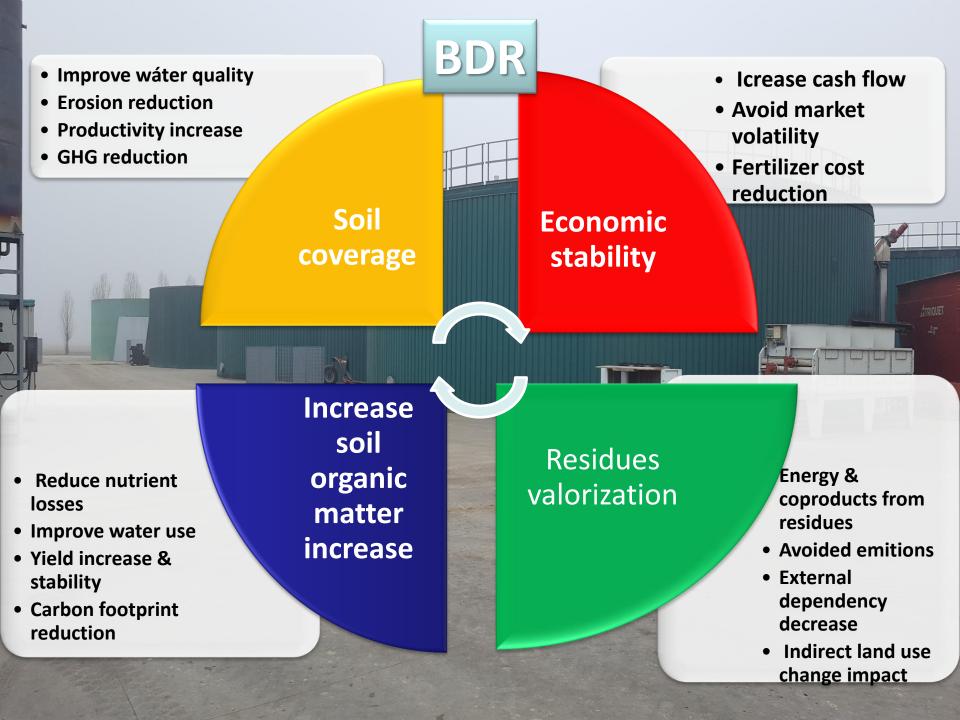
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PRACTICAL EXAMPLES

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First plant 2008 4,6 millones de E

250 dairy

Second plant 2012 4,8 millones E

Biomass storage

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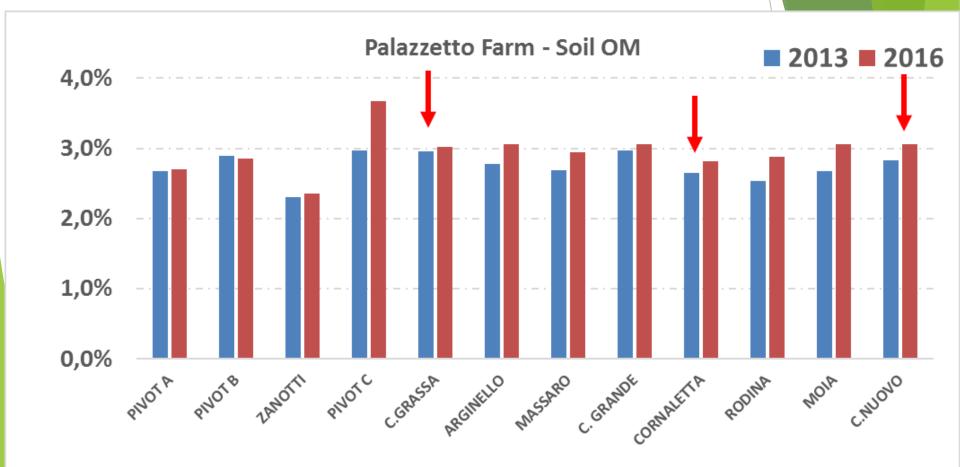
250 dairy farm **Products** Milk68 l/day Pasteurized animal bedding Digestate **Concentrated liquid fertilizers** Round bale forage drying service Electricity 2 Mw (2 biogas plants) Cash flow increase 600.000 to 12 millon Euro

Use of Presition ag and ridge tilling form digestate application



Organic matter improvement

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Heat & electricity

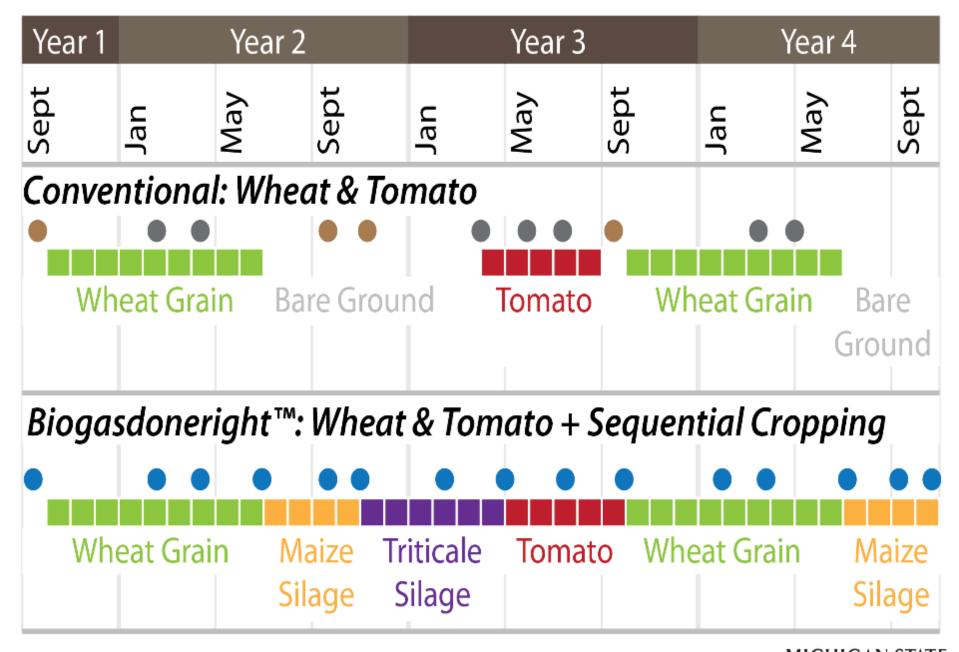
Pasterurized bedding

Round bales drying

Liquid fertilizer production

Generator

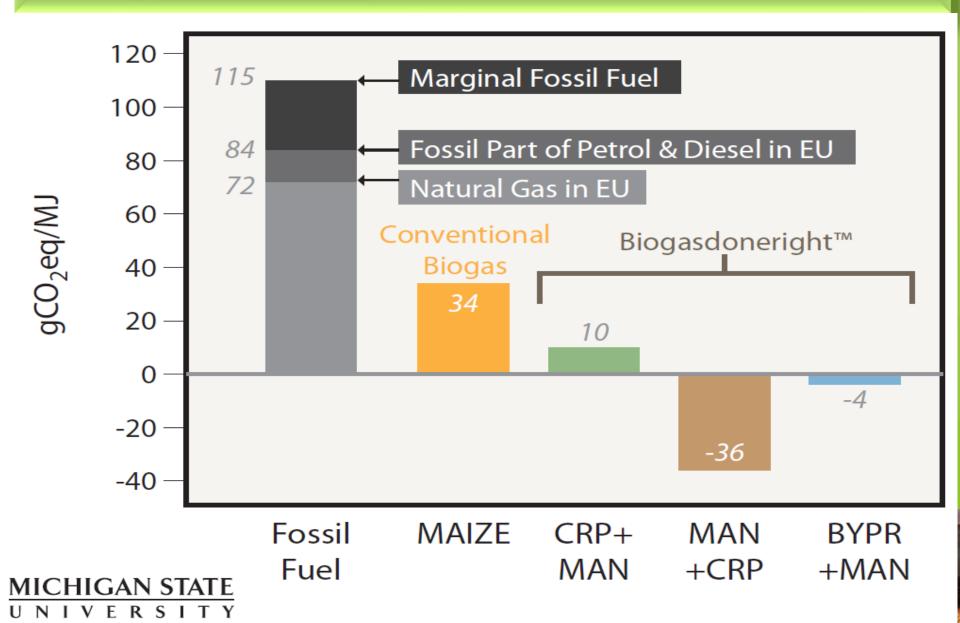
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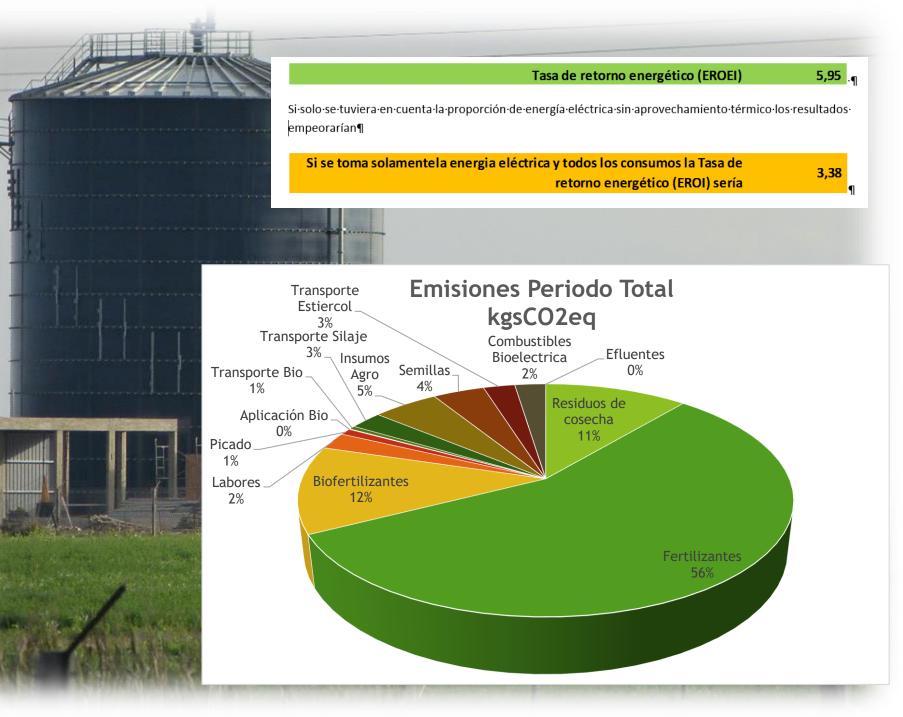


Chemical Fertilizer
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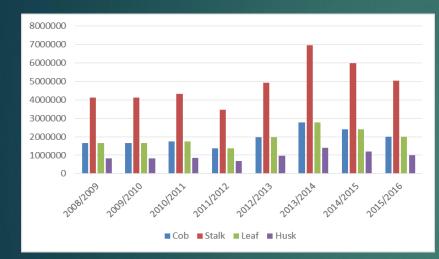
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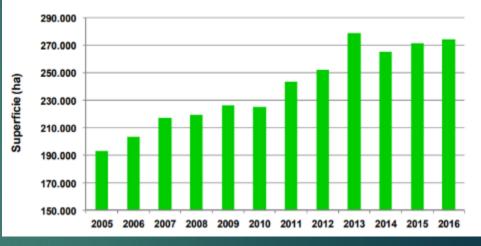




ARGENTINA HAS 100 DIGESTERS AND AN ENORMOUS POTENTIAL

Biorefinery potential sites should start with an Initial choice of biomasses and theoretical quantities





Theoretical biomass potential varied in the past 7 years between 700,000 t and 1,400,000 t. Figure shows theoretical biomass potential variation fractions were calculated from an average distribution of: 50% stalks, 20% leaves, 20% cobs and 10% husks or spathes. Experts, fixed a potential of collection of the residue in 5 t / ha / year.With such yield the theoretical biomass potential for sugarcane crop residues in 2016 estimate of 1.3 Mt. Departments which could provide the greatest amount were Leales, Cruz Alta, Simoca and Burruyacú, sugarcane production ranging between 57 and 75 t / ha / year.

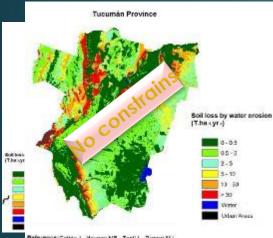
Agronomic potential

Soil erosion

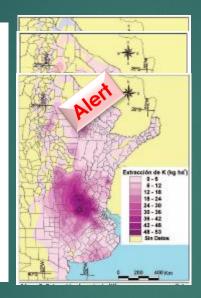
Nutrient balance

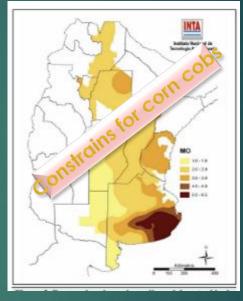
Soil organic matter

Biodiversity



Referencie: Califan J., Nasaro MP., Twell L., Ploand MJ., Carfingns P., Ruo S. 2117, Estimación de la sérié de de casic por eros diministras en la República Arganteo. Historicos INTA.







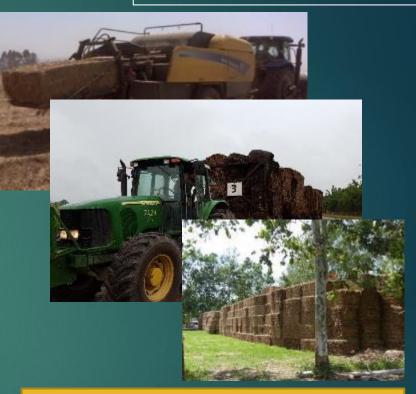
Risk areas to be avoided a recent study of INTA Gaitan et al 2017 on national soil erosion was used. This study estimates the intervening factors in the Universal Soil Loss Equation (USLE) for the estimation of water erosion, integrates all the factors that intervene in the equation, through Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and obtained the map with the rate of soil loss due to water erosion for the entire territory of the Argentine Republic There is a low nutrient reposition in Argentina that can be seen in the work done by Cruzate and Casas when mapping nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus balance only considering the grains extraction of the fields INTA Pergamino experimental station soil specialists performed a series of studies for the project regarding soil carbon balance and projections (Irizar, A.; Milesi Delaye; L.; Andriulo, A.). To simulate the evolution of the SOC, the AMG model for predicting the evolution of SOC The model runs on an annual basis and assumes that fresh organic matter is mineralized or humified in the soil after one year. A specific survey was made on the two provinces under study. Different layers of maps were used in order to verify if there was any conflict between the potential feedstock supply areas and environmental restriction or protections.

Technical potential

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The losses during the supply chain can be estimated from 10 to 20%. So it can be concluded that the technical potential is 80 to 90%.



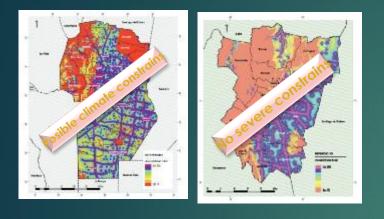
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Non competitive potential

Corn cobs are not extensely collected. Machinery technology is not available. Increasing harvesting costs and time will be critical. Price will be over 25 €/t. There is a need to develop the whole chain including a densification process. The use of cobs as food for livestock will not be competitive at that price. So the noncompetitive potential is estimated to 100%.

Sugarcane crop residues were either left to decompose or burned in the fields. There are new projects being presented for heat & electricity. Two contractors pick them up and sell them for forage or fuel for boilers. Trade price of such biomass between 17 and 20 €/t. The part of exportable sugarcane crop residues that is used as complementary fuel with bagasse is estimated to 10%. Therefore, currently the non-competitive potential is estimated at 90%

Logistics and operational costs of the preselected biomasses



The analysis of the road network was carried out using the vector layer corresponding to the SIG250 of the National Geographic Institute (IGN). It was encoded based on specific bibliography on relations between the type of road and the difficulty of displacement (World Bank, 1995). Of this mode, to perform the spatial analysis was weighted accessibility according to the characteristics of the road network and, considering the attributes 50 % reduction in corn combine speed, increase to 141 \$/ha, and the additional cost for harvesting the cob would be 48 \$/ha (Maung & Al 2011). Machinery not available.

So the overall cost for harvesting and separating the cob in one pass would be 119 \$/ha (141-71+48) or 102 \$/t (82 €/t 02/18 conv.rate) using an average yield for cob of 0.86 t/ha.

Sugar cane residue total cost of supply including swathing, baling, field transport, transport to storage facility, loading to plant and the cleaning prior to processing in the factory ranged from 36 to 43 /t.

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10 bullet points regarding bioproducts and bioenergy production from biomass

To achieve sustainable development goals modern bioenergy derived from the Earth's photosynthetic capacity has a great potential to overcome "energy poverty" in the poorest countries. There is a great challenge to increasing its world scale significantly in the next years going from 23 to 93 EJ

Acceptability of bioproducts is strongly connected with communication to the public and a correct public perception of net sustainability benefits compared to fossil energy.

Sustainability has become an essential and indivisible part of modern bioproduct production and use.

Traditional biomass use for energy linked to depletion of natural resources and environmental problems has to be clearly differentiate from modern and sustainable forms of use, which can provide many sustainability benefits such as increased employment, better water quality, reduced greenhouse gases and so forth.



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- There is an urgent need to enlarge the total photosynthesis capture surface over the earth in order to substantially increase the biomass production for all purposes achieving millennium goals. Catch crops, double cropping and higher efficiency plants are some alternatives. We are facing a new revolution in biomass productivity and transformation by means of C4 plants potential and new transforming technologies. However, the long-term sustainability of these high productivity systems must be assured through continuous monitoring.
 - Low energy density and high geographical dispersion implies great challenges for the feedstock supply chain regarding logistics and transport. Satellite assistance and the use of geographical information systems is essential to reach a sustainable development of different forms of biorefineries
 - Biomass transformation generates multiple impacts with economic, environmental, and social benefits that must be measured, considered and improved. The transformation of biomass and production of bioenergy must be addressed in a systemic and holistic manner with proper consideration of site-specific manner factors in order to contemplate multiproduct, multimarket and multirequirements.

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- There are economic and political reasons underpinning promotion and regulatory actions being implemented by different countries or regions. Consumer and producer initiatives and considerations including farmers and producers of all sizes must be equally taken into account.
- Standards and certification schemes are very useful to encourage sustainability of bioproducts; however, they may not always achieve sustainability improvements. There is a need to improve them in order to consider the ability of small producers to support these mandates. Certification procedures need to be practical, adapted to agriculture particular needs, accessible to small farmers, adapted to local needs, and support continual improvement
- Improvements in productivity and environmental performance are occurring in all bio transformations with sometimes-positive outcomes that have to be deeply studied and promoted.
- Innovations in biorefineries technology at all stages in the pathways are making possible improvements to economic, environmental, and social sustainability.
- Incentives should be placed to continue development and improvements of innovative biorefinery technologies with yield economic, environmental, and social benefits.



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¡Muchas Gracias!



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