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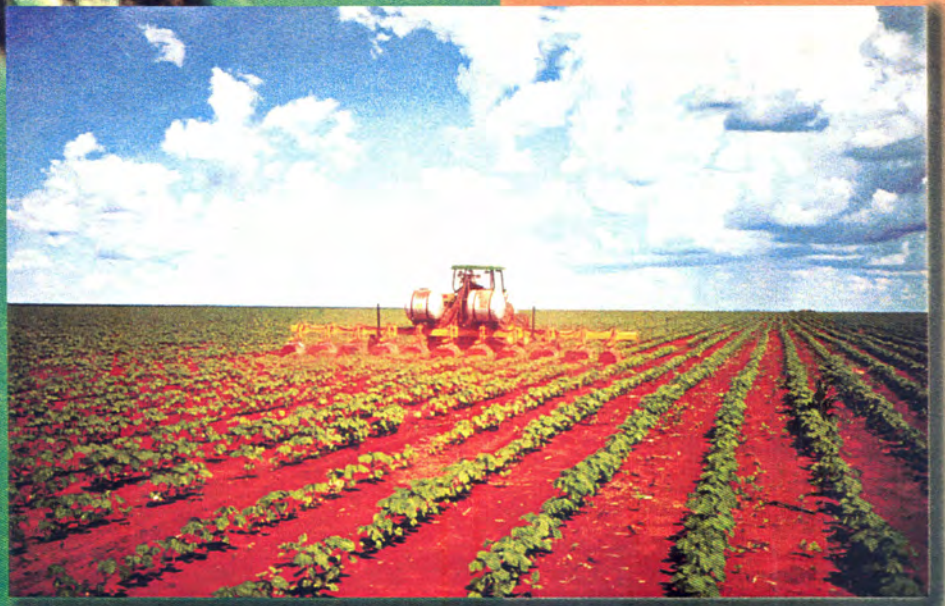
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Distribution of the Cerrado

■ Cerrados Region
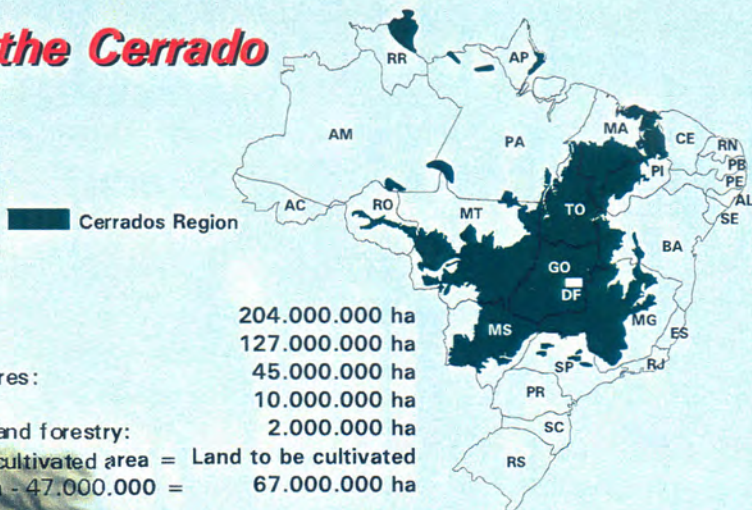
Total area:	204.000.000 ha
Arable land:	127.000.000 ha
Cultivated pastures:	45.000.000 ha
Annual crops:	10.000.000 ha
Perennial crops and forestry:	2.000.000 ha
Potential area - cultivated area =	Land to be cultivated
127.000.000 ha - 47.000.000 =	67.000.000 ha
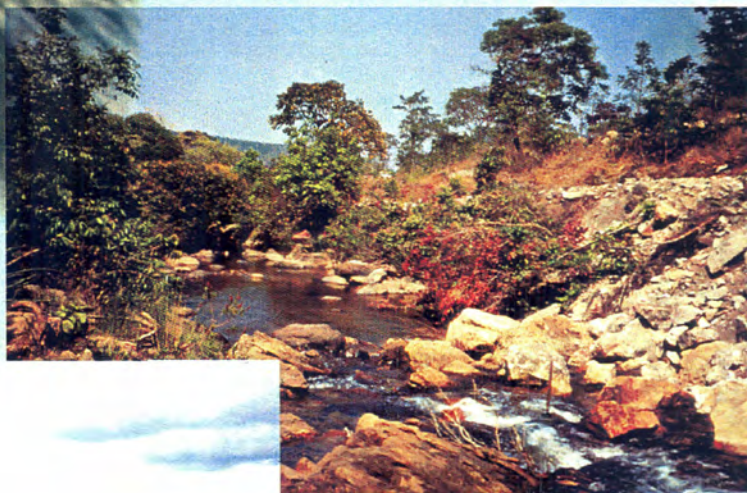
Typical scenery and vegetation in Cerrado

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1- The Brazilian Cerrado

Commodities production in the Cerrado						
Commodities	**Absolute and relative* Production 1,000 tons (percentage)**					
	1975	**1980**	**1985**	**1990**	**1995**	**1997****
Soybeans	310 (3.1*)	1 833 (12.1)	5 961 (32.6)	6 348 (31.9)	11 322 (44.2)	12 000 (46.2)
Corn	2 824 (17.3)	3 706 (18.2)	4 132 (18.8)	4 352 (20.4)	8 687 (24.0)	8 000 (25.8)
Rice	2 335 (30.0)	3 555 (36.4)	2 634 (29.2)	1 464 (19.7)	2 404 (21.4)	1 300 (16.3)
Beans	300 (13.1)	231 (11.7)	277 (10.8)	390 (17.5)	511 (17.4)	700 (23.3)

*Percentage of Brazil's production   **Estimated figures
Source: Embrapa Cerrados, 1997

Animal production in the Cerrado						
Product	**Percentage of Brazil's Production**					
	1975	**1980**	**1985**	**1990**	**1993**	**1997**
Beef cattle	31.4	32.9	36.4	37.5	38.5	40.2
Swine	21.2	17.3	20.0	20.8	20.4	20.0
Poultry	14.0	13.6	12.6	13.0	12.3	12.3
Goats	14.7	13.8	13.4	9.7	15.4	—
Milk	22.9	25.3	28.9	28.1	30.3	33.1
Eggs	12.7	11.7	14.2	14.2	14.7	17.2

* estimated figures
Sorce: Embrapa Cerrados, 1997

Soybean production

Distribution of the Nucleus of the Cerrado Among the Brazilian States			
States	**In thousands of square kilometers**		
	Total Area	**Cerrado Area**	**Percentage**
Minas Gerais	582	384	66,0
Tocantins	287	249	86,8
Mato Grosso	881	421	47,8
M. Grosso do Sul	350	216	61,7
Piauí	250	162	64,8
Bahia	559	82	14,7
Maranhão	324	141	43,5
Ceará	146	2	1,4
Pará	1,227	11	0,9
Rondônia	243	41	16,9
Goiás	355	355	100,0
Distrito Federal	5	5	100,0
Total Brazil	**8,456**	**2,069**	**24,5**

Trees with twisted trunks

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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION IN CERRADO

FROM AUGUST 1st, 1994 TO JULY 31st, 1999.

To improve, in Cerrado, technologies for sustainable agriculture which take the environment into account.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE PROJECT

1. Evaluation of agro-environmental resources
2. Soil deterioration: causes and control technologies
3. Crop protection: control methods
4. Crop production system: selection and development

Japanese expert in experimental field

Counterpart organization Embrapa Cerrados

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EVALUATION OF AGRO-ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

1. CLARIFYING THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLANT SPECIES AND DEFINING THE LAND USE CONDITIONS

   - Qualification and evaluation of natural flora resources and land use of Cerrados by using the remote sensing technology and ecological approaches (ST*)

2. CLARIFYING THE CONDITIONS OF SOIL EROSION

   - Estimation of soil erosion in cultivated lands in Cerrados (ST*).

3. CLARIFYING THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF WATER RESOURCES AND WATER QUALITY

   - Evaluation of water quality of Cerrado Water System (ST*).

*ST = Japanese short term consultant.

Natural flora resources and land use

Water resources and examination of water quality

SOIL DETERIORATION

1. ANALYZING THE PRIMARY IMPEDING FACTORS OF SOIL PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVING COUNTERMEASURES

- Improvement of soil management technology to control soil degradation (LT*).

- Development of tillage system to lessen soil compaction (LT*).

2. SEARCHING FOR THE CAUSE OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SOIL DEGRADATION AND DEVELOPING METHODS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE NUTRIENT AND WATER SUPPLYNG ABILITY.

- Diagnosis of degradation in soil chemical and biological properties and efficient improvement (LT*).

*LT = Japanese long farm consultant.

Soil profile for survey of productivity

Experiment of soil management

Examination of soil physical propreties

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CROP PROTECTION

1. STUDYNG THE CONDITIONS UNDERLYING THE SUDDEN OUTBREAKS OF PESTS AND DISEASES.

- Survey on incidence of seedborne and/or airborne diseases of major crops (LT).

2. IMPROVING THE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY FOR SOILBORNE DISEASE AND DEVELOPING AGRONOMICAL COUNTERMEASURES.

- Ecological and physiological studies on soilborne diseases and their control by sustainable field management (LT).
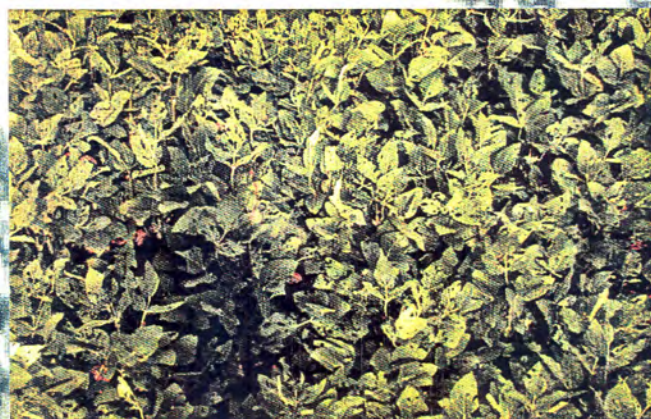
3. IMPROVING THE INTEGRATED PEST CONTROL TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPING FORECASTING TECHNOLOGY FOR UNFORESEEN OUTBREAKS OF PESTS.

- Development of biological control pests (ST & LT)

- Survey on ecological of Scarabaeidae and nematodes as affected by tillage system and cropping system (ST).

Soybean pest, Anticarsia gemmatalis

Soybean leaves damaged by Anticarsia gemmatalis

Graviola damaged by pests

Rearing of A. gemmatalis for preparation of biological pesticide

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CROPPING PRODUCTION SYSTEM

1. SELECTING AND INTRODUCING CROPS ADAPTABLE TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

- Selection of functional plants adaptable to Cerrado environmental conditions to improve physical, chemical and/or biological properties of soil (ST).

2. DEVELOPING THE CROPPING SYSTEM

- Development of production system of optional crops to soybean cultivation based on their growth response and sustainability (LT).

Soybean field in Cerrado

Development of production system

Selection of functional plant (Pearl Millet)

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ACCOMPLISHMENT IN TERMS OF INPUTS

JAPANESE INPUTS

1. Dispatch of Japanese experts
2. Acceptance of Brazilian counterparts
3. Provision of machinery and equipment
4. Supplementary fund to cover local costs
5. Dispatch of team

BRAZILIAN INPUTS

1. Provision of land, buildings and facilities
2. Budgetary allocation
3. Assignment of counterparts and other personnel
4. Supply and replacement of machinery and equipment

INSTITUTIONAL GOAL OF
Embrapa Cerrados

TO MAKE POSSIBLE TECHNOLOGICAL, COMPETITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR AGRIBUSINESS OF THE REGION OF CERRADO, IN BENEFIT OF THE SOCIETY.

ISSUE 1: IMPROVEMENT OF THE CURRENT PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

1. To study in details the performance of some used production systems, such as:

   - Beans
   - Corn
   - Soybean
   - Wheat

2. To identify the main constraints in the crop production scheme, aiming to give answers, such as:

   - Reduction of production costs
   - Increasing of crop productivity
   - Irrigation usage
   - Analysis of market tendencies

ISSUE 2: DIVERSIFYING THE COMPONENTS OF THE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

New options to make up possible agriculture systems will be studied looking at the follow issues:

- Introduction of fruit crops
- Integration of crop production and livestock
- Integration of crop production and forestry
- Exploring the potentialities of native plant species, related to:

  - Woody species
  - Fruit species
  - Aromatic species
  - Ornamental species
  - Medicinal species

ISSUE 3: STUDIES FOR EVALUATING THE OVERALL AGRICULTURE EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

- To compare traditional crop systems against alternative one's
- To evaluate the environmental degradation
- To evaluate the economical and social impacts of agriculture in the Cerrado's ecosystem
- To evaluate the biodiversity, as related to flora, macrofauna, mesofauna, and microfauna
- To quantify the CO_2 absorption and emission from Cerrados's ecosystem

Lagoa Bonita
View from Embrapa Cerrados

HUMAN RESOURCES

Embrapa Cerrados has a total of 428 employees distributed as follows:

Researches	**93**
BSc	02
MSc	50
PhD	37
Pos-Doctor	04
Support for Research and Development	**330**

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