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# Opportunities for climate change mitigation in the Brazilian agricultural sector

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Mitigation opportunities in the Brazilian agricultural sector

Meat production

Biofuel production

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# Emission Sources

Fossil fuel  
burning

78

Land use change  
and agriculture

Global

22

GHG

CO<sub>2</sub>

Brazil

75

55

CH<sub>4</sub>

91

80

N<sub>2</sub>O

94

GHG in Brazil

Global Ranking

Only fossil fuel burning

17°

Fossil fuel burning

+

Land use change and agriculture

4°

# Relative Distribution (%) of CO<sub>2</sub>-eq emissions

Deforestation



70

Enteric fermentation



15

Management of animal manure



0.6

Extensive animal production



4.6

Manure



0.3

SOM decomposition (mineral soils)



3.3

SOM decomposition (organic soils)



0.5

Liming



0.5

Rice production



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Burning of agriculture residues



0.3

Sintetic Fertilizers



0.4

N biological fixation



0.6

Residues from harvesting



0.9

Volatilelization and subsequent N decomposition in the atmosphere



0.6

Lixiviation and N runoff



2.1

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# Expansion estimates in area ( $10^6$ ha) for the next 10 years

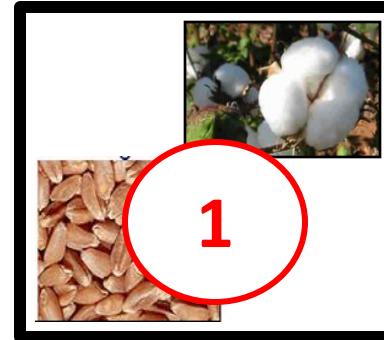
Soybean



Mayze



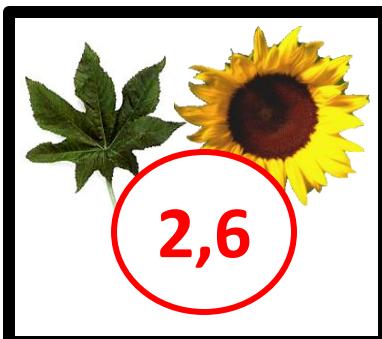
Others



Sugarcane



Oil crops



Reforestation



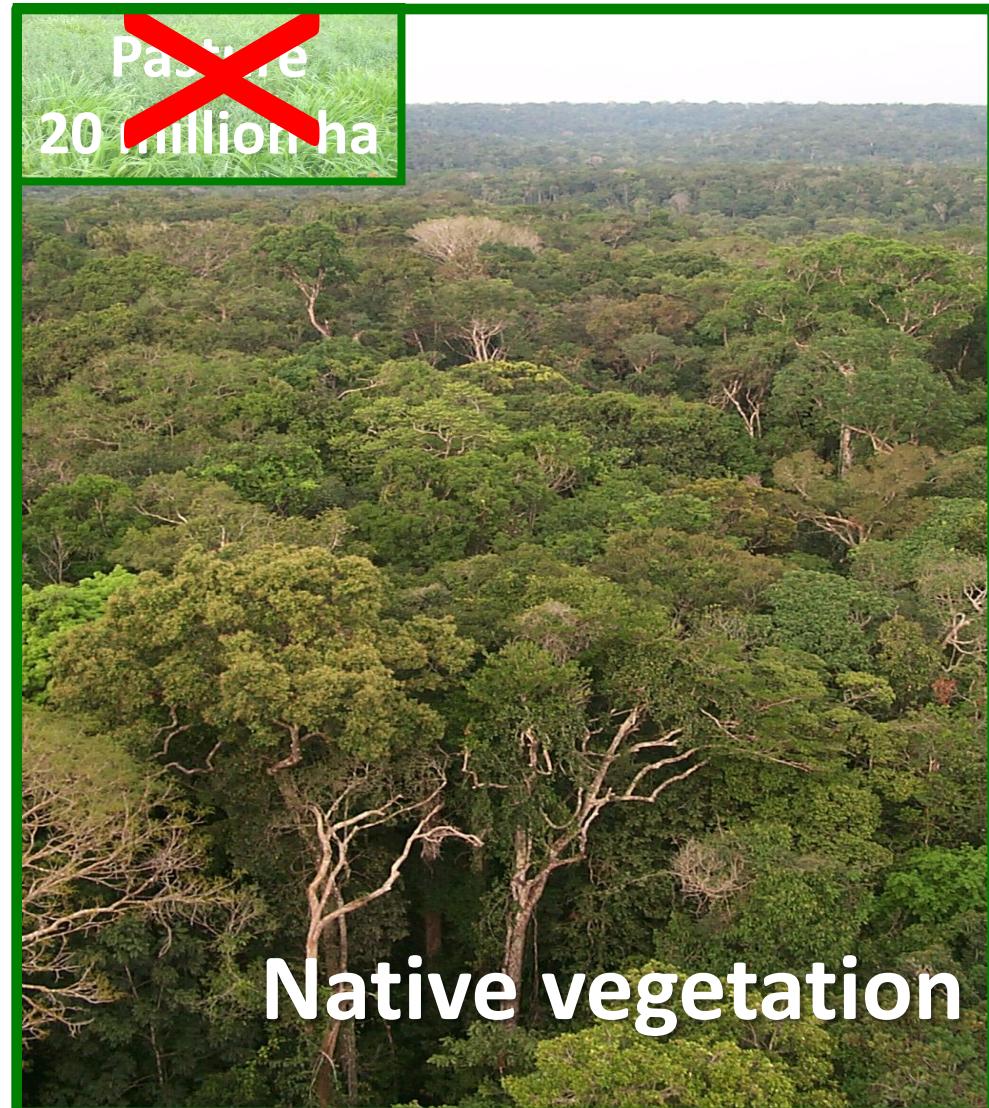
How to associate agribusiness  
expansion and sustainability?



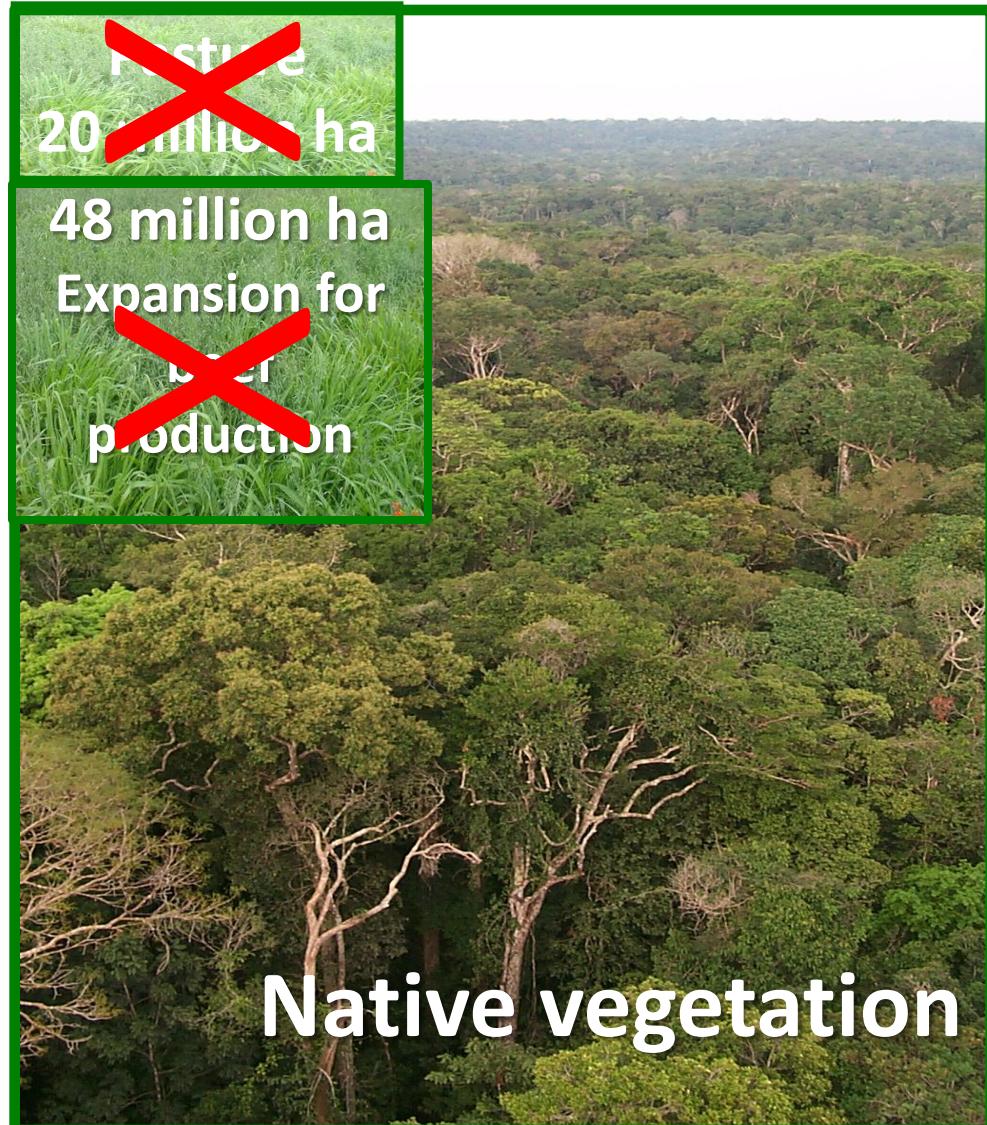
MAPA, 2007

[www.sbs.org.br](http://www.sbs.org.br)

# Agricultural expansion 2007 - 2018



# Pasture Expansion



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CO<sub>2</sub>eq

## PHOTOSYNTHESIS



### PRODUCTION

Emissions during planting and management



### MANAGEMENT



### PROCESSING

Emission in the industry



Emissions during transportation



**CO<sub>2</sub>eq**

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MANAGEMENT

## Genetic improvement



## Rehabilitation of degraded pastures

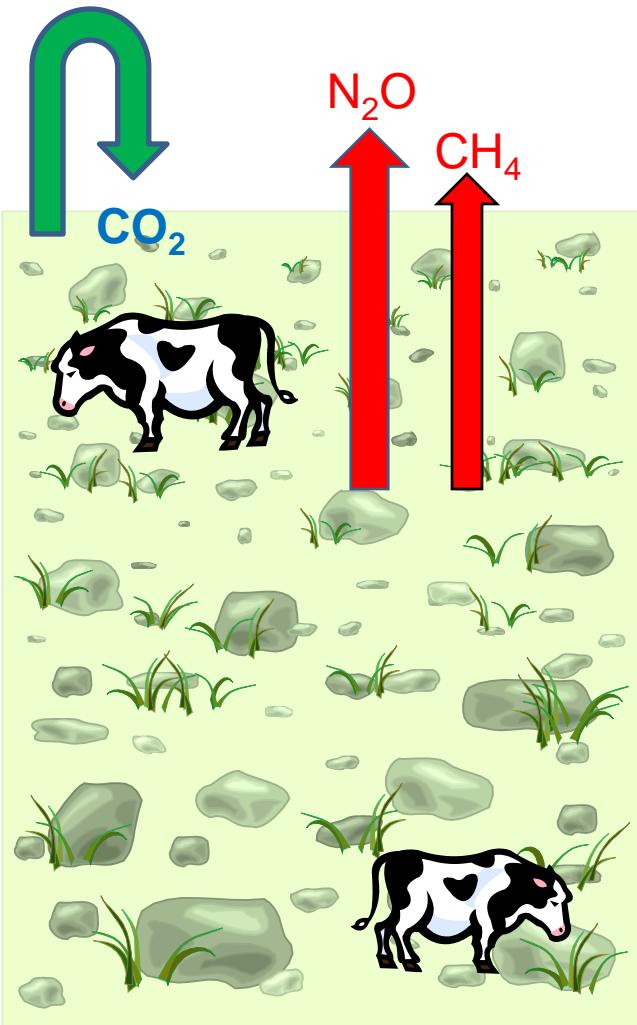


## Crop-livestock integration



## Confinement

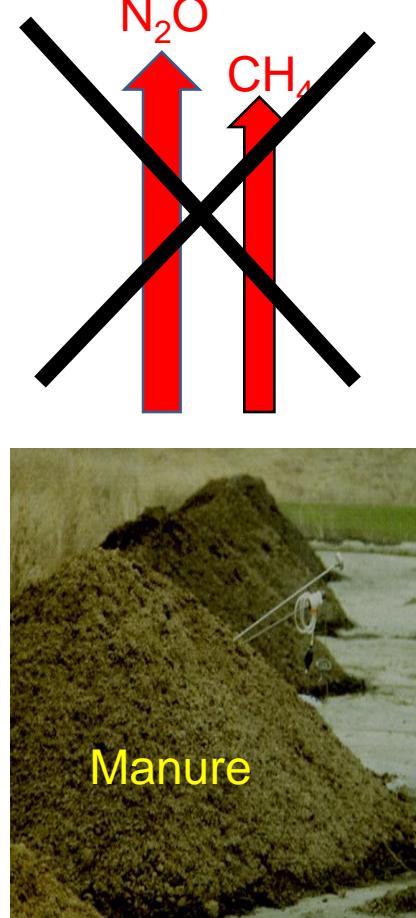


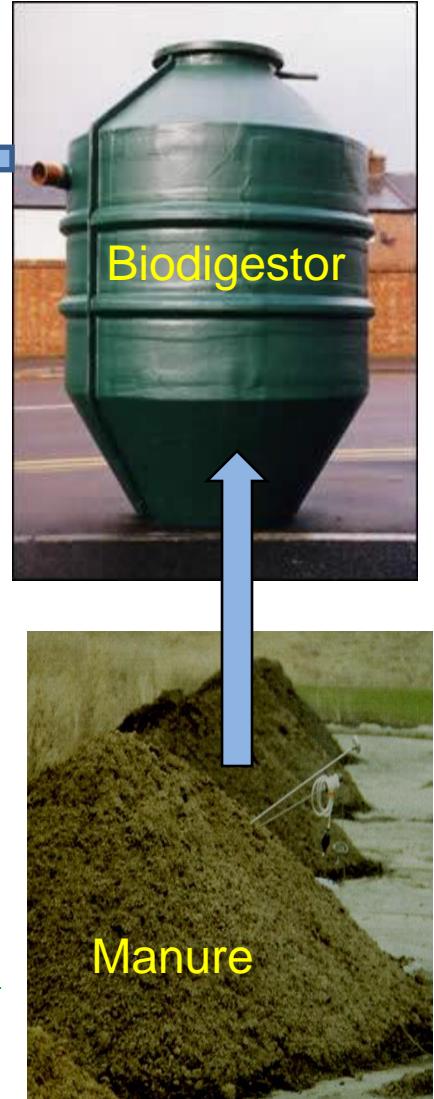
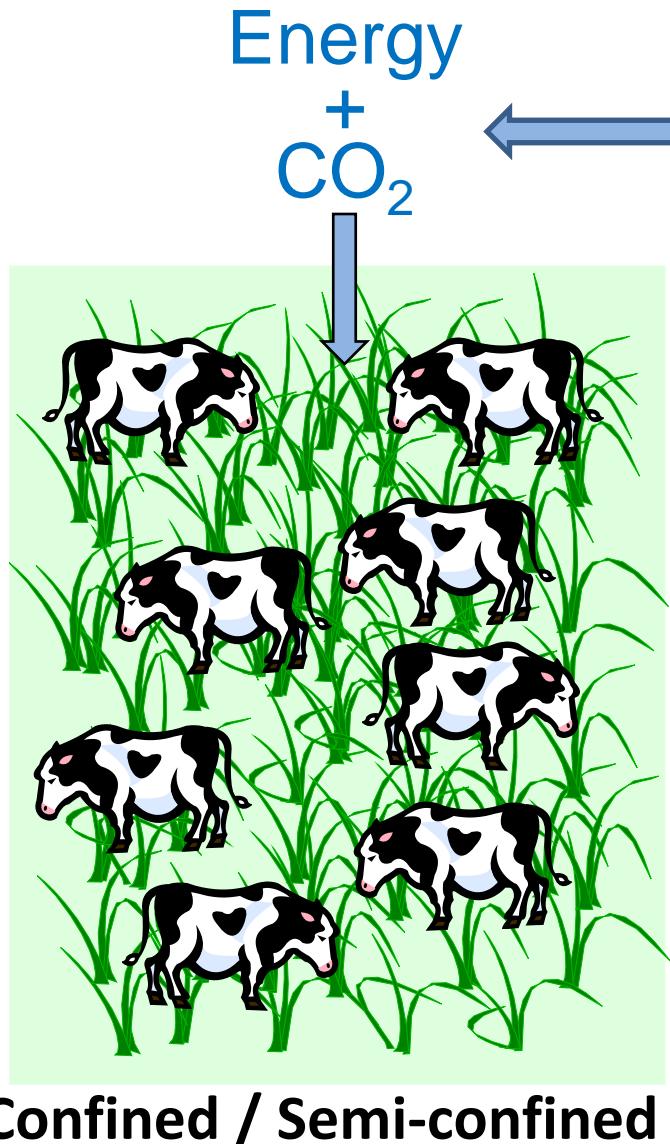
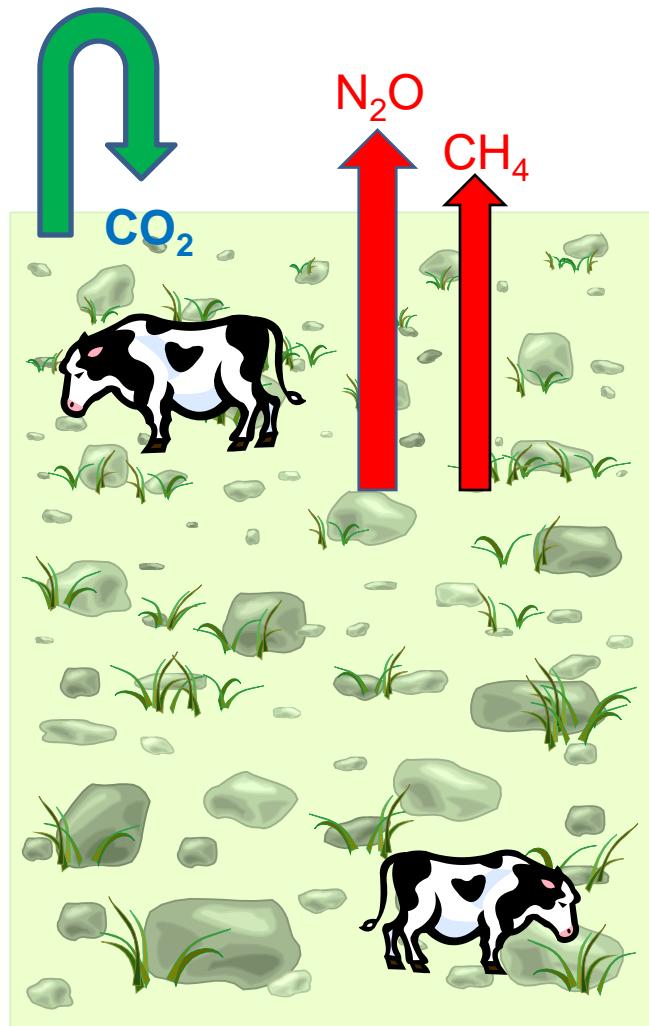


Extensive



Confined / Semi-confined





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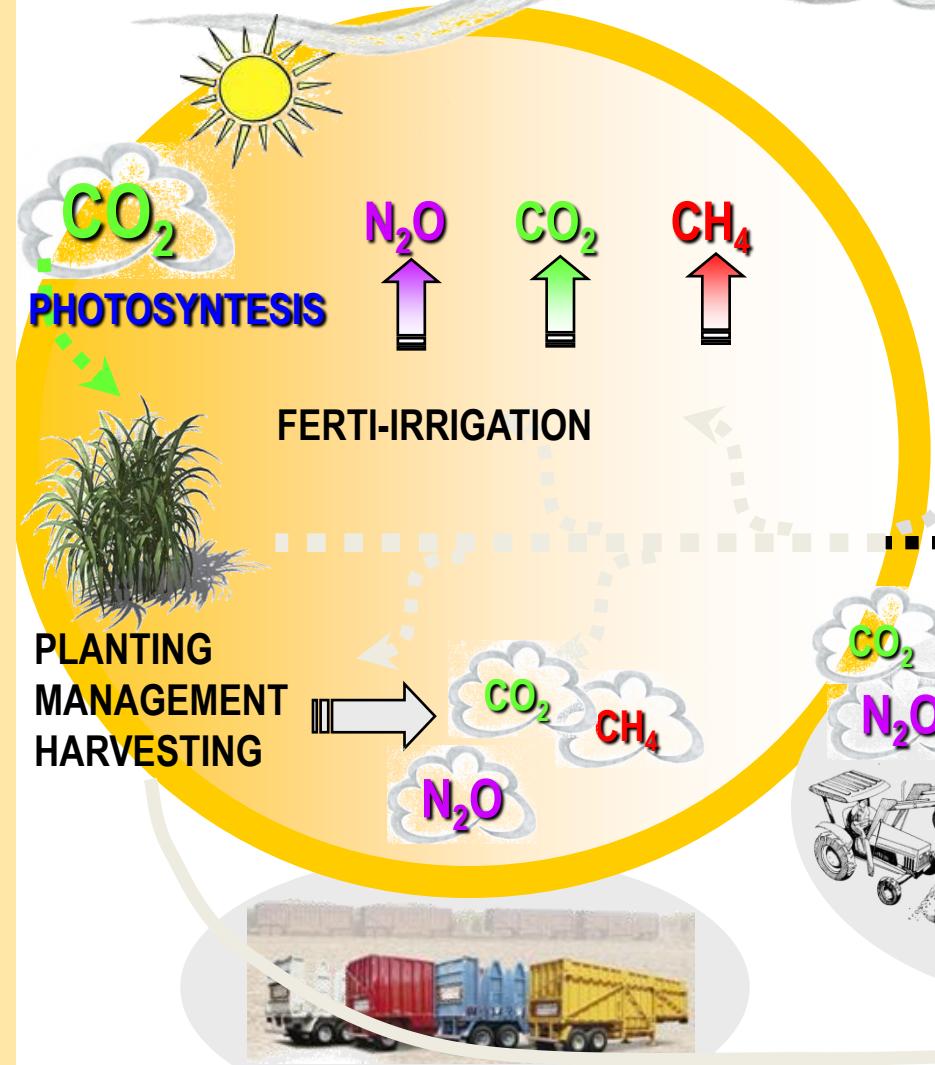
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# $\text{CO}_2\text{eq}$





## PLANTING

- Conventional
- Minimum cultivation



## MANAGEMENT

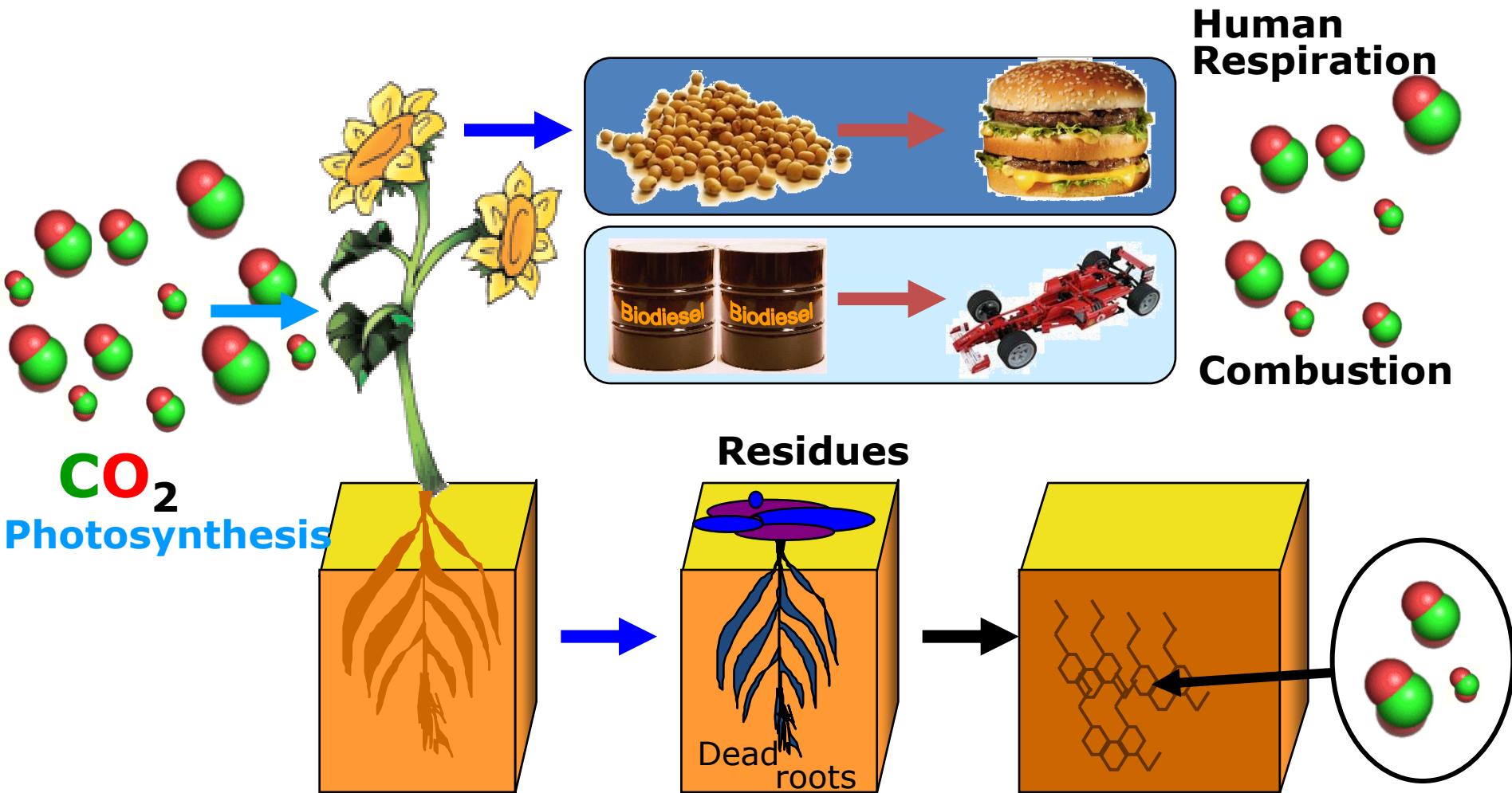
- Fertilizer
- Liming
- Plant protection
- Residue



## HARVESTING

- Burning (manual cut)
- No-burning (machinery)

# Biodiesel Production and the Carbon Cycle



**Increase in SOM = increase in soil C stocks**

## AGRIBUSINESS



Biomass

Crop residues

Decomposition

## ENERGY



GREENHOUSE  
GASES

OFFSET



FIXATION

Significant role

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# WATER FOOTPRINT

16000 litres water



1 kg beef



140 litres water



1 cup of coffee



3000 litres water



1 kg rice



900 litres water



1 kg maize



1350 litres water



1 kg wheat



1000 litres water



1 litre milk



# CARBON FOOTPRINT

?? kg de CO<sub>2</sub>



1 kg de trigo



?? kg de CO<sub>2</sub>



1 xícara de café



?? kg de CO<sub>2</sub>



1 kg de arroz



?? kg de CO<sub>2</sub>



1 kg de miho



?? kg de CO<sub>2</sub>



1 kg de carne



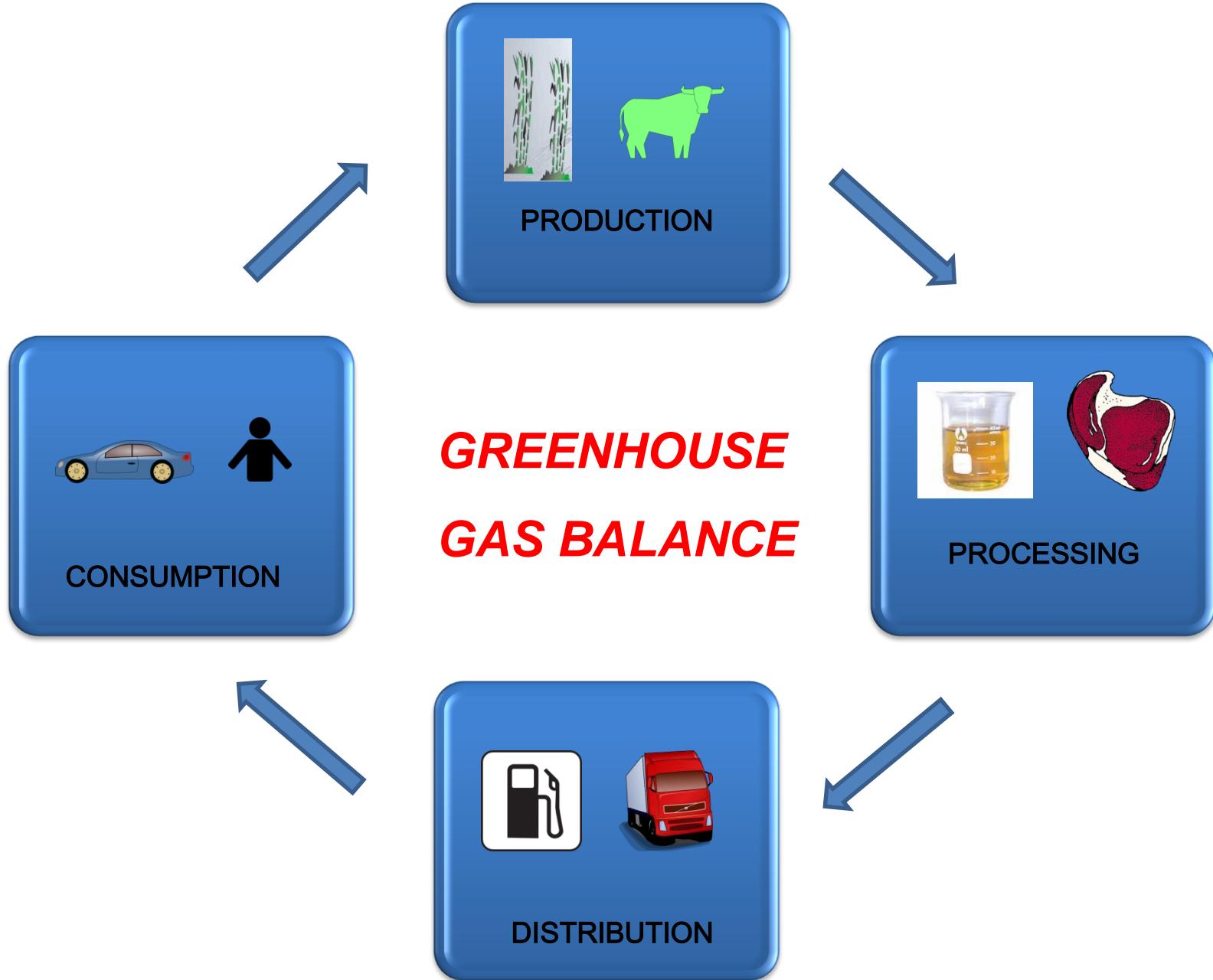
?? kg de CO<sub>2</sub>



1 L de leite



Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory



# CARBON FOOTPRINT

## Carbon Facts

### Fuel Consumed

Delivery Trucks	.02 Gal
Cooking Oats	.004 Gal
Paper	.016 Gal

### Paper Consumed

Cardboard Box	.05 lb.
Shipping Container	.17 lb.





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