## **MICRO DISTILLERIES FOR ALCOHOL FUEL** IS IT ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND **ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE?** BY Juarez de Sousa e Silva Federal University of Viçosa

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## OUR DILEMMA



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### **RENEWABLE ENERGY - BIOENERGY**

How ensure the internal supplying of food and bioenergy without decreasing food production?

-Recovering degraded areas ?-More efficient use of the farm land?

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

Is the energy generated from NATURAL resource and, once used, can be replaced by the **NATURE** 

CAN THE BIOENERGY BE REPLACED NATURALLY ?

<u>From cultivated biomass?</u> For farming (may be possible) Industry ? Housing? Transportation? Who will going to pay?

## **BIOMASS SOURCES**

On farm use:

Biomass energy (the best and low price solar collector);

Agricultural residues (Energy or Fertilizer) ?



Coffee husk has Usable 8380 MJ/ton or 30 kg of potash per ton



## What is the best place?

## The best place?

**P** Why not

Why





## In rural areas we can find:

•**Solar energy** - Water heating, grain drying, (fruits dehydration)? and (electricity) ?;

- Livestock biogas and organic fertilizers;
- Energy crops and oilseeds Biofuel;
- Forests energy firewood and charcoal.

## WHY NOT

## Farmer can not afford to produce energy (subsidy) Governmental problems (Environment) Sugar/Ethanol producers don't want competition

#### LACK OF JUDGMENT Mainly for charcoal production



IN WHAT FARM ACTIVITIES REQUIRE ENERGY? ✓ Tillage;  $\checkmark$  Planting; ✓ Harvest; ✓ Farm machinery operation;  $\checkmark$  Cooling;  $\checkmark$  Drying and storage;  $\checkmark$  Transportation; ✓ Comfort and housing. ✓Commercialization

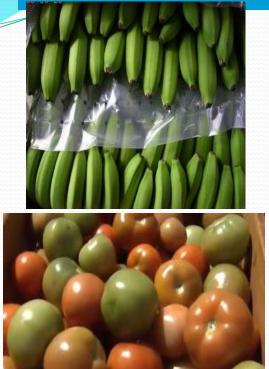




20km - 60 ton of sugarcane = 4.2 ton of ethanol + 18 ton of bagasse + water

Average

## With energy we reduce losses











#### To increase Production with productivity Energy is needed (rice)

Input	Mo	dern	Transition		Tradicional	
	Qty/ha	MJ/ha	Qty/ha	MJ/ha	Qty/ha	MJ/ha
Machinery	-	4.200	-	335	-	173
Fuel	224,7 lts	8.988	40 lts	1.600	-	-
Ν		10.752		2.520	-	-
Р	-	-	-	-	-	-
Κ	67,2	605	-	-	-	-
Seeds	112	3.360	110	1,650	107,5	-
Irrigation	683,4 lts	27.336	-	-	-	-
Insecticide		560	1,5	150	-	-
Herbicide	5,6	560	1,0	100	-	_
Drying	-	4.600	-	-	-	-
Elétricity	_	3.200	_	_	_	_
Transport	-	724	-	31	-	-
Total	-	64.885		3.386	-	173
Productivity	5.800		2.700		1.250	

## LIGHT FOR ALL: A SUBSIDED PROGRAM

#### The energy is not sufficient for :

- irrigation,
- cooling,
- animal feed production
- small food industry.

#### WHAT CAN WE DO WITH POWER SUPPLY LESS THAN 5 HP?



# Provide the second seco

Is it possible to produce energy to run farm machinery, tractors, transportation and food at the same time?

Is it possible to make money with bioenergy at farm level?





#### AT FARM LEVEL WE HAVE THE BEST SOLAR COLLECTORS THE BIOMASS



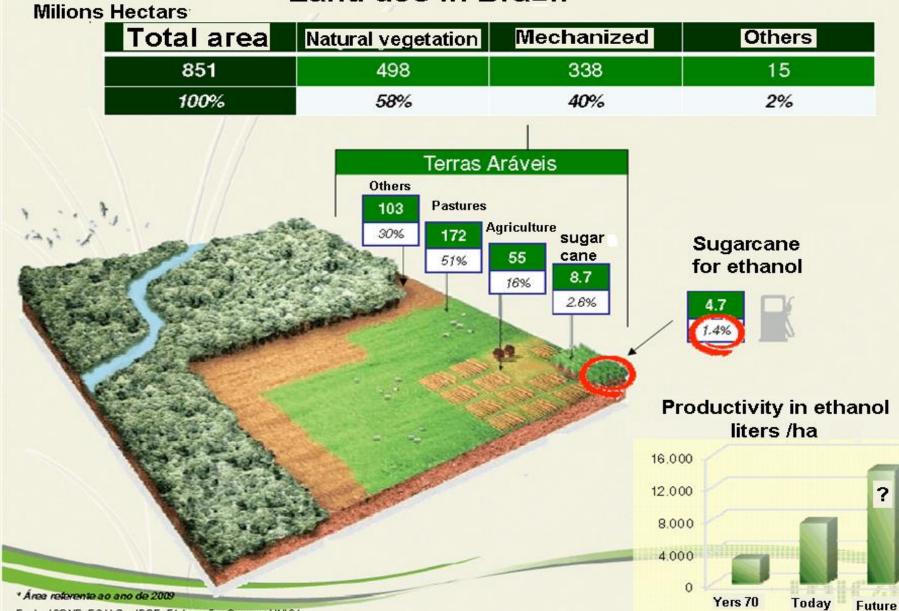
and

## For specific applications ETHANOL FUEL





#### Land use in Brazil



Fonte: IOONE, ESALQ e IBGE. Elaboração: Cosan e UNICA.

## ALCOHOL AS FUEL

#### WHY ALCOHOL AS FUEL IN BRAZILIAN FARMS ?

• 57% of energy used in the farms are based on diesel



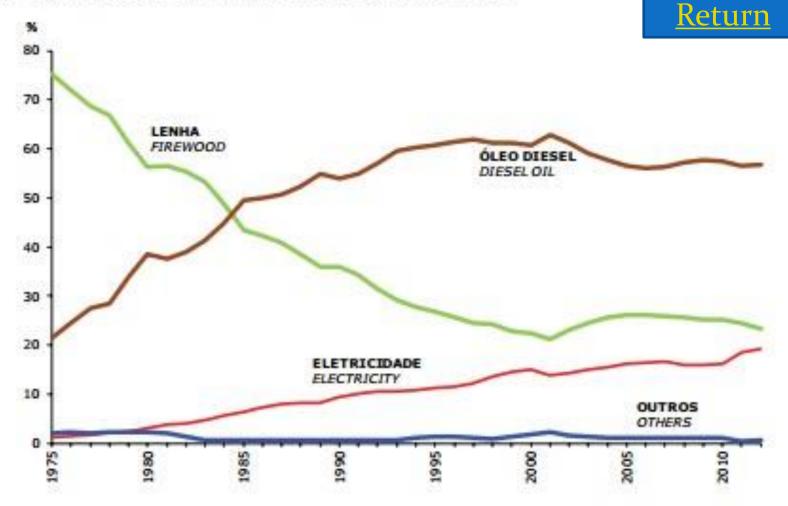
- Ethanol fuel from SUGARCANE is "RENEWABLE"
- Ethanol is a versatile Fuel.
- The byproducts from ethanol production (Bagasse and Vinasse) can be incorporated in others farm activity;

The green portions of the SUGARCANE can be used for animal feeding.



## ALCOHOL AS FUEL

Gráfico 3.3 – Estrutura do Consumo no Setor Agropecuário Chart 3.3 – Agriculture and Livestock Sector Energy Consumption

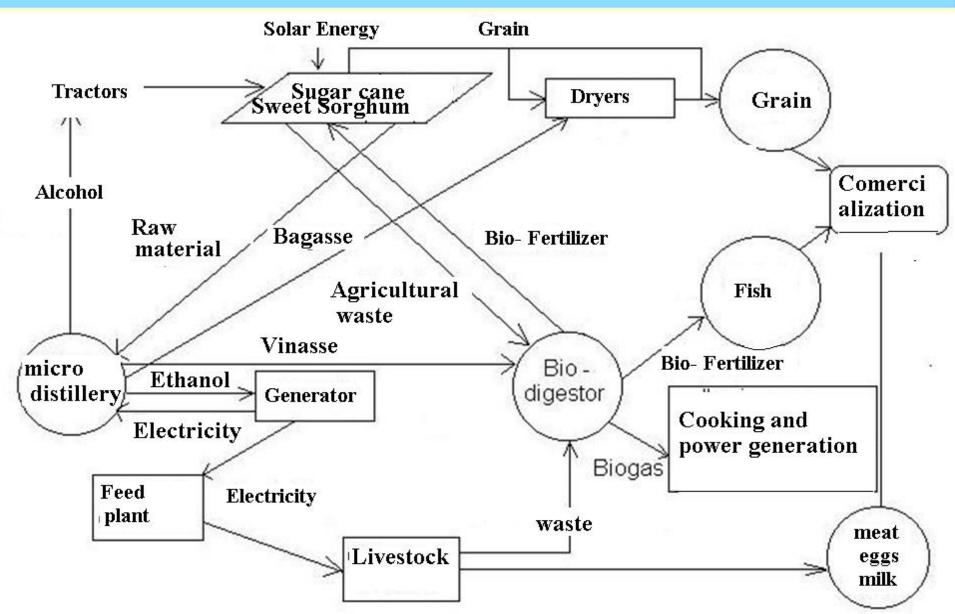




#### WHY ALCOHOL (CONTINUATION)

- The farm cost of alcohol fuel is much lower than the cost of diesel in the gas station (US 0.013/MJ x US 0,028MJ) or (US 0.3 x US 1.00)/Litter
- The local production alcohol can supply isolated communities and will contribute to regional development ; and
- There is a worldwide demand for the use of clean fuel.

## OUR PROPOSAL FOR ENERGY AND FOOD PRODUCTION (virtuous cycle)



## SOME QUESTIONS MADE BY FARMERS

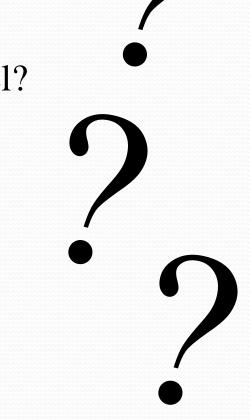
What is ethanol fuel?

How it can be produced at farm level?

How is the production cost?

Can I make money ?

Where and how to use it?



What is it ethanol fuel?

## Brazilian ethanol fuel is the product obtained by distillation of the fermented SUGARCANE juice.

The ethanol fuel is an ethanol-water solution with ethanol content between 83% to 92,3%.

#### Harvest

Should be performed when the cane is ripe or with 20-22% of sugar content.





#### 2.5 tons/day





400 tons/day

#### Mechanized

Manual 6.0 tons/day

## JUICE EXTRACTION

## CRUSHING At small farm level is used a single mill.





The juice extraction is less efficient, and resulting bagasse with great amount of sugar.

## **USE OF BAGASSES AND LEAVES**

If properly chopped and supplemented with PROTEIC Foodstuff, the bagasse and leaves can be used as cattle feed.



#### Animal Feeding - Based on Sugarcane residues

## THE BAGASSE CAN ALSO BE USED

- As fuel for furnaces and boilers;
- -To cover the ground in confinement systems
- As organic fertilizer when decomposed with cattle manure





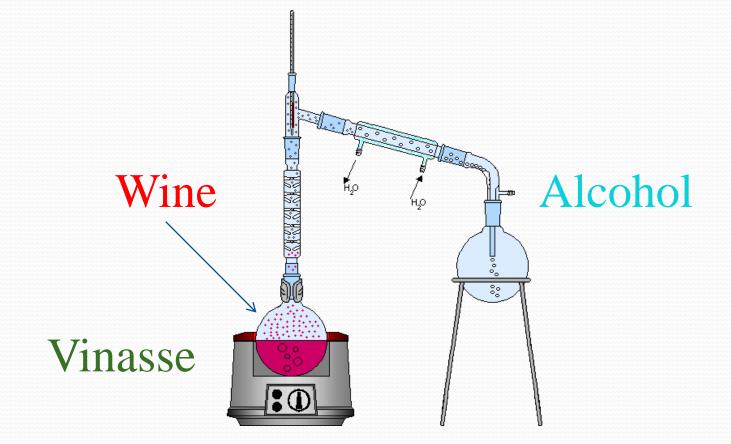
## FERMENTATION



Diluted juice in fermentation process

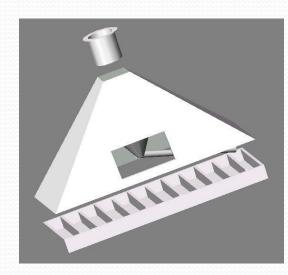
The fermentation process takes 16 to 26 hours at room temperature between 28 and 32  $^\circ$  C

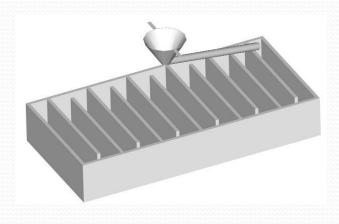
The fermented juice (0% sugar) is called wine. The wine has 92-88% water and 8-12% of alcohol. The distillation produces alcohol and Vinasse.



DISTILLATION

## **CONTINUOUS DISTILLATION SYSTEM**







#### DEA-UFV

## COLUMNS IN SERIES AND PARALLEL



Still with parallel columns (serially connected) and direct heating furnace

## ALCOHOL FUEL FROM CACHAÇA RESIDUES

During the production of CACHAÇA is obtained three products: HEAD, HEART and TAIL of the distillation

HEAD (in general 15% of total).

heart (spirit): Yields about 70% of total (the ideal is 60%).

TAIL: Is the final and worst fraction (15% of total alcohol yield).

The **HEAD** + the **TAIL** fractions

ALCOHOL FUEL



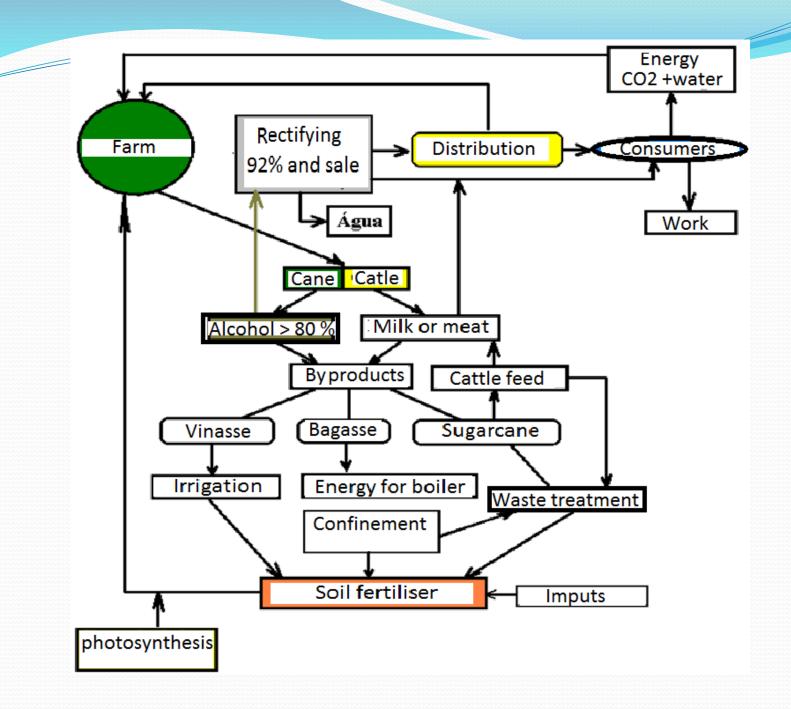
NOTE: For each 1000 litters of "High quality" CACHAÇA produced, we can take 250 to 300 litters of alcohol fuel from byproduct

## ALCOHOL FUEL PRODUCTION IN A COOPERATIVE SYSTEM

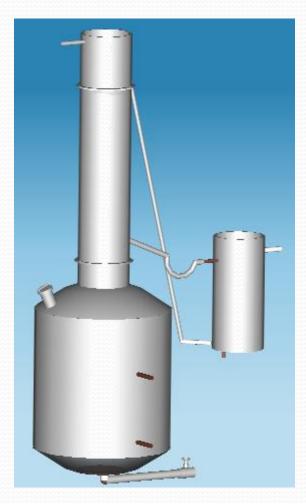
The farmer will produce an hydro alcoholic solution of 85  $^{\circ}$  GL or higher .

The cooperative will rectify the mixture to 92.5 ° GL (Brazilian commercial grade)

For farm use, the solution with 85 ° GL is considered as ALCOHOL FUEL.



## PRE-STILL / COLUMN



PRE-STILL



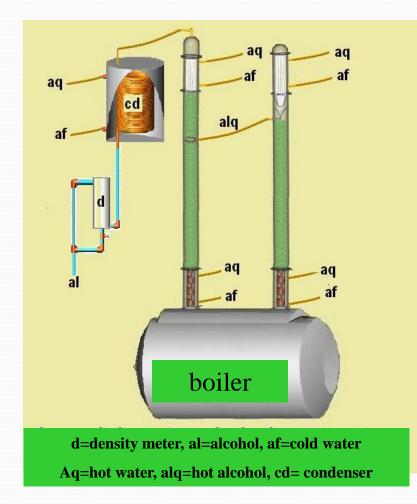
PRE-STILL / COLUMN Santa Luzia Farm



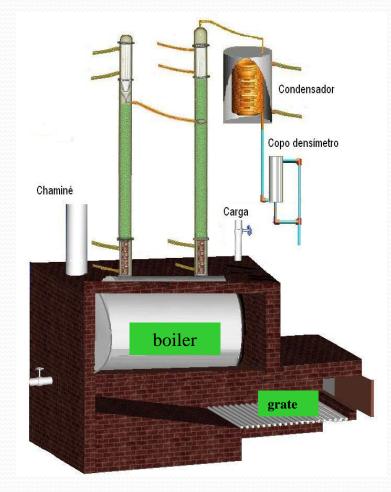
#### Batch system

Continuous flow system

## Columns in series / parallel



Installation diagram of a distiller with columns in series / parallel.



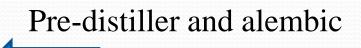
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### MGRODISTILLERY

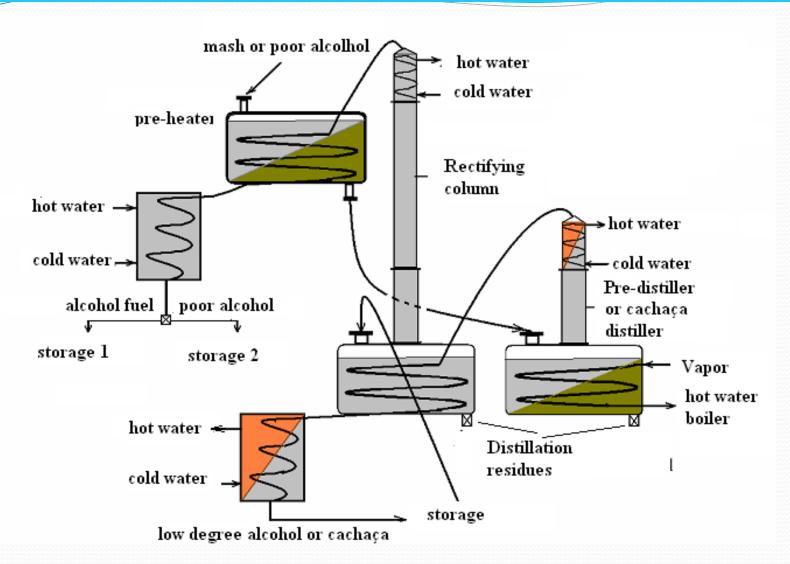


#### Distillation Column

Didactic unit in Santa Luzia farm



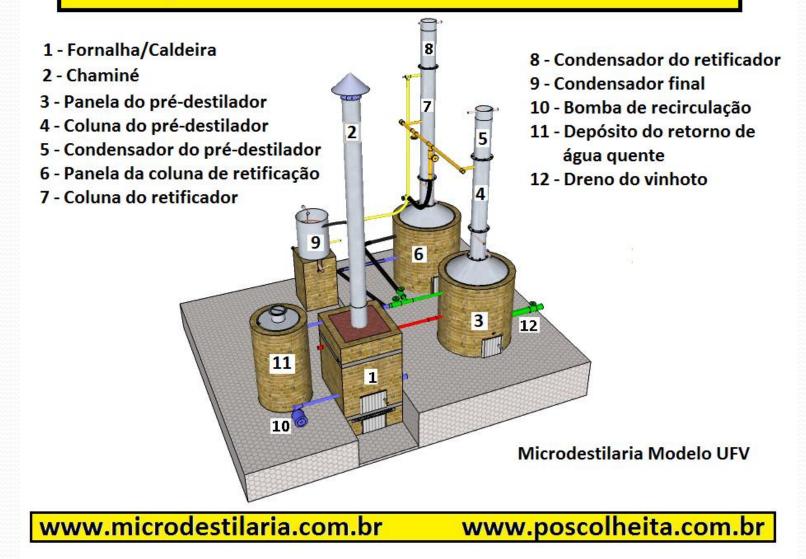
#### A COMPLETE SYSTEM FOR ON FARM ALCOHOL PRODUCTION



Scheme for a mini-distillery with pre-heating system for efficient use of energy

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#### PRODUÇÃO DE ÁLCOOL COMBUSTÍVEL NA FAZENDA



### ON FARM RECTIFYING COLUMN







Lester Farm – Três Corações county - MG

25.000Liters/Year

### Electric Power Generation





(10 kVA)

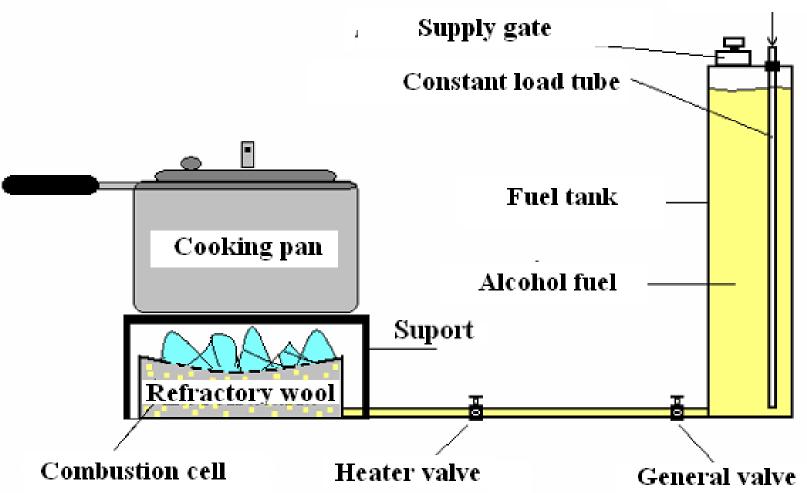
(40 kVA)

Electric Power Generator Fueled with ethanol

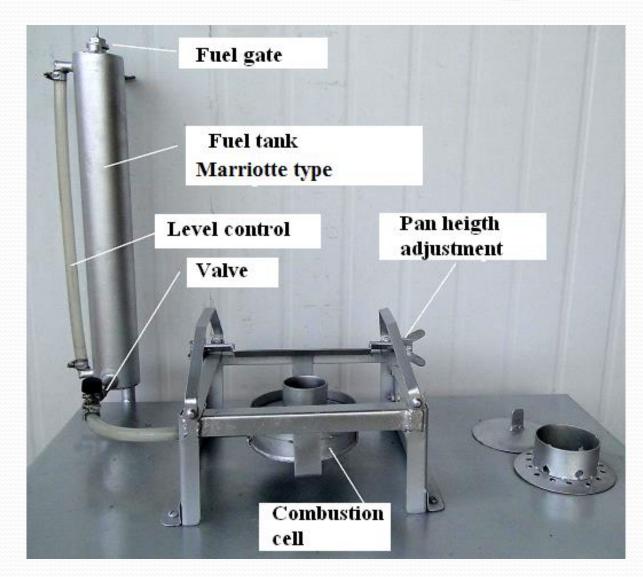


Non-pressurized alcohol stove widespread in Brazil by GAIA Project

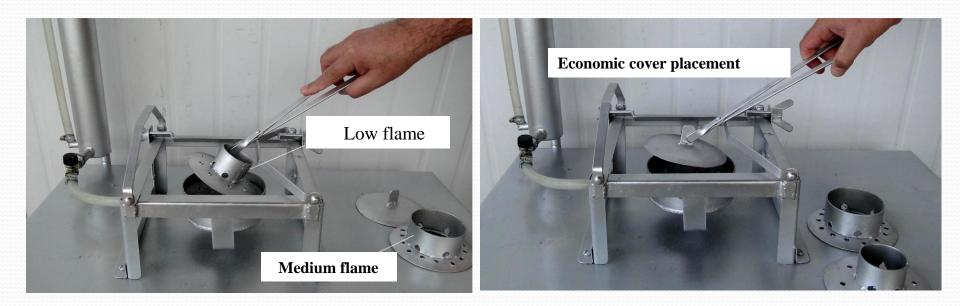
Air in



Non-pressurized alcohol stove (UFV model)



Alcohol stove (UFV prototype)



#### Placement of flame reducer

Details of the economic cover and safety "pliers"

USE IN VEHICLES



#### Alcohol use: 10 to 12 km / L

#### TRACTOR

# MWM engine that replaces 60% of diesel for ethanol fuel, without loss of power



Consumo 10 to 12 km/L

#### MOTORCYCLE

# Honda (in Brazil, the market provides the popular model CG 150 Mix) 36.5 km / L.



### THANK YOU VERY MUCH



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ON FARM ALCOHOL PRODUCTION – Equipment, production systems and uses