

THE BORDERS OF SUGAR CANE PRODUCTION IN BRAZIL

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ABSTRACT

The sugar cane production is one of the oldest economic activities in Brazil. Currently, its production is concentrated in the country's Southern region, with a highlight to São Paulo State which holds more than half of this production, as compared to all other states of the country. This one shelters the biggest number of sugar cane and alcohol plants in operation and projected. However, in the latest twenty years, the crop has been surpassing the borders and advancing into other areas or regions, which are occupied before by other economic activities. This fact can be evidenced by the growth of the number of plants, processing capacity and sugar and alcohol production increase in almost all Brazilian regions. Thus, the present study intended to present an analysis on the production sector of sugar cane in Brazil, based on a collection of information about the sector dynamics.

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