

# Brazilian sugarcane ethanol

1% of arable land delivers  
50% of Brazil's petrol needs



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The successful Brazilian experience shows that the EU's ambition to achieve 10% of renewable fuels in transport by 2020 is feasible. Brazil has replaced half its petrol needs with ethanol made from sugarcane, grown on only 1% of its arable land. Sugarcane expands primarily on degraded pastures and does not compete with food production or cause deforestation of the Amazon. In fact, 90% of the sugarcane harvest happens in South-Central Brazil and the remainder is in the Northeast. Both regions are more than 2,500 km from the Rainforest, or roughly the distance between Paris and Moscow. While sugarcane production has increased steadily in recent years, Brazil has doubled its grain production in the last decade and become the top global exporter of several key commodities. The Brazilian experience proves that food, fuel, feed and fiber can be produced simultaneously and sustainably.

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