



# Hello! I AM ANDRÉS MORALES

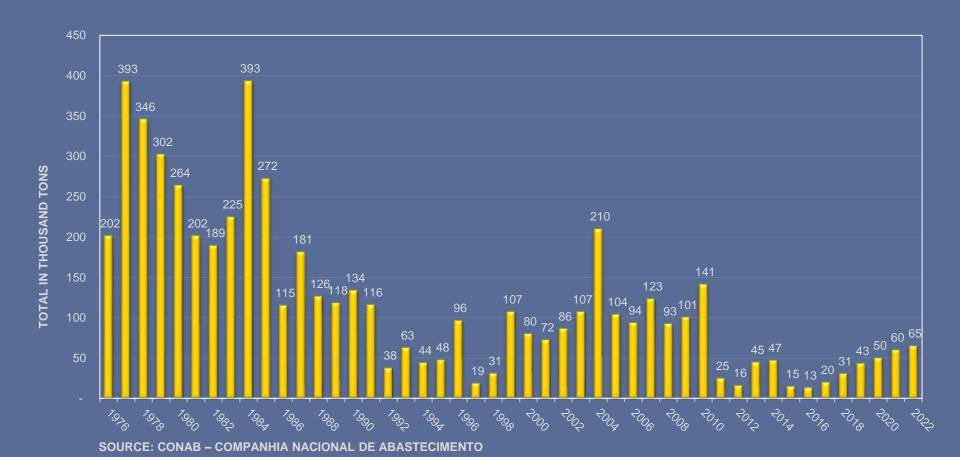
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### **BRAZIL CASTOR - PRODUCTION HISTORICAL DATA**



### Main reasons for Brazilian Castor Reduction

- Movement from farms to cities looking for new jobs (Economic Growth)
   Soybean production fastly expansion with mechanized solutions
- Corn production with new seeds resulting more profits
- Real plan, valuation on our currency results in disadvanteges for exportation
- Castor Production in last 30 years were concentrated in a dry area at northeast of Brazil, some years we suffered with no rains seasons

### **BRAZIL CASTORBEAN CROP 2023**

	AREA	YIELDS	TOTAL
	( HECTARES)	AVERAGE (KGS/HÁ)	(MTONS)
FARMING / CROP	75.000	860	65.000

### **ESTIMATIVE FOR BRAZIL CASTORBEAN CROP 2024**

	AREA	YIELDS	TOTAL
		AVERAGE	
	( HECTARES)	(KGS/HÁ)	(MTONS)
FARMING / CROP	85.000	880	75.000

### What did we do to increase our production?

- Price structure aiming to develop more areas
- Involvement of cooperatives supporting farmer's demands.
- Use of irrigation and more techniques
- Use of mechanization in large areas
- New seeds adapted to the mechanized process
- Foundation of Brazilian Castor Association coordinate and support works with small farmes as well as big farmes

### Contribuions that incentivated Castor production

- Higher International Prices
- Biodiesel Govermental Program
- Farmers looking for cultures to regenarate soil
- More players seeking oilseeds aiming Biofuels
- Castor is the best choice for the semiarid biome in Brazil

### Where we are?

## 85 % SMALL FARMERS

- 80% using beans harvested at previous year as seeds
- Use of irrigation combine with solar energy for moving pumps increasing year by year
- Industries receiving beans with high content of impurities
- Increasing the interest for mechanization, as handwork getting more expensive

# 15% BIG FARMERS

- Concentrate in the between crop just after soybean harvests
- 5 different states
- Irrigated areas with potential to produce 4 tons /ha
- Only hybrid seeds capable of meeting a short production cycle.

## Header of 6 Lines for Big Farmers



## 1 Line Coupled to a Tractor for Small Farmers



### **Our Challenges**

### SMALL FARMERS

- Increase yields by use of certified seeds and better pratices
- Promote irrigation combine with solar energy for moving pumps
- Use of mechanization even in small areas (5/10 hectares)

#### **BIG FARMERS**

- Reduce costs of hybrid seeds
- Reduce looses during the harvest
- Perform good speed for the combine operation of harvest and dehulling
- Storage logistic for receiving big volumes concentrated in 3 months
- Increase yield to be more competitive than corn

#### **CASTOR MEAL**

 Valuation of the meal is essential for castor production we are seeking diversified uses including animal nutrition



