

## Sustainable Cotton Development in Latin America: The Role of ALIDA

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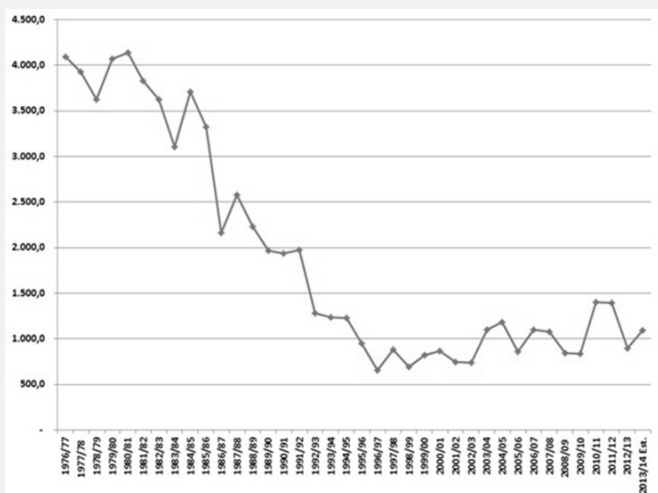


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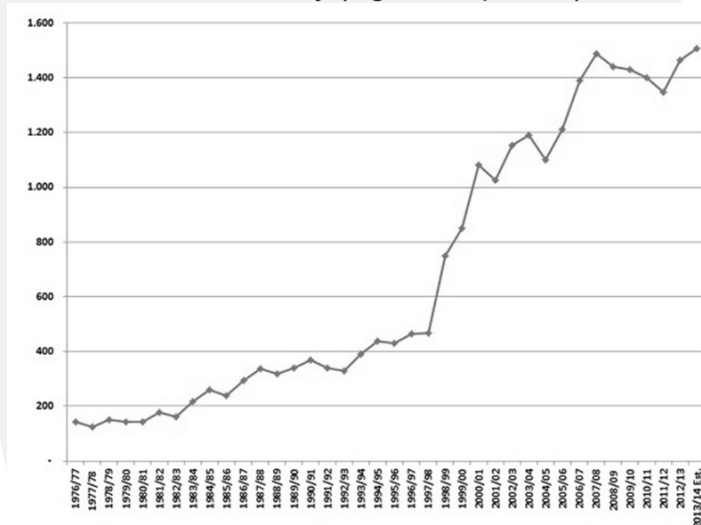


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Planted area (1,000 ha)


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Productivity (Kg of lint per ha)


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### Need for Upgrading Cotton R&D Throughout The Region

- Lack of Trained Personnel
- Lack of Facilities
- Lack of R&D Programs
- Lack of Connection with the Farming Communities



### The Boll Weevil as Key Pest

- Present Throughout the Region
- Do Not Underestimate It
- Develop Simple, Science-Based Control Methods
- Use Indigenous Pest Control Knowledge/Methods
- Organize Farming Communities to Carry Out Control Methods



## Develop and Carry-out Participatory Training Programs for Cotton Growers



## Parts of a Management Program

- Use Short-Season Varieties
- Observe Uniform Dates of Planting
- Constant Monitoring
- Removal/Destruction of Fallen Squares
- Careful Application of Insecticides on Need-Basis
- Thorough and Complete Stalk Destruction



Be Most Careful When Considering  
Organic Cotton at the Presence of the  
Boll Weevil



The Role of ALIDA

- Information Exchange
- Organized Participatory Training
- Liaising with Government and Non-Government Orgs
- Estimulate the Creation and Nourishing of Cotton Growers Associations



What is Embrapa doing?



¡Gracias!

