

\$ilvopasture Money Matters

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Outline

- Introduction
- Investment costs
- Management costs
- Return on investment
- Other considerations



Introduction

- Is silvopasture unusual?
- Is silvopasture a potentially profitable enterprise?
- Is silvopasture economically beneficial for every producer?
- Does silvopasture have higher returns than
 - Forestry?
 - Pasture?

Yes

Yes

No

Maybe



Investment costs

Monocrop/ Pasture

Plantation Forest

Naturally-Regenerated Forest

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Investment costs

Considerations

- Starting condition
- Opportunity costs
- Water
- Stumps



Alternative stump removal?



Management costs

- Pruning
- Thinning
- Watering
- Moving livestock



Return on investment

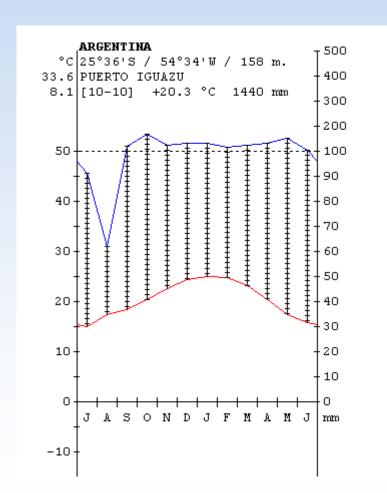
- Timber rotation
 - How will trees be re-established?
- Shade
- Wood quality

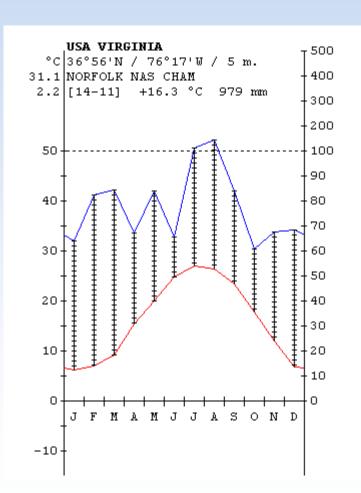










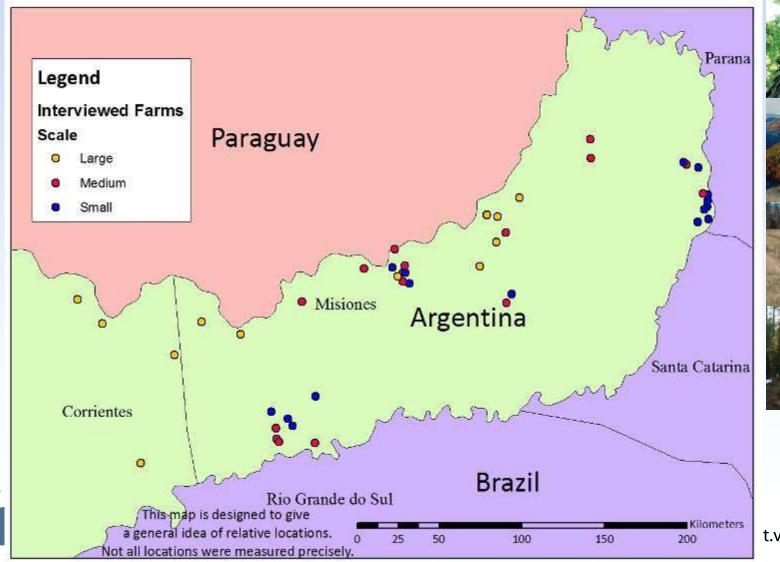






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Interviewed Farms



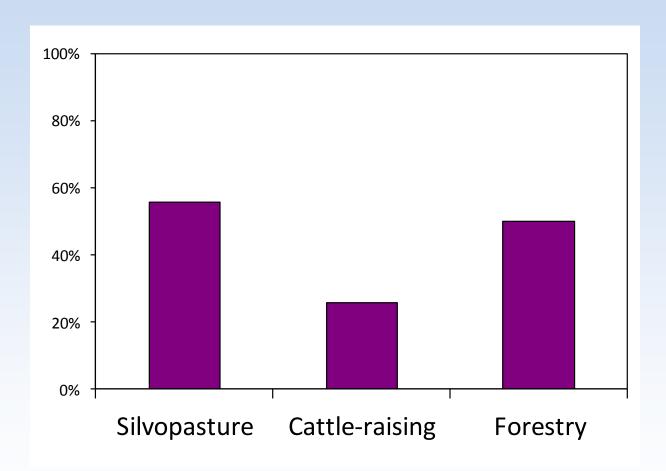




Average inputs / outputs

		INPUTS				OUTPUTS		
Farm Scale	System	Mean System Area (ha)	Mean Discounted Labor (person- days/ ha)	Mean Discounted Capital (pesos/ ha)	Mean Field Crops (pesos/ ha)	Mean Timber Revenue (pesos/ ha)	Mean Beef Revenue (pesos/ ha)	Equivalent Milk Revenue (pesos/ ha)
Small	Silvopast.	5.8	161	4972	1640	17511	2023	3686
	Pasture	9.0	94	1358	2584	0	3579	2916
	Forestry	2.3	78	4513	0	13908	0	0
Med- ium	Silvopast.	92.0	84	9148	377	15357	6539	40
	Pasture	44.5	48	1714	440	0	2904	40
	Forestry	33.5	38	5605	0	12913	0	0
Large	Silvopast.	1136.6	40	3829	0	8915	1925	0
	Pasture	331.6	55	2063	0	0	5496	0
	Forestry	1265.0	71	8964	0	38214	0	0

Average pure technical efficiency









Other economic considerations

- Economies/diseconomies of scale
- Risk mitigation
- Cost and internal value time
- Constraints on producer

