

Appendix 2. An agrarian settlement not producing soy

Cedro Rosa is another agrarian settlement, around 60km from Sorriso and adjoining some large soy farms. Here the lots are much smaller (around 40 ha) and the land is also more broken up (water courses, slopes, etc.). Like Santa Rosa it had been a bankrupt grazing estate, purchased and divided up by INCRA, and like Santa Rosa this involved a considerable amount of forest clearance, although the individual lot holders are each supposed to maintain a forest reserve. It is evident this rule that has not been followed by all the settlers. These farms are too small for economic soy production, and so the agro-processing industries are not interested in helping these farmers. They are used instead for manioc, some maize, and a few cattle. They are largely operated at very low levels of productivity, and there is some forest re-growth on many of the lots because the land is not tilled. The standard of housing indicates that the settlers are rather poor. Many of the settlers work as casual laborers (drivers) on the neighboring large farms.