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PIG MANURE MAY GENERATE UP TO 1 MILLION MWH IN BRAZIL

The use of pig manure for power generation, in all of Brazil, could reach 1 million MWh, enough to meet the consumption of 4.7 million people. The projection is explained in a book published by FAO, in conjunction with Itaipu Binacional (*Agroenergia da Biomassa Residual: perspectivas energéticas, socioeconômicas e ambientais*). The amount of manure annually produced by Brazil's pigs is estimated at 900 million tons –180 million from animals bred in sheds and the manure of which could be used for biogas generation. In addition to ensuring producer energy self sufficiency and the possibility to sell the surplus to the energy distributor, residue biodigestion may create extra profits with the sale of carbon credits resulting from greenhouse gas capture. FAO estimates the potential turnover of residue biomass from carbon credit trade will be over 1 billion euro a year –over 3 billion reais. *Source: Agência de Notícias do Paraná.*

HOUSE APPROVES SPECIAL LOAN TO AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE PROFESSIONALS

The Commission of Agriculture, Livestock, Food Supply and Rural Development of the House of Representatives approved a bill (*Projeto de Lei 3823/08*) put forward by representative Valdir Colatto (Brazilian Democratic Movement Party, Santa Catarina state), which establishes special conditions for loans to agricultural science professionals (like agricultural engineers, veterinarians and zootechnicians) to develop ventures involving the use of advanced technology. The draftsman, representative Benedito de Lira (Progressive Party, Alagoas state), expanded the measure to include secondary level technicians from the area of zootechnics. The proposal aims to reduce interest rates by up to 50% and finance at least 80% of the amount of the project. The measure will only reach loans obtained on the basis of the Rural Loan act (*Lei do Crédito Rural 4.829/65*). *Source: Agência camara.*

COMPANY TO START ETHANOL PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION IN JULY 2010

Uniduto Logística, an enterprise of national capital, will start building an ethanol pipeline in July 2010, which will be 618 km long and will have the capacity to transport 21 billion liters of biofuel a year. This information was disclosed by news agency Dow Jones and confirmed by Uniduto's press department. In the first stage, the project provides for the construction of a pipeline with three collecting centers that will transport ethanol throughout São Paulo state up to Santos port for loading ships and export. In the second stage, studies will be conducted for expansion to other ethanol-producing states. It is worth pointing out that the tendency is for production to be far from ports, i.e. in areas with greater availability of land suitable for sugarcane production, especially in grazing areas, hence the need for investment in logistics. *Source: UNICA.*

POLI-NUTRI TO BUILD FOURTH FACTORY IN SANTA CATARINA

Poli-Nutri will invest 15 million reais in a new feed factory in Treze Tílias (Santa Catarina state), the company's fourth facility. Plant construction has started and is due to be completed in late 2010. In the first stage of operations, the new facility is expected to generate 40 million reais in income, according to José Leandro Bruziguez, company Nutrition and Formulation Director. Poli-Nutri has not disclosed its total turnover. The plant will produce ready-to-eat feed and premix for birds, pigs, ruminants as well as for aquaculture. "It will be our most comprehensive plant", said the executive. The factory will have the capacity to produce 5,000 tons a month, a volume similar to that of the Maringá (Paraná state) and Eusébio (Ceará state) plants. *Source: Valor Econômico.*

UKRAINE SETS 150,000 TON SUGAR QUOTA FOR BRAZIL

Ukraine set a 150,000 ton quota for sugar imports from Brazil, as yesterday announced by the Secretary of Foreign Trade of the Development Ministry, Welber Barral, and the Economy Vice-Minister of Ukraine, Natalia Boitsun. According to Barral, Brazil does not export sugar to Ukraine because the country's import tax is very high. With its accession to the WTO, Ukraine had to set a 250,000 ton quota (150,000 for Brazil). Today, bilateral trade basically consists of Brazilian meat exports and Ukraine's fertilizers exports. A business mission will travel to Ukraine in November as the Government wants to encourage Brazilian company involvement in the privatization process of Ukrainian fertilizer companies. Brazilian exports to Ukraine in 2008 totaled US\$465 million, or 0.6% of the country's purchases. Imports amounted to US\$710 million, i.e. 1.1% of Ukraine's exports. *Source: O Estado de São Paulo.*