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Using Input-Output to Measure the GDP and to Estimate Monthly Growth Rates of Productive Complexes: The Case of the Brazilian Agribusiness¹

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Abstract

Through the use of input-output analysis tools, like backward and forward linkages (Hirschman-Rasmussen and Pure), it was possible to delineate which are the sectors that belong to the Brazilian Agribusiness. From the definition of the sectors and using the Brazilian input-output tables it was possible to measure the GDP of Brazilian Agribusiness which were estimated to be around 27% of the Brazilian GDP in 1999. The GDP of the Agribusiness was also estimated for two major complexes: a) Vegetal Products and b) Animal Products. Each of the Agribusiness complexes was divided into four components: a) inputs to agriculture; b) agriculture; c) agriculture based industry; and d) final distribution. To estimate the monthly growth rates of the Agribusiness it was used on one hand the input-output tables to estimate the weight of each sector in the complex and on the other hand it was used a series of economic indexes (price and quantity) available for the Brazilian economy. It is important to stress that the measure of the monthly growth rates of the Agribusiness GDP was done taking into consideration the income side of agriculture, i.e., we have tried to make the growth rates sensible to real price as well as real quantity changes, given that the quarterly estimates of the Brazilian Government Statistical Institute (IBGE) are given taken into consideration only growth rates into agricultural production, as so we do believe that the monthly growth rates that we have obtained are much more representative of what happen in the Brazilian Agriculture and Agribusiness than the ones released by IBGE.

Key Words: Brazilian Agribusiness, Input-Output, GDP.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is one of the main aggregates of the National Accounts and it is an indicator used to express an economy growth, scooping all of its sectors, namely, the production of all services and final goods within the boundaries of the country in a given period (FIBGE, 1989).

Because it is a relevant indicator of the economic activity, the announcement of the GDP growth rates of the economy and of its different sectors is always anxiously expected by all.

Nonetheless, the growth rates of GDP, in value terms, estimated by the Brazilian Government Statistical Institute (IBGE), are only given in annual terms with a time lag of approximately 8 months. The quarterly estimates of GDP growth rates, also made by IBGE, are indexes of quantity announced with a time lag of approximately 45 days.

On the other hand, in the past decades the agricultural and animal sectors went through important structural transformation, going from almost isolated sectors to a great integration with the other sectors in the economy. Today these sectors are completely integrated in a market economy, with the formation of complex warehousing, processing, industrialization and distribution networks. In this new agricultural productive structure, with growing ties in the agriculture/industry/services relationship, agriculture is no longer a distinct economic sector but it is integrated in a new industrial production dynamics called Agribusiness.

As a result of such phenomenon, in which the technological, productive and financial relationships are gradually intensified, one felt that the structure of the Brazilian Agribusiness should be measured and evaluated from a systemic perspective. This paper tries to provide a better understanding of the agriculture under such a new economic context.

Thus, this paper through Agribusiness GDP estimates is direct to allow an economic evaluation of the Agricultural sector role in the economy such that it can be used to aid sectorial policy planning, management of the agroindustrial complex, as well as to detect fundamental elements of such new agricultural scheme in order to assist farmers as well as economic agents.

Based on such principles this paper proposes on one hand to measure the Brazilian Agribusiness GDP, and on the other hand to use these estimates to get a system of weights

that in conjunction with indexes of price and quantity found in the Brazilian economy can generate monthly growth rates estimates, in value terms, of the Agribusiness GDP.

In the next section it is presented the methodology used in this paper, the third section presents an analysis of the structure of the Brazilian Agribusiness in the 1994-1999 period while the monthly growth rates estimates for the first 4 months of 2000 are presented in the fourth section. The final comments are made in the last section.

2. METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

The Agribusiness estimation, done in this paper for the Brazilian economy, is also done for its two major complexes: Vegetal and Animal.⁴

The total GDP value of the Agribusiness in each complex will also be divided into 4 aggregates: I) inputs; II) the sector itself; III) industrial processing; and IV) distribution and services.

The procedure adopted to estimate the Brazilian Agribusiness GDP is through the scope of the Product, i.e., by estimating the value added at market prices.

The value added at market prices is given by the sum of the value added at basic prices with indirect net taxes less the financial dummy, resulting in:

$$VA_{PM} = VA_{PB} + IIL - DuF \quad (1)$$

where:

VA_{PM} = Value added at market prices

VA_{PB} = Value added at basic prices

IIL = Indirect net taxes

DuF = Financial dummy

To estimate the GDP of **Aggregate I** (input for vegetal and animal production) one uses the information available in the input-output tables regarding the input values acquired by the Vegetal and Animal sectors. The columns with input values are multiplied by the respective coefficient of value added (CVA_i).

The Coefficients of the Value Added per sector (CVA_i) are obtained by dividing the Value Added at Market Prices (VA_{PM_i}) of a given sector by its respective output (X_i), i.e.,

$$CVA_i = \frac{VA_{PM_i}}{X_i} \quad (2)$$

Thus, the double-counting issue presented by previous Agribusiness GDP estimates when input values were considered, instead of the value added effectively generated is eliminated. In that sense the GDP of the **Aggregate I** is given by:

$$GDP_{I_k} = \sum_{i=1}^{43} z_{ik} * CVA_i \quad (3)$$

$k = 1, 2$ vegetal and animal sectors

$i = 1, 2, \dots, 43$ remaining sectors

where:

GDP_{I_k} = GDP of aggregate I (input) for vegetal ($k=1$) and animal ($k=2$)

z_{ik} = total input value of sector i for either vegetal or animal

CVA_i = value added coefficient of sector i

For the total Aggregate I we have:

$$GDP_I = GDP_{I_1} + GDP_{I_2} \quad (4)$$

where:

GDP_I = GDP of aggregate I

and the other variables are as previously defined.

The estimates for the **Aggregate II** (the sector itself, vegetal and animal) considers the value added generated by the respective sectors, subtracting the values used as input from the value added of these sectors, thus the double-counting issue, found in the previous Agribusiness GDP estimates, is again eliminated. Then one has:

$$GDP_{II_k} = VA_{PM_k} - \sum_{i=1}^{43} z_{ik} * CVA_i \quad (5)$$

$k = 1, 2$

where:

GDP_{II_k} = GDP of aggregate II for vegetal ($k=1$) and animal ($k=2$)

and the other variables are as previously defined.

⁴ See FURTUOSO (1998) and GUILHOTO, FURTUOSO, and BARROS (2000) for further methodological

For the total Aggregate II we have:

$$GDP_{II} = GDP_{II_1} + GDP_{II_2} \quad (6)$$

where:

$$GDP_{II} = \text{GDP of aggregate II}$$

and the other variables are as previously defined.

To define the composition of the **Aggregate III** (agriculture based industries) several indicators were adopted, as for instance: a) the main demanding sectors of agricultural products obtained by input-output matrix estimation; b) the participation of agricultural input in the intermediate consumption the agroindustrial sectors; and c) the economic activities carrying out the first, second and third transformation of agricultural raw materials. In this way, the agriculture based industries will consist of the following activities: i) Wood and Wood Products; ii) Pulp, Paper and Printing; iii) Processing of Chemical Elements (Alcohol); iv) Textile; v) Clothing; vi) Footwear, Leather and Skins; vii) Coffee Industry; viii) Vegetal Products Processing; ix) Animal Slaughtering; x) Dairy Industry; xi) Sugar Industry; xii) Vegetal Oil Processing; and xiii) Other Food Products.

Therefore, aggregates II and III express the income (value added) generated by these segments. The input-output matrix data for 1995 shows that out of the total output of vegetal and animal production for intermediary purposes, 21.8% is absorbed by the rural sector, 71.8% is sold to the agriculture based industries and only 6.4% is designated to the remaining sectors.

In the estimation of **Aggregate III** (Agriculture Based Industries) one adopted the summation of the value added generated by the agroindustrial sectors subtracted from the value added of these sectors that have been used as input in the Aggregate II. As previously mentioned, this subtraction is done to eliminate the double-counting found in previous Agribusiness GDP estimates, as so, one has that:

$$GDP_{III_k} = \sum_{q \in k} \left[\oplus_{PM_q} - z_{qk} * CVA_q \right] \quad (7)$$

$$k = 1,2$$

where:

GDP_{III_k} = GDP of aggregate III for vegetal ($k=1$) and animal ($k=2$)

and the other variables are as previously defined.

For the total Aggregate III we have:

$$GDP_{III} = GDP_{III_1} + GDP_{III_2} \quad (8)$$

where:

GDP_{III} = GDP of aggregate III

and the other variables are as previously defined.

In the case of **Aggregate IV**, regarding the Final Distribution, one considers the aggregated value of the Transportation, Commerce and Service sectors. Out of the total value obtained for these sectors only the part corresponding to the share of the agricultural and agroindustrial products is designated to the Agribusiness in the final product demand. The approach adopted in the estimation of the final distribution value of the industrial agribusiness can be represented by:

$$DFG - IIL_{DF} - PI_{DF} = DFD \quad (9)$$

$$VAT_{PM} + VAC_{PM} + VAS_{PM} = MC \quad (10)$$

$$GDP_{IV_k} = MC * \frac{DF_k + \sum_{q \in k} DF_q}{DFD} \quad (11)$$

$$k = 1,2$$

where:

DFG = global final demand

IIL_{DF} = indirect net taxes paid by the final demand

PI_{DF} = imported products by the final demand

DFD = domestic final demand

VAT_{PM} = value added of the transportation sector at market prices

VAC_{PM} = value added of the commerce sector at market prices

VAS_{PM} = value added of the service sector at market prices

MC = trading margin

DF_k = final demand of vegetal ($k=1$) and animal ($k=2$)

DF_q = final demand of the agroindustrial sectors

GDP_{IV_k} = GDP of aggregate IV for vegetal ($k=1$) and animal ($k=2$)

For the total Aggregate IV we have:

$$GDP_{IV} = GDP_{IV_1} + GDP_{IV_2} \quad (12)$$

where:

$$GDP_{IV} = \text{GDP of aggregate IV}$$

and the other variables are as previously defined.

The Agribusiness GDP for each sub-complex is given by the sum of its aggregates as:

$$GDP_{Agribusiness_k} = GDP_{I_k} + GDP_{II_k} + GDP_{III_k} + GDP_{IV_k} \quad (13)$$

where:

$$GDP_{Agribusiness_k} = \text{GDP of the agribusiness for vegetal } (k=1) \text{ and animal } (k=2)$$

and the other variables are as previously defined.

The total Agribusiness GDP is given by:

$$GDP_{Agribusiness} = GDP_{Agribusiness_1} + GDP_{Agribusiness_2} \quad (14)$$

where:

$$GDP_{Agribusiness} = \text{Agribusiness GDP}$$

and the other variables are as previously defined.

The methodology described above can be showed as a scheme (Figure 1), which presents the process of reaching the Agribusiness GDP. The Agribusiness GDP is then observed to be obtainable both by the weighed sum of the aggregates GDP and by the weighed sum of the GDP of Vegetal and Animal.

To obtain the contribution of each industrial sector to the Agribusiness GDP the following is done: a) the agribusiness value is estimated, should there be no industrial sectors, according to the methodology described above; and b) also according to this methodology, each industrial sector is inserted, one by one, into the agribusiness complex, thus, by subtraction it is possible to estimate the contribution of each processing industry to the total agribusiness.

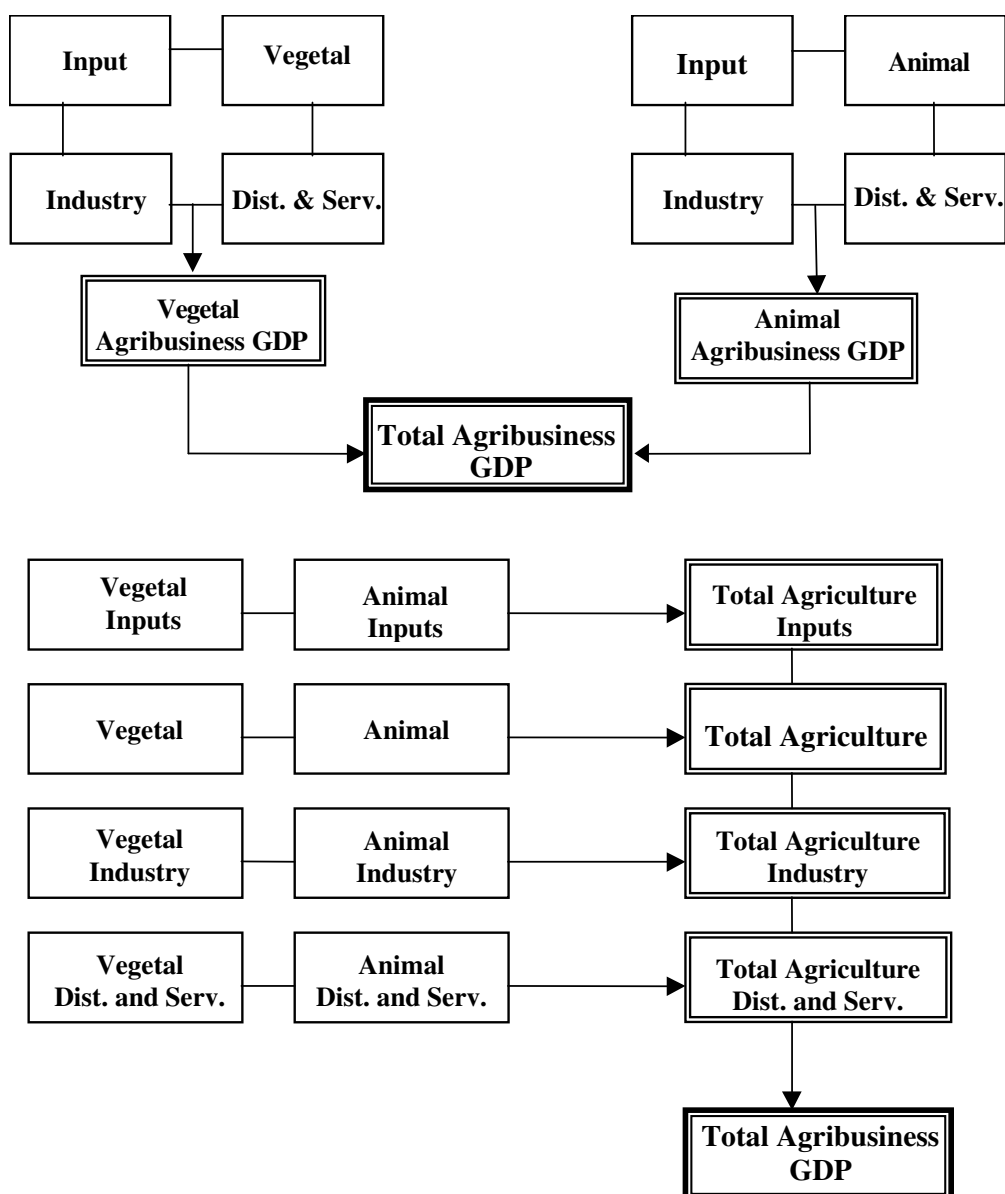


Figure 1. Obtaining the Agribusiness GDP

3. THE BRAZILIAN AGRIBUSINESS, 1994 TO 1999

The results of the Brazilian Agribusiness point out the importance that such complex has played in the national economy, accounting for approximately 27% of the GDP in 1999.

Figure 2 presents the shares of the Agribusiness GDP in the Brazilian economy for the 1994-1999 period. The Brazilian Agribusiness GDP accounted for approximately 29% of Brazil's GDP in 1994, having a declining trend until 1997 (26.41%).

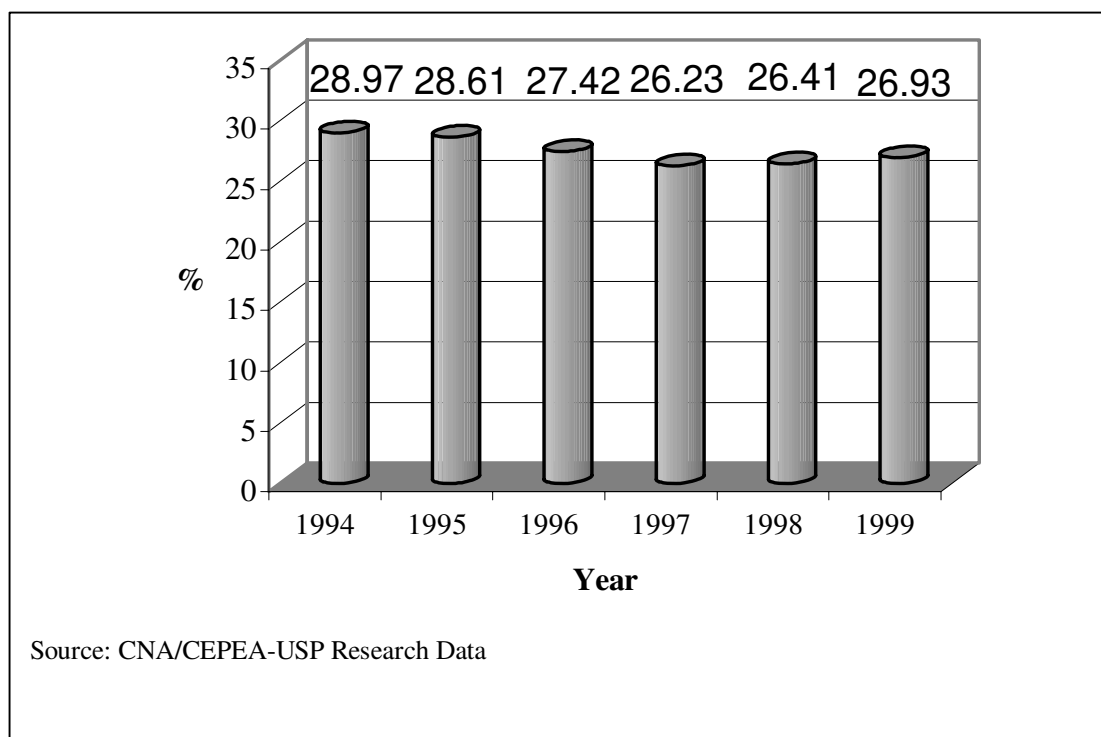


Figure 2. Share of the Total Agribusiness in the Brazilian GDP – 1994 to 1999

The GDP of the Brazilian Agribusiness for 1999 was estimated to be R\$269,5 billions, with a real growth of 1.85% in relation to 1998 (Table 1). Such growth, in comparison with the 1994-1999 period, can be seen as the second best performance of the period (Figure 3).

**Table 1. Agribusiness and Brazilian GDP at Market Prices. 1994-1999
(Thousand R\$ of 1999)**

Year	Agribusiness GDP	Brazilian GDP	Share of the Agribusiness GDP (%)
1994	262,135,138	904,759,152	28.97
1995	269,784,951	942,974,312	28.61
1996	265,410,370	968,044,130	27.42
1997	263,060,940	1,002,914,968	26.23
1998	264,580,605	1,001,666,424	26.41
1999	269,467,715	1,000,664,758	26.93

Source: CNA/CEPEA Research Data.

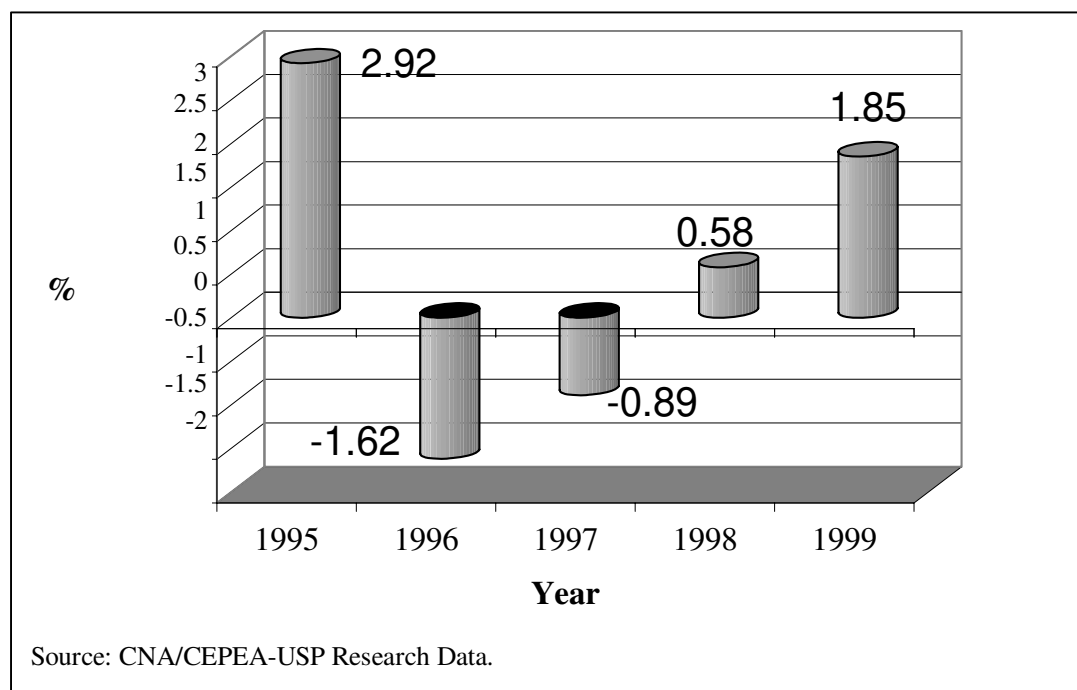


Figure 3. Annual Growth Rates of the Total Agribusiness GDP – 1995 to 1999

Table 2 shows the evolution of the Brazilian Agribusiness GDP, both in global terms (total) and for the two sub-complexes, with corresponding segments for the 1994-1999 period.

Table 2. Brazilian Agribusiness GDP (Thousand R\$ of 1999)

AGRIBUSINESS	Years					
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Agriculture	262,135,138	269,784,951	265,410,370	263,060,940	264,580,605	269,467,715
Input	23,372,496	22,650,243	22,895,596	22,581,999	23,924,854	25,996,564
Total Agriculture	62,760,453	64,319,947	61,869,660	60,989,169	64,790,422	64,719,650
Industry	88,031,596	94,446,268	90,298,070	90,808,537	86,023,478	88,357,177
Distribution	87,970,593	88,368,493	90,347,044	88,681,235	89,841,851	90,394,323
Vegetal	189,094,756	192,482,644	190,780,778	191,134,436	189,458,831	189,697,278
Input	14,968,858	14,261,339	14,787,001	14,741,754	15,494,027	16,295,039
Vegetal	36,687,840	36,697,681	36,494,664	36,421,725	38,329,430	36,349,719
Industry	74,441,542	79,383,988	75,114,385	76,374,757	72,190,097	74,306,905
Distribution	62,996,516	62,139,636	64,384,728	63,596,199	63,445,277	62,745,616
Animal	73,040,382	77,302,307	74,629,592	71,926,504	75,121,774	79,770,436
Input	8,403,637	8,388,904	8,108,595	7,840,245	8,430,827	9,701,525
Animal	26,072,613	27,622,266	25,374,996	24,567,444	26,460,992	28,369,931
Industry	13,590,054	15,062,280	15,183,686	14,433,780	13,833,381	14,050,273
Distribution	24,974,078	26,228,857	25,962,314	25,085,036	26,396,574	27,648,707

Source: CNA/CEPEA-USP Research Data.

Regarding the annual growth of the sub-complexes one verifies that the Animal segment was the one presenting best results in 1998 and 1999, with real growth rates of 4.44% and 6.19%, respectively, in comparison with those of -0.88% and 0.13% for the Vegetal segment (Figures 4 and 5).

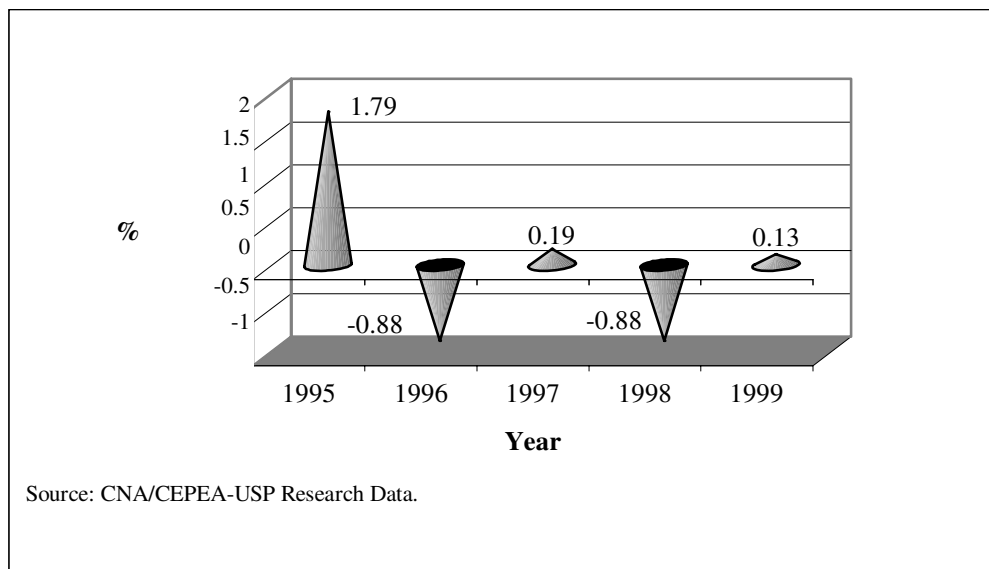


Figure 4. Annual Growth Rates of the Vegetal Agribusiness GDP – 1995 to 1999

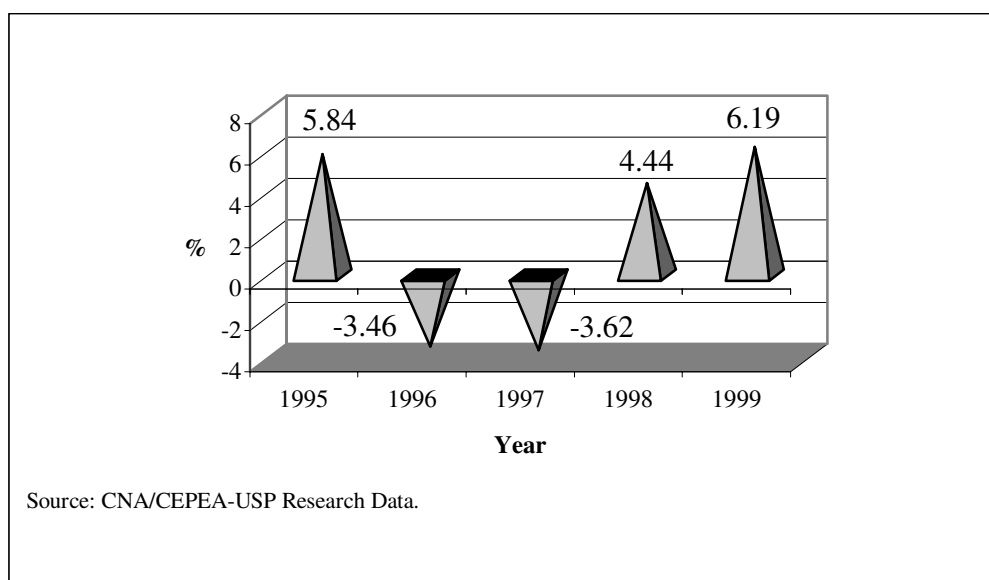


Figure 5. Annual Growth Rates of the Animal Agribusiness GDP – 1995 to 1999

The shares of the components of the Agribusiness GDP (obtained from Table 2) show that the input contribution has a growing trend for the total complex in the period. Although vegetal and animal have shown declining results from 1994 through 1997, an inverse trend

was recorded in 1998 and 1999. With regards to the Agriculture Based Industries and Distribution segments, they had a share of respectively 32.79% and 33.55% in 1999, for the total Complex.

The evolution of the Brazilian Agribusiness composition also shows the high shares of the Agriculture Based Industries and the Distribution segment, showing values always above 30%.

In terms of values and shares, Table 3 shows the structure of the two major sub-complexes of the Brazilian Agribusiness – Vegetal and Animal. In 1999 the Vegetal Agribusiness GDP (R\$ 189.70 billions) represented around 19% of Brazil's GDP, while the Animal Agribusiness GDP corresponded to approximately 8% (R\$79.77 billions) of Brazil's GDP. In the case of the agriculture, the higher GDP share is justified by the diversity of the agricultural sector that has a higher number of processing industries than the animal sector.

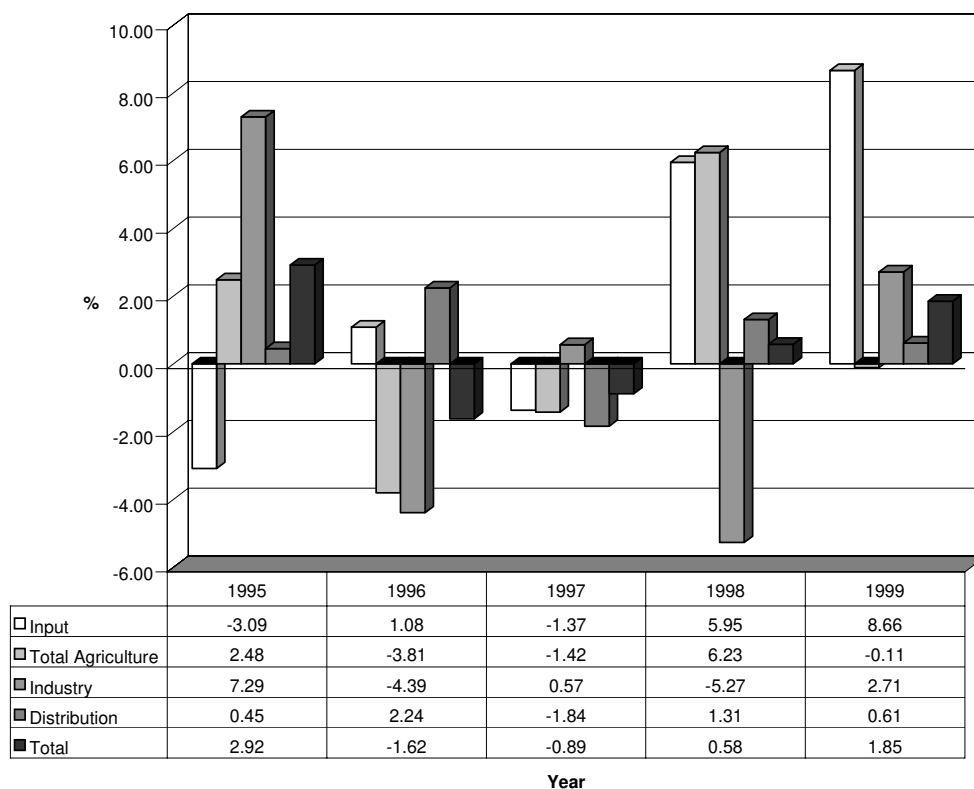
Table 3. Brazilian GDP and Brazilian Agribusiness Complex GDP - 1994 to 1999 (Billions R\$ of 1999 and Shares, %, in the Brazilian GDP)

Total	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998		1999	
	Value	Share	Value	Share	Value	Share	Value	Share	Value	Share	Value	Share
Vegetal Complex	189.10	20.89	192.48	20.41	190.78	19.71	191.13	19.06	189.46	18.91	189.70	18.96
Animal Complex	73.04	8.08	77.30	8.20	74.63	7.71	71.93	7.17	75.12	7.50	79.77	7.97
Agriculture Complex	262.14	28.97	269.78	28.61	265.41	27.42	263.06	26.23	264.58	26.41	269.47	26.93
Brazil	904.76	100.00	942.97	100.00	968.04	100.00	1.002.91	100.00	1.001.67	100.00	1.000.66	100.00

Source: CNA/CEPEA-USP Research Data.

Considering that the Agribusiness is a segment with agents from the primary (agriculture), secondary (industry), and tertiary (services) sectors, the changes in the GDP will be a function of the relative variation of its components.

The results show that out of the components considered for the estimation of the Total Agribusiness GDP only that of the Total Agriculture had, in 1999, a negative variation (-0.11%), significantly contrasting with the positive performance (6.23%) reached in 1998. One can also observe that the Inputs, the Agriculture Based Industries, and Distribution had positive variations in 1999, with respectively, real growth rates of 8.66%, 2.71% and 0.61% (Figure 6).

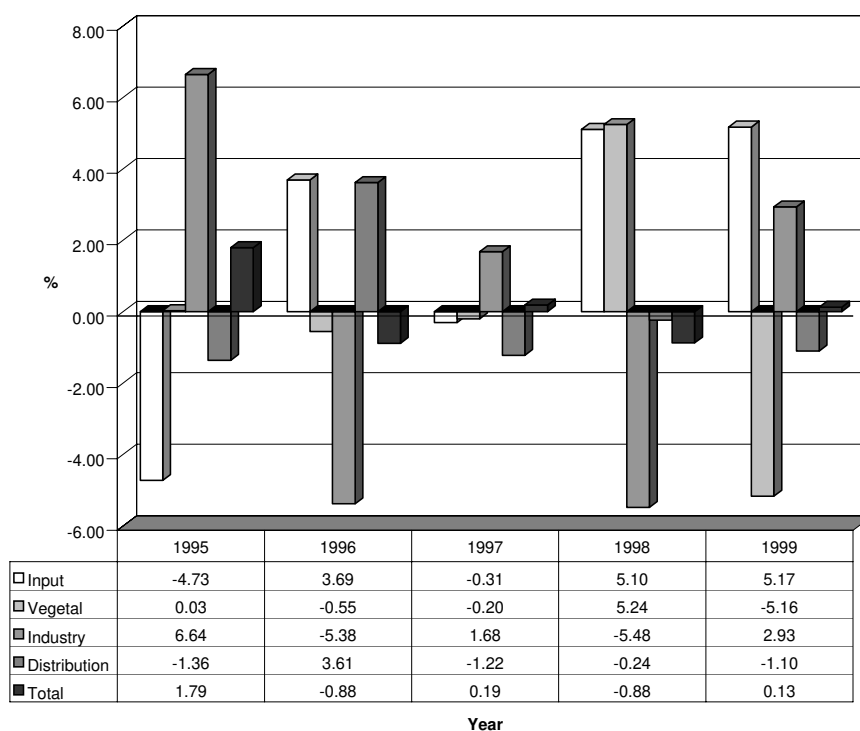


Source: CNA/CEPEA-USP Research Data.

Figure 6. Real Annual Growth Rates of the Total Agribusiness GDP and its Segments - 1995 to 1999

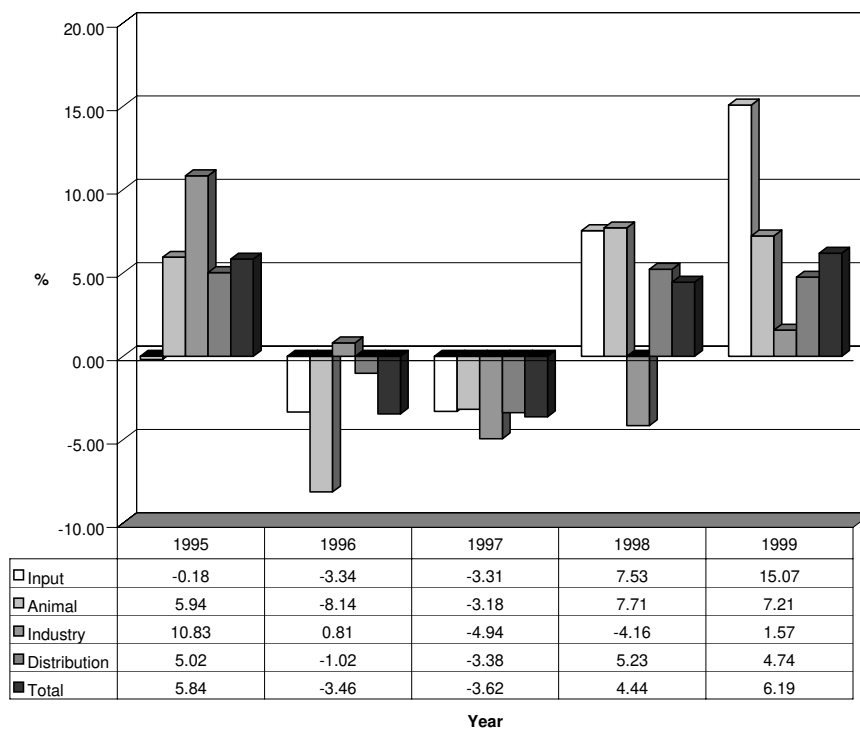
Considering the annual growth rates of the components of the Vegetal Agribusiness GDP one notices that only the Input and Industry segments had a positive performance in 1999, with growth rates, respectively, of 5.17% and 2.93%, compensating the negative results of Agriculture (-5.16%) and Distribution (-1.10%) (Figure 7).

Despite the negative context presented by the farming segment, the Animal Agribusiness Sub-Complex showed a positive performance in the 1998/1999 period. Thus, in that sub-complex the growth rates in 1999 were respectively 15.07%, 7.21%, 1.57% and 4.74% for the input, animal, processing and services segments (Figure 8).



Source: CNA/CEPEA-USP Research Data.

Figure 7. Real Annual Growth Rates of the Vegetal Agribusiness GDP and its Segments - 1995 to 1999.



Source: CNA/CEPEA-USP Research Data.

Figure 8. Real Annual Growth Rates of the Animal Agribusiness GDP and its Segments - 1995 to 1999.

The aggregate value derived from agriculture and animal products are made up by its output destiny, i.e.: a) inputs used in the agriculture; b) inputs used by the industries; c) exported; and d) final consumption by the families and the government. Given the above, one has that the value of the Total Agriculture GDP in 1999 was of R\$76.28 billions, a difference of R\$11.56 billions in comparison with the R\$64.72 billions used as inputs by the industries or used by the components of the final demand, this difference reflects the value of using the vegetal and animal products as inputs in the Agricultural sector. Splitting the Total Agriculture GDP by the sub-complexes one has that in 1999 the total GDP for the Vegetal and Animal production was, respectively, of R\$43.06 billions and R\$33.22 billions (Table 4).

Table 4. Agribusiness and Agriculture GDP by Complexes, Brazil - 1995 to 1999
(Billion R\$ of 1999 and Real Growth Rates, %)

Agribusiness	Year									
	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999	
	Value	Growth Rate	Value	Growth Rate	Value	Growth Rate	Value	Growth Rate	Value	Growth Rate
Agriculture Agribusiness	269.78	2.92	265.41	-1.62	263.06	-0.89	264.58	0.58	269.47	1.85
Total Agriculture	75.32	1.80	72.92	-3.19	71.88	-1.42	76.36	6.23	76.28	-0.11
Vegetal Agribusiness	192.48	1.79	190.78	-0.88	191.13	0.19	189.46	-0.88	189.70	0.13
Total Vegetal	43.18	-0.63	43.21	0.07	43.12	-0.21	45.38	5.24	43.06	-5.13
Animal Agribusiness	77.30	5.84	74.63	-3.46	71.93	-3.62	75.12	4.44	79.77	6.19
Total Animal	32.14	5.26	29.71	-7.56	28.76	-3.19	30.98	7.71	33.22	7.25

Source: CNA/CEPEA-USP Research Data.

When measured by a broader concept, the sectoral GDP data from 1994-1999 allows a more accurate technical evaluation regarding the sectoral performance of the Brazilian Agribusiness. These results are shown in Tables 5 and 6. The activity regarding the vegetal and animal products also includes the value of the inputs used plus the value aggregated with the distribution of the vegetal and animal products; the value for the agriculture based industries also includes the value aggregated with the distribution of the industries production. Using this broader concept, the value of the agricultural sector was responsible, in 1999, for 42.23% of Brazil's Total Agribusiness GDP.

In regard to the Vegetal and Animal sectors (Tables 5 and 6), the decrease of the GDP value in 1996 and 1997 can be interpreted as an economic backward movement (R\$105.84 billions in 1996 and R\$103.51 billions in 1997). After this period there was a recovery in

1998 and 1999, with growth rates of 8.02% and 1.77%, respectively. One should point the highly positive performance of the Animal sector in the 1998-1999 period, with growth rates of 9.55% and 8.48%, respectively, which certainly reflected on the positive result of the Agriculture sector in that biennium (8.02% and 1.77%, respectively).

Despite the not so significant growth of the Total Agribusiness GDP (1.85%) in 1999, some agroindustrial sectors managed to overcome the drawbacks and present highly satisfactory results. The Pulp, Paper and Printing industry had a GDP growth of 20.81%, going from R\$12.01 billions in 1998 to R\$14.50 billions in 1999 (Tables 5 and 6, and Figure 9).

Table 5. Sectoral Distribution of the Brazilian Agribusiness GDP, 1995 to 1999.
(Billion R\$ of 1999)

Sector	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Agriculture ⁽¹⁾	109.10	105.84	103.51	111.81	113.78
Vegetal ⁽²⁾	62.93	63.09	62.46	66.84	65.01
Animal ⁽³⁾	46.14	42.74	41.04	44.96	48.78
Wood and Wood Products ⁽⁴⁾	13.95	13.63	13.26	12.19	12.24
Pulp, Paper and Printing ⁽⁴⁾	14.43	13.50	12.79	12.01	14.50
Chemical Elements (Alcohol) ⁽⁴⁾	9.98	9.58	11.94	10.12	11.43
Textile Industry ⁽⁴⁾	12.17	11.13	10.05	8.73	9.24
Clothing Industry ⁽⁴⁾	13.54	13.35	12.03	11.40	9.72
Footwear Industry ⁽⁴⁾	6.96	6.88	6.56	5.32	4.96
Coffee Industry ⁽⁴⁾	5.02	5.22	5.04	6.65	7.13
Vegetal Products Processing ⁽⁴⁾	20.42	21.67	22.96	21.15	19.94
Animal Slaughtering ⁽⁴⁾	16.73	17.10	16.52	16.84	18.80
Dairy Industry ⁽⁴⁾	7.47	7.91	7.80	8.00	7.23
Sugar Industry ⁽⁴⁾	4.10	3.95	4.12	4.12	4.06
Vegetal Oil Processing ⁽⁴⁾	7.23	7.29	8.20	7.67	7.42
Other Food Products ⁽⁴⁾	28.68	28.35	28.27	28.57	29.00
Total	269.78	265.41	263.06	264.58	269.47

Source: CNA/CEPEA-USP Research Data.

(1) These values refer to the sum of the aggregated value generated by the agriculture sector, the inputs used by the sector and the distribution value of the vegetal and animal products.

(2) These values refer to the sum of the aggregated value generated by the vegetal sector, the inputs used by the sector and the distribution value of the vegetal products.

(3) These values refer to the sum of the aggregated value generated by the animal sector, the inputs used by the sector and the distribution value of the animal products.

(4) These values refer to the sum of the aggregated value generated by the industrial sector plus the distribution value of the processed products.

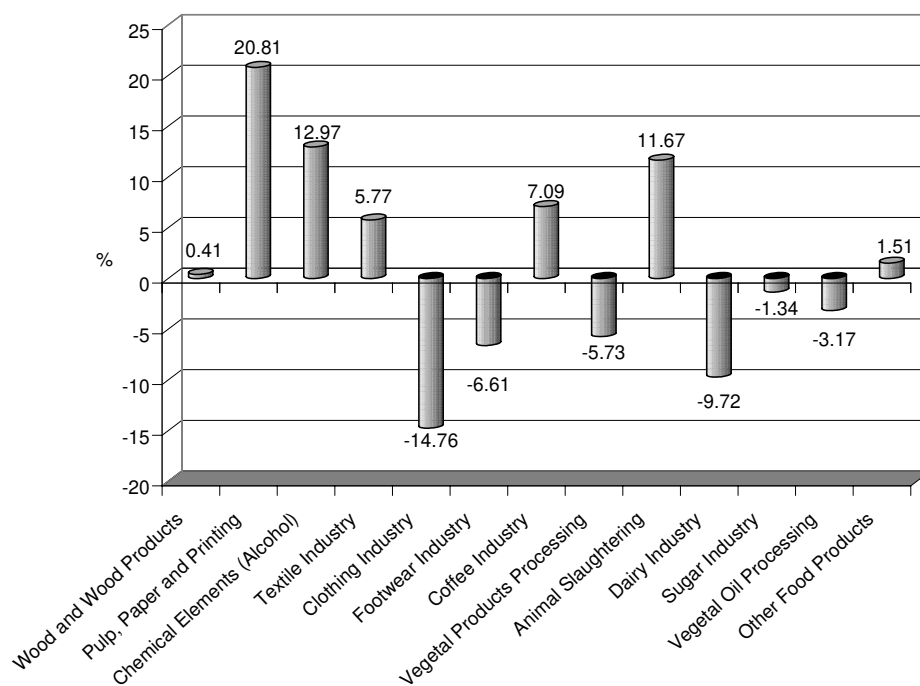
Table 6. Real Growth Rates (%) of the Sectoral Distribution of the Brazilian Agribusiness GDP, 1995 to 1999

Sector	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Agriculture ⁽¹⁾	1.67	-2.99	-2.20	8.02	1.77
Vegetal ⁽²⁾	-0.75	0.27	-1.00	7.01	-2.75
Animal ⁽³⁾	5.10	-7.36	-3.97	9.55	8.48
Wood and Wood Products ⁽⁴⁾	4.99	-2.29	-2.73	-8.03	0.41
Pulp, Paper and Printing ⁽⁴⁾	24.85	-6.49	-5.22	-6.14	20.81
Chemical Elements (Alcohol) ⁽⁴⁾	-20.98	-4.02	24.67	-15.28	12.97
Textile Industry ⁽⁴⁾	2.30	-8.49	-9.70	-13.13	5.77
Clothing Industry ⁽⁴⁾	5.50	-1.43	-9.87	-5.21	-14.76
Footwear Industry ⁽⁴⁾	-5.11	-1.19	-4.58	-19.01	-6.61
Coffee Industry ⁽⁴⁾	-15.38	4.10	-3.58	32.11	7.09
Vegetal Products Processing ⁽⁴⁾	-1.61	6.12	5.94	-7.90	-5.73
Animal Slaughtering ⁽⁴⁾	6.55	2.25	-3.43	1.96	11.67
Dairy Industry ⁽⁴⁾	22.38	5.80	-1.31	2.57	-9.72
Sugar Industry ⁽⁴⁾	-7.98	-3.57	4.21	-0.13	-1.34
Vegetal Oil Processing ⁽⁴⁾	-5.71	0.89	12.42	-6.50	-3.17
Other Food Products ⁽⁴⁾	16.25	-1.15	-0.27	1.06	1.51
Total	2.92	-1.62	-0.89	0.58	1.85

Source: CNA/CEPEA-USP Research Data.

- (1) These values refer to the sum of the aggregated value generated by the agriculture sector, the inputs used by the sector and the distribution value of the vegetal and animal products.
- (2) These values refer to the sum of the aggregated value generated by the vegetal sector, the inputs used by the sector and the distribution value of the vegetal products.
- (3) These values refer to the sum of the aggregated value generated by the animal sector, the inputs used by the sector and the distribution value of the animal products.
- (4) These values refer to the sum of the aggregated value generated by the industrial sector plus the distribution value of the processed products.

In the case of the Chemical Elements (Alcohol) industry the GDP increase in 1999 was 12.97%, reaching the mark of R\$11.43 billions. The Animal Slaughtering industry recorded a significant variation of 11.67%, increasing its aggregated value from R\$16.84 billions in 1998 to R\$18.80 billions in 1999. In addition to these sectors, which were significantly outstanding last year, one should also stress the real positive annual growth of the Coffee and Textile industries, with growth rates of 7.09% and 5.77%, respectively. Among the sectors, the poorest performance was that of the Clothing industry, which recorded a reduction of 14.76%, with its GDP going from R\$11.40 billions to \$9.72 billions (Figure 9).



Source: CNA/CEPEA-USP Research Data.

Figure 9. Yearly Growth Rates (%) of the Agriculture-Based Industries GDP – 1999

The results confirm the Agribusiness behavior trend in highly industrialized economies, in which the share of the agriculture based industries and final distribution, tends to be more and more representative in the value of the output sold by farmers. In that process, the vegetal and animal sector becomes less important in the composition of the Agribusiness output, with a relative sector's income decrease.

Through the data presented it is possible to see that the Brazilian agriculture is inserted into the current trend of the world's economy by adapting itself to the situation of the consumers, concentrated on the urban regions, with sophisticated consuming structures in which a larger share of industrialized and diversified products is a constant demand.

In short, the Brazilian Agribusiness adds value on the agricultural raw materials in which the warehousing, processing and final distribution sector tends to be more representative of the total value of the output sold to the consumer, thus dominating the agriculture/industry relationships.

In that sense, it is fundamental to take into account the necessary organization of farming producers into associations, cooperatives or other alternative means to support rural producers, as it allows rural workers to face the challenges of this new agrarian pattern,

leading to a relative reduction of the rural sector in relationship with the other Agribusiness components.

4. THE BRAZILIAN AGRIBUSINESS, MONTHLY GROWTH RATES FOR 2000

To estimate the monthly growth rates of the Brazilian Agribusiness GDP it was used the input-output tables to derive the weights of the different sectors in the complex, and at the same time it was made use of different price and quantity indexes available in the Brazilian economy. It is important to stress that the measure of the monthly growth rates of the Agribusiness GDP was done taking into consideration the income side of agriculture, i.e., we have tried to make the growth rates sensible to real price as well as real quantity changes, given that the quarterly estimates of the Brazilian Government Statistical Institute (IBGE) are given taken into consideration only growth rates into agricultural production, as so we do believe that the monthly growth rates that we have obtained are much more representative of what happen in the Brazilian Agriculture and Agribusiness than the ones released by IBGE.

The results for the Brazilian economy (Table 7), up to April of 2000, show that the GDP for the Total Agricultural sector grew 0,96% over the 1999 value. This growth rate is due in part of the good performance of the Animal sub-sector that grew 2.59% while the Vegetal sector had a negative growth rate of -0.31%.

While the sub-sector of Vegetal is having a negative growth, the Agribusiness GDP of this sub-complex had an accumulated growth rate of 0.7% up to April 2000, due mainly to the growth of Inputs (1.48%), Industry (1.56%), and Distribution (0.08%).

For the Animal sub-complex, the Agribusiness GDP showed an accumulated growth rate of 2.03%, with a growth rate of 3.70% for Inputs, 0.47% for Industry, and 1.65% for Distribution.

The GDP of the Total Agribusiness grew 1.09% in the first four months of the year, with a growth rate of 2.31% for inputs, 1.38% for Industry, and 0.56% for Distribution.

In the industrial sectors the biggest accumulated growth is found in the Pulp, Paper and Printing Industry, 9.03%, opposing the 4.62% decline in the Clothing Industry.

Table 7. Monthly Real Growth Rates (%) of the Brazilian Agribusiness GDP, January to April 2000

	Agriculture Agribusiness	Inputs	Total Agriculture	Industry	Distribution	
January	0.2227	0.4911	0.1141	0.3115	0.1366	
February	0.4904	0.5473	0.0827	0.7660	0.4959	
March	-0.0002	0.3600	0.0544	0.0719	-0.2140	
April	0.3764	0.8885	0.7039	0.2283	0.1394	
Accumulated	1.0931	2.3058	0.9570	1.3835	0.5579	

	Vegetal Agribusiness	Inputs	Vegetal	Industry	Distribution	
January	0.0983	0.2650	-0.2463	0.3259	-0.0148	
February	0.4611	0.3331	-0.3113	0.8476	0.4816	
March	-0.1542	0.1009	-0.2853	0.0840	-0.4295	
April	0.2950	0.7705	0.5314	0.2905	0.0403	
Accumulated	0.7010	1.4765	-0.3136	1.5554	0.0756	

	Animal Agribusiness	Inputs	Animal	Industry	Distribution	
January	0.5186	0.8708	0.5758	0.2354	0.4803	
February	0.5597	0.9050	0.5833	0.3341	0.5282	
March	0.3640	0.7900	0.4822	0.0075	0.2724	
April	0.5680	1.0830	0.9196	-0.1028	0.3613	
Accumulated	2.0254	3.6987	2.5850	0.4744	1.6522	

	Wood and Wood Prod.	Pulp, Paper and Printing	Chemical Elements	Textile Industry	Clothing Industry	Footwear Industry
January	0.0699	1.8029	1.1292	0.4588	-1.3328	-0.5361
February	0.3002	2.1189	1.5108	0.5639	-1.0374	-0.3030
March	0.1675	2.3243	1.7902	0.3382	-1.1504	-0.4886
April	0.7357	2.4919	0.4359	0.2094	-1.1848	-0.5309
Accumulated	1.2780	9.0270	4.9504	1.5791	-4.6232	-1.8459

	Coffee Industry	Vegetal Products	Animal Slaughtering	Dairy Industry	Sugar Industry	Vegetal Oil Processing	Other Food Products
January	0.4965	-0.4056	1.0130	-0.8254	0.0510	-0.3866	0.0809
February	0.5072	2.4018	1.0052	-0.6279	0.4189	-0.6276	0.0397
March	-0.0768	-3.1224	0.5658	-0.8365	1.0923	-1.3033	0.0536
April	0.2893	-0.3661	0.3559	-0.7940	0.7200	-1.2653	-0.4936
Accumulated	1.2206	-1.5597	2.9707	-3.0484	2.2989	-3.5380	-0.3203

Source: CNA/CEPEA-USP Research Data.

5. CONCLUSIONS

By analyzing the results of this research one can infer the complexity of the Brazilian economy, which presents an advanced stage of a productive structure with a high interlinking degree among the national productive sectors.

As to the Agribusiness results, the empirical data show the fundamental role that this segment has performed in the Brazilian economy, responsible for approximately 27% of the GDP in 1999.

The contribution of the different sectors to the Agribusiness GDP confirm that the Agribusiness adds value to the agricultural raw materials, with the warehousing, processing and final distribution sectors tending to be more and more representative in the value of the output sold to the consumer, as so, the results point out that the agriculture based industries and the distribution segment are the dynamic poles in the agrarian transformation process.

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