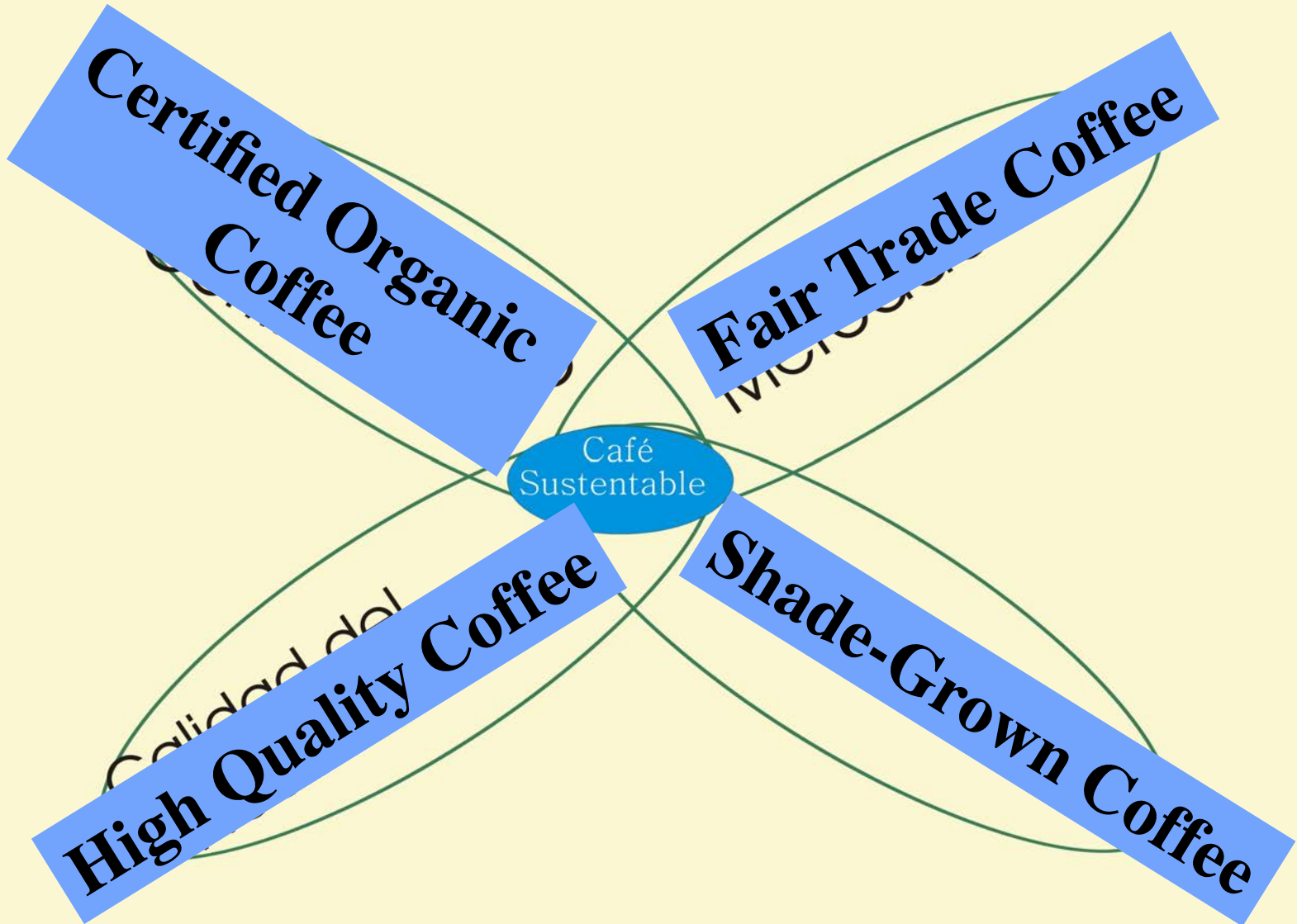


# Certified Lives



Producing transparency in  
Fairtrade-Organic Coffee

# PROYECTO: PRODUCCIÓN DE CAFÉ SUSTENTABLE



# Environmental Services



Clean Water

Species Conservation

Carbon Sequestration

Less Energy Use

Pesticide Free

Oaxacan Farmer View:

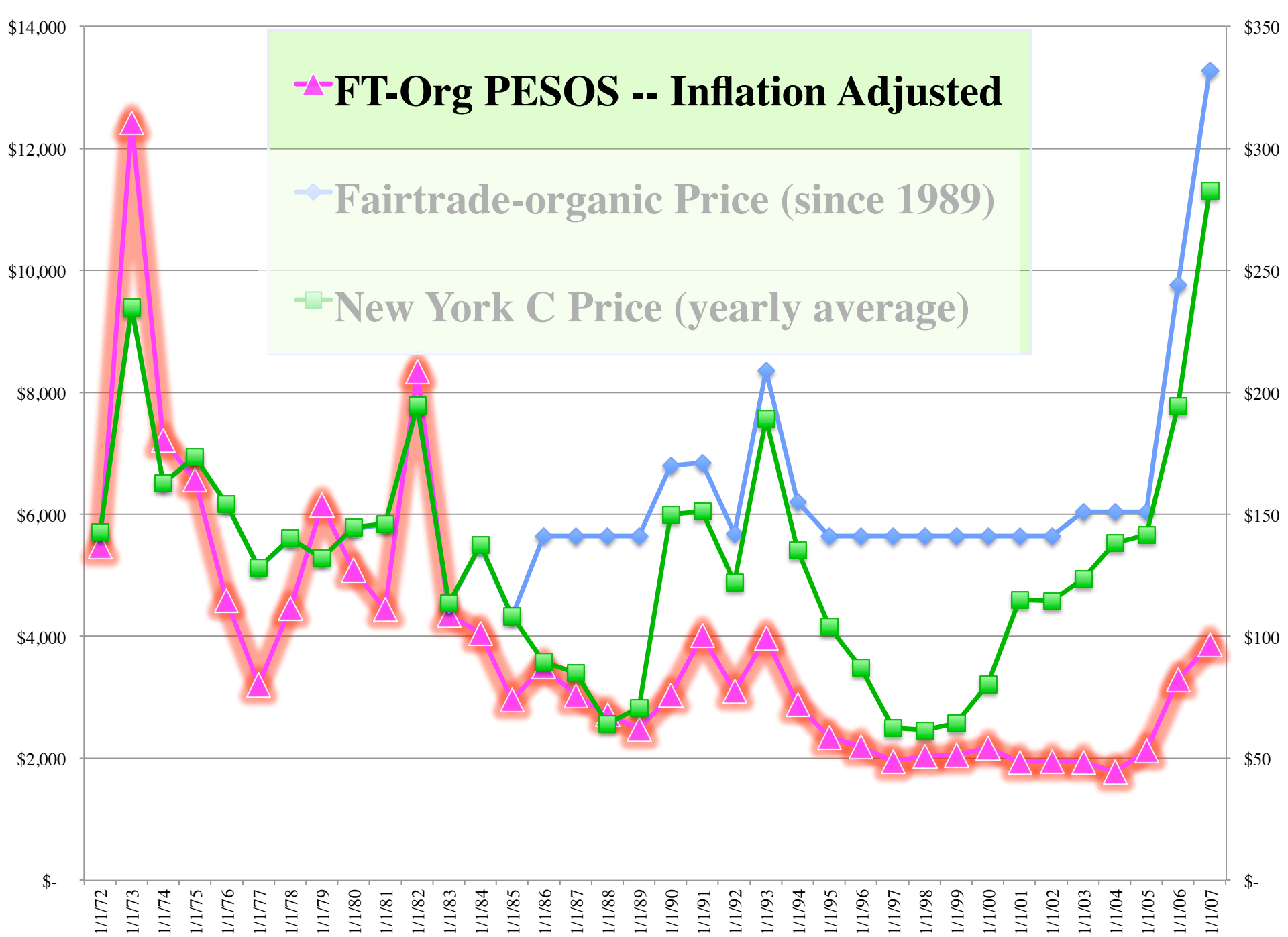
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Less pollution

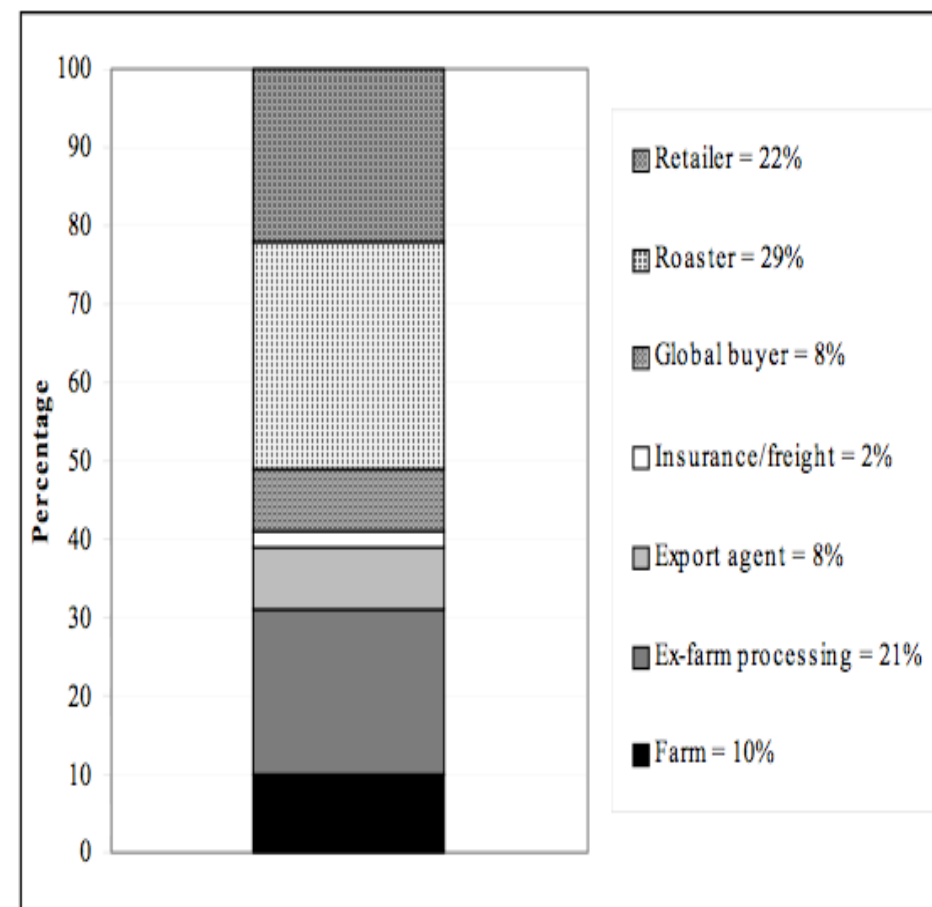
Global Climate Change

Biodiversity

Land-use Planning &  
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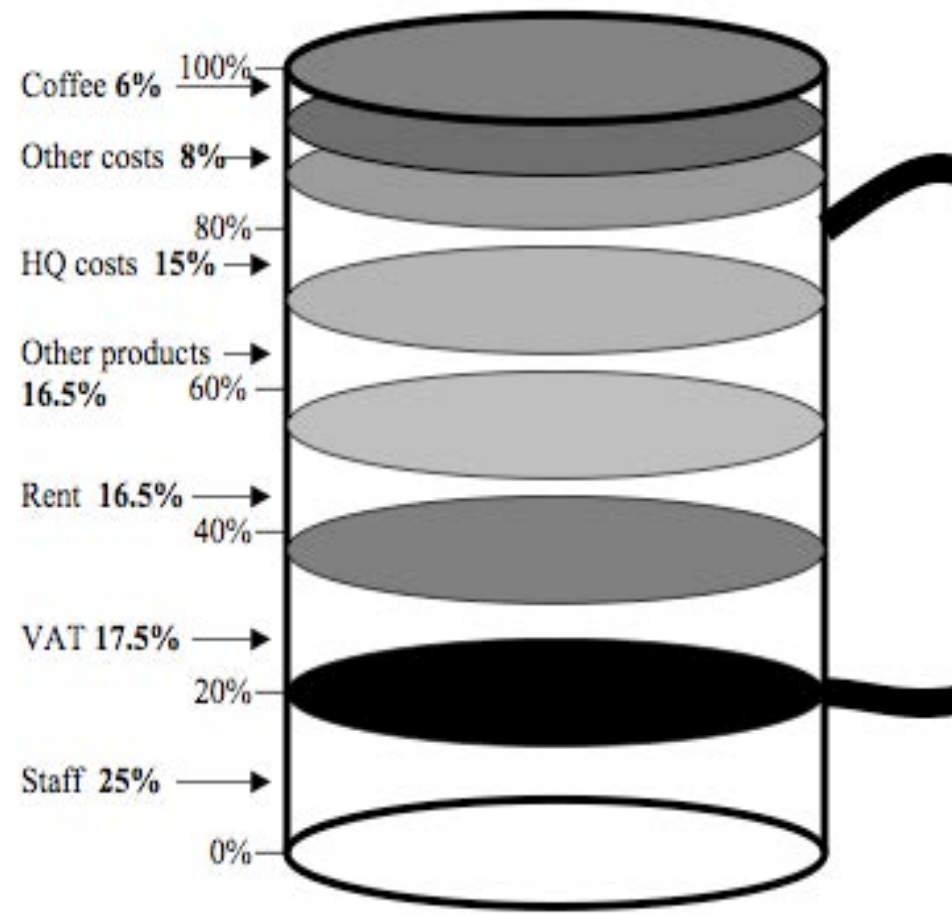
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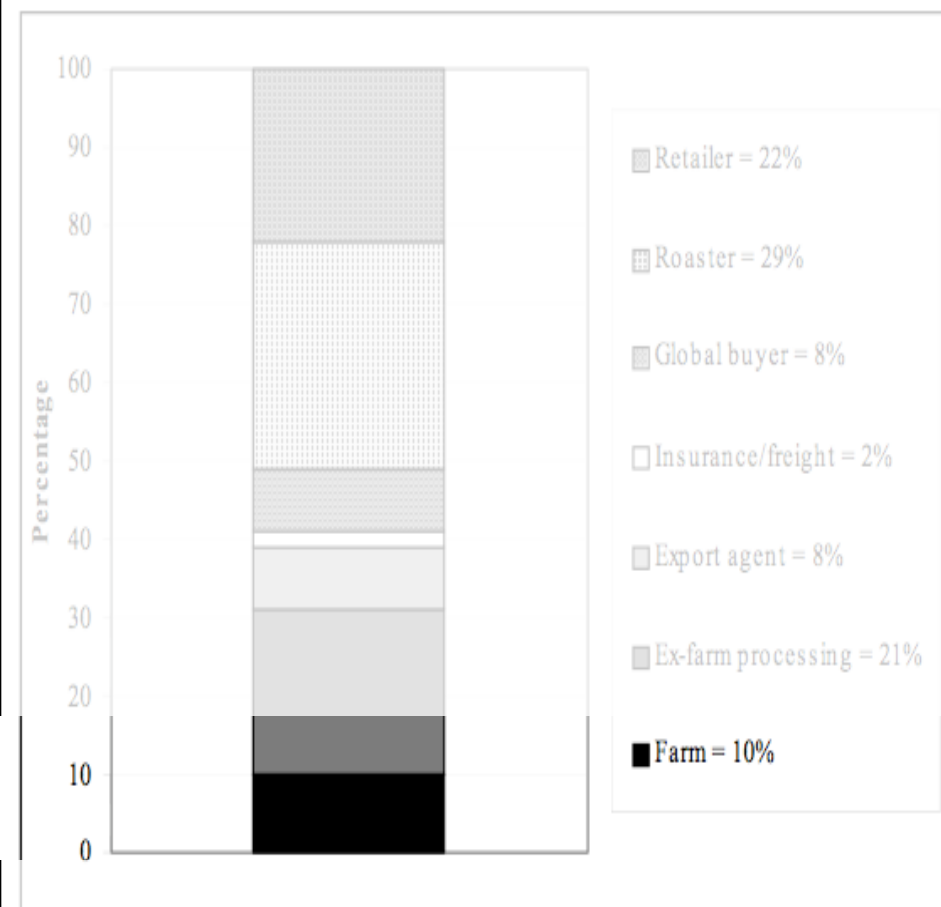
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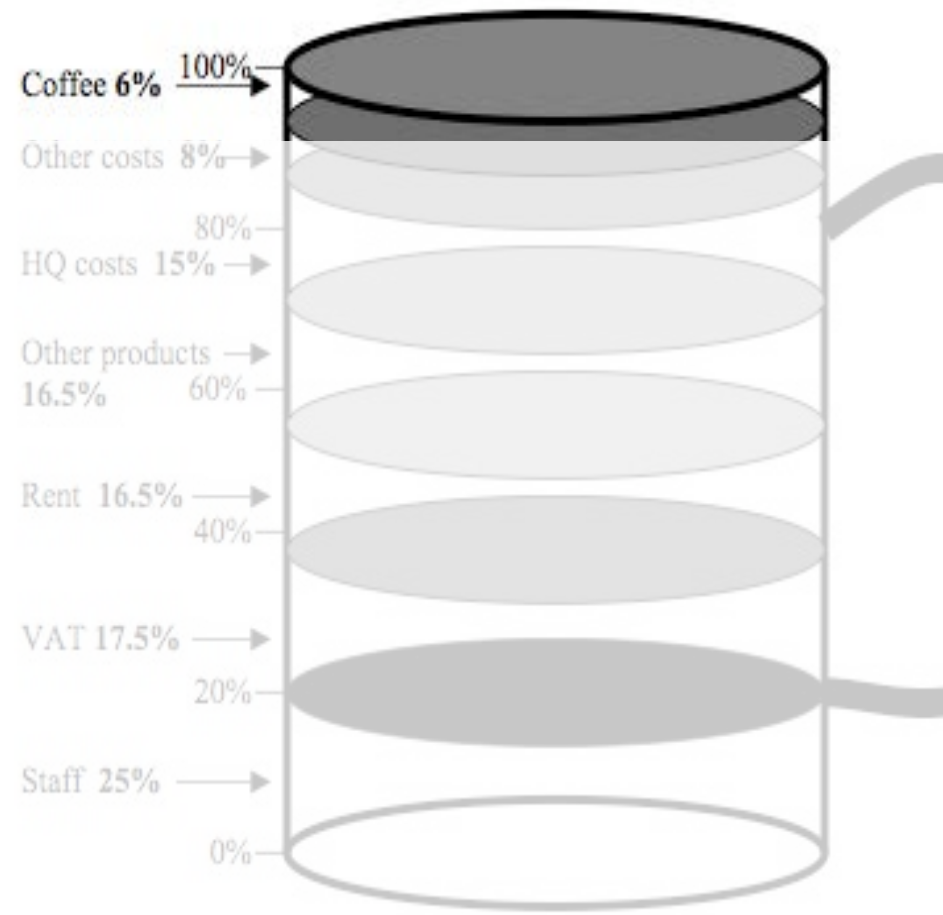


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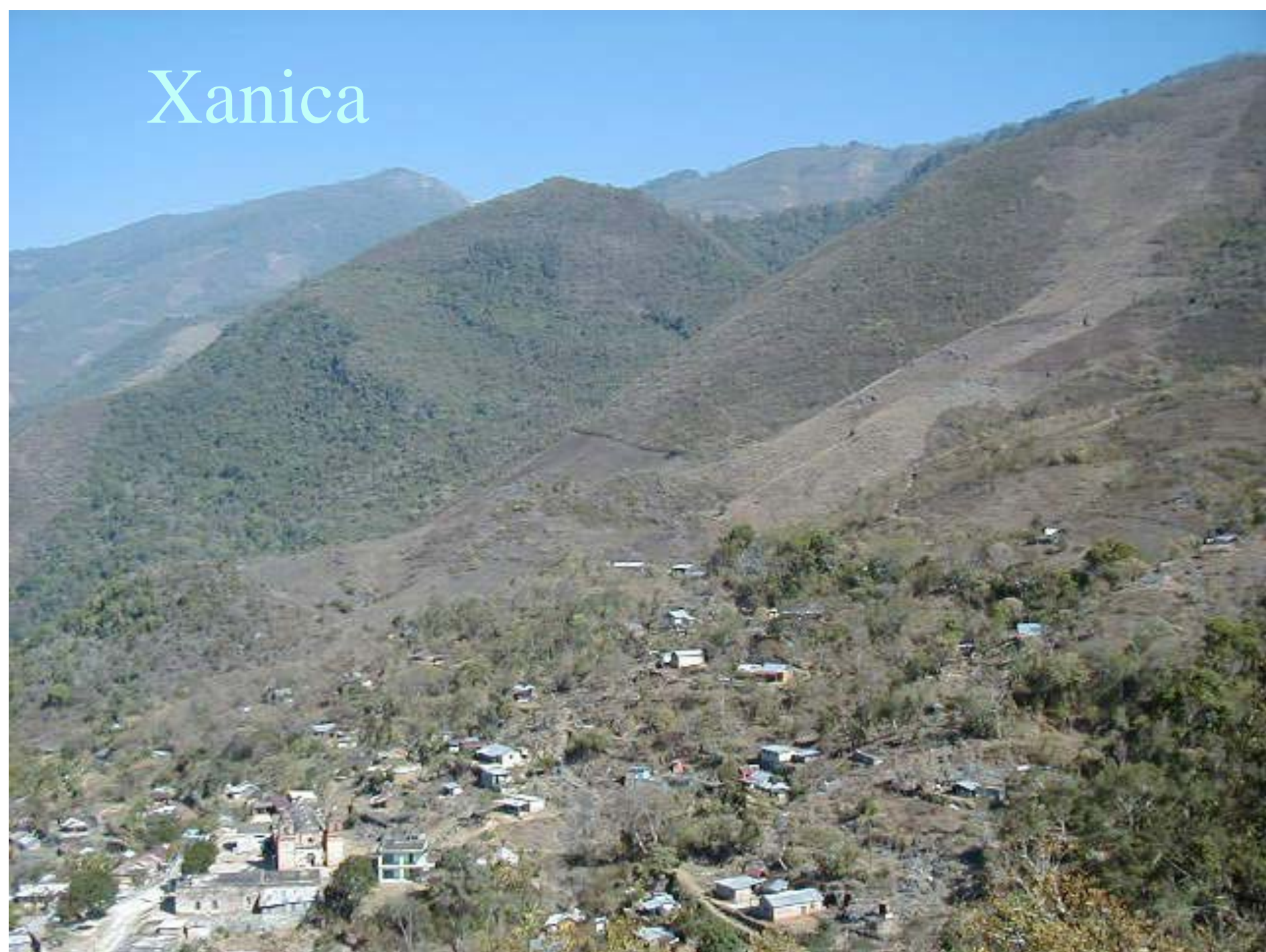
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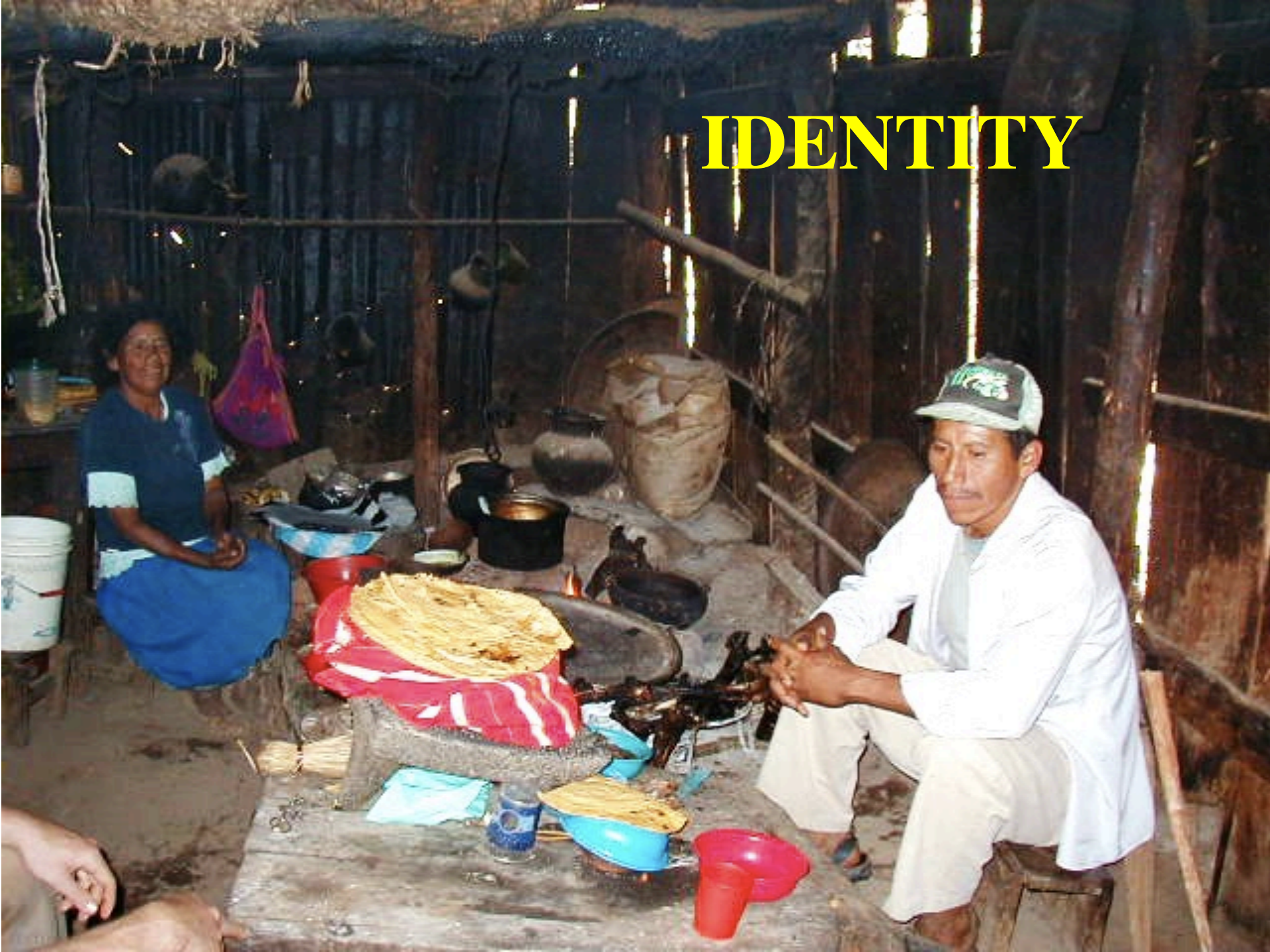


# Nuyoo





# IDENTITY



# Coffee Work



Coffee: A weighty subject...

# Organic Farm Labor

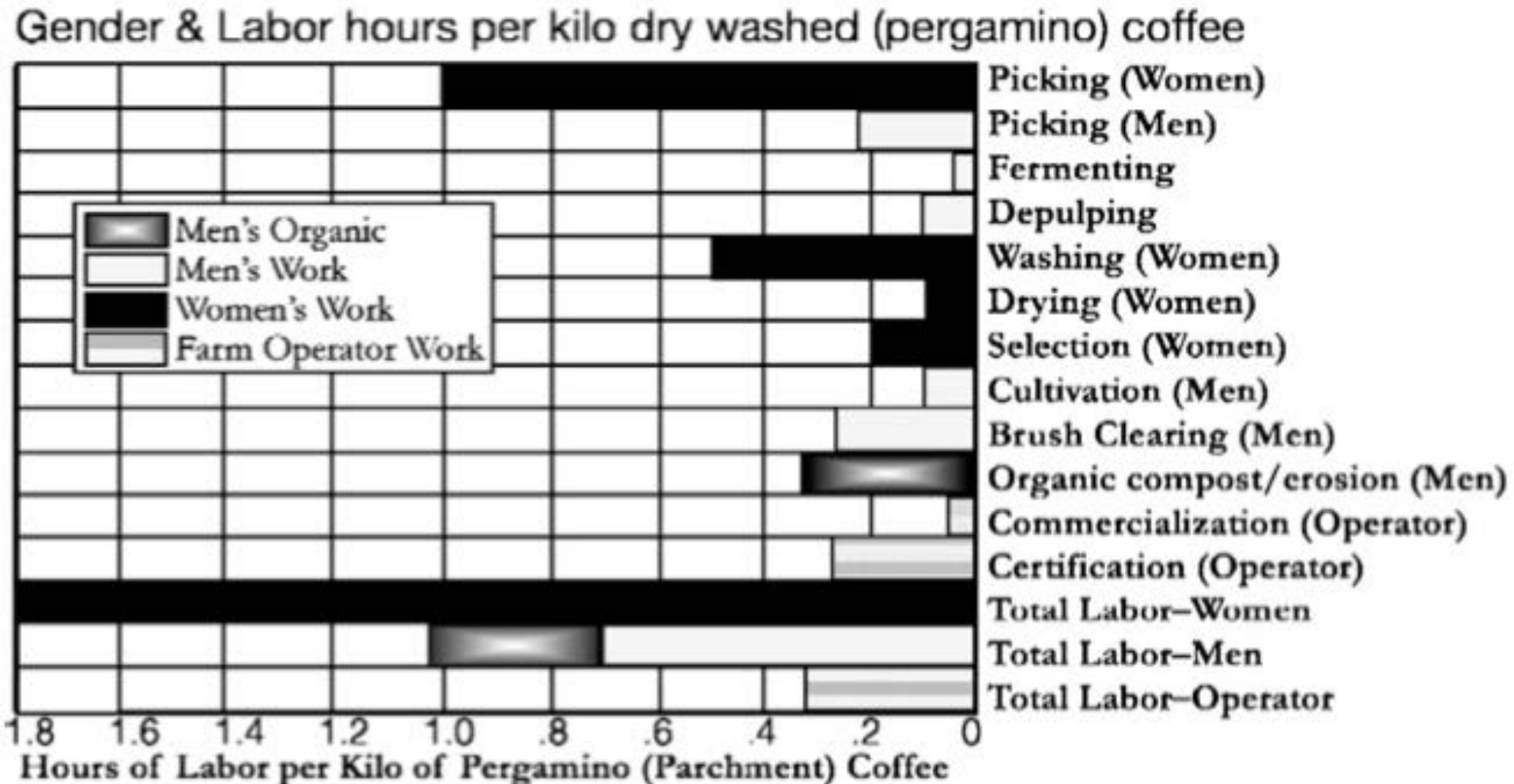


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# Organic Farm Labor

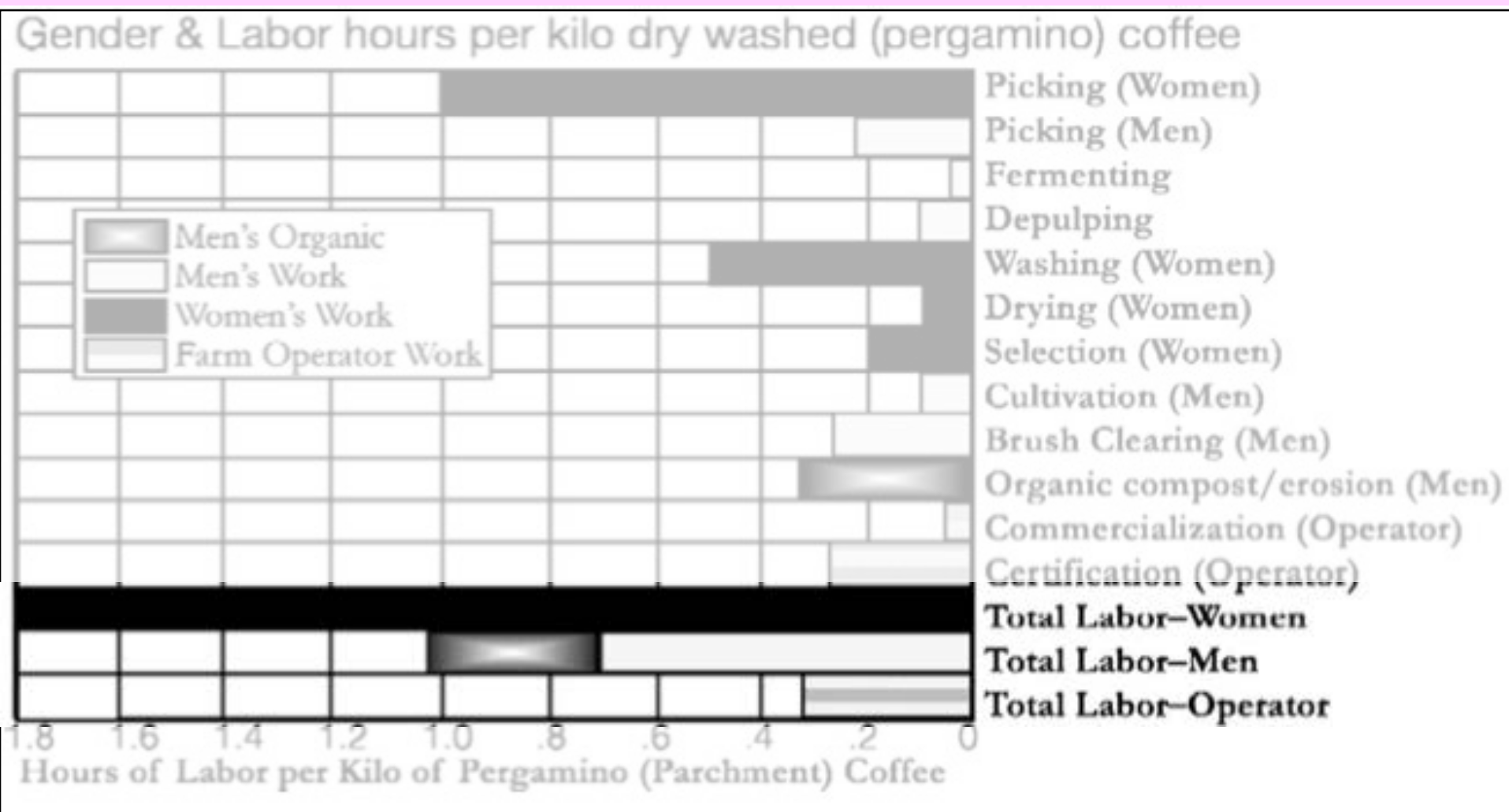


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Preparing Biodiverse  
Shade Tree  
Nurseries



Viveros: nursery



Biodiverse Shade Trees:  
Food for Birds



Café under shade



Plot Borders prevent contamination

# Terracing



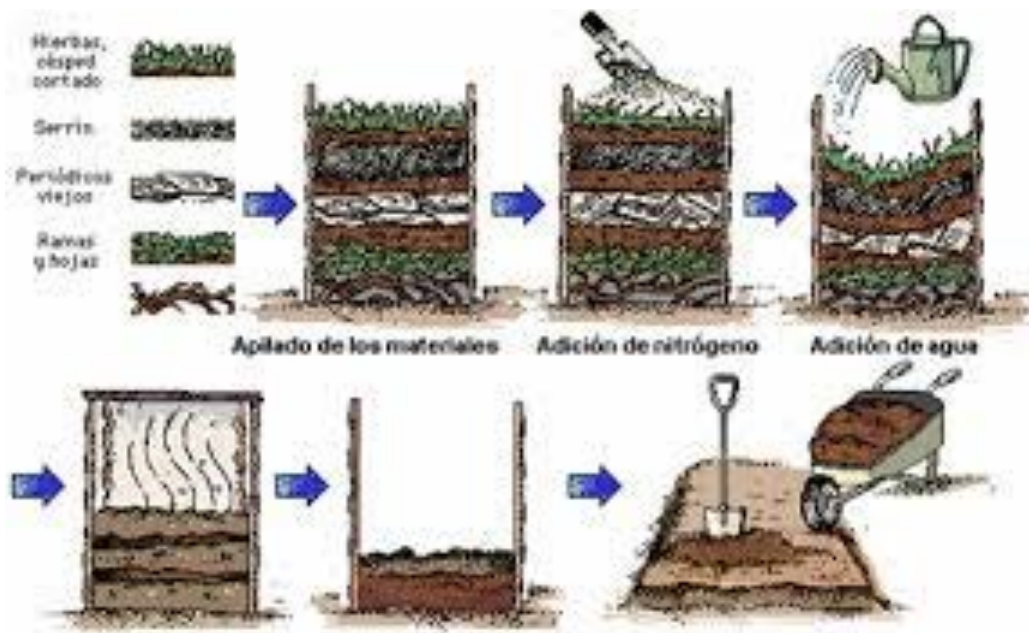




Depulping coffee



Acidic coffee waste



## Composting Coffee Waste (pulp)

Applying Coffee Pulp Organic Compost



Certification

# Peasant inspectors/ Community Technical officers training



# Inspections Using Geographical Positioning & Programmed Cell Phones



# Inspections Using Geographical Positioning & Programmed Cell Phones



Farm Operator Status

El Oficio



PROGRAMA DE TRABAJO

NOMBRE DEL PRODUCTOR: Francisco Cruz López

CLAVE: 19

ORGANIZACIÓN: UNIÓN DE PRODUCTORES RURALES A.S.S.

COMUNIDAD: San José

Peasant technical documents

ACTIVIDADES	UNIDAD DE MEDIDA	METAS POR PARCELAS					EPOCA	OBSERVACIONES
		1	2	3	4	5		
NOMBRE DE LA PARCELA								
CLAVE DE LA PARCELA								
REGULACION DE SOMBRA	ARBOL	-	-	8	10			
PODA SANITARIA	CAFETO	200	200	8		Marzo		
RECEPAS	CAFETO	50	200	8	P=K	Marzo	1	
DESHILES	CAFETO	20	300	8		Junio		
LIMPIAS	NUMERO	2	2	2	2	Mayo/Sept		
RENOVACION	CAFETO	60	-	-	-	Mayo		
RENOVACION	ARBOLES	20	10	N.R.	N.R.	Agosto		
APLICACION DE COMPOST	CAFETO	80				Mayo		
BARRERAS VIVAS O MUERTAS	METROS	40	20			Junio		
OTRAS ACTIVIDADES								

ACTIVIDADES COMPLEMENTARIAS					
ACTIVIDADES	UNIDAD DE MEDIDA	METAS A REALIZAR		EPOCA	OBSERVACIONES
ELABORACION DE COMPOST	KLOS	250		Enero - Febrero	
VIVERO DE CAFE	ARBOL	100		Febrero	
VIVERO DE ARBOLES	ARBOL	50		Junio	

NÚMERO Y FIRMA DEL SICO

Emilia Cruz López  
NOMBRE Y FIRMA DEL PROMOTOR

Carlos López López  
Vo.Bo. COMITE COMUNITARIO

FECHA 26 Febrero/00

COORDINADORA ESTATAL DE PRODUC. DE CAFE DE OAXACA

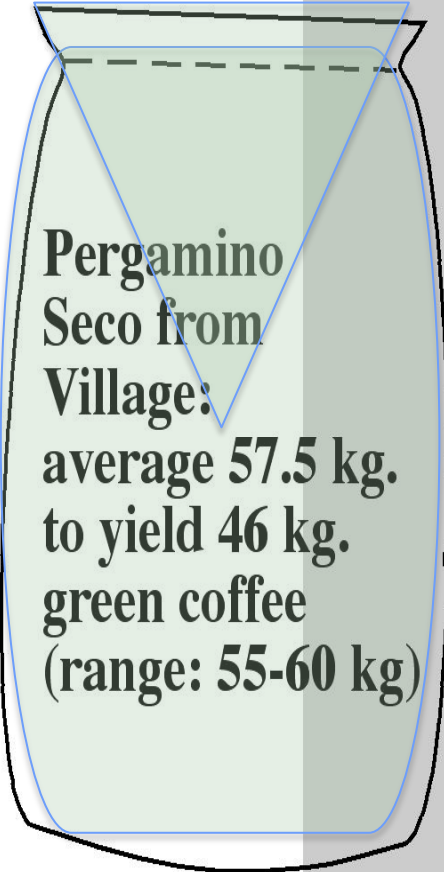
Organic and Fair Trade Coffee:  
lots of work!



# Coffee Selection Process

## Quality Labor in FT-Organic

**Phase 1: milling & cleaning.**  
approximately 10%  
weight reduction

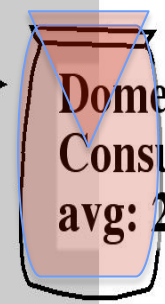


**Phase 2: Selection**

**Range:**  
50-90%  
Export Market



**Range:**  
10-50%  
Mexican Domestic Market



**Phase 3: Yield**

**Best Case:**  
55 kg.  
pergamino yields 41.5 kg.  
cafe oro, 75% yield

**Worst Case:**  
60 kg.  
pergamino yields 23 kg.  
cafe oro, 38% yield

AMIGO DE LOS PRODUCTORES

Productores Cooperativa



"I was giving a talk to a new group of [certified] organic producers. I was explaining how they would have a producer number.... Suddenly an elderly individual stood up and said that the 'number is the beast'. At first I didn't understand, but then I realized that he was talking about the beast in the bible, that he thought that [the producer number] was some terrible thing....

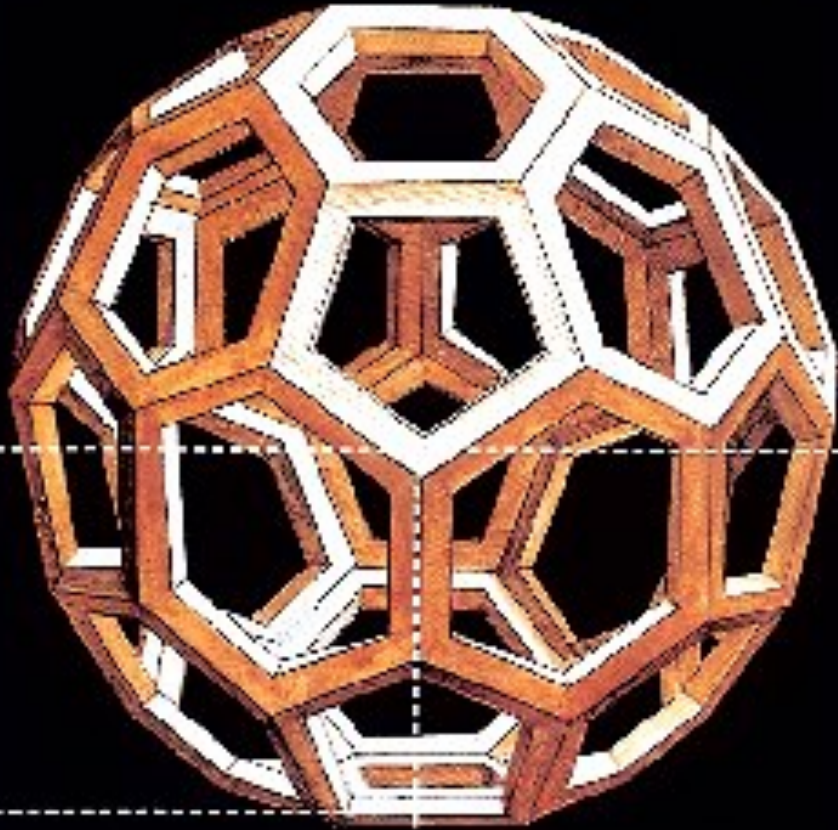
Now you see what we [inspectors] have to confront."

—Organic Certification Inspector 22 July 2000

[certification] is a class of ecological neocolonialism...."

—Organic extension agent 31 January 2000

# Harmony for Prosperity



World Standards Day  
14 October 2011

Image courtesy of Prof. Wang

International  
standards

Creating  
**CONFIDENCE**  
globally



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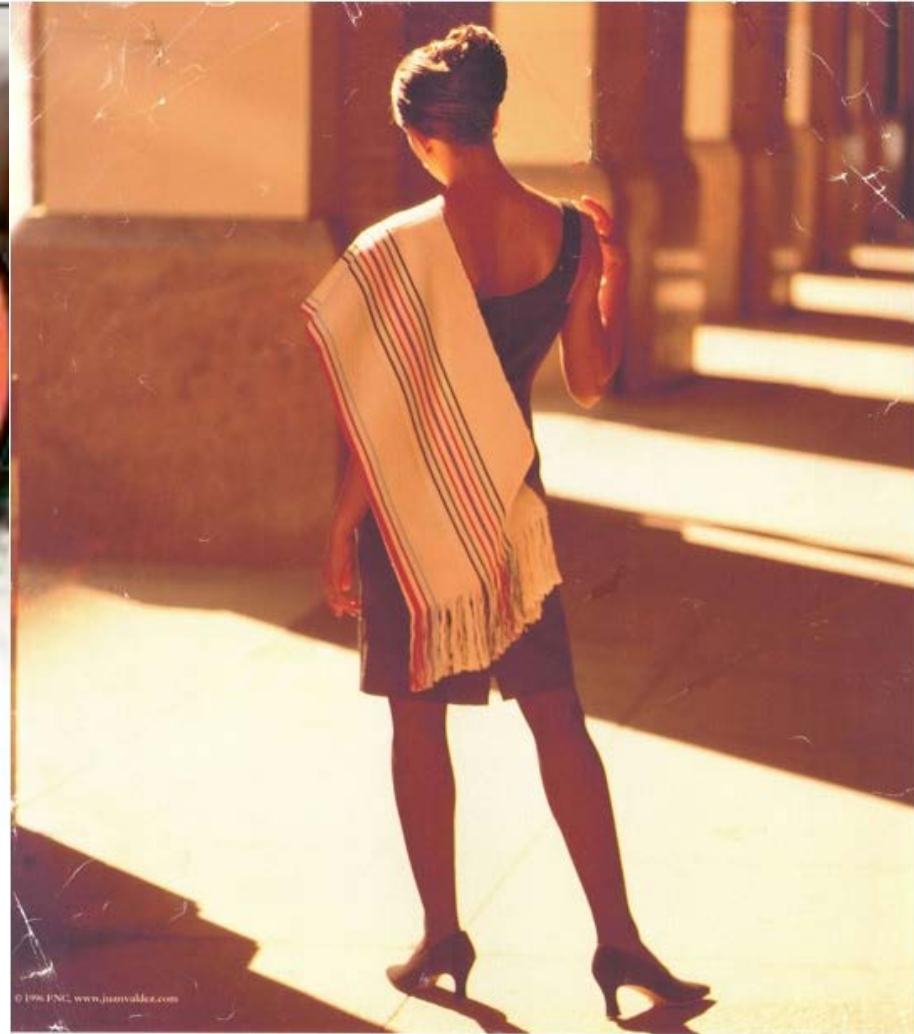
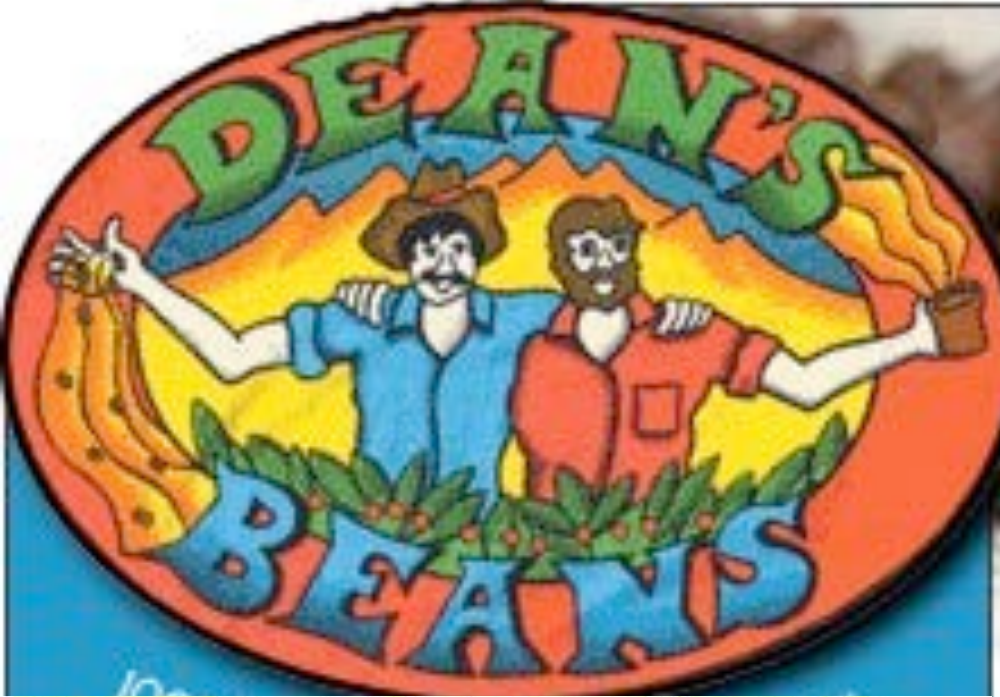
Benefits of fair-trade organic  
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wealth and knowledge in rural  
Oaxacan villages



SOC. COOPERATIVA -  
"VIA TUNQUIA"

ENTRO DEFENSO DE





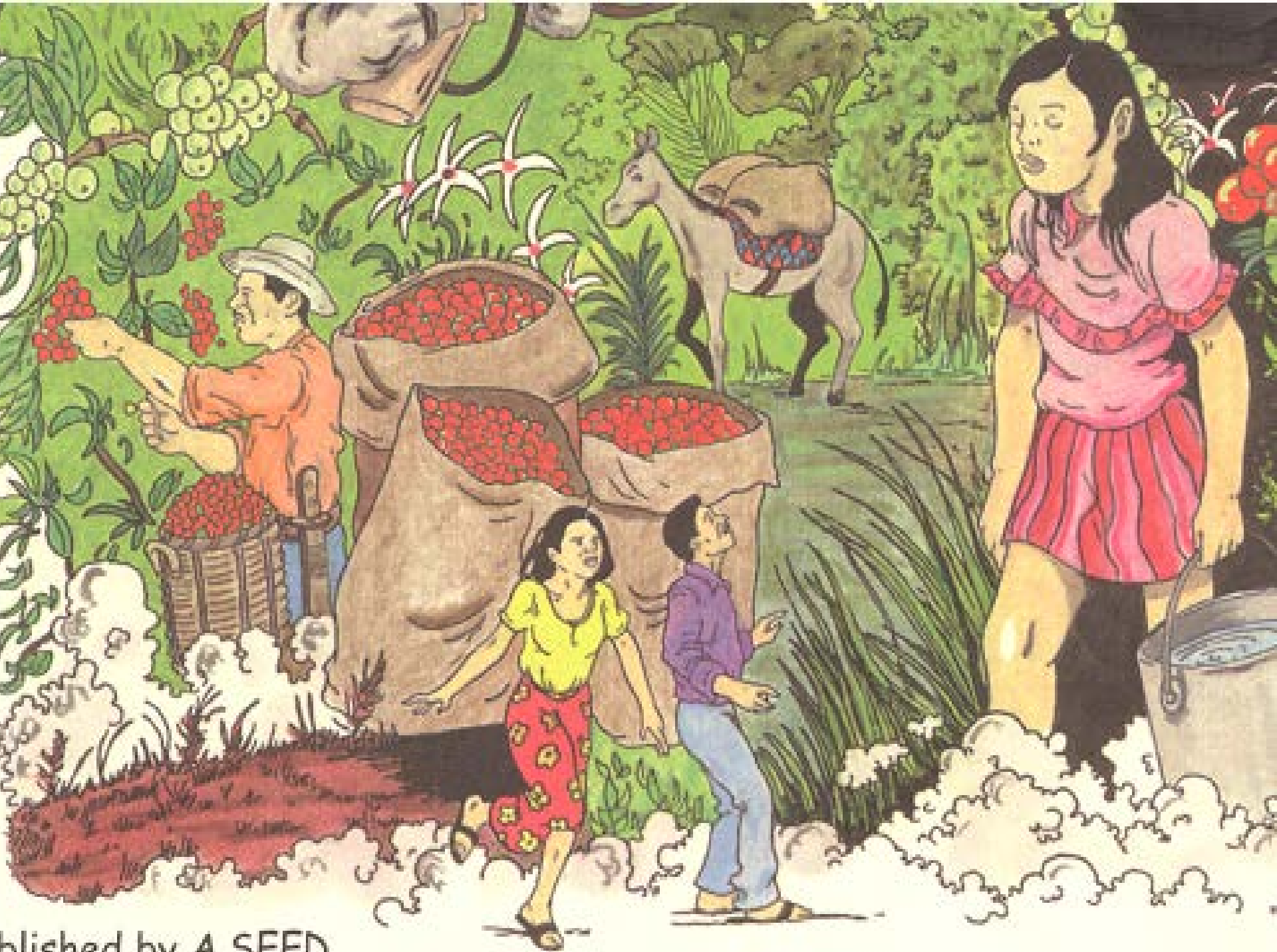
Juan Valdez. Coffee grower. Trendsetter.

**Women in organic  
coffee:  
What impacts?**

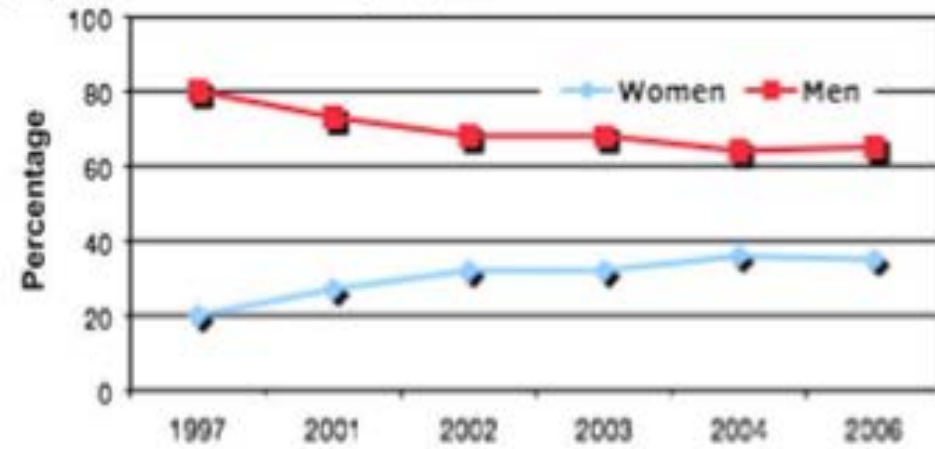
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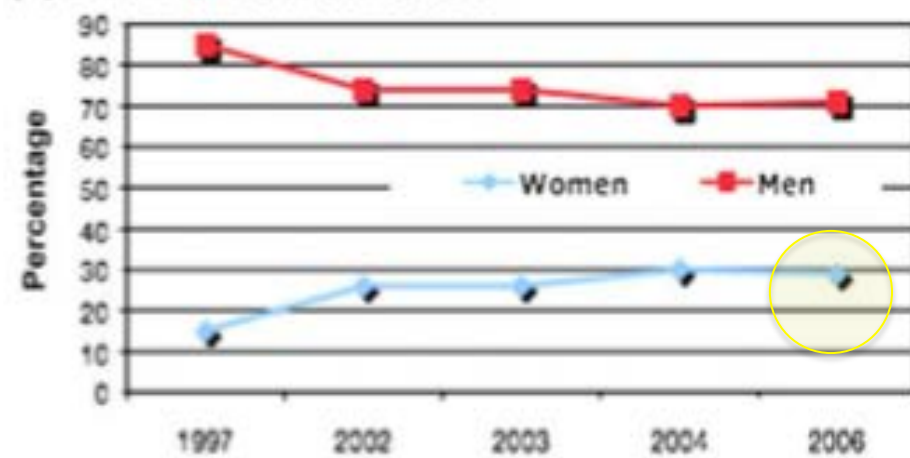




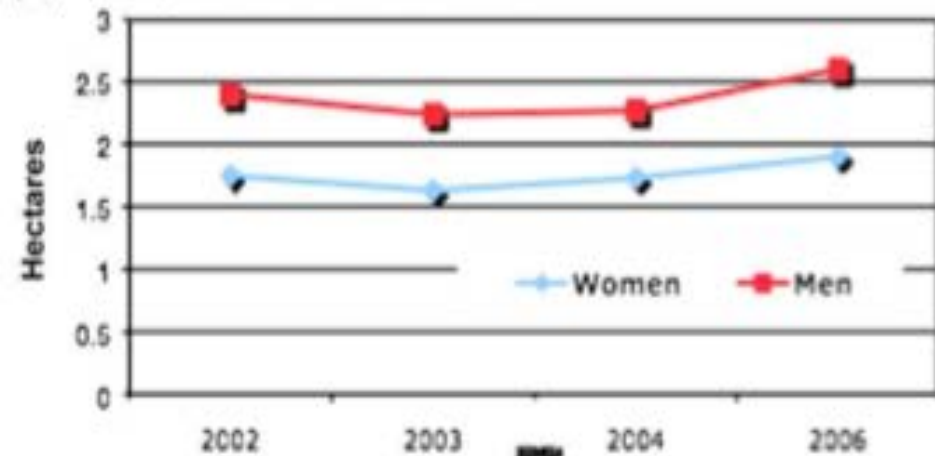
(a) Producer Percentage by Gender



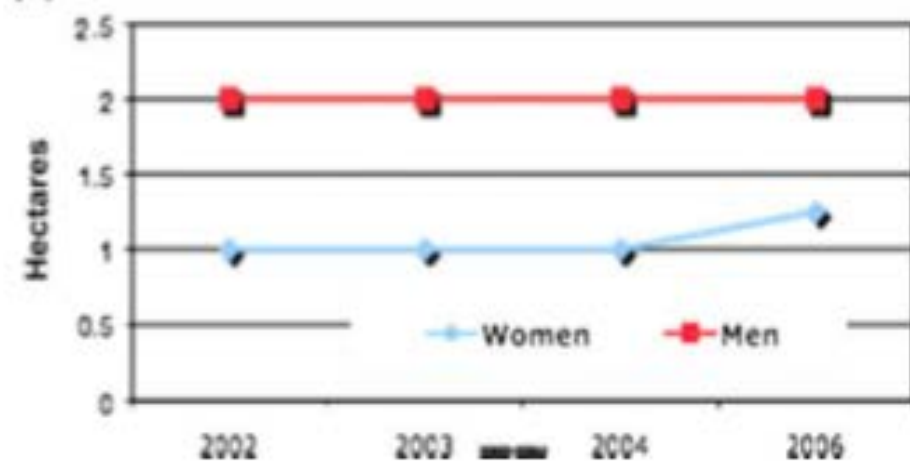
(b) Gender Share of Coffee Land



(c) Average Farm Size in Hectares



(d) Median Hectares



Women's Land and Farmstead Control Increased Social Security & Union Membership

‘The Number is the Beast’:

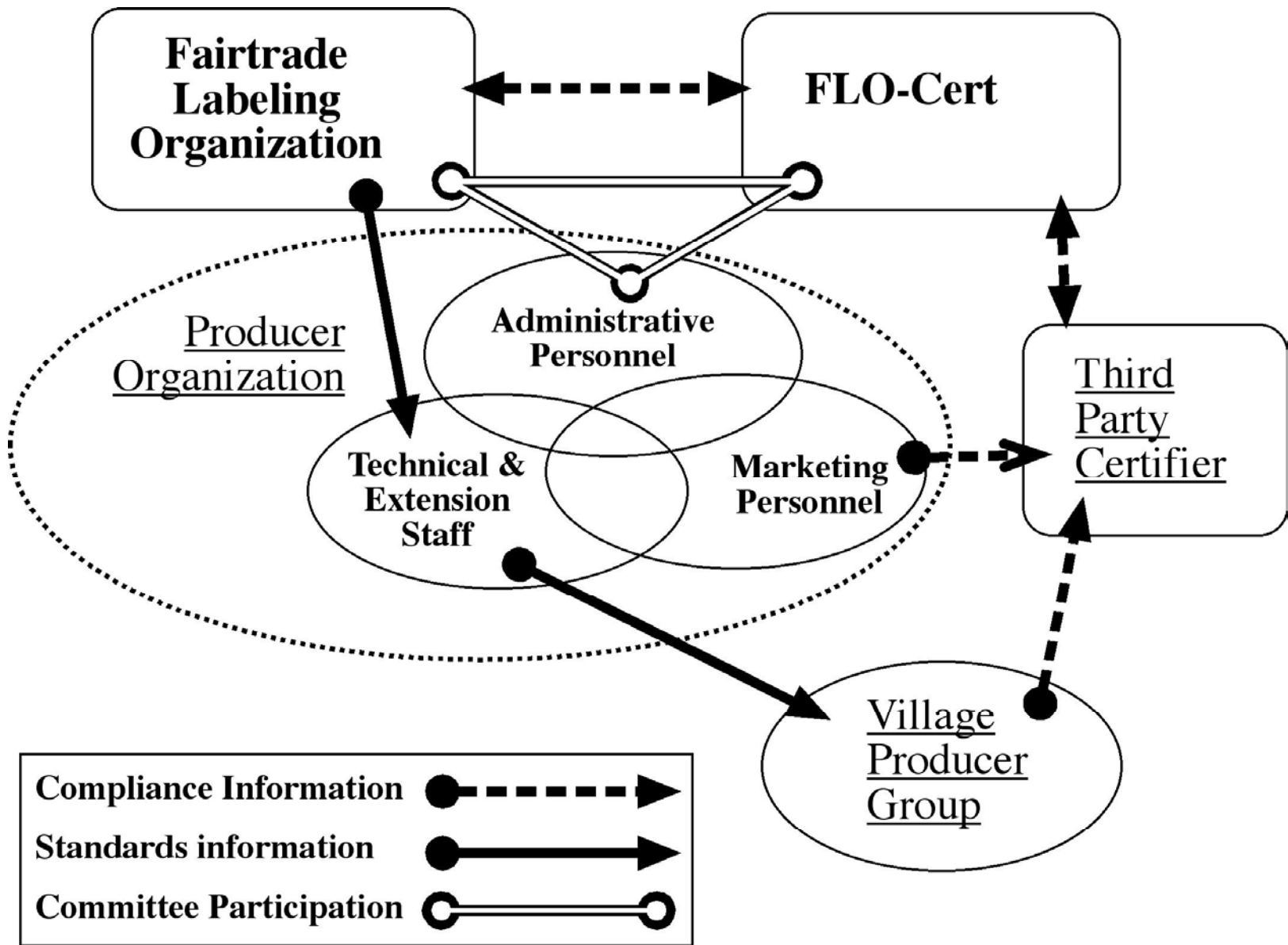
Certification & Organic Coffee:  
A Political Economy

## **DISCUSSION Questions:**

- 1. How does organic agriculture remedy the environmental concerns of conventional agriculture?**
- 2. What environmental services does organic agriculture provide?**
- 3. What are some of the drawbacks of organic agriculture?**
- 4. What is ecological neocolonialism? **BONUS****

# Conclusions

- **The certification process stands to transform peasant economies, organization and perception**
- **The monitoring structure complicates the commodity chain**
  - **Monitoring is very costly for farmers!!**
  - **Transnational certification norms disrupt peasant unions**
- **The Number is the Beast: Changes in governance and economic management elicit resistance/ resistance complicated by ISO norms**



Knowledge Relations in Fairtrade Certification

# Analytical approach: comparative study of three coffee producing villages in Oaxaca, Mexico

- Within the Oaxacan statewide peasant confederation
- Certified by OCIA (USA) and Naturland (EU) certifier/labelers
- Within different regional organizations
- Differ in terms of property, wealth, and production relations

- i. peasant livelihoods
  - a. peasant households
  - b. village organizations
- ii. peasant organizations
  - a. regional organizations
  - b. state-level organizations
- iii. certification organizations
  - a. Mexican national certifiers
  - b. Mexican certifier unions
  - c. Mexican governmental organizations
  - d. International Certifiers



# Intensification in Transnational Certification: International Context

European Food Safety Crisis:  
e.g., Mad Cow Disease

Consolidation of International  
Regulatory Structures:  
ISO / WTO / TBT Legislation



EU 2092/91

EN 45011

ISO Guide 65



Rationalization of Transnational Organic  
Product Certification: Naturland, OCIA

# Prison Lecture



**Women in  
organic  
coffee:  
What  
impacts?**



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**Juan Valdez® Coffee grower. Trendsetter.**



The richest coffee in the world.

# Three types of food production systems

## Traditional

**Output:**  
**Local Buyer**  
**Or**  
**Subsistence:**  
**Corn bread/Tortillas**

**Corn**



**On-Farm inputs:**

- **Manure**
- **Weeding**
- **Tillage, Mules/  
Horses**
- **Inter-planting**
- **Seeds held  
back from  
year previous**

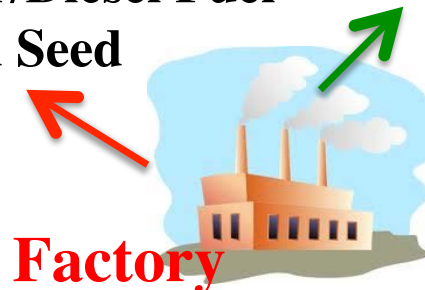
## Conventional

**High-Fructose**  
**Corn Syrup**  
**Oils, Waste**  
**Agro-Processor**  
**Grain Elevator:**  
**Gas Drying**



**Purchased Inputs:**

- **Fertilizer**
- **Pesticide/Herbicide**
- **Tractor/Diesel Fuel**
- **Hybrid Seed**



**Factory**

## Organic

**Tortilla Chips, etc.**

**Organic Processor**



**Purchased or On-Farm**

**Inputs:**  
**Compost, manure,  
potash**  
**Biodegradable  
pesticides**  
**Non-Genetically  
Modified Seed**  
**Inspections!**

**Table 1: Total worldwide sales of FLO-certified coffee (60-kg bags)** **Fairtrade Coffee**

	Not comparable to new (green bean) data				New and comparable	
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Europe	279 400	352 065	429 915	521 065	767 300	855 717
North America	123 385	210 685	430 600	504 565	578 567	636 917
Australia/New Zealand	n.a.	1 650	4 765	7 500	18 500	26 567
Japan	915	2 165	2 450	3 685	5 833	6 533
Others						483
<b>Total</b>	<b>403 700</b>	<b>566 565</b>	<b>867 730</b>	<b>1 036 815</b>	<b>1 370 200</b>	<b>1 526 216</b>

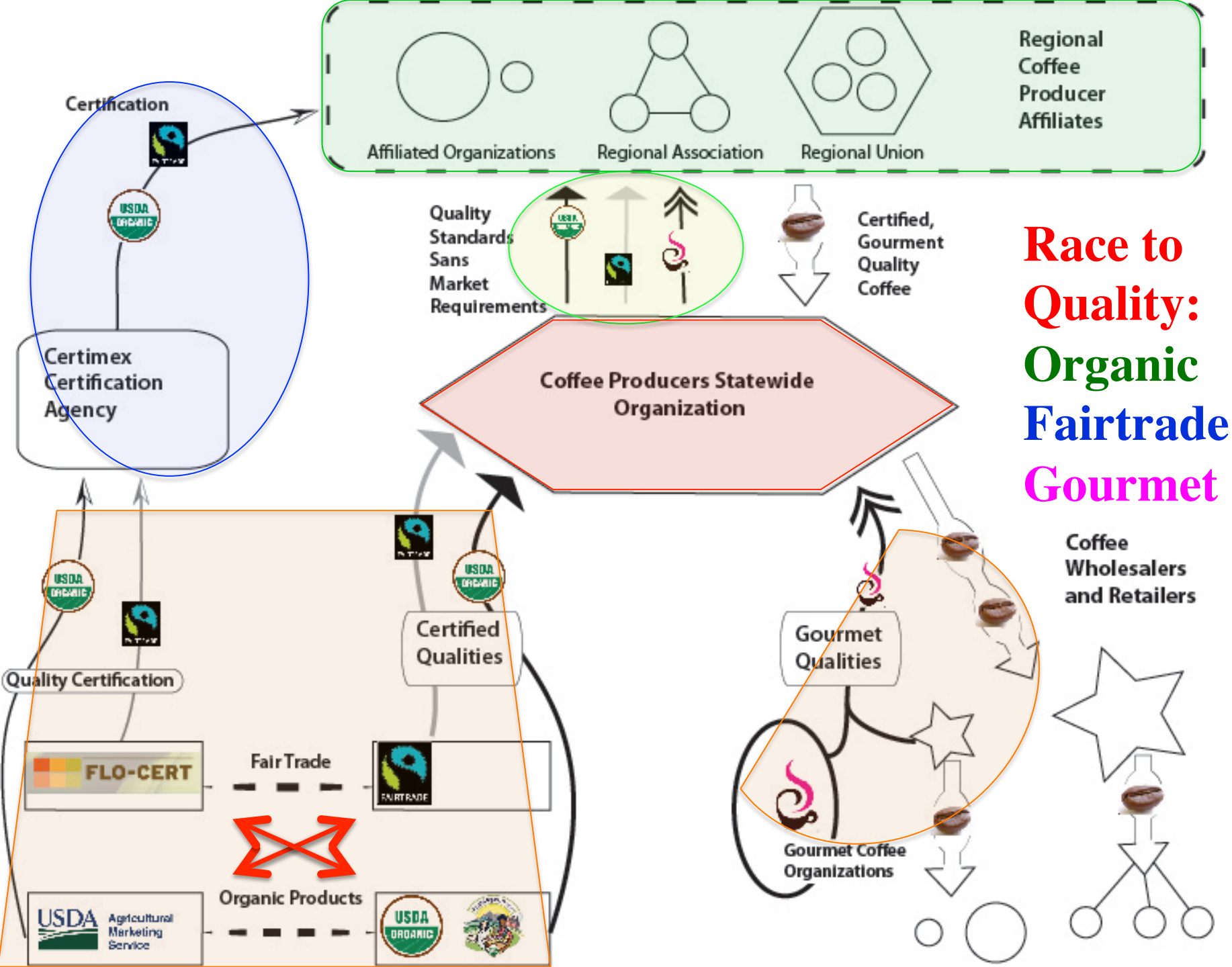
Source: FLO/Bonn and TransFair USA.

**Table 2: Worldwide imports of certified Organic coffee (60-kg bags)** **Organic Coffee**

	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008 <sup>29</sup>	2009 <sup>30</sup>
Europe <sup>31</sup>	187 000	220 000				725 000	754 000
North America <sup>32</sup>	171 000		316 700	511 700	612 000	672 800	703 080
Others						154 400	160 575
Japan <sup>33</sup>			51 600	62 000	67 000	72 500	75 400
<b>Total<sup>34</sup></b>	<b>389 000</b>	<b>700 000</b>	<b>867 000</b>	<b>1 117 000</b>	<b>1 492 000</b>	<b>1 625 700</b>	<b>1 693 055</b>

Sources vary and are cited in endnotes. Except for North America, most are estimations based on incomplete data. Where totals are not published estimates, they assume average estimated growth rates for regional categories based on earlier/later growth where these are not specifically available.

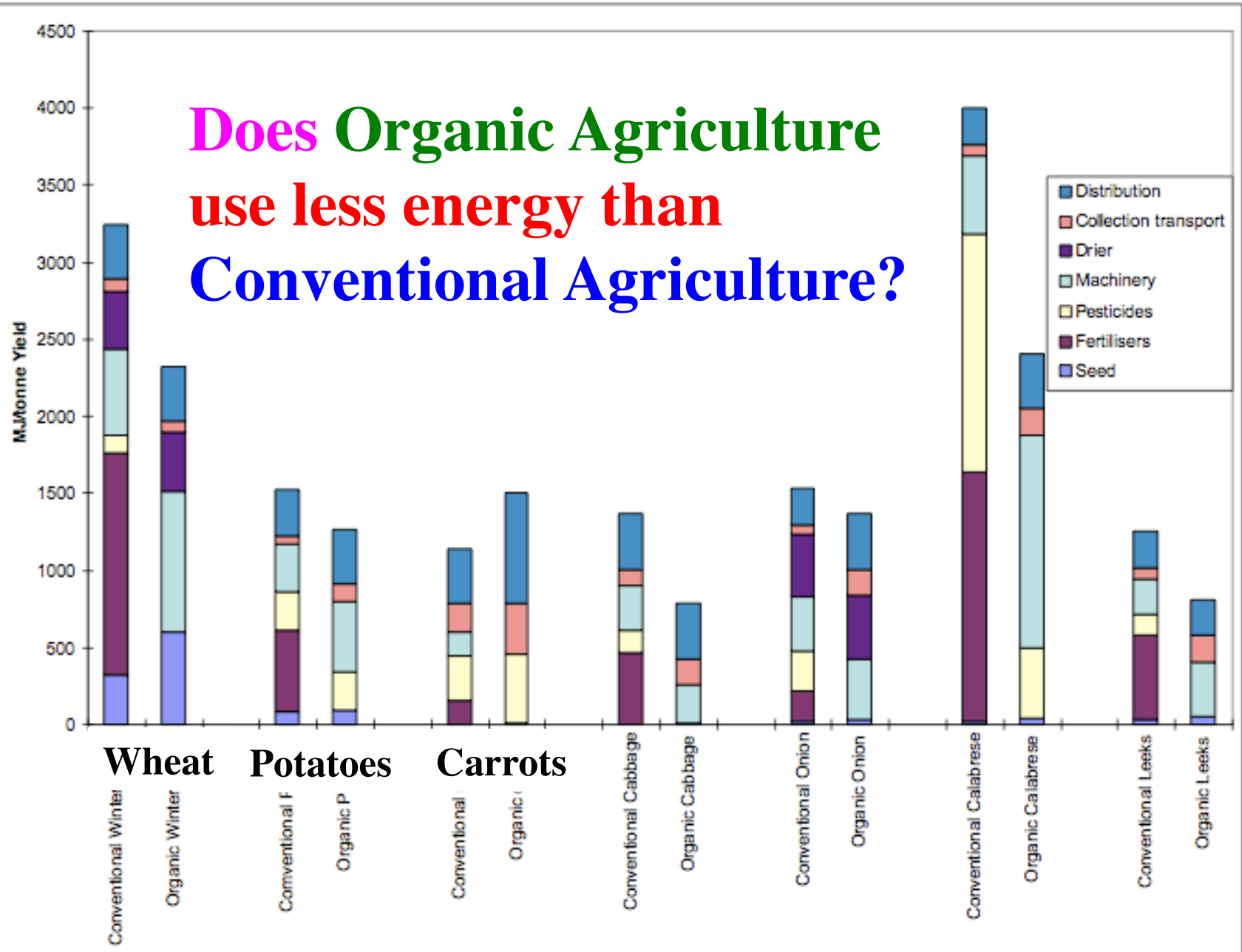
Figure 3 shows the worldwide origins of certified Organic coffee supply in 2008. It is likely that the situation was similar in 2009.



# **Coffee Production in Practice: Oaxaca, Mexico**

. Energy input by category on a unit output basis (MJ/t yield)

**Does Organic Agriculture  
use less energy than  
Conventional Agriculture?**





# Certified organic foods sector

- \$20 billion in worldwide sales in 2002  
10.5 million hectares
- **\$60 Billion 2010**  
30 million hectares (75 million acres)  
Products traced from producer field to retail store:  
transport and way-stations must be certified organic.
- Surprise! (Not.) Farmers get very little of the returns  
from organic production
- Product Certifiers:
  - ' ~200 internationally
  - 8 in Mexico

# Environmental Services

The background of the slide is a photograph of a dense, green forest. In the center, a waterfall cascades down a rocky ledge. To the right, a large, well-developed tree stands prominently. The overall scene is vibrant and natural, representing the environmental services provided by such ecosystems.

Clean Water

Species Conservation

Carbon Sequestration

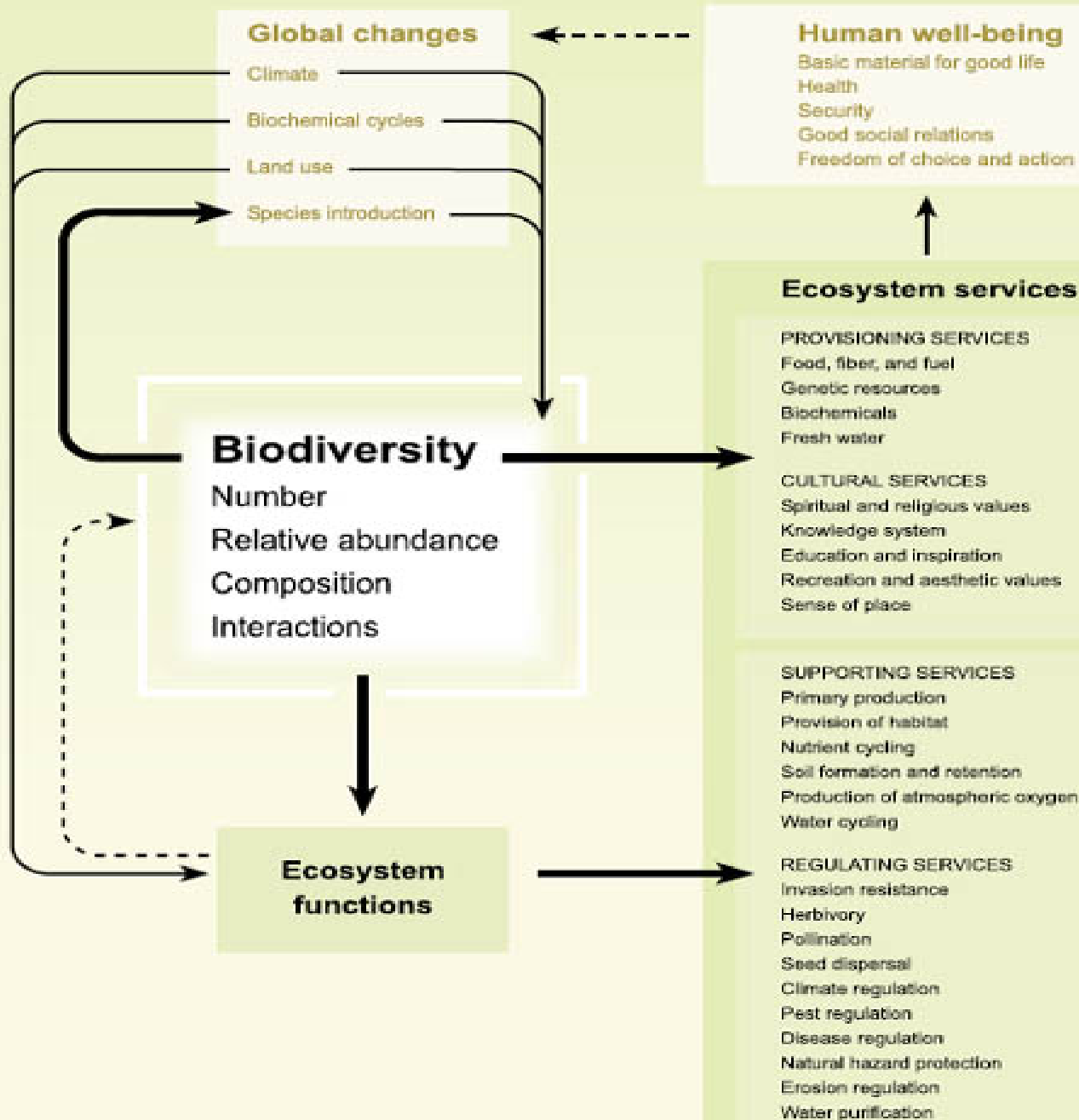
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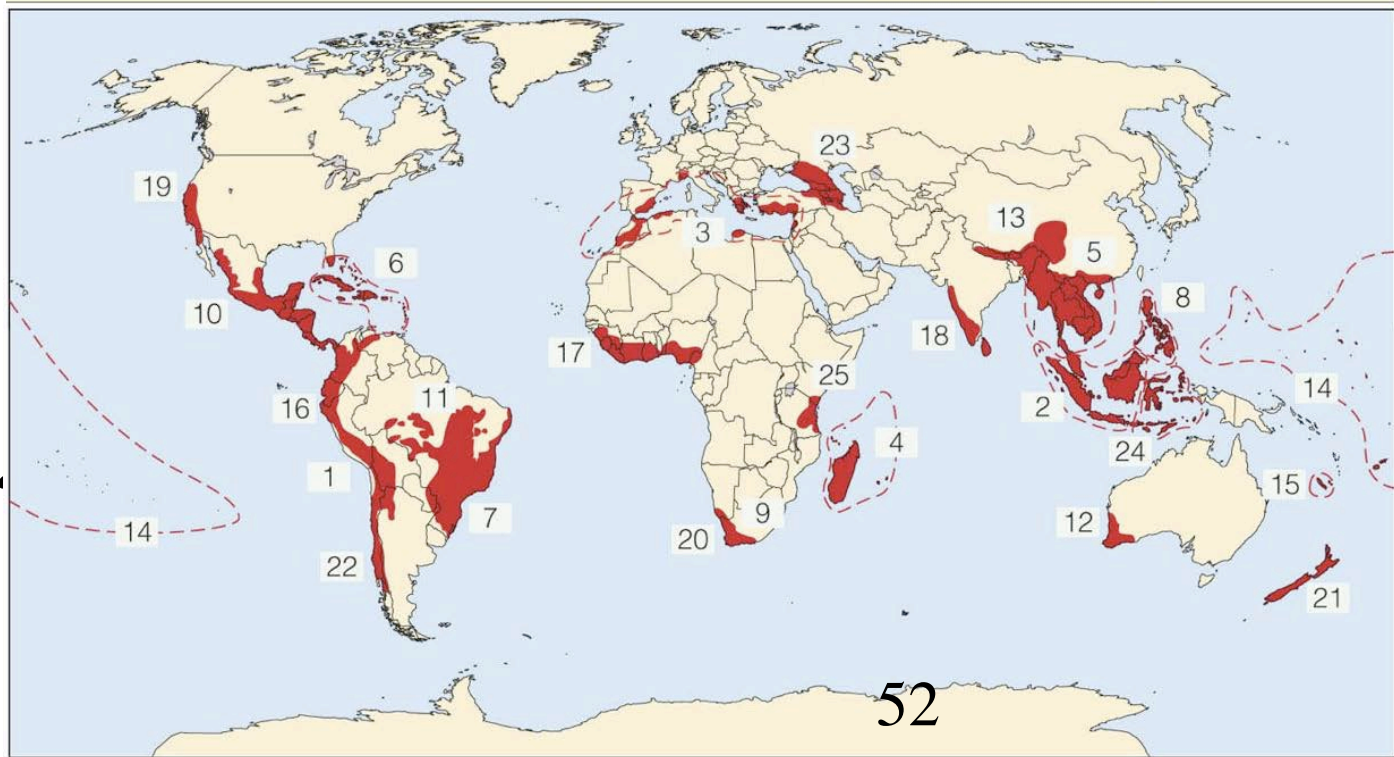
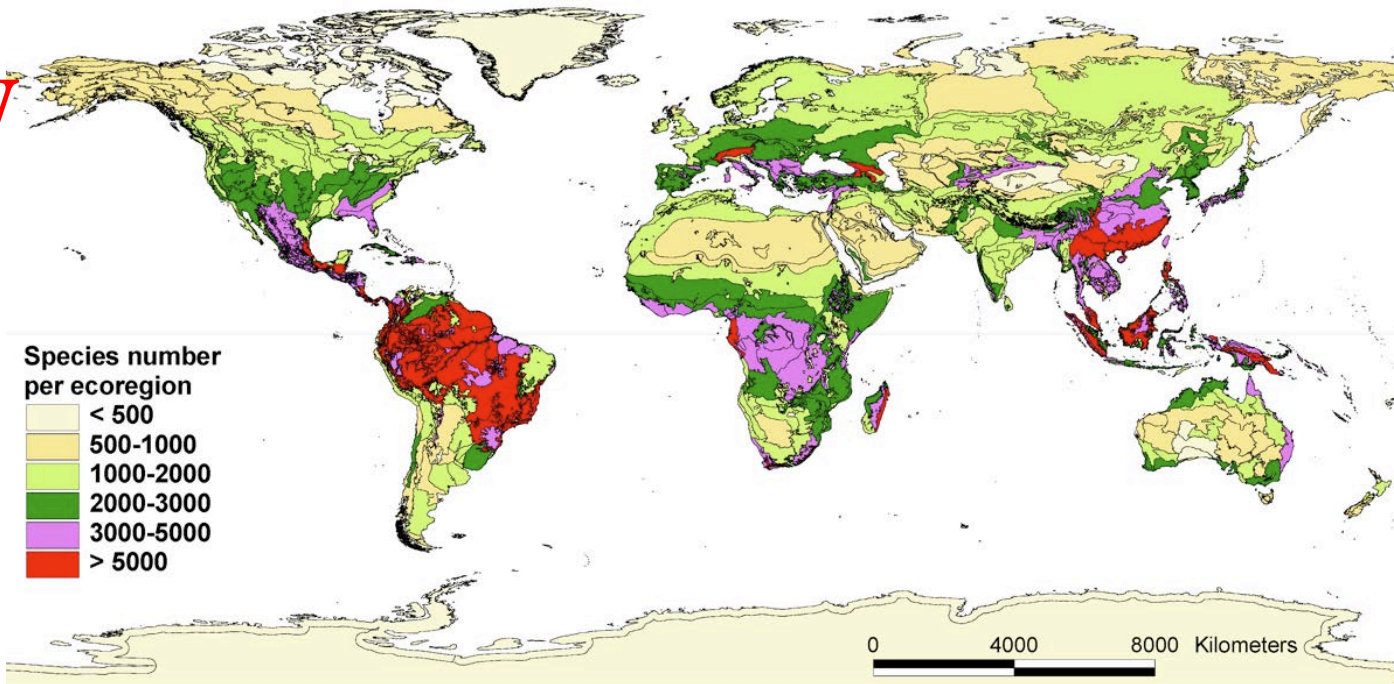
# REVIEW

**Economic Values:**

**Biodiversity provides environmental services such as carbon sequestration and water capture.**



# REVIEW



Issue 4:  
biodiversity hot  
spots:

what is a  
biodiversity 'hot  
spot'?

how do types of  
biodiversity and  
processes of  
bio-diversification  
create in hot spots'

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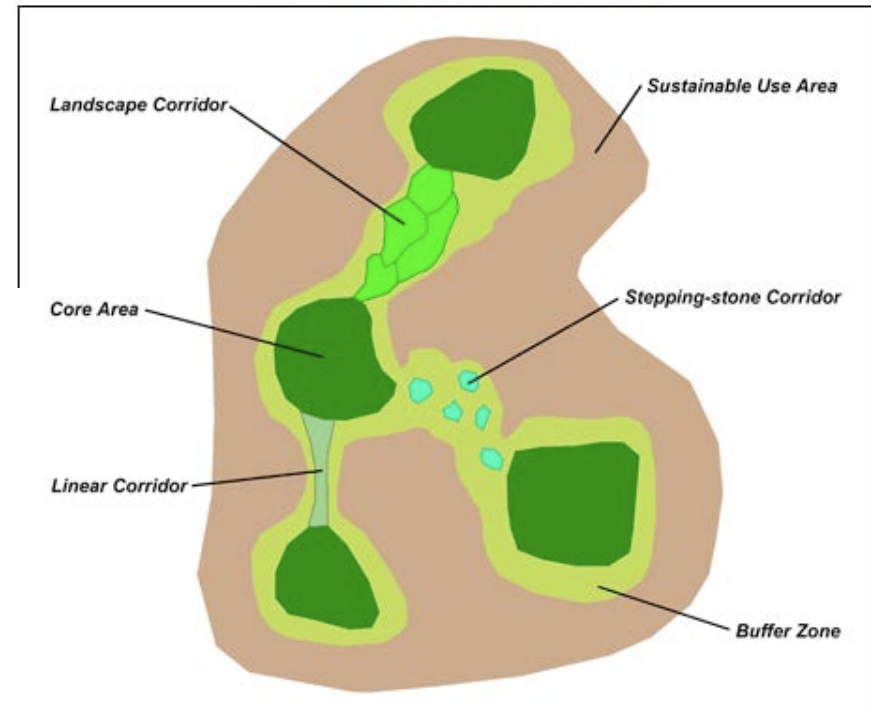
**Question 3: How do we use our knowledge of biodiversity mechanisms to design functional conservation schemes?**

**Do we mitigate  
When to Design conservation  
areas and policies  
Without addressing background  
causes?**

## Mesoamerican bio-corridor



## Types of Biodiversity Corridors



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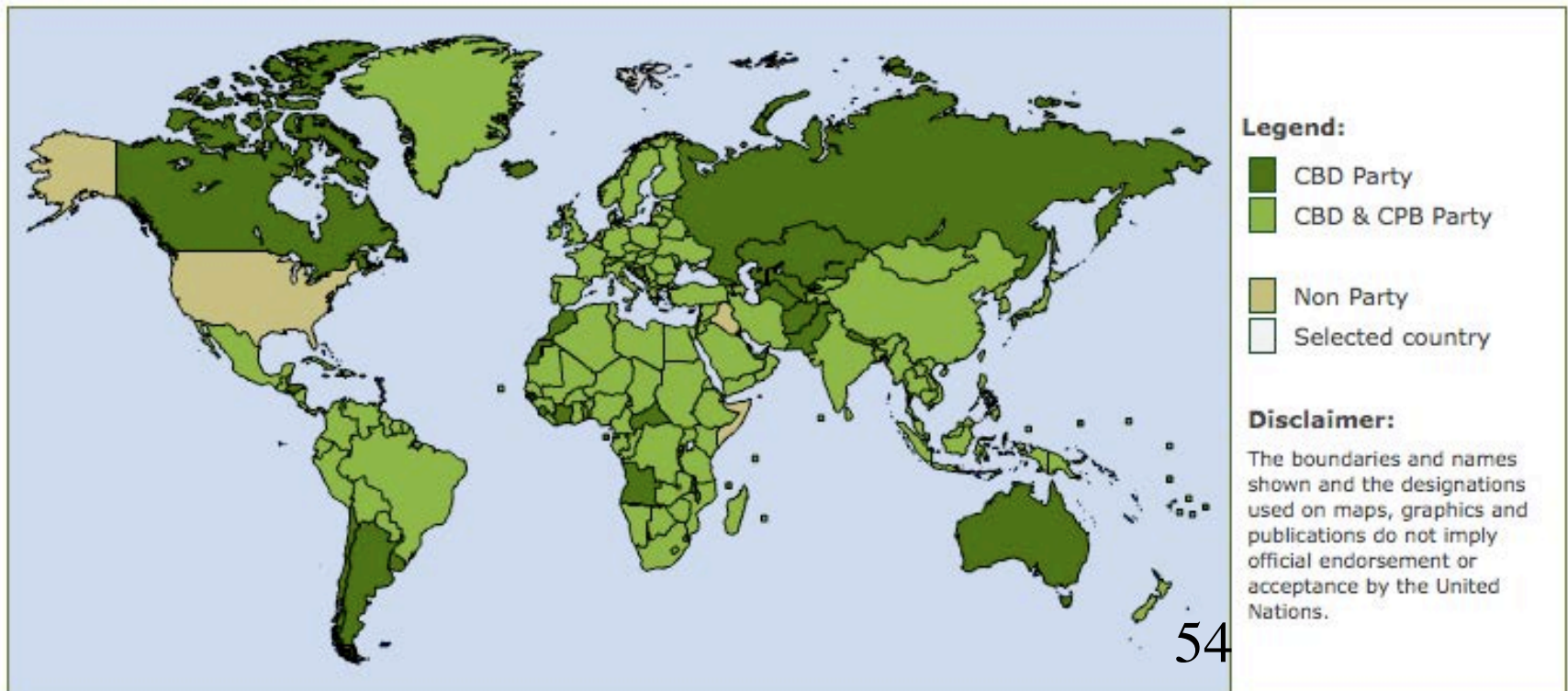
## Question 4: The politics of biodiversity: What do we know? How do we know it?

**Convention on Biodiversity: US HAS NOT signed the international Convention on Biological Diversity. Unwillingness to fund program which would find new species that would then protected under the Endangered Species Act.**

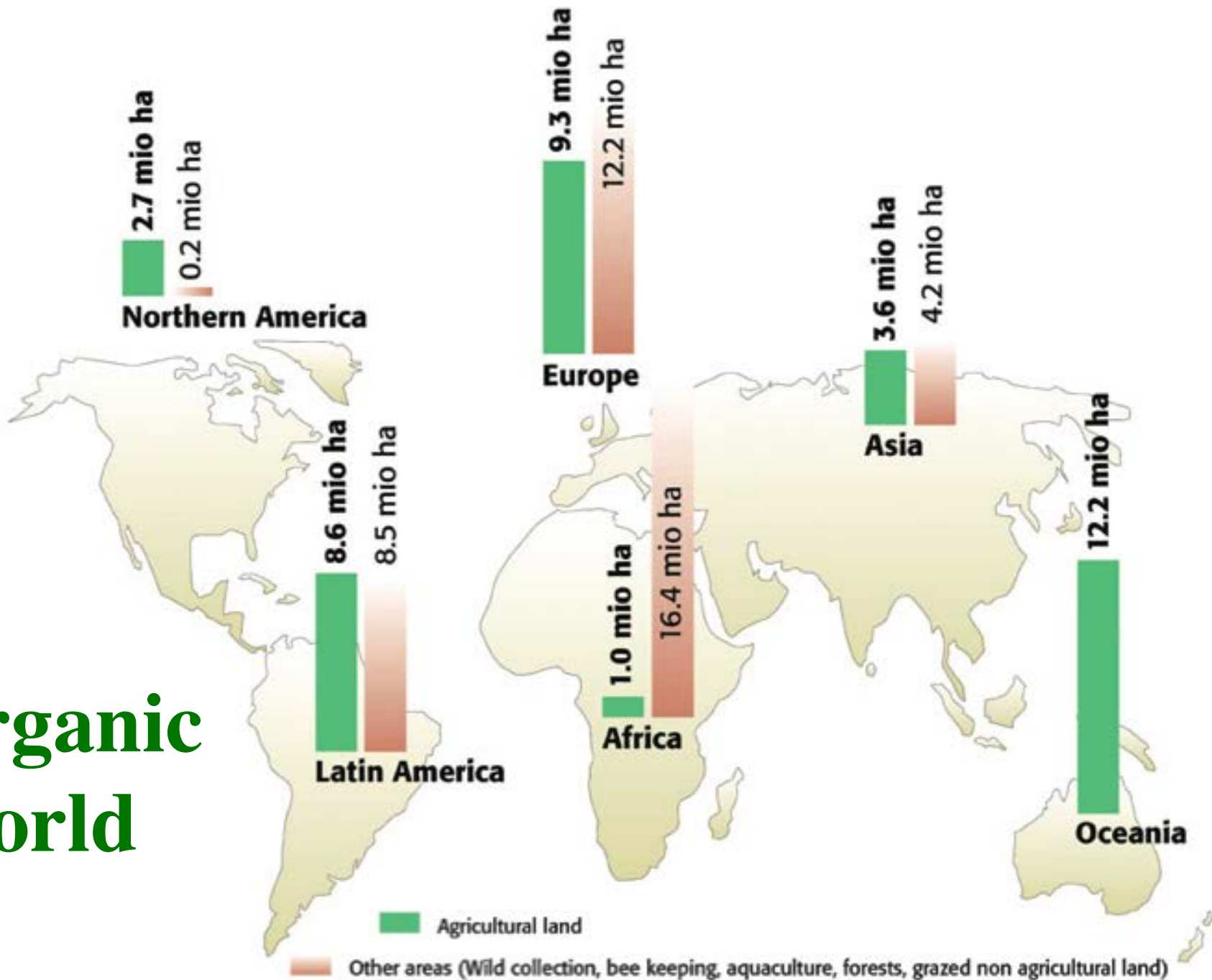
**It takes money to measure biodiversity: Our knowledge is dependent upon the resources we invest in assessing and cataloging biodiversity**

### Country Profiles

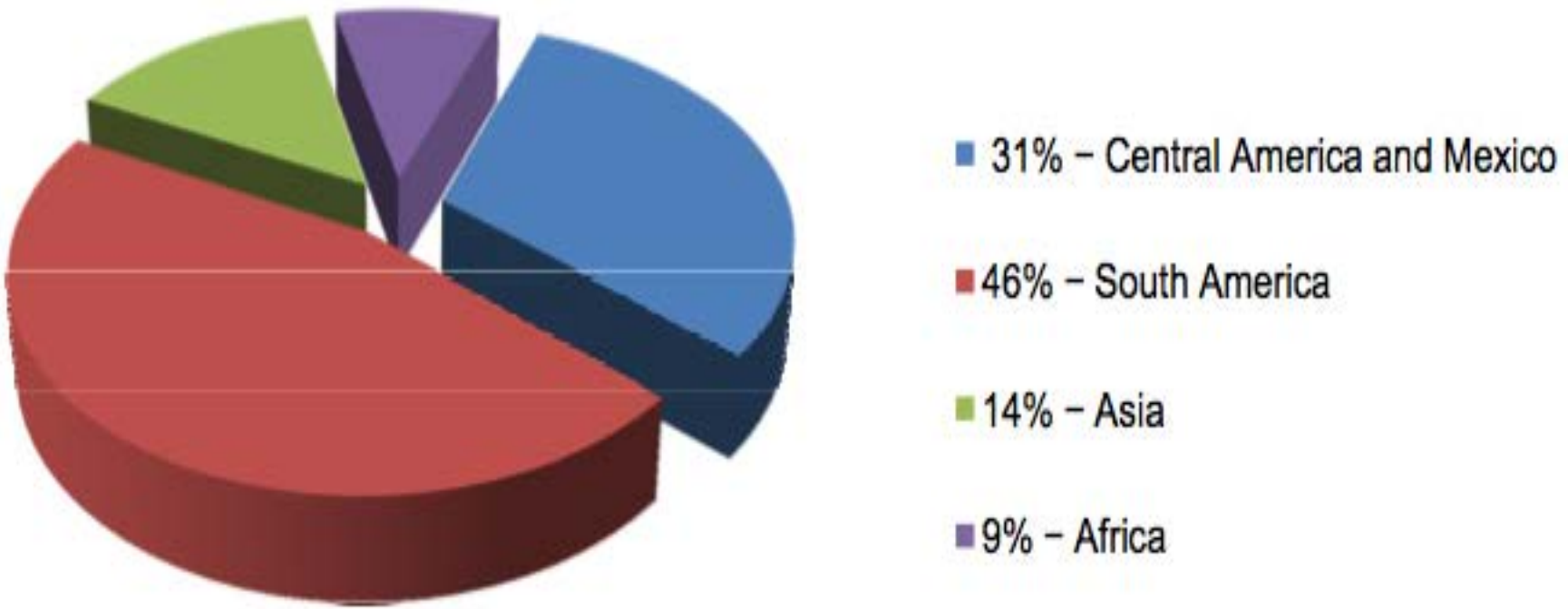
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# Organic World



**Figure 3: Worldwide supply of Organic coffee in 2008**

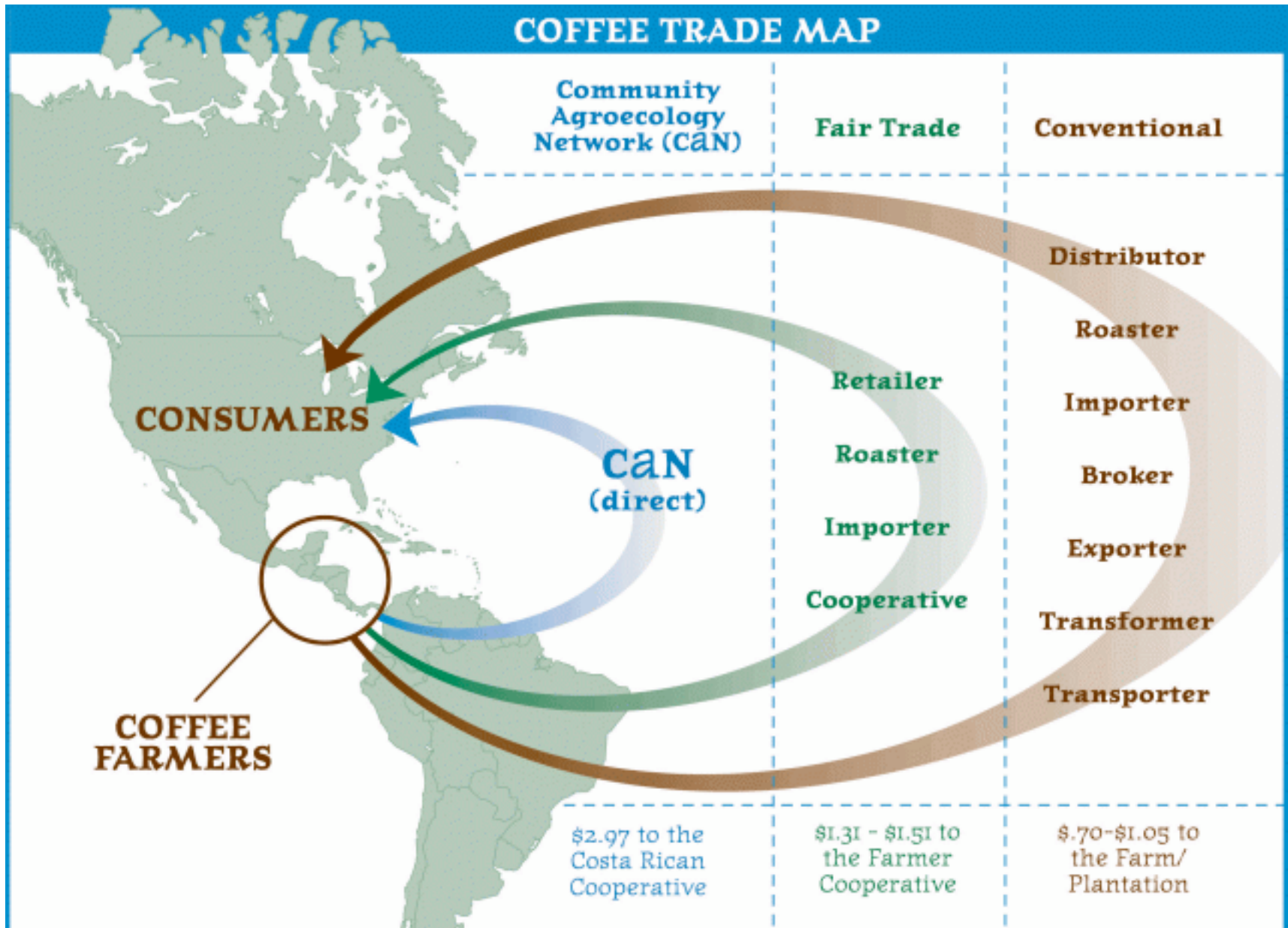


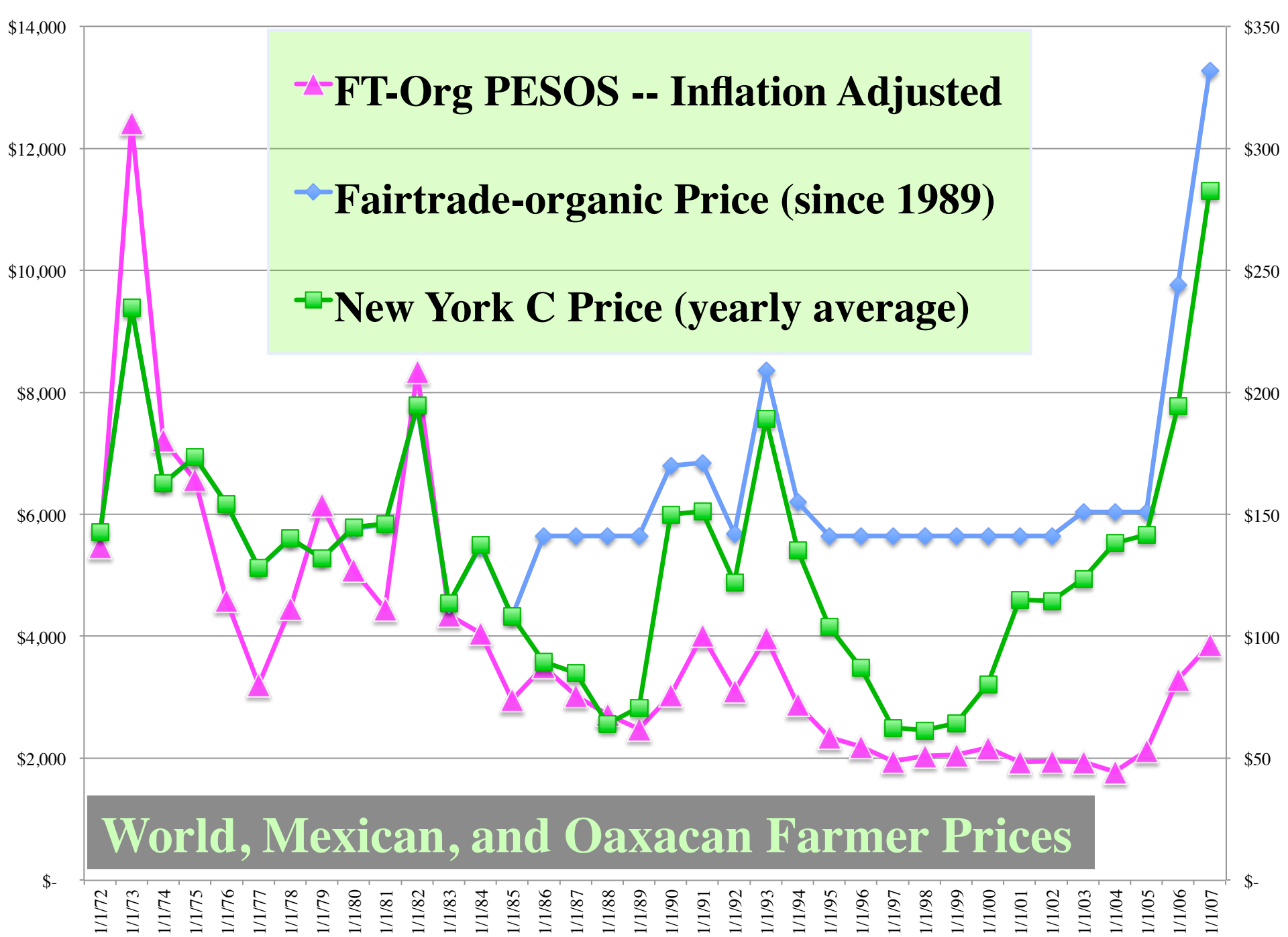
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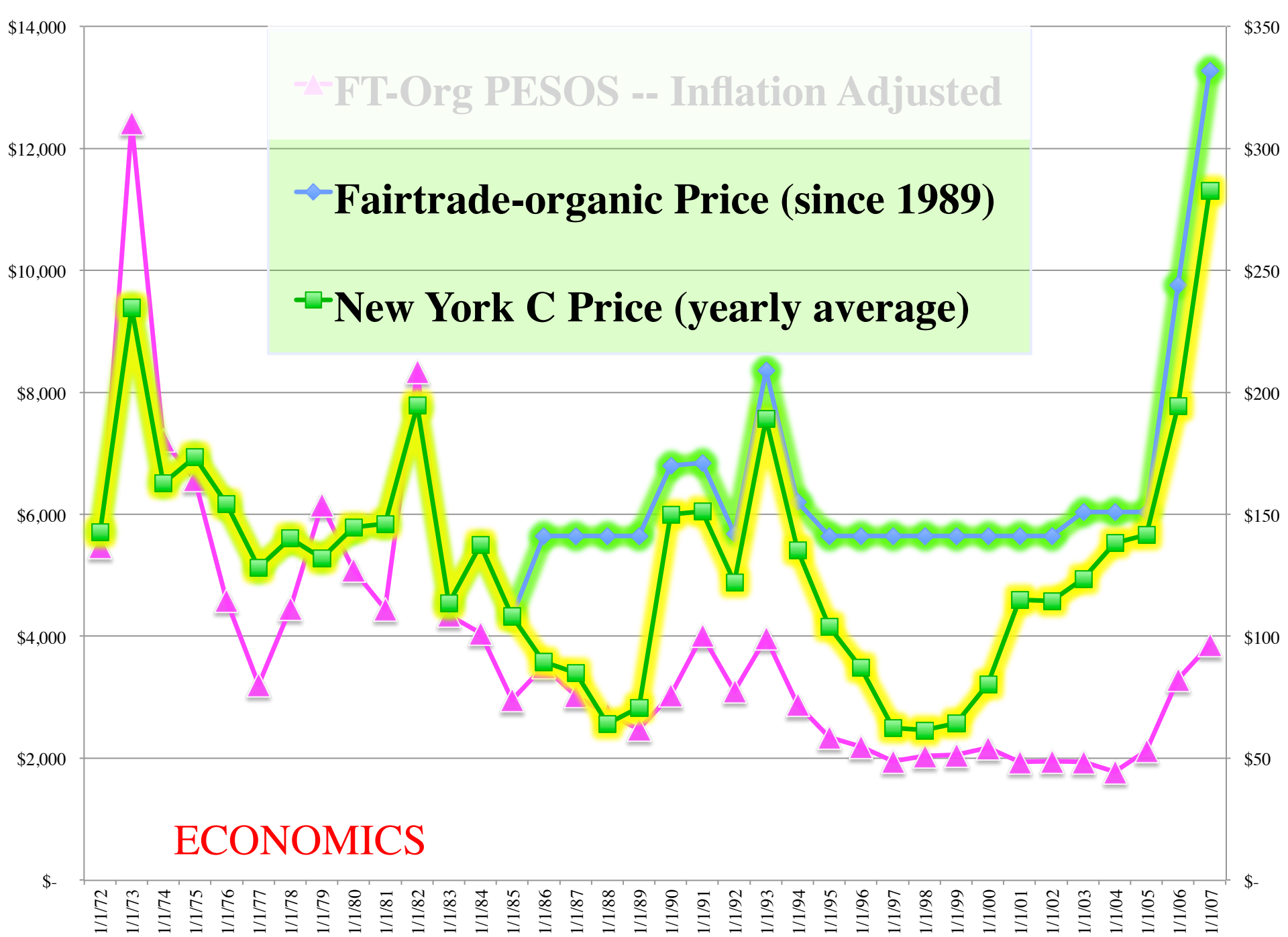


Why produce organic &  
fairtrade products?

# Shortening the Commodity-Chain...more \$ to producers? Less Energy Use?





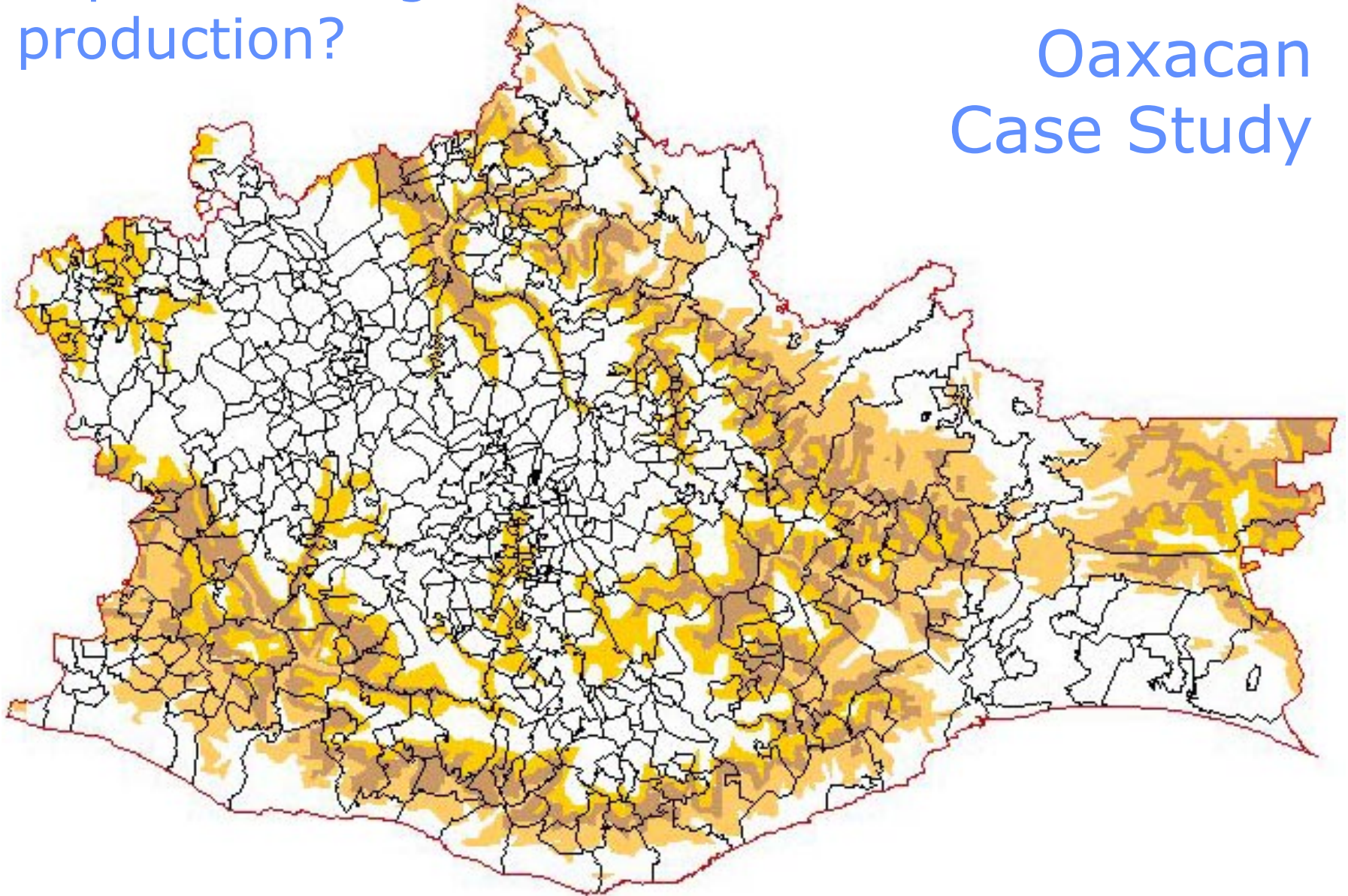


**ECONOMICS**

Why **do farmers** produce Organic  
and Fair Trade Coffee?

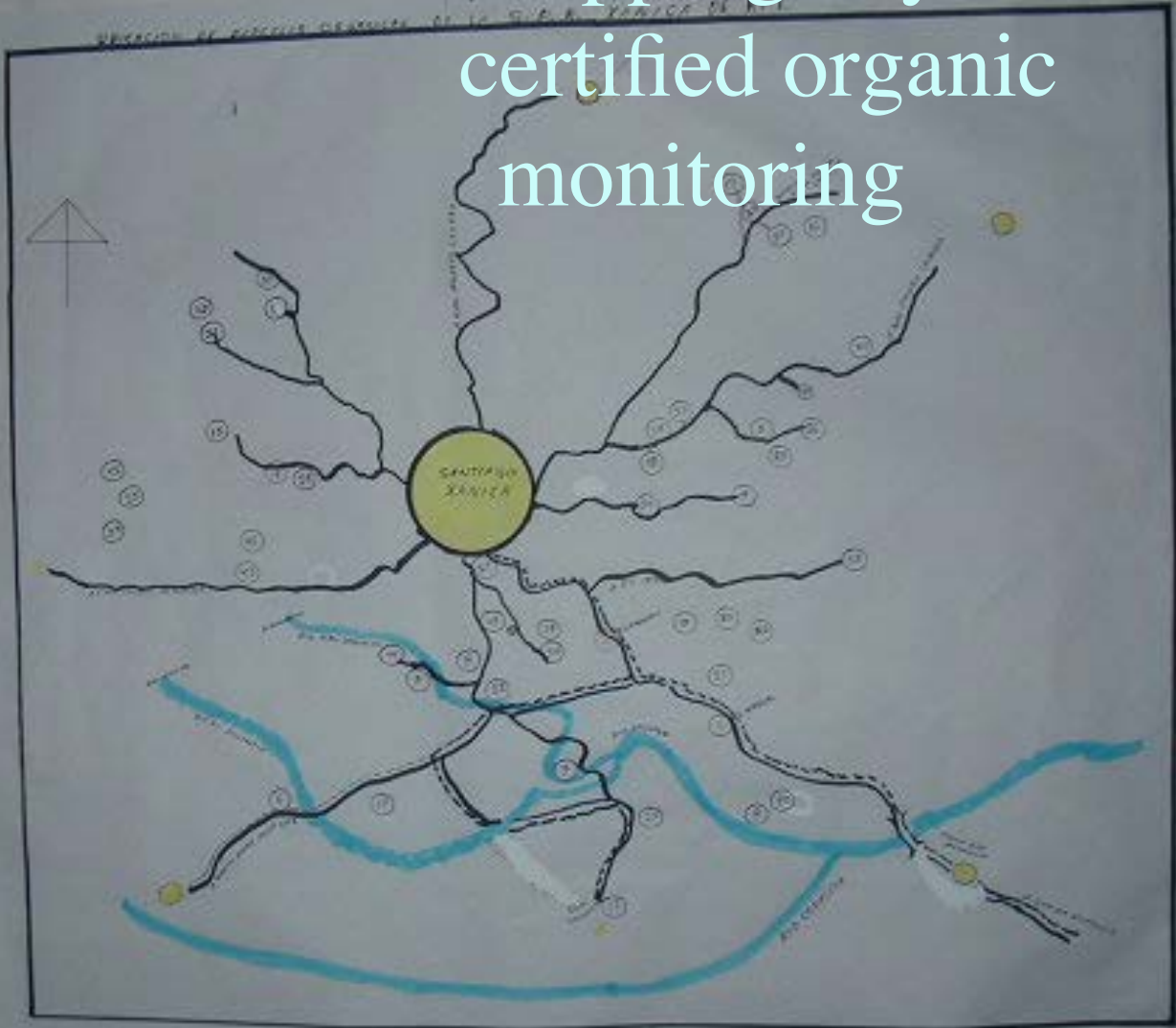
What are the social and cultural impacts of Organic Coffee production?

Oaxacan  
Case Study



# Mapping key to certified organic monitoring

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