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**Agro Fund One to develop regenerative agroforestry model farm in Brazil**

*Fazenda Jacob will grow delicious organic crops that sequester carbon, increase biodiversity, optimize water cycling*

Fazenda Jacob is a vanguard agricultural project in Brazil aiming to establish and advance regenerative practices among local farmers. The model farm will become a cornerstone for educating and transforming the local agricultural community. This example will demonstrate the positive effects of applying regenerative farming techniques and spread knowledge about the process through ongoing educational efforts, such as workshops and an internship program for local farmers and students.

Historically, the farm site of this project used conventional methods of farming to grow mostly corn and beans. While conventional farming methods are often considered to degrade soil, the first chemical analyses have shown that the soil quality of Fazenda Jacob remains outstanding. The soil is well-suited for gradually transforming the operation to a regenerative agroforest that not only produces superior crops but also improves the entire ecosystem around it.

The team is led by holistic agroecologist Nilmara Moura. She, along with local agroecologist Victor Pires form the technical leadership team on-site for this project. The remaining team members live in the village built around the farm, where four generations of families have made their home. By expanding its operations, Fazenda Jacob aims to revitalize the village and promote agriculture as a career among local children, women, and youth.

The Agroforestry system is being designed with the intention to achieve large scale and grow commodity grains organically and regeneratively. In addition, the farm will focus on growing a wide variety of native species that will provide ecosystem services and serve as input ingredients for cosmetics and medicine. Organically grown grains will have a focus to supply the internal market first but export remains an option, especially to countries like China where Agro Fund One has network connections.

Guilherme Moreira, Managing Partner at Agro Fund One, says in a recent interview:

"I noticed that a lot of people don't understand that agriculture and food are issues that concern every one of us. And how they are currently handled, they pose one of the biggest threats to us

and the planet. At the same time, improving agriculture and food production offer great potential to solve all of our social and environmental problems.”

### **About Fazenda Jacob**

Fazenda Jacob is a vanguard agricultural project in Brazil aiming to establish and advance regenerative practices among farmers in the Atlantic Forest region of Minas Gerais. The colonial farm estate, dating back to the 18th century, is located three miles outside of Barbacena, Minas Gerais, and approximately 100 miles from the state capital and metropolis of Belo Horizonte. The farm consists of 500 hectares of fertile land and dense tropical forest.

### **About Agro Fund One**

As an investment fund focused on regenerative agriculture, Agro Fund One strives to encourage environmental health, economic growth, and socioeconomic equity. Our approach to converting farmland relies on our unique operational expertise to add value in each of our farming investments. It all starts with ecosystem restoration and regenerative agroforestry. We need to allow nature to be abundant and create value for all species. In Brazil and the United States our fund counts on experienced advisors that have built successful business ventures in both countries as well as a staff of highly skilled individuals that understand conventional farming methods and have the expertise to apply and spread holistic agroforestry principles.