#### We solve your alt causes – the reason that agribusiness is booming in the Cerrado right now is because of US corn ethanol production

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The cerrado, wooded grassland in Brazil that once covered an area half the size

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of Cerrado is not good if the current trends persist," added Machado.

#### It’s not just the Cerrado – ethanol production in the Amazon will reverse previous trends towards protection, accelerating global warming. The plan is necessary to solve all alt causes by reorienting farming practices.

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The Amazon has lost 17-20% of its forest . Scientists are worried

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corn, which in turn will cause more agricultural expansion into the Amazon.