

A Project of an Ideal Agriculture for Brazil in the 18th Century

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Abstract

The Portuguese 18th Century became notable, among other happenings of political and social order, for the attempt of its men to forge a scientific knowledge, linked to reason and experience. On this stage, agriculture was on the main pillars of discussion and yielded many of the pages produced at the Academy of Science of Lisbon. Based on the analysis of the first volume of *Economic Memories* published by that institution, this paper intends to produce a brief essay on the indications for improving agriculture in Brazil in the 18th Century. In other words, it intends to map out what was reported about the use of natural resources in that colony at a time when knowledge in Portugal sought to support itself on new parameters. Therefore, this proposal is developed in the sense of apprehending some of the ideals of agriculture written on the pages of the Academy of Science of Lisbon to promote the kingdom and its main conquered land.

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