

Fazenda Primavera I, II, III



Location: São José do Xingu, Mato Grosso Biome: Amazon (Brazil)

Area property (ha): 10,056

Coordinates property: -10.6465, -52.1096

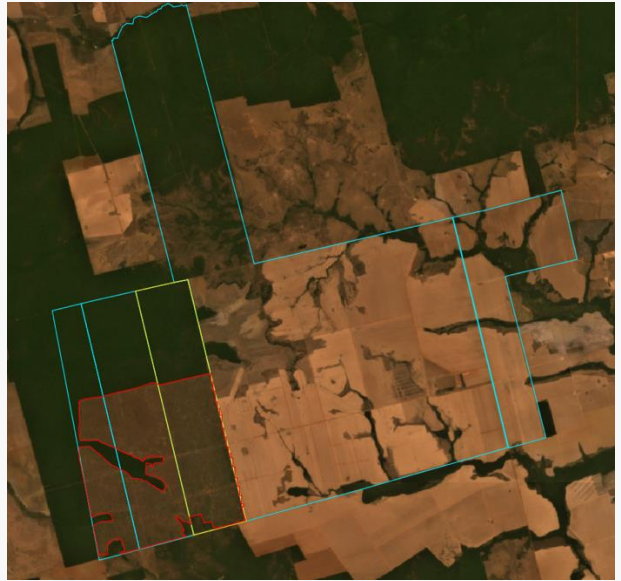
Cleared Area

1,491	hectares	Period clearance: March 2021 – August 2021	Type of vegetation: Intersection between Rainforest and Savanna
694,965	tons of CO ₂		

March 2021



August 2021



Imagery: Picture on the top left shows the situation in Fazenda Primavera I, II, and III in March 2021. The parcels in blue are registered under ownership of Mateus Eduardo Gonçalves Viana, while the yellow parcel of the total farm is registered under Marcelo Augusto Gonçalves Viana. In the top right image, the significant clearing of 1,491 hectares is visualised. On the bottom left and right images clear fires can be detected in the deforested areas, between 4 and 7 September 2024.



Source: AidEnvironment, Imagery ©2024 Planet Labs Inc; Sentinel; NASA fire alerts



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Ownership & Business relationship

Owners:

Mateus Eduardo
Gonçalves Viana
&

Marcelo Augusto
Gonçalves Viana

Company responses

Cargill: Cargill states to do business with three of the identified soy farms of six soy case studies shared with Cargill in November 2024, including Fazenda Primavera I, II, III. Cargill (6 December 2024): “We investigated the farms we do conduct business with; no irregularities were found on two of them and the third one remains under investigation”. Cargill does not further specify.

Environmental sanctions

Embargoes: No -

Environmental fines: No -

Case description

Fiscal records of 2021 (undisclosed source) indicate that Marcelo Augusto Gonçalves Viana, registered in nearby municipality Primavera do Leste in Mato Grosso, is one of the owners of the cleared farm parcels of Fazenda Primavera I, II, III. He is a relevant soy supplier of Cargill. The name of the farm remains undisclosed. According to the fiscal records, his relative Mateus Eduardo Gonçalves Viana is also a soy supplier to other large soy traders, including Bunge, Louis Dreyfus, and Amaggi. The location of the farm Fazenda Primavera (I, II, III) is situated within a 50-km radius around Cargill’s soy silo in São José do Xingu in Mato Grosso. Between March and August 2021, therefore after the EUDR cut-off date of 30 December 2020, the significant amount of 1,491 hectares of native vegetation, mostly rainforest (1, 2), were cleared on the farms. Recently, in September 2024, these cleared areas are being further prepared for agricultural purposes by using (man-made) fires, a typical practice in Brazil.

Besides deforestation, one owner of the farm is also tied to political issues. Reportedly, Mateus Eduardo Gonçalves Viana, who is the son of former congressman Zeca Viana, is under investigation by the Federal Public Ministry for blocking highways in response to the election polls for the presidency of Lula in 2023 (3).

(1) Mapbiomas Brazil website, online: <https://brasil.mapbiomas.org/en>, viewed in October 2024.

(2) EU Observatory Forest map, online: <https://forest-observatory.ec.europa.eu/forest/gfc2020>, viewed in October 2024.

(3) News article Olhar Jurídico, online: <https://www.olharjuridico.com.br/noticias/exibir.asp?id=51753¬icia=filho-de-ex-deputado-e-identificado-pelo-mpf-como-apoiador-de-manifestacoes-que-bloquearam-rodovias&edicao=1>, viewed in October 2024.