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- Plastics from renewable resources
- Plastics recycling in Latin America
- LCA on plastic bags

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SECRETARIA DE AGRICULTURA E ABASTECIMENTO



#### Biopolymers are polymers derived from renewable sources

#### > ... extracted directly from biomass

Pulp - Wood ... Starch - Potato, Corn ...





Recyclable ...

Compostable ...



### Biopolymers - ... natural and modified (cellophane)

COMPOSTABLE







#### Biopolymers - thermoplastic ...

> classical chemical synthesis using monomers from renewable source

PLA - Poly (lactic acid) - from lactose from the milk whey ...

PP - from the residual glycerol of the biodiesel production (from the used oil cooking) ...

LLDPE - from the ethanol from the sugar cane ...









#### Biopolymers - thermoplastic...



Biopolymers - thermoplastic...

#### microorganisms or bacteria



### Recycling in Latin America



www.abipet.org.br and www.cempre.org.br









Mechanical recycling rate of plastics = 19,8% (2005) (53,5% PET - 2007)

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# Life Cycle Analysis on Plastic Bags

#### **PROJECT CETEA/PLASTIVIDA**

Brazil: base year 2003

61% ethylene production

63% LDPE, 78% HDPE/LLDPE e 100% HDPE-HMW production

4 PE plastic bags companies/technologies

7 PE mechanical recycling companies/technologies



### Final Disposal - Degradation



#### Life Cycle Inventories: LCI for different final disposal scenarios

#### Carbon fooprint (cradle to grave LCI)



**GWP 100 years** 

# Mechanical Recycling



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# Energy recovery potential



# 1000kg plastic bag

- 10 g / bag-Packaging and transportation - 500 tonnes of products...





Reuse

Reusabe bag - 30 g
at least 3 trips ≅ environmental impact (and it should be RECYCLABLE at the and of its useful life...)







# Sustainable Consumption

## Consumer, Industry, Government

### Reduction

### **Durable:**

not degradable, noble use of oil, carbon bunker.

**Energy recovery** 

Recycling

Reuse

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