

INITIAL DENSITY FOR EXPLOITATION OF THE AMAZONIA RUBBER  
TREE STANDS<sup>1</sup>

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Both field experience and basic data surveyed by the CNPSD indicate the occurrence of high plant losses during the early stage of plant development as well as a very irregular growth of rubber tree in the Amazônia stands. These findings make no feasible the recommendation of the Production System ("Sistema de Produção") in order to initiate rubber extraction just when 50% of the stand reaches cutting conditions. This work emphasizes the economical aspects of the problem and intents to justify the initiation of latex extraction based on the rate of trees exploited by man/day.

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