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My paper is on food insecurity in Brazil. According to the Food Security Portal, “Brazil is a key agricultural and industrial power with the strongest economy in Latin America. However, despite recent improvements in income distribution, poverty remains widespread, with income inequality a significant challenge at the root of rural poverty. Approximately 35 percent of the population lives on less than two dollars per day; in rural areas, this increases to 51 percent. Since approximately 19 percent of Brazil’s population lives in rural areas, this means that Brazil has about 18 million poor rural people.” (“Brazil | Food Security Portal”, 2012) Tell more about why these statistics matter.

A typical rural family in Brazil is a small family farm. According to Rural Poverty Portal, “A vast majority of the about four million farms in Brazil are very small, with many producing just at a subsistence level. This small-scale agriculture, which is known as “family farming”, accounts for about 70 per cent of some of the country's staple food production and employs three quarters of farm labour force.” (“Rural Poverty Portal”) Even though we think Brazil is a very large farming country, we find that it actually is mostly made up of small family farms. Large corporate farms or large family farms are rare.

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