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There are of course important aspects of truth in this conventional view, but as the studies in this volume make clear, the situation is far more complex. Natural population growth on the forest margin is not the only, or even the key, driver of deforestation. Population growth often results from in-migration of settlers, rather than from the natural population increase among existing residents. Ironically, in such circumstances, intensification of agricultural techniques, even in a sustainable manner, can increase rather than decrease the rate of deforestation, by raising the profitability of farming and thereby inducing the in-migration of settlers to the forest margin. There may be a strong case for improving the productivity of agricultural practices, but that step alone may not solve the problem of deforestation.