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Back cover: Smallholder farmers preparing land for forage crops (ryegrass) in Gao’an County (Jiangxi Province) in the red soils region of central China. Note these labourers are rural women, the adult males having moved to pursue seasonal industrial employment in other regions of China (see MacLeod et al., pp. 1284–1296). Photographs supplied by Mr Neil MacLeod, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems, Australia.