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Livestock Research Group meeting

9-10 August 2019

The background of the lower half of the slide is a photograph of a field of golden-brown grain, likely sorghum, with the stalks and heads in sharp focus against a soft, blurred background.

**Developments relevant to
the Livestock Research
Group and GRA**

“A perfect storm”

- Food, Energy, Water and the Climate: A Perfect Storm Of Global Events? John Beddington, Chief Scientific Adviser to UK Government, 2009

“There is an intrinsic link between the challenge we face to ensure food security through the 21st century and other global issues, most notably climate change...”

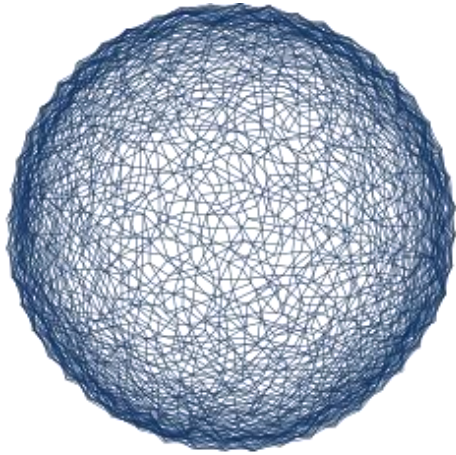
“It is predicted that by 2030 the world will need to produce 50 per cent more food and energy, together with 30 per cent more available fresh water, whilst mitigating and adapting to climate change. This threatens to create a ‘perfect storm’ of global events.”

“Science and technology can make a major contribution, by providing practical solutions. Securing this contribution requires that high priority be attached both to research and to facilitating the real world deployment of existing and emergent technologies. On food, we need a new, “greener revolution”.

GRA – an idea whose time had come – first of its kind – others soon followed

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JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

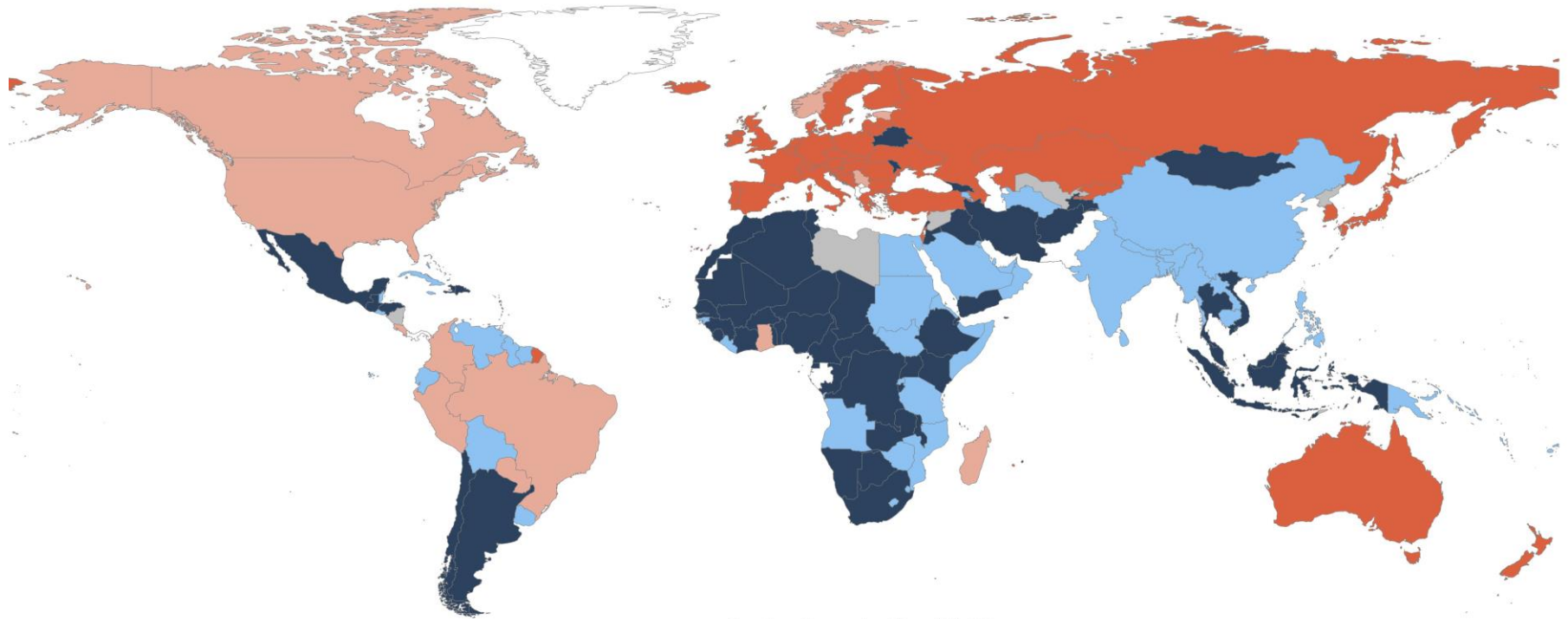
- Agriculture (including livestock, cropping and rice production) plays a vital role in food security, poverty reduction and sustainable development.
- The agriculture sector is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and faces significant challenges in meeting a dramatic increase in global food demand while reducing its contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions.
- The agriculture sector contributes around 14 percent to global greenhouse gas emissions but has many opportunities to contribute to emission reductions and carbon sequestration while still helping meet food security objectives.
- There are opportunities to reduce agriculture greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon sequestration through improved management and productivity of agricultural systems through the resilience and adaptive capacity of these systems to meet the increasing demand for food in a sustainable manner.
- Underlining the need for food security, we decide to establish a Global Research Alliance on agricultural greenhouse gases to help reduce the emissions intensity of agricultural production and increase its potential for soil carbon sequestration thereby contributing to overall mitigation efforts.
- This Global Research Alliance will seek to increase international cooperation, collaboration and investment in both public and private research activities to improve knowledge sharing, access to and application by farmers of mitigation and carbon sequestration practices and technologies, which can also enhance productivity and resilience.
- Promote synergies between adaptation and mitigation efforts.
- Develop the science and technology needed to improve the measurement and estimation of greenhouse gas emissions and carbon sequestration in different agricultural systems.
- Develop consistent methodological approaches for the measurement and estimation of greenhouse gas emissions and carbon sequestration in the research coherence and the monitoring of agricultural systems.
- Facilitate the exchange of information and expertise between scientists and researchers through developing partnerships and the monitoring of agricultural sector, in particular, in developing countries.

Food Security, Climate Change and Sustainable Development

The Sustainable Development Goals are the Reference Framework of GASL



Paris Agreement: agriculture in national climate plans



Agriculture in the INDCs

- Mitigation target and adaptation priorities include agriculture
- Adaptation priorities include agriculture
- GHG reduction target specifically includes agriculture
- Economy-wide GHG reduction target
- No agriculture in INDC
- No INDC

Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture (KJWA)

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- COP23 November 2017 adopted a decision called *Koronivia joint work on agriculture*
- Decision requests the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to jointly address issues related to agriculture
- SBSTA is the body of the UNFCCC responsible for dealing with scientific and technical issues relating to climate change and its effects, technology, international cooperation in research and development, capacity building, amongst other things
- SBI is the body of the UNFCCC charged with dealing with implementation of Parties' commitments/actions, including their reporting of greenhouse gases (GHG Inventories) and policies and measures (National Communications, NDCs).



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Advancing previous work:

(a) Modalities for implementation of the outcomes of the five in-session workshops on issues related to agriculture and other future topics that may arise from this work;

New substantive work:

(b) Methods and approaches for assessing **adaptation, adaptation co-benefits and resilience**;

(c) Improved **soil carbon, soil health and soil fertility** under **grassland** and **cropland** as well as **integrated systems**, including **water management**;

(d) Improved **nutrient use** and **manure management** towards sustainable and resilient agricultural systems;

(e) Improved **livestock management** systems;

(f) **Socioeconomic** and **food security** dimensions of climate change in the agricultural sector



KJWA Road Map - inputs sought over next 2 years

- Parties and observers to submit on following topics:
 - Methods and approaches for assessing adaptation, adaptation co-benefits and resilience and improved soil carbon, soil health and soil fertility under grassland and cropland as well as integrated systems, including water management by **6 May 2019**.
 - Improved nutrient use and manure management towards sustainable and resilient agricultural systems by **30 September 2019**.
 - Improved livestock management systems, including agropastoral production systems and others) and socioeconomic and food security dimensions of climate change in the agricultural sector by **20 April 2020**.
 - Other topics by **28 September 2020**.
- Workshops to be conducted on each of the above topics at sessions of SBSTA and SBI immediately following date of submissions.

GRA supporting the KJWA

- GRA Council meeting in Berlin encouraged Members to include reference to the GRA and its products in national submissions of the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture.
- Council discussed ways to support KJWA include:
 - Mapping activities of Research Groups against the timelines of the KJWA
 - Identification of existing knowledge products of GRA relevant to KJWA
 - Identification of future knowledge products of GRA that will be relevant to KJWA
 - Identify the added value of the GRA for KJWA and related to its mandate
 - e.g. scientific focus.
 - Ensure visibility of GRA capability building activities in KJWA for benefit of Parties, e.g. GHG inventory training workshops

Reducing emissions from agriculture to meet the 2°C target

The agriculture sector must reduce **methane and nitrous oxide** emissions by 1 Gigatonne per year by 2030 to stay within the 2°C limit

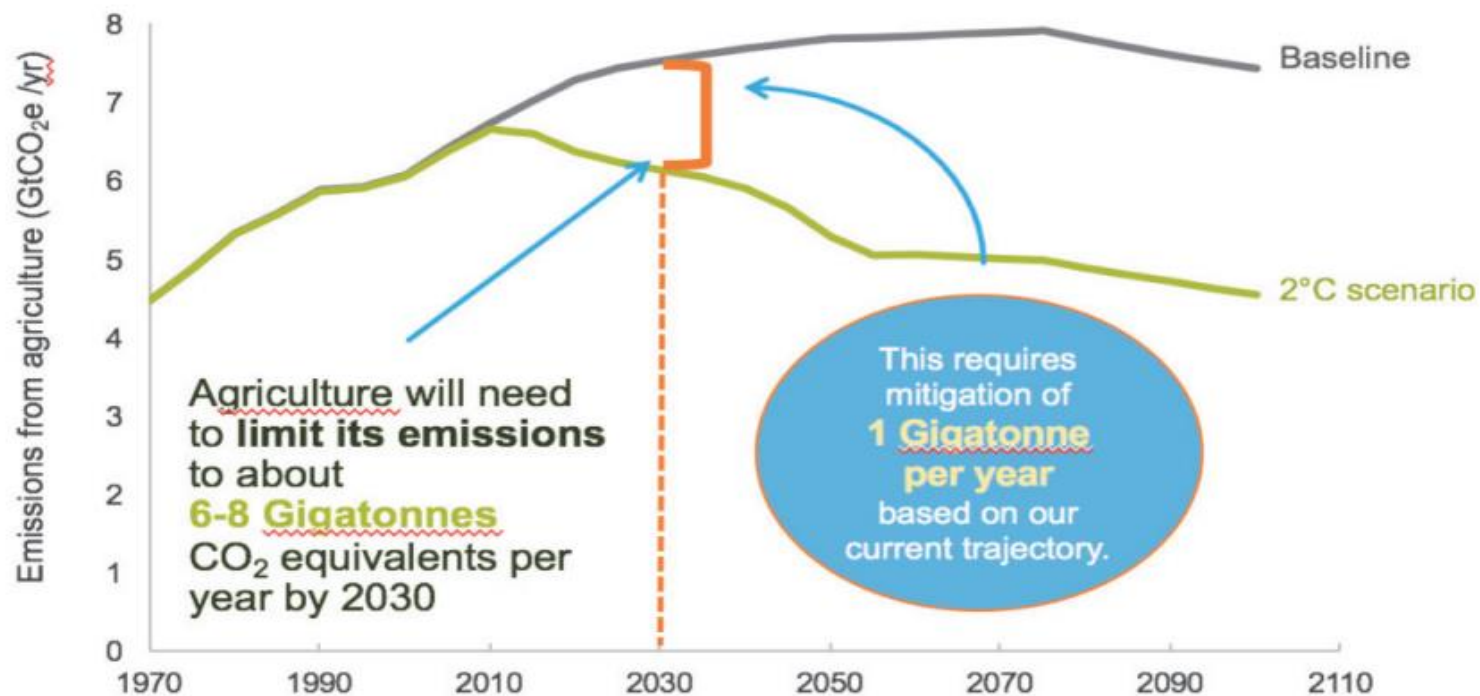
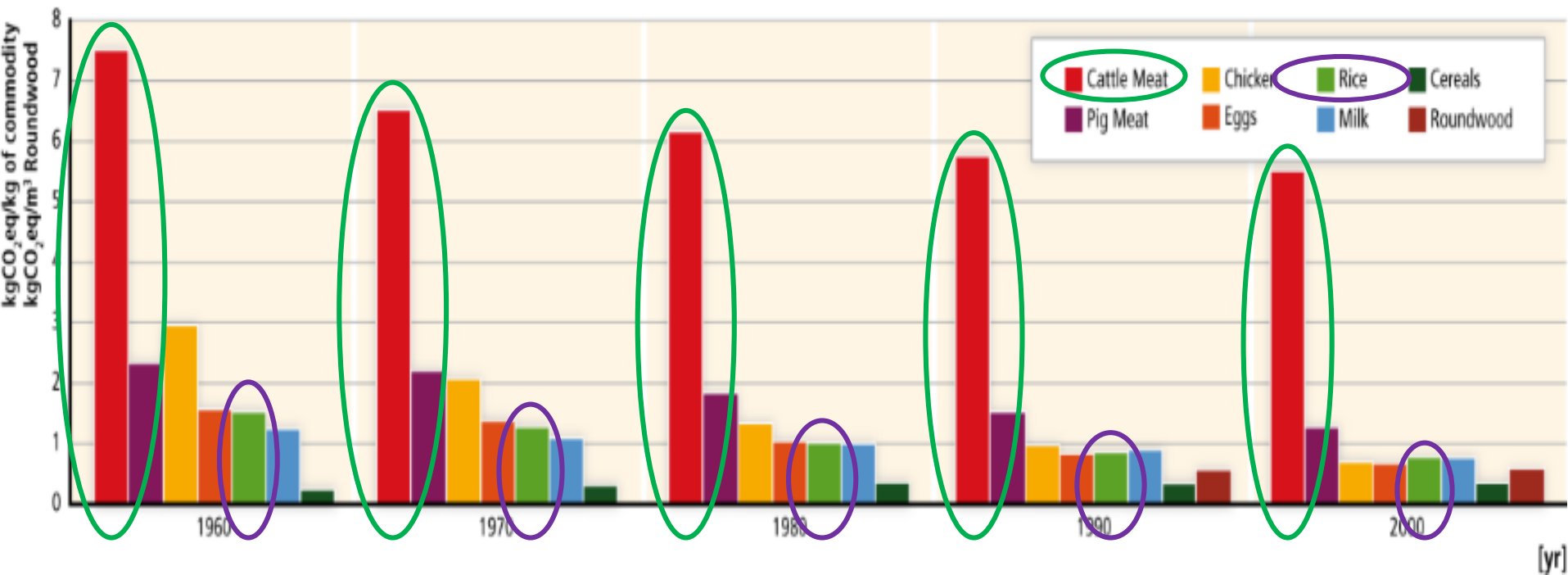


Figure 1. Mitigation needed in agriculture to achieve the 2°C target in 2030.

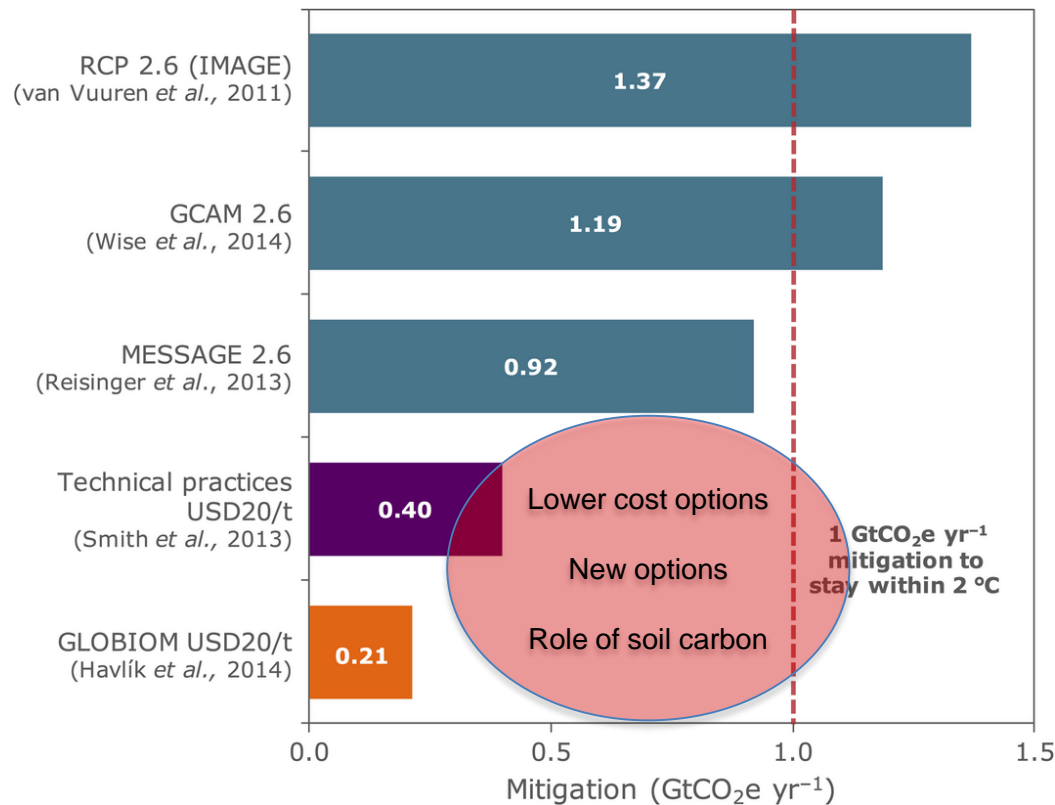
Business as usual insufficient

Sustainable increases in yield per animal, per hectare, per day and per unit of input can lead to significant reductions in emissions per unit of food and fibre.



However this alone will be insufficient to meet global goals.

Reducing emissions from agriculture to meet the 2 °C target



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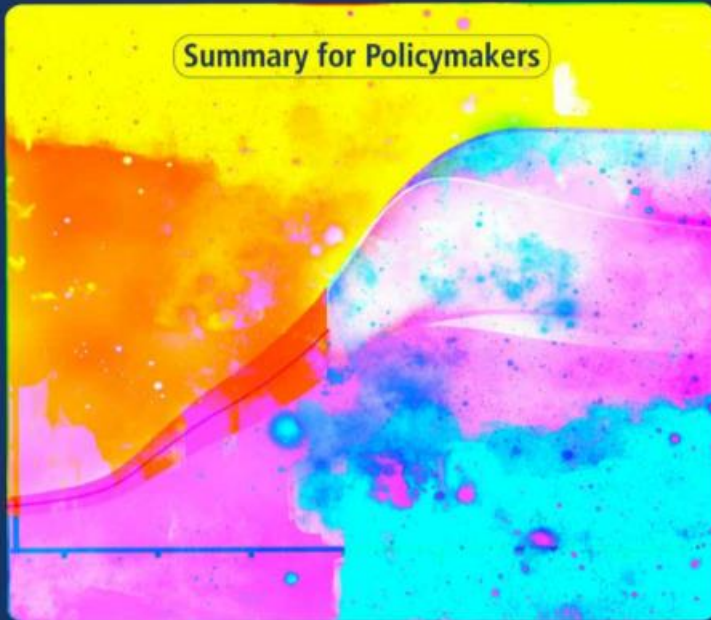
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON climate change

Global Warming of 1.5°C

An IPCC Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty

Summary for Policymakers



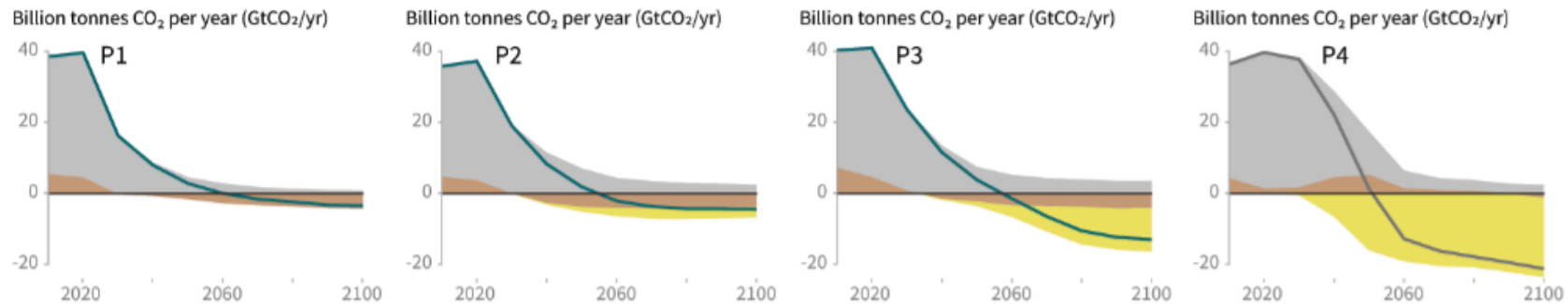
WG I WG II WG III



IPCC SR: Global Warming of 1.5 Degrees

Breakdown of contributions to global net CO₂ emissions in four illustrative model pathways

● Fossil fuel and industry ● AFOLU ● BECCS



P1: A scenario in which social, business and technological innovations result in lower energy demand up to 2050 while living standards rise, especially in the global South. A downsized energy system enables rapid decarbonization of energy supply. Afforestation is the only CDR option considered; neither fossil fuels with CCS nor BECCS are used.

P2: A scenario with a broad focus on sustainability including energy intensity, human development, economic convergence and international cooperation, as well as shifts towards sustainable and healthy consumption patterns, low-carbon technology innovation, and well-managed land systems with limited societal acceptability for BECCS.

P3: A middle-of-the-road scenario in which societal as well as technological development follows historical patterns. Emissions reductions are mainly achieved by changing the way in which energy and products are produced, and to a lesser degree by reductions in demand.

P4: A resource- and energy-intensive scenario in which economic growth and globalization lead to widespread adoption of greenhouse-gas-intensive lifestyles, including high demand for transportation fuels and livestock products. Emissions reductions are mainly achieved through technological means, making strong use of CDR through the deployment of BECCS.

Global indicators

	P1	P2	P3	P4	Interquartile range
Agricultural CH ₄ emissions in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-24	-48	1	14	(-30,-11)
in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-33	-69	-23	2	(-47,-24)
Agricultural N ₂ O emissions in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	5	-26	15	3	(-21,3)
in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	6	-26	0	39	(-26,1)

Climate Change and Land

An IPCC special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems

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▲ Beef cattle stand at a ranch in this aerial photograph taken above Texas. Meat and dairy accounts for just 18% of all food calories and around a third of protein. Photograph: Daniel Acker/Bloomberg via Getty Images

Decycling or taking the bus rather than driving to work has its place, but scientists are increasingly pointing to a deeper lifestyle change



Oxford scientists say eat less beef to combat global warming

A report by the Oxford Martin Programme on the Future of Food says beef consumption needs to fall by as much as 90% in western countries to combat climate change.

The report's lead author, Dr Marco Springmann, told Today that individuals should aim to eat just one portion of beef, pork or lamb a week.

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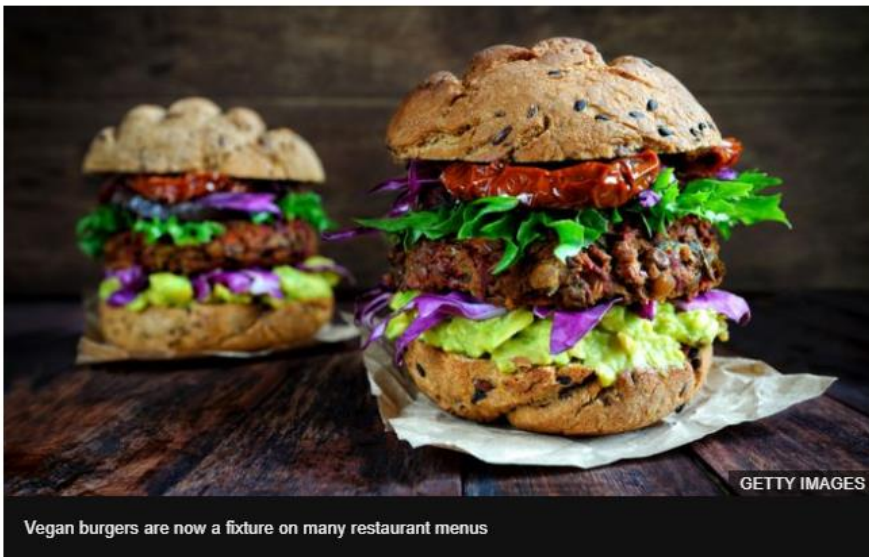
Plant-based diet can fight climate change - UN

By Roger Harrabin
BBC environment analyst, Geneva

8 August 2019 2905

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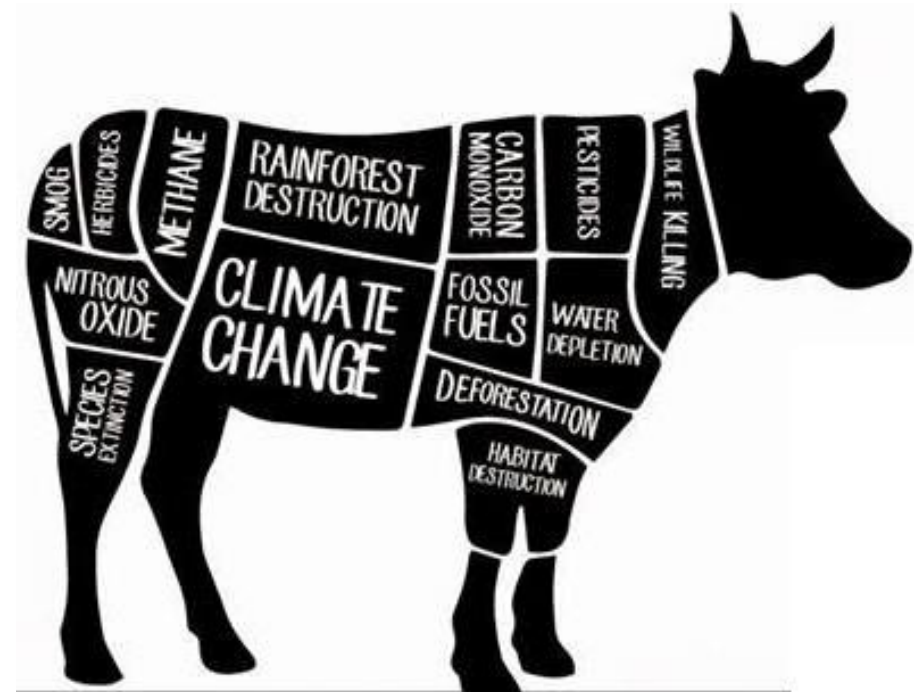
Vegan burgers are now a fixture on many restaurant menus

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Switching to a plant-based diet can help fight climate change, UN experts have said.

A major report on land use and climate change says the West's high consumption of meat and dairy produce is fuelling global warming.

But scientists and officials stopped short of explicitly calling on everyone to become



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