



Livestock

Sustainability



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Livestock sector affects at least 58% (10 out of the 17) of the SDG goals and 16% (28 out of the 169) of the SDG targets (Mehrabi et al., 2020)



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Goal 2	 "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture" 	 Livestock products provide a vital means to improve malnutrition and stunting in the poor.
Goal 3	 "ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages" 	• The large health care is costly.
Goal 8	 "promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all" 	 Livestock sector boosts the economic growth
Goal 11	 "make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable" 	• The livestock sector contributes disproportionately to GHG emissions, thus contributing to extreme events such as heat waves that harm dense human populations
Goal 12	 "responsible consumption and production" 	 Excessive overconsumption leads to negative health outcomes that contribute to the double burden of malnutrition

Top ranking nations for nine different environmental and social metrics are shown as a mechanism for identifying how interventions in the livestock sector may differentially influence





Interventions in the livestock sector for sustainable development



Objective	Mechanism	Examples
Reduce consumption	Meat tax	Denmark (proposed)69
Reduce consumption	Revised national dietary guidelines	Canada ⁷⁰
Increase consumption	School meal programmes	Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Asia ⁷¹
Reduce GHGe	Carbon-neutral red meat	Australia (proposed) ⁷²
Reduce GHGe	Adoption of technologies to reduce enteric methane intensity	South America, West Africa, East Africa, South Asia ⁷³
Reduce GHGe	Methane capture and abatement	Mexico and more than forty other countries ⁷⁴
Reduce waste and pollution	National plans for circular livestock supply chains	The Netherlands ⁷⁵
Increase productivity and livelihoods	Sustainable intensification of dairy production	Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and, Kenya ⁷⁶
Reduce fertilizer pollution	Regulate use and monitor impacts (for acidification, eutrophication, climate)	European Nitrates Directive ⁷⁷

Objective	Mechanism	Examples
Reduce antibiotics	Limit non- therapeutic use and monitor.	European Union ⁵⁴
Facilitate sustainable consumption and production	Market signalling. Supply-chain traceability and carbon accounting for beef and feed exports, certification schemes for farmer adoption of improved management practices.	Uruguay (carbon traceability) ⁷⁸ , Canada, United States, Australia, Europe, Latin America (Organic Certification); Canada (Certified Sustainable Beef Framework) ⁷⁹ .
Improve communication and policy coherence	Facilitate dialogue between the public, private bodies, industry, academia and NGOs	Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock ⁸⁰
Create industry standards for sustainability	Multistakeholder platform for implementation and monitoring of sustainable beef production	Global Roundtable on Sustainable Beef (https:// grsbeef.org)

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Livestock are important for smaller farms

with lower income levels

Source: The State of Food and Agriculture: Livestock in Balance (FAO, 2009); https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(75)92740-3



COP28 climate talks agree on transitioning away from fossil fuels



30 Nov - 12 Dec 2023

https://youtu.be/qHXVUb5HXoA?si=GoHx6N-WUzZ6pXlB









Increasing the efficiency of livestock supply chains is key to limiting the growth of **GHG emissions** in the future.

Source: https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/agriculture/brief/moving-towards-sustainability-the-livestock-sector-and-the-world-bank

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Causal relationships of various concepts of industrial system transition



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Fig. 1. Causal relationships of various concepts of industrial system transition Note: Numbers on arrow tips represent the corresponding serial number of causal 12 relationships in Table 1.

All the World's Carbon Emissions





% of total global emissions in 2021



The Carbon Footprint of the Food Supply Chain



There is a vast difference in greenhouse gases (GHG) that are produced across various food types.



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The Environmental Impact of Foods

Food production is responsible for 26% of global greenhouse gas emissions. How do different food items contribute to this figure?

Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO,e) Emissions per Kilogram







https://www.visualcapitalist.com/ranked-foods-with-the-largest-environmental-impact/

N_2O , NH_3 and NO_3^- emissions from global livestock supply chains





Global N flows and sources of N compound emissions allocated to the livestock sector





Regional N emissions from livestock species in Gg N





Regional contribution of different livestock systems to total N emissions









N_20 emissions from livestock supply chains (kg N-N₂0 ha⁻¹)





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(Uwizeye et al., 2020) ²⁰

NH_3 emissions from livestock supply chains (kg N-NH₃ ha⁻¹)





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NO_3^- emissions from livestock supply chains (kg N-NO₃⁻ ha⁻¹)





Distribution of N indicators by species, commodity and systems





Life-cycle net nitrogen balance (kg N ha⁻¹)

Life-cycle nitrogen use efficiency



90

70

50

60

Embedded N emissions in international trade of feed and livestock commodities





Manure discharge from CAFOs like this one can negatively impact water quality.

Air quality

Concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO; popularly known as factory farm)









Negative production externalitiesơ Cattle manure

MRSA swabbed from CAFO workers' noses was also found on the walls and in animals at the facility where they worked.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Concentrated_animal_feeding_operation



Dead infant pigs at a hog farm



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets discharge limits for CAFOs

- Manure is a critical source of natural fertilizer.
- Livestock are important assets for vulnerable communities. Globally, around 500 million pastoralists rely on livestock herding for food, income, and as a store of wealth, collateral or safety net in times of need.
- Livestock production systems have the potential to contribute to the preservation of biodiversity and to carbon sequestration in soils and biomass.
- In harsh environments, such as mountains and drylands, livestock is often the only way to sustainably convert natural resources into food, fiber, and work power for local communities.

Livestock play a major role in sustainable food systems

https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/agriculture/brief/moving-towards-sustainability-the-livestock-sector-and-the-world-bank

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Role and place of livestock in balanced circular food production

Land use by livestock farming (% of global agricultural area)



According to the FAO, livestock contributes 40% of the global value of agricultural output and supports the livelihoods and food and nutrition security of almost 1.3 billion people.

Peyraud, J. L., & MacLeod, M. (2020). Future of eu livestock—how to contribute to a sustainable agricultural sector. Final Report. Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (European Commission): Brussels, Belgium, 82.

Animal Health and Sustainability



Economics of Reducing Disease

For every one percentage point reduction in global livestock disease levels, the following additional revenue is generated*:



A case study analysis by Oxford Analytica found that livestock disease reduces global production by 80 billion kilos of meat and 179.5 billion kilos of dairy each year, reducing producer revenue by \$358.4 billion.*

Every 1% reduction in beef cattle disease rates would:

- increase production enough to meet the average beef consumption needs of 317 million people
- increase producer revenue by US\$3.2 billion.

Every 1% reduction in dairy cattle disease rates would:

- increase production enough to meet the average dairy needs of 80.5 million people
- increase producer revenue by US\$3.8 billion.

https://www.healthforanimals.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/AH-and-Sustainability-Report-Summary-1.pdf





Animal life loss share per region group compared to global population share



Table 2

Animal life loss share per region group compared to global population share. Darker colours indicate higher values.

Region Group	No. of Countries	Total Life Loss	Life Loss Share	Population Share	GDP per Capita (USD)	Life Loss per Capita
Industrialized Asia	7	3,449,213,601	19.2%	21.8%	12,967	2.07
South & Southeast Asia	17	2,926,672,931	16.3%	33.7%	2,790	1.14
Latin America	24	2,813,967,720	15.7%	8.4%	8,347	4.39
North America & Oceania	4	2,767,792,671	15.4%	5.2%	61,448	6.98
Europe	43	2,762,316,567	15.4%	10.0%	28,653	3.61
North Africa, Western & Central Asia	22	1,728,955,657	9.6%	6.8%	7,587	3.34
Sub-Saharan Africa	41	1,522,692,752	8.5%	14.2%	1,584	1.40

Cattle and pig live loss per capita



Global per-capita animal life loss embodied in MLW in 2019. Countries in white lacked data or were not covered in the analysis.



Turkey and chicken live loss per capita



Global per-capita animal life loss embodied in MLW in 2019. Countries in white lacked data or were not covered in the analysis.



Goat and sheep live loss per capita



Global per-capita animal life loss embodied in MLW in 2019. Countries in white lacked data or were not covered in the analysis.



Three ways livestock farming is becoming more sustainable





The farming sector is facing a challenge. By 2030, the number of people within the global middle class is expected to grow to five billion and by 2050, 10 billion people will live on our planet. Farmers will need to supply more milk, meat, fish and eggs than ever before, while using fewer resources.

1. Good animal health = lower emissions	 By overseeing good animal health, it reduces the number of unproductive animals that emit greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
2. Changing the nutrition mix	 Good overall nutrition on the farm boosts the animals' natural immune systems, helping to keep them at their optimum health. This helps animals produce more, which enables farmers to meet local demand with fewer animals, thereby lowering
 3. New products to target methane reduction Innovation within supplements and vaccines is helping to cut emissi 	greenhouse gas emissions.
production of methane within the digestion process.	

https://www.healthforanimals.org/resources/newsletter/articles/three-ways-livestock-farming-is-becoming-more-sustainable/





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Case Study: Australian Beef Sustainability



In Australia, Cowboys Use Satellites to Home In on the Range - WS. 🦓 RE





Wagyu big driver in new wave of Australian feedlot expansion - Beef Central





Australian beef and veal production





Australian beef exports by volume (2021)





AUSTRALIAN BEEF SUSTAINABILITY 2023: ANNUAL UPDATE





Australian Beef Sustainability Framework

Information for the period of 1st July 2022 to 31st May 2023.

The Australian beef industry is committed to the following five goals



Best Animal Care	The Australian beef industry is guided by the five domains of animal welfare. The industry provides all cattle with an environment in which they can thrive in accordance with these domains.
Environmental Stewardship	By 2030, the Australian beef industry will demonstrate its net positive contribution to nature.
Climate	The Australian beef industry will achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions across its production and processing sectors by 2030.
S Economic Resilience	The value of Australian beef industry products and services doubles from 2020 levels by 2030 resulting in a profitable and resilient industry.
People & Community	The Australian beef industry is trusted, attractive to a diverse workforce, a source of pride and belonging, and makes a positive contribution to the food security of Australian and international communities.



The Five Domains of Animal Welfare is an internationally recognised standard for optimal animal health and welfare. It provides a means of evaluating the welfare of an animal, or group of animals, with a strong focus on mental wellbeing and positive experiences.

The five domains are:





Nutrition

Availability and quality of feed and water.



Environment

Atmospheric and environmental conditions. Health

Presence or absence of a disease and injury.



Behaviour

Restriction or expression of behaviour.

Mental State

Subjective feelings and experiences.

New Frontiers in Animal Care

• The majority of industry investment aligns with the seven focus areas highlighted below, allowing for a concerted effort in animal health and welfare.

Diagnostics

Accurate diagnostics are imperative to curbing the severity of animal disease by enabling more effective treatments and reducing the need for antibiotics.





Parasite Control

Warming temperatures due to climate change are allowing parasites to thrive in new regions, increasing the urgency to discover new parasiticides and other methods of parasite control.

ostics

Alternatives to Antibiotics

True alternatives to antibiotics are products that target bacteria in a similar way and cure bacterial infection. Other innovations that reduce infection risk also reduce the need for antibiotics but cannot truly be called an alternative because they cannot treat a bacterial infection. Currently, antibiotics remain the only way to treat a bacterial infection. The animal health sector has taken significant action in recent years to improve responsible use while researching potential alternatives.

Digital Technologie

Advancements in digital monitoring and surveillance a rapidly transforming the anim health landscape, bringing improvements in speed and efficiency that enable individu level treatment even in groups hundreds or thousands of anim researching potential alternativ

New Vaccines

Vaccines are one of the most reliable and effective ways to prevent deadly animal diseases, helping protect animals, food supplies, and livelihoods. Innovations in vaccine development can lead to new treatments against previously deadly and costly diseases, as well as new ways to expand existing vaccinations to more regions and species.

Safe Development

Developing safer, quicker, and

less expensive alternatives for

demonstrating safety and efficacy

can reduce the cost of product

development and limit the need

for live animals.

Nutrition

Growing knowledge about the

role of nutrition, gut health, and

natural immunity to disease is

opening up new opportunities

for improved animal health

and welfare.

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Nutrition



Providing essential nutrition and food security including access to safe, sufficient and nutritious food.

Nutrition Information*	per 150g serve*
Good Source^	
Protein	34.3g
Iron	3.1mg
Zinc	6.7mg
Vitamin B12	1.4µg
Source^	
Omega-3 fatty acids	48.2mg
Riboflavin (B2)	0.29mg
Niacin (B3)	7.5mg
Pantothenic acid (B5)	0.54mg
Vitamin B6	0.21mg
Magnesium	38mg
Phosphorus	328mg
Selenium	16µg

* Average nutrition information per 150g serve raw weight of four major beef cuts.

^ Foods that are a 'good source of protein' have more than 10g per serve; 'good sources' of essential nutrients have 25% or more and 'sources', 10% or more of the recommended daily intake (RDI) as defined for labeling purposes in the Australian Food Standards (1.2.7).

Nutritional Benefits of Australian Red Meat



This report and nutrition resources for promoting the benefits of Australian beef in healthy, balanced meals are available on the MLA Healthy Meals web site.

3 to 4 balanced meals

a week is a practical way to eat recommended amounts.

Purchase weight is a practical guide and is consistent with the way red meat is purchased and prepared (i.e. mince 500g, serves 4) Amounts recommended in the Australian Dietary Guidelines is equivalent to

650g per person per week (raw weight) Provides Australians with a great source of high-quality

protein, bioavailable iron and zinc, and

a source of omega-3 and vitamin B12.

Popular meals are a practical way to explain serving size, because the typical serving size ranges between 100 to 200g.

Insights suggest consumers need **'more than steak'** meal ideas to eat recommended amounts of red meat.

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All beef cuts, including lean

mince, provide **Similar**

nutritional benefits.





Alternative Protein





by focus on selected meat varieties and location



Sources Choudburge at al. The Duciness of Cultured Mast

Lab-Grown Meat



Redefine Meat's 3D-printing process. Photograph: Amir Cohen/Reuters

https://theguardian.com/food/2021/nov/16/3d-printed-steak-taste-test-meat-mimic

Pathways of industrial system transition to net-zero emission and sustainable industrial production

production Industrial system transition to sustainable and net-zero emission

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Dematerialization and decarbonization options and corresponding policies and corporate strategies

(Singh & Chudasama, 2021)