



# Thank You.



# Livestock In The U.S.



- ☀ Employs 1.6 million people
- ☀ \$31.8 billion in exports
- ☀ Recycle 43.2 billion kg of human-inedible by-products of food, fiber, & biofuel
- ☀ Adhesives, ceramics, cosmetics, fertilizer, germicides, textiles, ointments, heart valves, etc.
- ☀ Convert resources that people cannot use into things we can.



# Livestock In The News



## Is the Livestock Industry Destroying the Planet?

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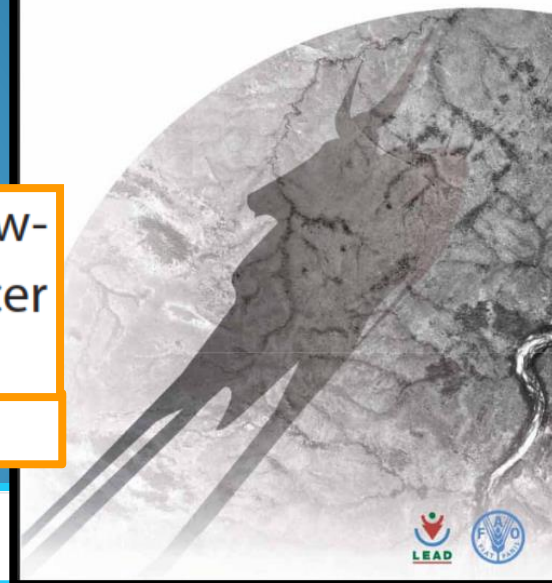
Our results suggest that vegetarians have a significantly lower ischemic heart disease mortality (29%) and overall cancer incidence (18%) than nonvegetarians.

Huang et al. (2012) *Annals Nutr. & Metab.* 60:233-240

≡ **EcoWatch**

**Researchers Say Only Way to Guarantee Enough Food in 2050 Is if the World Turns Vegan**

livestock's long shadow  
environmental issues and options



**Livestock pollute water & air, erode land, cause deforestation, are inefficient, compete with people for food & water....**



By-Product Feeds

Animal  
Agriculture

# Our Food Web



Feed

Plant  
Agriculture



Food, Fiber  
Biofuel, Other

Fertilizer / Biosolids

Human  
Society



**What would U.S. food supply,  
meeting U.S. nutrient requirements,  
and green house gas production look  
like if we removed farmed animals?**



Modelled with freely available data, No outside funding.





## U.S. Population

- 316 million people
- 36 nutrients
- Requirements 1 year



69.9 dogs  
74.1 cats  
8.3 birds  
89.4 other  
10.2 horses



Rendered products  
Protein 727.5 K tons  
Fats 143.3 K tons

## Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1 cup (28g)  
Children Under 4 -  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup (21g)  
Servings Per Container about 18  
Children Under 4 - about 24

Amount Per Serving	Cheerios	with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup skim milk	Cereal for Children Under 4
<b>Calories</b>	100	150	80
Calories from Fat	15	20	10
<b>% Daily Value**</b>			
<b>Total Fat</b> 2g*	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	1.5g
Saturated Fat 0.5g	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	0g
Trans Fat 0g			0g
Polyunsaturated Fat 0.5g			0.5g
Monounsaturated Fat 0.5g			0.5g
<b>Cholesterol</b> 0mg	<b>0%</b>	<b>1%</b>	0mg
<b>Sodium</b> 140mg	<b>6%</b>	<b>8%</b>	105mg
<b>Potassium</b> 180mg	<b>5%</b>	<b>11%</b>	135mg
<b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 20g	<b>7%</b>	<b>9%</b>	15g
Dietary Fiber 3g	<b>11%</b>	<b>11%</b>	2g
Soluble Fiber 1g			0g
Sugars 1g			1g
Other Carbohydrate 16g			12g
<b>Protein</b> 3g			2g
<b>% Daily Value**</b>			
Protein	-	-	9%
Vitamin A	10%	15%	10%
Vitamin C	10%	10%	10%
Calcium	10%	25%	8%
Iron	45%	45%	50%
Vitamin D	10%	25%	6%
Thiamin	25%	30%	35%
Riboflavin	2%	10%	2%
Niacin	25%	25%	35%
Vitamin B <sub>6</sub>	25%	25%	45%
Folic Acid	50%	50%	60%
Vitamin B <sub>12</sub>	25%	30%	30%
Phosphorus	10%	20%	8%
Magnesium	8%	10%	10%
Zinc	25%	30%	30%

\* Amount in cereal. A serving of cereal with milk contains 150 calories.



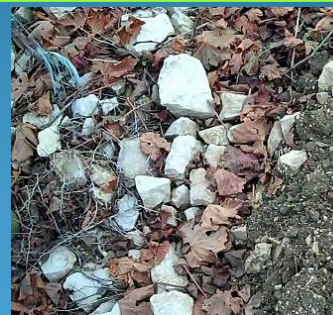
## Food

- 26 animal, 89 plant
- All crops except seeds, industrial use, & aflatoxin corn
- Max edible portion
- Nutrients only from foods
- Least cost diets to meet needs

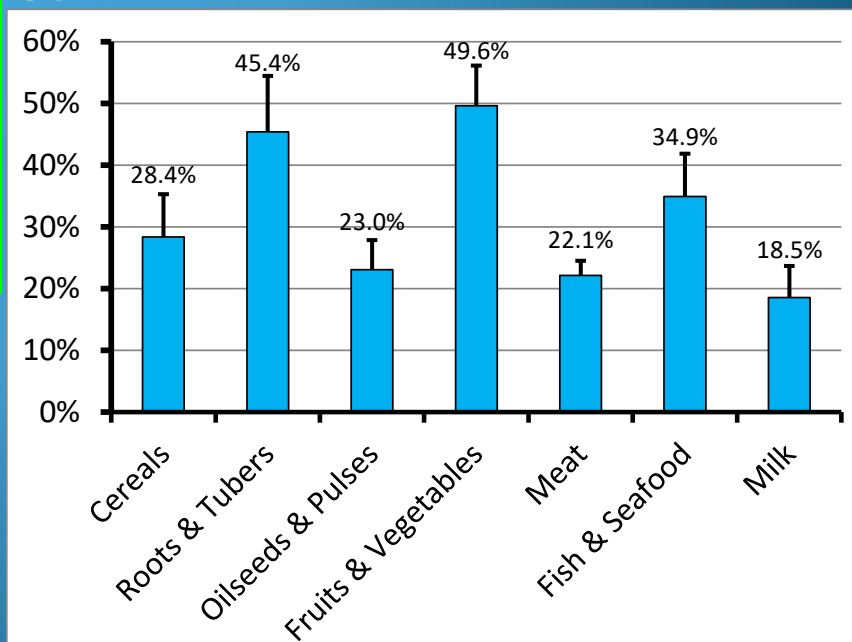


# Why Not More Fruits & Vegetables?

- ☀ US imports 51% of fruits, 39% of vegetables.
- ☀ Weather/Climate/Temp
- ☀ Soil quality/Elevation/Slope
- ☀ Water availability
- ☀ Food waste
- ☀ Profitability / Risk



## % of Food Wasted



# Greenhouse Gas (GHG)



- ☀ 9% U.S. greenhouse gas is from agriculture
- ☀ ~50% from animal agriculture
- ☀ Removal of animals, new crops.
- ☀ Synthesis of fertilizer to replace manure.
- ☀ Incineration of human-inedible byproducts; P & K recycled to fertilizer.

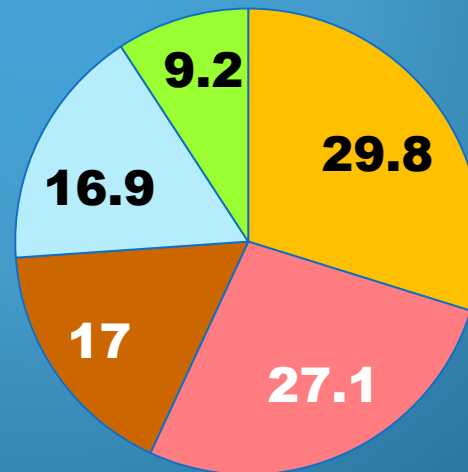
From Manure, kg:

N  $4.01 \times 10^9$

P  $1.69 \times 10^9$

K  $1.88 \times 10^9$

S  $2.84 \times 10^8$

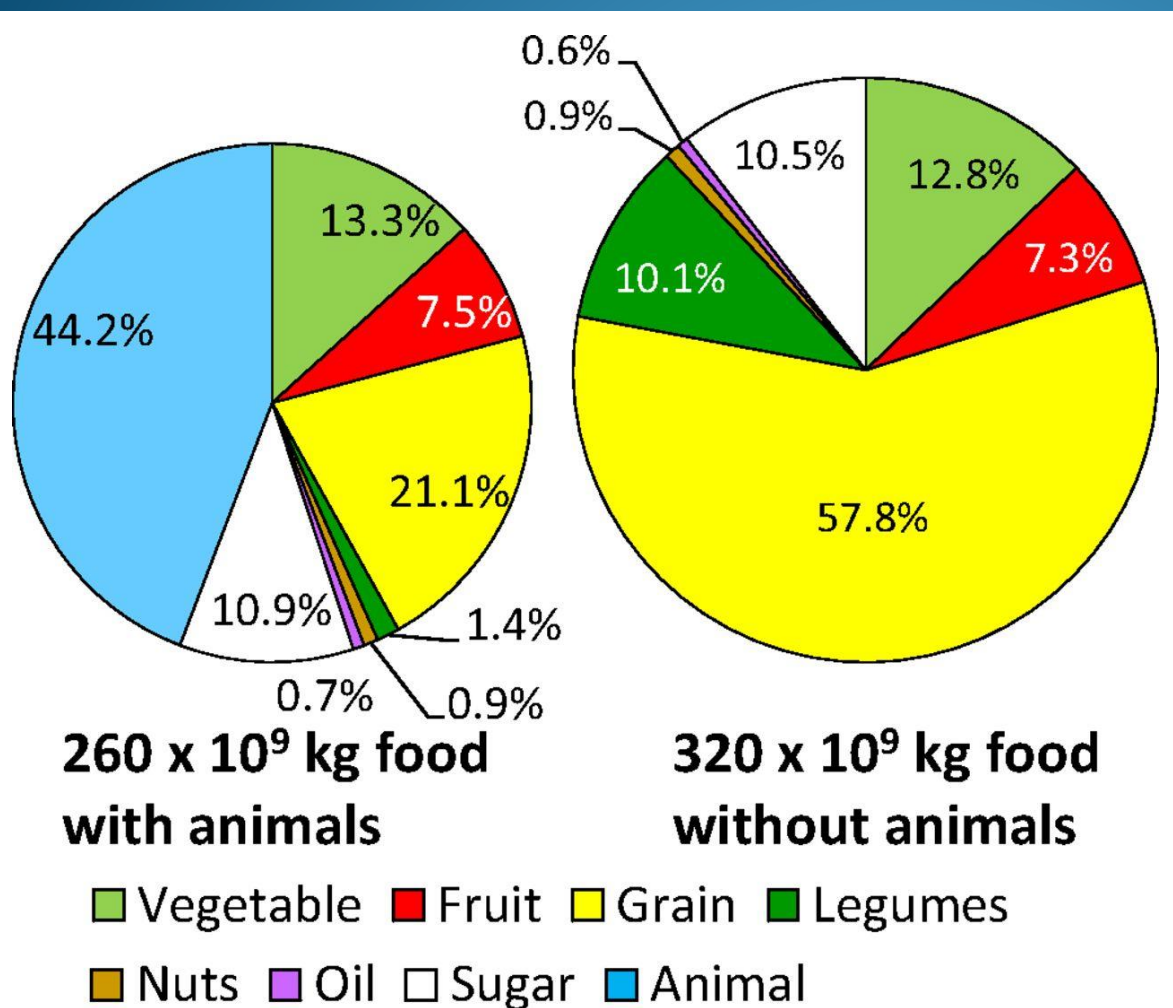


- Industry
- Transportation
- Commercial
- Residential
- Agriculture

2013 CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents, EPA, 2017



# Results: Food Production



## Plants-only system:

- ☀ Increased 23%, primarily as grain.
- ☀ Grain: 77% corn.
- ☀ Legumes: 92% soy and soy flour.

# Nutrient Adequacy: Available Food



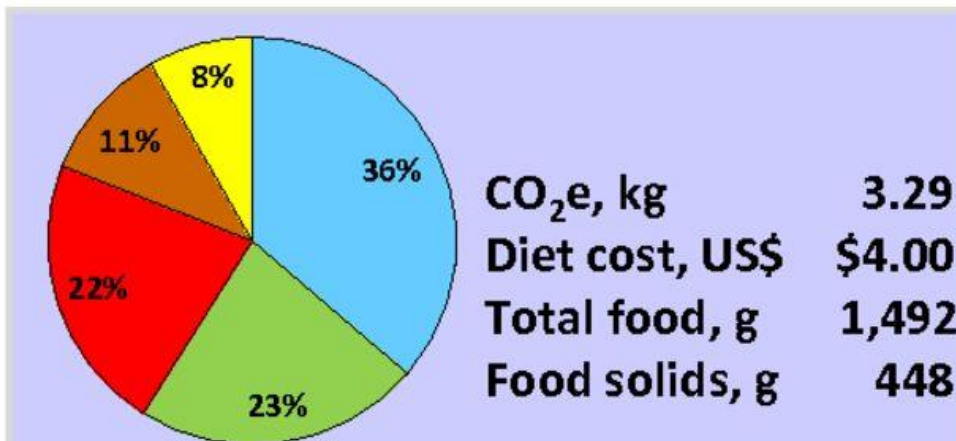
**Available food:**

**Current**

**To current use of U.S. production + imports**

Diet composition, % of food type:

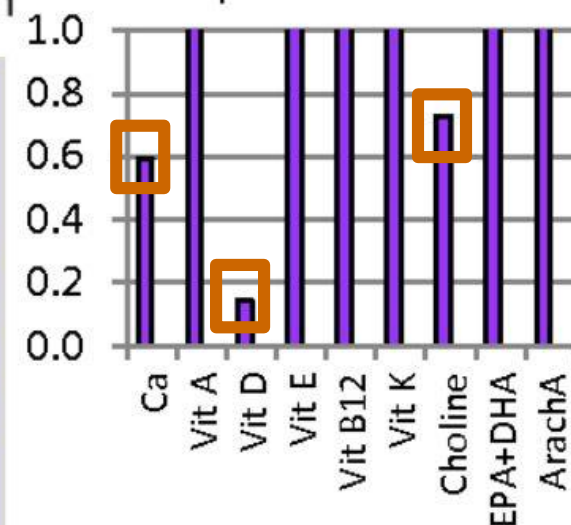
Animal Vegetable Fruit Other Grain



CO<sub>2</sub>e, kg 3.29  
Diet cost, US\$ \$4.00  
Total food, g 1,492  
Food solids, g 448

## Adequacy of diets

<1.0 = requirement not met



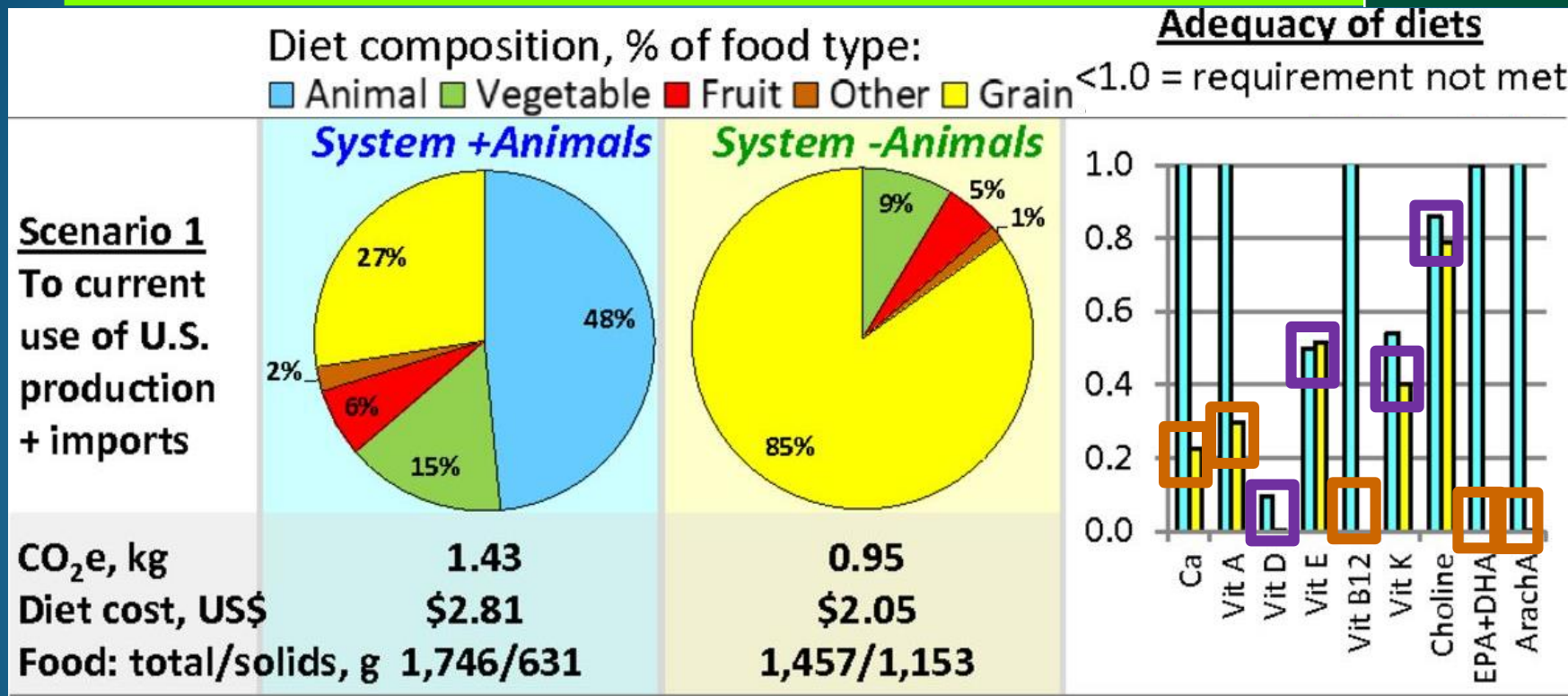
## Current average diet:

☀ Deficient in calcium, vitamin D, and choline.

USDA-ERS, US Food  
Commodity Available by  
Food Source, accessed  
2014



# Results: Diets From Available Food



## Plants-only system:

- ✱ Lower diet cost & greenhouse gas equivalents per person.
- ✱ Deficient in more nutrients. Cifelli et al. 2016, NAHNES A, D, Ca, protein
- ✱ Greater food & calorie (145 to 230%) intakes; **density**.

# Plants-Only: Nutrient Deficiency



- ☀ Plants do not have, or have low concentrations of some nutrients.



## Long Chain Fatty Acids

### Omega-3: EPA & DHA

**Infants:** Cognitive & visual development

**Adults:** Cardiovascular health

### Omega-6: Arachidonic

**Infants:** Visual acuity

### Calcium

Bone, electrolyte, milk

Many physiological functions

### Vitamin B12

Brain & nervous system

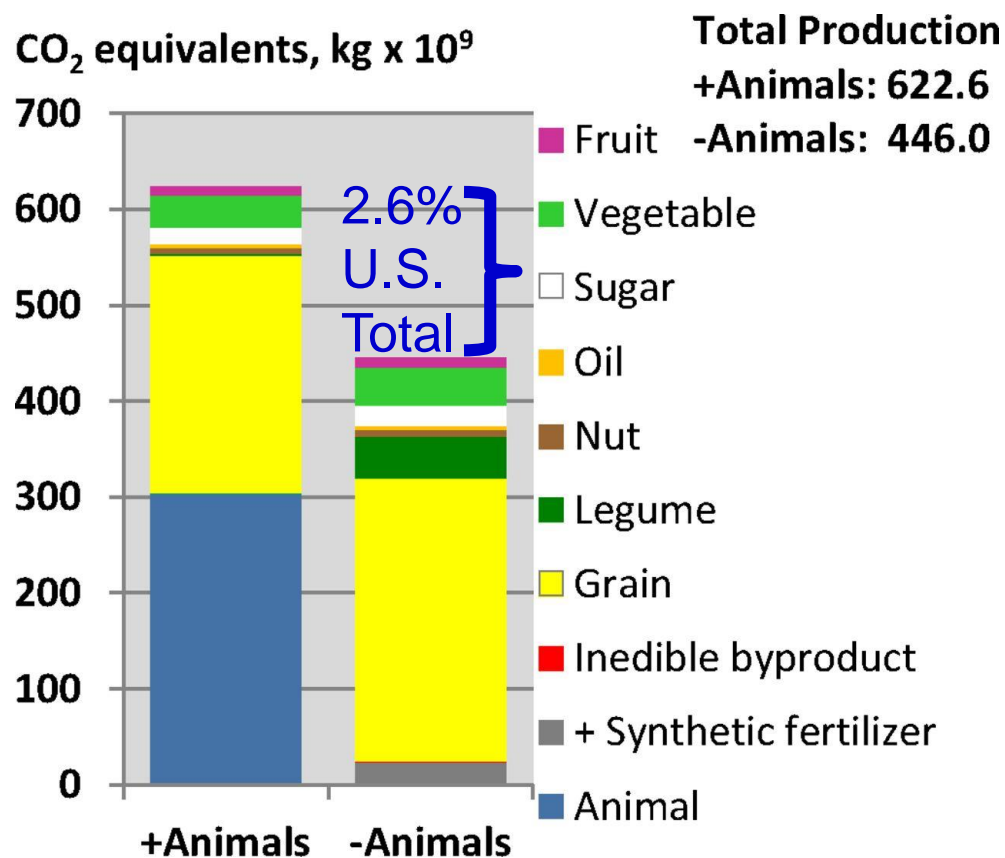
Red blood cell formation



# Results: Greenhouse Gas



## Agricultural GHG



## Plants-only system:

- ☀ US National GHG ↓2.6%.
- ☀ Agricultural GHG ↓ 28%, but not the ~50% associated with animals.
- ☀ Counterbalanced by fertilizer synthesis & all land now allocated to food production.

# A Change Creates Other Changes



## Agriculture Without Animals:

- ☀ More total food.
- ☀ Small U.S. GHG decline.
- ☀ The food produced would not support U.S. nutrient needs.
- ☀ Agriculture is a system. Need to look at many, many more factors and how they fit together to have an accurate picture.

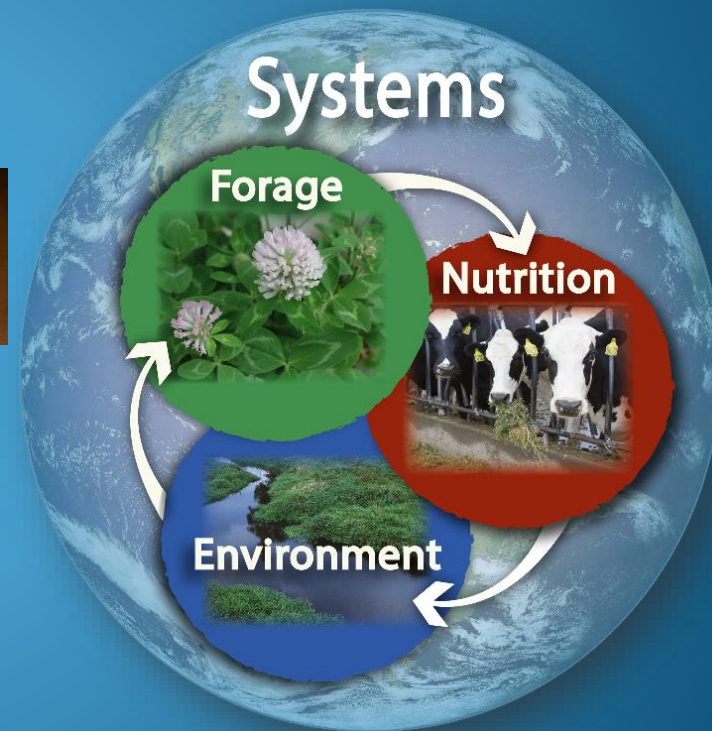






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# Questions?



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