

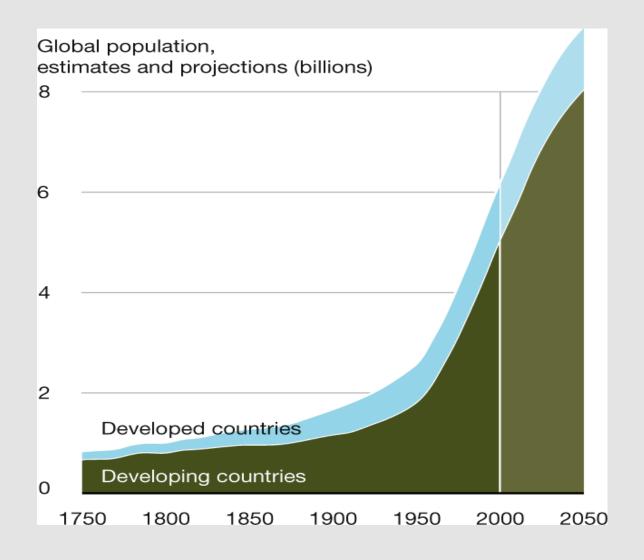
Future of Food Workshop

Professor Jacqueline Rowarth

2 December 2010

Transitions to Sustainability Conference





The Environmental Food Crisis - The Environment's Role in Averting Future Food Crises, UNEP 2009

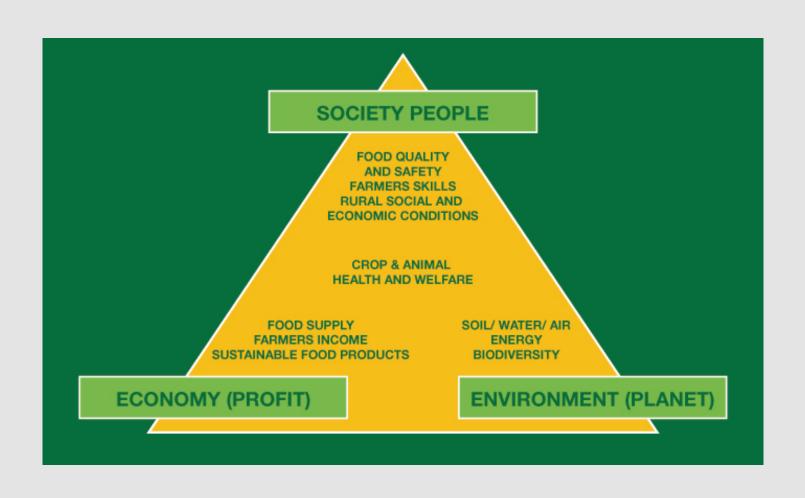


Food production must increase 70% by 2050

United Nations, March 2010 FAO Outlook on Agriculture, June 2010 MAF SOANZ, June 2010



Sustainable agriculture is a productive, competitive and efficient way to produce safe agricultural products, while at the same time protecting and improving the natural environment and social/economic conditions of local communities.





At current yields, we need an extra 1.5 – 2 billion additional hectares of land to feed the projected 2050 population

Professor David Tilman, University of Minnesota





Agricultural intensification between 1961 & 2005

Carnegie Institute and Stanford University, June 2010

- Increased emissions (fertiliser & application)
- Avoided emissions by increasing yield per hectare
- Net effect was -161 GtC (590 GtCO₂e)





The ultimate trade off is between the economy and the environment. Hard decisions have to be made.

Keith Bristow, CSIRO, 5th August 2010





How low can we go?

Food Climate Research Network January 2010

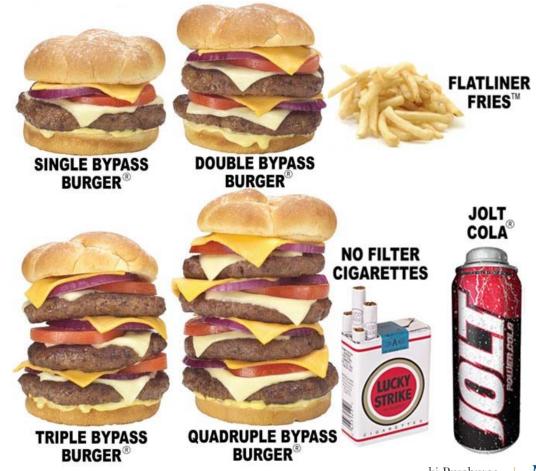
- Increase production efficiencies
- Improve crop yields
- Change animal feed to decrease methane
- Use non-carbon fuel
- Change human consumption....





Heart Attack Grill

Taste worth dying for





Marshmallow ice cream could be 'world first'

TVNZ Friday, June 4th

- 100 people
- >2000 man-hours
- 12,500 litres pink marshmallow



Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa



Canny Supermarket 2010...

Phil Lempert, USA

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Celebration salmon 78

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Supermarket first with carbon reduction label

Food Navigator.com 9th June 2010

Independent research conducted for Planet Ark found 60% of Australians would be more likely to produce a product displaying the Carbon Reduction Label





Environmental impacts of food

Sustainable Consumption and Production Round Table, 13th July 2010

- Identify and analyse LCA
- Assess potential impacts
- Use scientific methodologies
- Provide information





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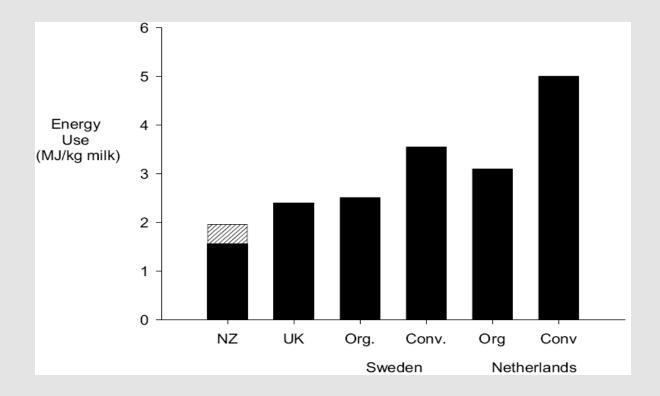
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New Zealand's advantage – getting it right before the farm gate



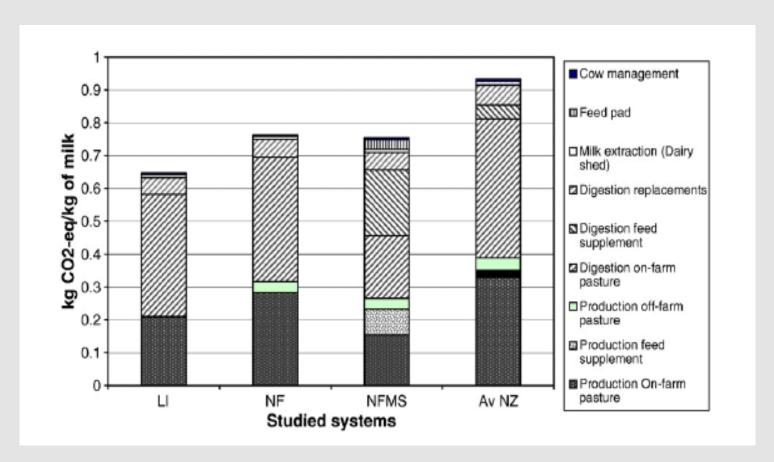


Comparison of GHG emissions to the milk-in-the-vat stage for dairy production systems. Food miles to the UK market are shown by the hatched section of the NZ bar. Basset-Mens et al. 2007

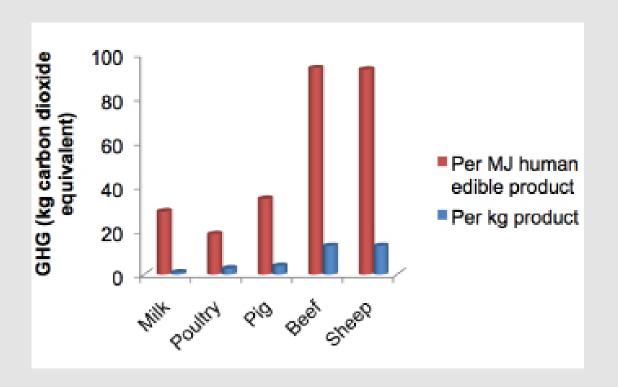
Milk — environmental burden/litre

Williams et al. 2006 (DEFRA) and De Boer 2003 (Livestock Production Science)

Environmental theme & units	Value/litre @	farm gate
	Conventional	Organic
GWP (CO ₂)	1060	1230
EP (PO ₄ ³⁻)	6.3	10.3
AP (SO ₂)	16.2	26.4
Land use (ha)	0.001	0.002



Sources of GHG emissions and direct energy use (kg CO₂-eq/kg milk) for different pasture-based production systems (LI = Low input, NF = Nitrogen fertiliser, NFMS = N-fertiliser plus maize silage and an average (Av NZ) system). Basset-Mens *et al.* 2007



Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions

per unit of livestock product (kg) or per MJ of human-edible products (adapted from Williams et al., 2006).



Carbon dioxide equivalents/kg product

Professor Gareth Edwards-Jones, Bangor University & AGMARDT Fellow

Pre-farm gate Post-farm gate

Welsh lamb 13.45 14.14

NZ Lamb 9.71 11.56







Cubic metres of water/tonne of product

United Nations

Grapes Apples

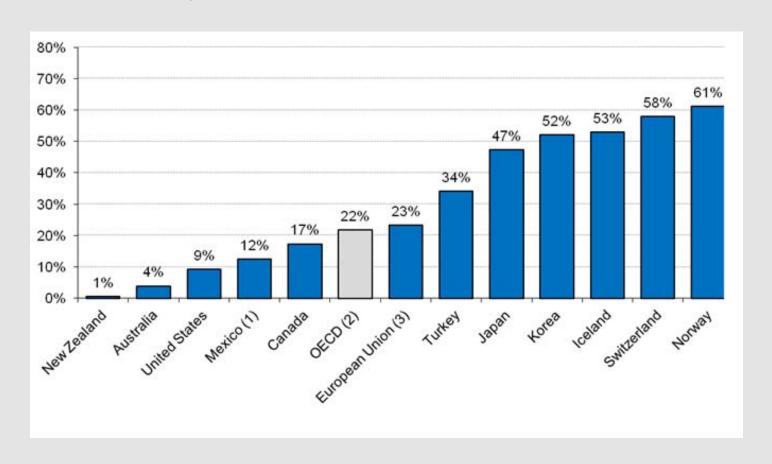
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New Zealand 235 141

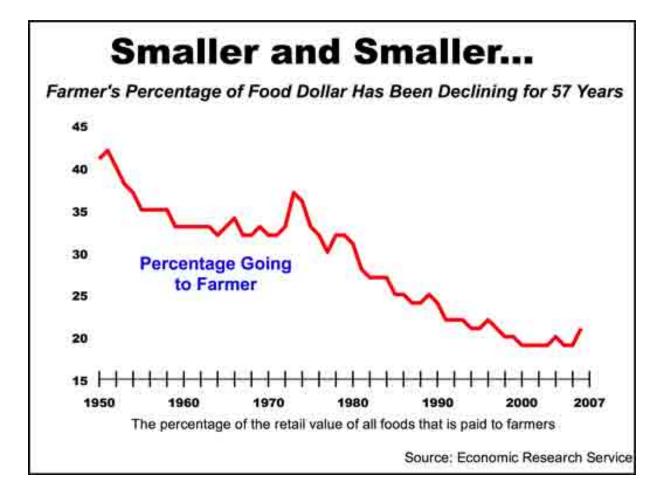




Producer Support Estimates as % of gross farm receipts, 2007-09 average OECD July 1st 2010









The Farmer's Share %

NZIER for FFNZ 2008

	2004	2008
Lamb	34	31
Steak	18	19
Milk	25	35
Apples	21	17

Share of food basket 20.5 20.2





Local farmers need fair trade, too

National Business Review 4th June, 2010





What can be done?

- Life Cycle Assessment
- Consolidation –

Marketing New Zealand Inc.





The Essentials Series: Why You Need to Defragment

Microsoft MVP Greg Shields
TechRepublic.com 18th May 2010





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Venison - with velvet mash...



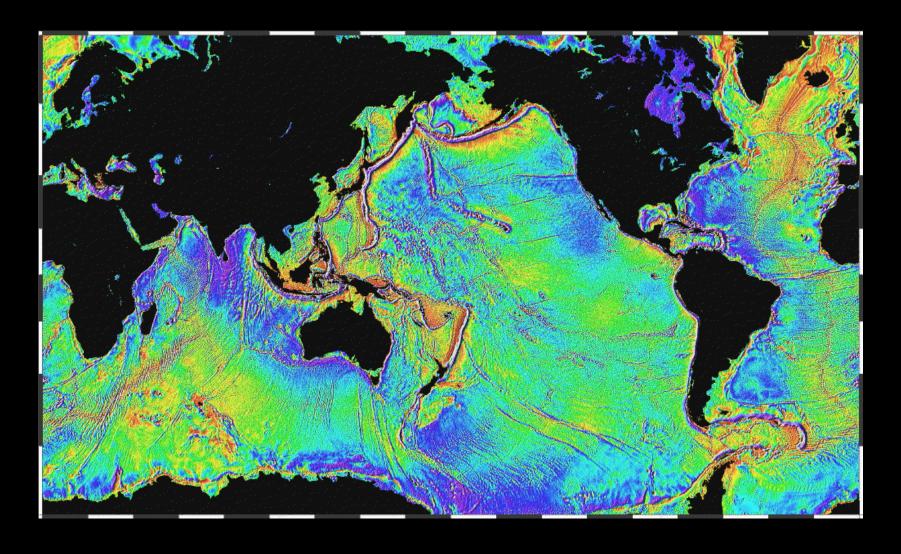


New Zealand Food Inc.

Target...

- 'Supermarketisation' (Westpac Agribiz Feb 2010)
- Food safety (Int. Journal of Food Microbiology 19th Feb 2010)
- Traceability (Prof. Hamish Gow, Massey University, January 2010)
- Welfare animal and human
- Recruitment of great people





New Zealand Food Inc. – ticking all the boxes