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Learning Objectives

- 1. Describe how components of the food system - diet, public health, food production, and the environment – interact and shape our daily lives, and how the food system faces constant pressures from resource depletion, lack of equity, population growth and climate disruption.
- 2. Describe the environmental, health and climate impacts of the food we eat.
- 3. Define a sustainable diet and provide guidelines for helping people make sustainable, healthy food choices.

Sustainability: A process, not prescription

- The capacity of being maintained over the long term in order to meet the needs of the present without jeopardizing the ability of future generations to meet their needs. (Gussow and Clancy)
- Infers a state or process that can be maintained indefinitely. (Kirschenmann)
- A sustainable and resilient food system conserves and renews natural resources, advances social justice and animal welfare, builds community wealth, and fulfills the food and nutrition needs of all eaters now and in the future." (Harmon A. & Tagtow A., 2008)

Sustainable, resilient, and healthy food and water systems framework (Adapted from Tagtow and colleagues)





Achieving Sustainable diets

- Nutritionally viable
- Ecologically sound
- Culturally acceptable
- Affordable
- Physically accessible
- Fair and equitable



Trends in Plant Science

Our diet, our environment

- Land use and degradation (soi' ' ' ' ' ` ` ` `
- Wat Eating sustainably is one of the easiest
- Gre ways to combat climate change, experts
- Ene say
- Con Simple switches on a collective level could move the needle on climate goals.
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 - By Julia Jacobo
 - September 24, 2021, 6:02 AM 11 min read
- Wasted food

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Climate change impacts

- Decreased food and water security
- More frequent and intense extreme weather events
- Increased heat-related mortality
- Population displacement
- Spread of vector- and water-borne disease
- Increased damages from flooding, wildfires





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Emissions scenarios



Based on: Kim BF, Neff RN, Santo R, Vigorito J. *The Importance of Reducing Animal Product Consumption and Wasted Food in Mitigating Catastrophic Climate Change*. CLF, 2015. Bajželj B, Richards KS, Allwood JM, et al. Importance of food-demand management for climate mitigation. *Nat Clim Chang*. 2014;4(10):924-929..

Plant based food consumption is half of animal



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Per Serving Greenhouse Gas Footprints

>3800 unique
observations
>150 countries

Kim BF, Santo RE, et al. Country-specific dietary shifts to mitigate climate and water crises. *Global Environmental Change.* 2019.



Global land use for food production



Data source: UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

OurWorldinData.org - Research and data to make progress against the world's largest problems.

Our World in Data

Land -> Soil - > Biodiversity

Land

- 40% global land surface for agriculture
- 70% of this for livestock = 30% of land
- 12% increase of cropland in 4 decades



Land -> Soil - > Biodiversity

Farming practices & Soil

- 40% croplands experiencing soil erosion, reduced fertility, overgrazing
- Healthy soil = resilient, carbon sequestration, reduced erosion



Biodiversity and the Food System



The variability among living organisms from all sources including terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are a part.

Essential to food systems – prerequisite for ecosystems services related to food production (soil, pollination, etc.)

Loss of Biodiversity = less resilient to climate change and extreme weather, more vulnerable to pests, diseases, etc.

Growing and eating patterns are primary drivers

- Mono crops, farming practices
- Processed foods, more of fewer crops
- Meat consumption land

Diets drive biodiversity



Today, 75 percent of the world's food is generated from only 12 plants and five animal species. (FAO)



Only three - rice, maize and wheat contribute nearly 60 percent of calories and proteins obtained by humans from plants.



Diverse diets are healthy diets



Water

- Crop production: 80% US freshwater use; 70% globally
- Ogallala Aquifer's declining water levels
 - 27% US irrigated land
 - drinking water for 82% of (2.3 mil.) people living in the boundary
 - Irrigation salinization loss of 1.5 m hectares arable land/year





Global averages. Statistics from the Water Footprint Network



Waste generation



Image credit: Brent Kim, Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future.

Worker and community health

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Casey JA, Kim BF, et al. Industrial Food Animal Production and Community Health. *Current Environmental Health Reports*. 2015; 2:259–271. Resistant Staphylococcus
 Resistant Enterococcus
 Gases and particulates / respiratory outcomes
 Psychosocial outcomes

Worker and community health

Casey JA, Kim BF, et al. Industrial Food Animal Production and Community Health. *Current Environmental Health Reports*. 2015; 2:259–271.





Our Diets: Research Overview

- Increased consumption of red and processed meats is associated with increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, some cancers and other diseases
- Research suggests that diets with more whole grains, vegetables and fruits, and less meat, particularly processed meat, can reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes.
- Probable links to gut health, healthy weights, and other chronic conditions

Associations of Processed Meat, Unprocessed Red Meat, Poultry, or Fish Intake With Incident Cardiovascular Disease and All-Cause Mortality

JAMA Intern Med. 2020;180(4):503-512. doi:10.1001/jamainternmed.2019.6969

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		LOWELKISK	1
Model	HR (95% CI)	of CVD	
Processed (2 vs 0 ser	meat intake vings/wk)		
Model 1	1.11 (1.07-1.15)		
Model 2	1.08 (1.04-1.11)		
Model 3	1.07 (1.04-1.11)		
Unprocess (per 2 serv	ed red meat intake vings/wk)		
Model 1	1.04 (1.03-1.06)		
Model 2	1.03 (1.01-1.05)		
Model 3	1.03 (1.01-1.06)		-
Poultry int (per 2 serv	ake vings/wk)		
Model 1	1.02 (0.99-1.04)	-	-
Model 2	1.03 (1.00-1.05)		_
Model 3	1.04 (1.01-1.06)		-
Fish intake (per 2 serv	e vings/wk)		
Model 1	1.00 (0.98-1.02)	_	
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Model 3	1.00 (0.98-1.02)		
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Replacing 3% of calories from animal protein with plant protein

Song M, Fung TT, Hu FB, et al. Association of Animal and Plant Protein Intake With All-Cause and Cause-Specific Mortality. JAMA Internal Medicine. 2016; 176(10).

Animal Protein Source by Cause of Death	HR (95% CI)
All cause	· · · · ·
Processed red meat	0.66 (0.59-0.75)
Unprocessed red meat	0.88 (0.84-0.92)
Poultry	0.94 (0.90-0.99)
Fish	0.94 (0.89-0.99)
Egg	0.81 (0.75-0.88)
Dairy	0.92 (0.87-0.96)
CVD	
Processed red meat	0.61 (0.48-0.78)
Unprocessed red meat	0.83 (0.76-0.91)
Poultry	0.91 (0.83-1.00)
Fish	0.88 (0.80- 0.97)
Egg	0.88 (0.75-1.04)
Dairy	0.89 (0.80-0.98)
Cancer	
Processed red meat	0.86 (0.71-1.04)
Unprocessed red meat	0.96 (0.89-1.03)
Poultry	0.99 (0.91-1.06)
Fish	0.98 (0.91-1.06)
Egg	0.83 (0.73-0.93)
Dairy	1.00 (0.93-1.09)



HR (95% CI)

0.45

Replace red meat with plant proteins



Diabetes

Replace red meat with nuts, low fat dairy, whole grains, poultry, fish

Heart Disease

Replace red meat with nuts, beans, poultry, fish

Total mortality

Replace red meat with nuts, beans, low fat dairy, whole grains, poultry, fish



Processed meat consumption

- Strongest link to CVD and mortality (PURE study)
- Considered a group 1 carcinogen
- US consumption per NHANES, 21% of our meat consumption (by weight) is processed; has not declined
- Mostly red meat, but other components may contribute



More plants = Healthy diet, healthy planet



Diet patterns that are lower in meat have lower GHG emissions and score higher on the Healthy Eating Index-2010

Health and Environmental Impacts of Foods Consumed





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Planetary Boundaries



We need a technological and sociocultural U-turn!



Gerten, D., *et al.* Feeding ten billion people is possible within terrestrial planetary boundaries. *Nat Sustain* **3**, 200–208 (20 2

DRAWDOWN FRAMEWORK FOR CLIMATE SOLUTIONS





WHAT IS A HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE DIET?

Socio-Cultural Health

- Worker Health & Safety
- Gender & Racial Equity

Planetary Health

- Carbon Footprint
- Food Loss & Waste
- Agri-Chemical Inputs



Human Health

- Nutritious Food & Diets
- Food Access & Affordability
- Food Safety

Economic Health

- Job Stability
- Living Wage

People and Planetary Health



		Macronutrient intake grams per day (possible range)	Caloric intake kcal per day
	Whole grains Rice, wheat, corn and other	232	811
	Tubers or starchy vegetables Potatoes and cassava	50 (0–100)	39
	Vegetables All vegetables	300 (200–600)	78
	Fruits All fruits	200 (100–300)	126
	Dairy foods Whole milk or equivalents	250 (0–500)	153
	Protein sources Beef, lamb and pork Chicken and other poultry Eggs Fish Legumes Nuts	14 (0–28) 29 (0–58) 13 (0–25) 28 (0–100) 75 (0–100) 50 (0–75)	30 62 19 40 284 291
0	Added fats Unsaturated oils Saturated oils	40 (20–80) 11.8 (0-11.8)	354 96
	Added sugars All sugars	31 (0–31)	120

Guiding principles for a sustainable diet (1)

- Eat less meat & dairy (for most):
 - Replace animal proteins with healthy vegetable proteins (beans, lentils, nuts)
 - Emphasize sustainably produced animal foods
 - Moderate portions of dairy
 - Choose sustainable sources, including seafood



Meat consumption in the US



Source: USDA, Rabobank 2016

Estimated average U.S. consumption compared to recommendations, 1970 and 2018

Percent of 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines' recommendations



¹Based on a 2,000 calorie-per-day diet.

Notes: Loss-adjusted food availability data are proxies for consumption. Rice availability data were discontinued in 2010 and thus are not included in the grains group.

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, Loss-Adjusted Food Availability Data and 2020–2025 Dietary Guidelines.

Better Meat or Less Meat?



✓ Raised without antibiotics
 ✓ Grass fed, pasture raised
 ✓ Humanely raised



- Healthier soil
- Fewer antibiotics
- Possible nutritional value
- Food system workers health

Dairy – the conundrum

Health

Source of critical micronutrients (calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, zinc)

- Among children in LMIC, intake associated with growth and cognition
- Evidence of protection against serious heart disease and ACM
- Plant-based alternatives are more varied nutritionally

Environment

More GHGe/L than dairy alternatives but greater nutrient density per GHGe

Variation by products, depend on quantity of milk

Most impact from animal feed production and farm activities; solid waste disposal in lagoons



Guiding principles for a sustainable diet (2)

Consume more whole grains, vegetables, legumes and nuts

- Choose healthy plant proteins
- Choose a variety of whole grains, reduce reliance on staples
- Purchase local produce in season
- Focus on diversity and variety



Legumes (pulses)

Legumes

- High in protein, fiber, vitamins
- Inexpensive
- Easy to grow, good for soil (nitrogen fixer)

Soy

- "Complete" protein PDCAA
- High in isoflavones (plant estrogens)
- Strong evidence –LDL cholesterol, blood pressure, kidney health
- Processed vs unprocessed





Nuts and seeds

- Source of protein and healthy fats
 - Omega-3 (ALA), MUFA's and PUFA's especially flax, walnuts & chia
 - Fiber, micronutrients
- Ecological
 - Water green v. blue
 - Yields (trees = higher yields)
 - o Soil (peanut = N fixing)



"Alt Meats"



- Products derived from plant-based ingredients, designed to imitate the entire experience of eating certain meats
- Most use soy, wheat, or pea protein isolates
- Does <u>not</u> include natural foods that mimic certain characteristics of meat (e.g., pulses, mushrooms) or products that can be used in similar ways but aren't designed to replicate meat (e.g., tofu, tempeh, seitan)

Plant-based proteins differ in nutrition and environmental impacts



Santo, et al, 2020

Whole grains

- •Whole grains and fiber
 - Type 2 Diabetes (barley, buckwheat, brown rice, oats, rye, millet, corn)
 - Healthy weights
- Source of protein
- Variety > Monoculture
- •Cover crops for soil fertility: triticale, oats, rye, barley



Local, organic, and beyond



US GHG emissions by food supply chain stage

Other sustainable practices

- Integrated Pest control
- Soil protection and crop rotation
- Water conservation
- Organic

Benefits

- Lower environmental impact, care of soil
- Nutrient value possibly better in organic, higher Phenols
- More vareity
- Supporting farm communities and workers

Guiding principles for a sustainable diet (3)

Eat fewer highly-processed foods

- Less sugars and salt
- Homecooked meals more often
- Less fast food
- Less processed and less packaging
- Reduce waste



The Food Journey







Vegans need a reliable source of vitamin B12. Eat daily a couple of servings of fortified foods such as B12-fortified soymilk, breakfast cereal, meat analog, or Vegetarian Support Formula nutritional yeast. Check the label for fortification. If fortified foods are not eaten daily,

EAT Lancet Planetary Health Diet

Source: Vegetarian Resource Group



Shifting Choices



Macro/Policy

pricing, government policies and recommendations

Community

Region, food environment, socioeconomic characteristics

Interpersonal

Household, culture, SE factors, religion

Individual

Internal factors

knowledge, awareness, attitudes, age, gender

Meat consumption

Macro/Policy: pricing and marketing of meat, government policies and recommendations

Community/Institution: Geographic region, urban vs. non-urban, food environment, school/workplace environment, socioeconomic characteristics, media, culinary trends, availability and attractiveness of alternative proteins

Interpersonal: Household dietary norms, culture, relationships, friends/family's dietary practices, SE factors, religion

Individual: knowledge, awareness, attitudes, values (moral disengagement, openness to change, altruism), age, gender, health, environment and animal welfare concerns

Barriers To Meat Reduction

- Taste preferences
- Dietary patterns and culture
 - ► Convenience, habit
 - Culturally preferred foods
 - ► Sign of prosperity
 - Identity, masculinity
- Knowledge
 - Environmental impacts
 - Nutritional needs
- Industry power, livelihoods





Supplementary materials

Metrics

First View

Access
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Reducing meat consumption in the USA: a nationally representative survey of attitudes and behaviours

 Roni A Neff (a1) (a2) (a3), Danielle Edwards (a2) (a3), Anne Palmer (a3) (a4), Rebecca Ramsing (a3) ...

 https://doi.org/10.1017/51368980017004190
 Published online: 26 March 2018

Non-Reducers: Agreement with Statements

Neff, Edwards, Righter, Palmer, Wolfson, 2017



Reasons people do reduce meat

What is the PRIMARY REASON you do not eat meat, cut back on meat in the past, or are considering cutting back on the amount of meat you eat?



- Eat healthier
- I enjoy meatless dishes
- Save money
- Environmental concerns
- Animal welfare concerns
- Other (please specify)





Making the Connection

- Awareness of diet-climate is low
- Meat intake is valued
- Awareness raising is first step but unlikely to prompt shifts
- Nudges are not enough
- Combined approaches that raise awareness and facilitate access and remove barriers are likely to be most accepted and successful

Cabbage field Image by venture_out from Pixabay https://pixabay.com/photos/farm-garden-rows-cabbages-1094434/ Grocery store by Image by Peggy cci from Pixabay https://pixabay.com/photos/grocery-store-market-supermarket-2619380



Automatic & Reflective Systems Guiding Behavior

Marteau TM. Towards environmentally sustainable human behaviour: targeting non-conscious and conscious processes for effective and acceptable policies. Phil. Trans. Soc. A 375:20160371

The Power of the Food Environment



"Health, wellness and sustainability are starting to converge at the most progressive food retail and food service outlets. Consumers see the convergence as being all about mindfulness, integrity and authenticity."

Hartmann Group

The Power of the Consumer

Continued interest in eating less meat
 Changing menus
 Vegetables taking center of the plate
 New and diverse ingredients

Demand for more transparency, sustainability and new ingredients

The Power of Food Service and Retail

Food-at-home and away-from-home expenditures in the United States, 1960-2019



Touches many consumers

- Can influence food & culinary trends
- Can demonstrate leadership in sustainability and health



Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, Food Expenditure Series.

Labels & Nudges Taste focused labels performed best Traffic Lights

Group 0 = No label 1 = Label 2,127 Ight-bulb minute sequivalent per serving Lower Carbon Footprint This Product



Fig. 1. Proportion of diners across all five schools in the multisite study who selected vegetables, separately for each labeling condition. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals of the model estimate for each labeling condition.

Turnwald, et. al., Psychological Science 2019

Chefs and culinary influencers

- Drive culinary trends
- Introduce flavors, ingredients
- Influence trends
- Valuable role in crisis and resilience





The Power of Procurement

- Good Food Purchasing
 Program
 - Local economies
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Animal welfare
 - Health & Nutrition
 - Valued workforce



The Power of Policy

 Procurement policies - where food comes from, what is served
 Policies that ensure equity good food purchasing program
 Policies that incentivize local and sustainable businesses



Mayor de Blasio, Chancellor Carranza, and Brooklyn Borough President Adams Announce Citywide Meatless Mondays March 11, 2019
The Power of Health Professionals

Sustainable Food Systems Education for RDN's and Health Professionals

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Nutrition and Sustainable Diets

Leveraging Online Learning to Promote Systems Thinking for Sustainable Food Systems Training in Dietetics Education

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Educating and training a multisectoral food systems workforce is a critical part of developing sustainable, resilient, and healthy food and water systems. This paper shares perspectives from a working group of



Meatless Monday as an entry point

Not attached to specific agenda

- Attracts those who have not been exposed to specific issues
- Allows for multiple sectors and approaches
 - Broad reach and potential impact





 Source: Bjfogg Behavior model for persuasive design



The environmental, climate and public health impacts of food, from production to consumption call for a significant reduction in meat consumption along with a greater focus on plants.

A few short conclusions



The reasons people do or don't consume meat, how much, or what kind are complex and differ by individual



There are interventions and influences that have promise for helping people shift toward consuming more plants, and less meat



Understanding the consumer is critical to successful initiatives



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