



Livestock's Emergence from the Long Shadow

This presentation will explore technical and policy options suited to reduce the environmental impact of livestock and associated food chains, at global and regional levels. Livestock are the world's largest user of agricultural land, they play a large role in carbon, nitrogen and water cycles and are a major determinant of biodiversity.

The main focus will be on greenhouse gas emission, but issues of land occupancy and land use change, biodiversity and water use and depletion will also be considered. Technical and policy options will be grouped into a small number of "scenarios" that feature different assumptions about future production modes and levels consumption. This could help the discussion of broad strategic options to address livestock's environmental footprint within the broader challenge of increasing global food production while reducing resource requirements and environmental impact.



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