

It's Not Just Fossil Fuel

We have to talk about the cow in the room

You may not be comfortable in talking about it, but animal agriculture gives off an enormous amount of greenhouse gases. The U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization says, “The **production of meat and dairy products — particularly from cows — emits as much carbon each year as all cars, trucks, airplanes and ships combined.**” Let that statement sink in for a while. To put it into numbers that’s 14.5% yearly of all greenhouse gas emissions.

As smoke and heat shows us signs of climate collapse are already here and the consensus of climate scientists is that if we don’t cut back greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 we go over “tipping points” with no hope of return.

We can’t just solve climate problems by cutting back on using fossil fuels. We actually have to cut back on *all* the sources emitting carbon dioxide, methane, NO2 and other greenhouse gases. And one thing that has to be done is to cut *way back* on animal agriculture.

What Should Be Done:

1. Cut back or eliminate personal eating of animals.
2. Takeover lots of land for animal farming and repurpose it.
3. Rewild large swaths of land.
4. Since the world increasingly *wants* to eat foods with the animal flavors, develop plant-based equivalents or meat grown from animal cells and not living animals.

A couple decades ago this would sound crazy. Most people would think, “weird” or a “bleeding heart”. But times change. Moving toward a “plant-based” diet is recommended by most doctors and nutritionists. Today the word “vegan” is well-known and a word constantly in use and on lots of restaurant menus.

The times are desperate when it comes to climate and nature.

We’re all going to have to bite the bullet and eat healthy. :)

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