



# RAVAGING MOTHER EARTH

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- Each of us can refuse to subsidize environmental destruction every day by boycotting animal-derived foods like meat, eggs and dairy.

## Plundering the Land

An animal-centered diet requires up to 20 times as much land as a plant-based diet. The devastation begins with clear-cutting of forests to create pasture for cattle and other ruminants raised and slaughtered for food. Eventually the land is tilled to produce feed crops for animals. The insatiable demand for animal feed crops exhausts topsoil, transforming previously lush land into desert.

## Polluting the Water

The demand for animal feed crops leads to the use of arid land that requires irrigation. Irrigation accounts for more than 80% of all water available for human use and leads to rising water shortages. Animal waste dumps more water pollutants into our waterways than all other human activities combined.

## Fouling the Air

Wind erosion from animal croplands is the largest source of airborne particulates. Other pollutants generated by animal agriculture include ammonia and hydrogen sulfide, as well as methane and carbon dioxide, all of which significantly contribute to global warming (CoolYourDiet.com).

## Decimating Wildlife

In addition to destroying habitats, animal agriculture proponents shoot, poison, drown and burn tens of thousands of bison, coyotes, wolves, bears, prairie dogs and blackbirds because they supposedly compete with ranching.

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