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solutions
to global challenges

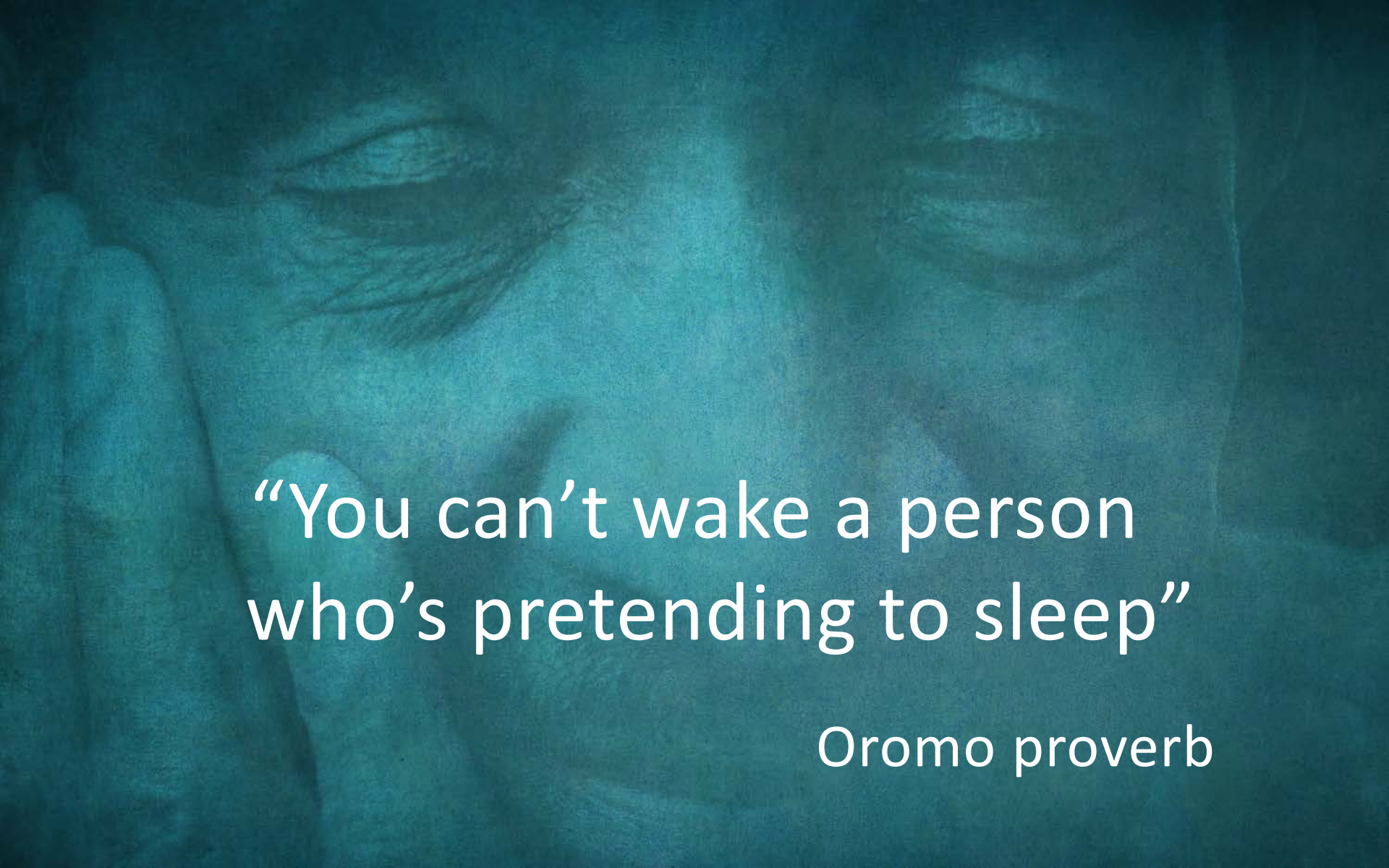


Producing more sustainable food

while
maintaining
the planet

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SVP Markets
WWF-US





“You can’t wake a person
who’s pretending to sleep”

Oromo proverb

Theory of Change

Awareness



Consensus



Strategic
focus



Proof of
concept



Accelerated
change

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a mound of dark, rich soil. A small, green seedling with two leaves is growing out of the soil. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal color.

global food

40 years =
8,000 years

food production

is the biggest threat















$$\times 1 = 7$$



$$\times 2 = 18$$



we need **more** from less



change

at the speed of life

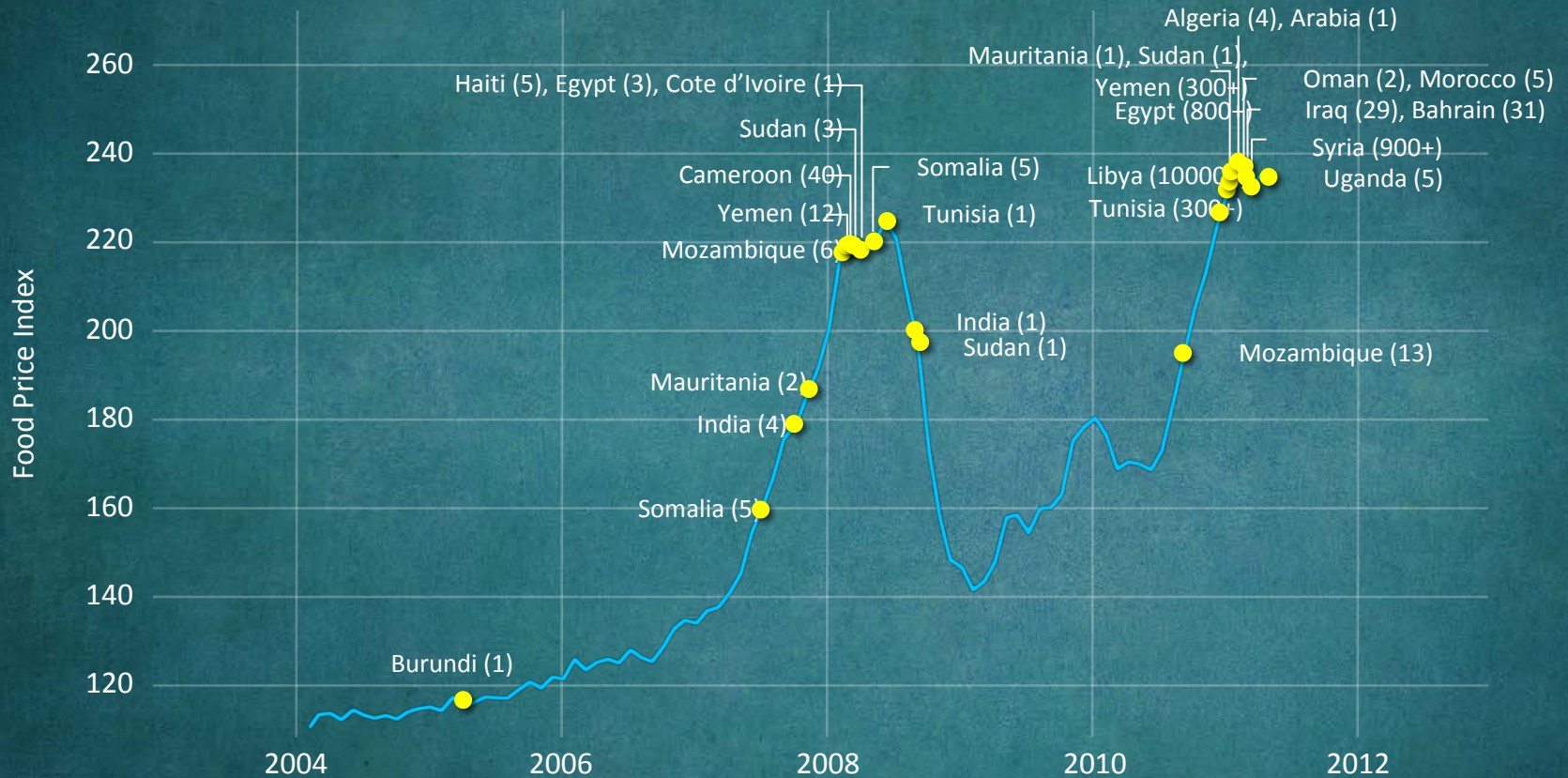
The China phenomenon

	Population at start of growth period	Years to double GDP per capita ¹
Britain (1700-1855)	9M	155
US (1820-1873)	10M	53
China (1983-1995)	1,023M	12
India (1989-2006)	822M	17

China doubling of GDP was **12x** the speed of Britain during the Industrial Revolution at **100x** the scale

400 million
lifted out of poverty

Food prices & food riots, 2004-12





the issue isn't
what to think

it's **how** to think



we must make
production more
efficient

more with less

choose your
system

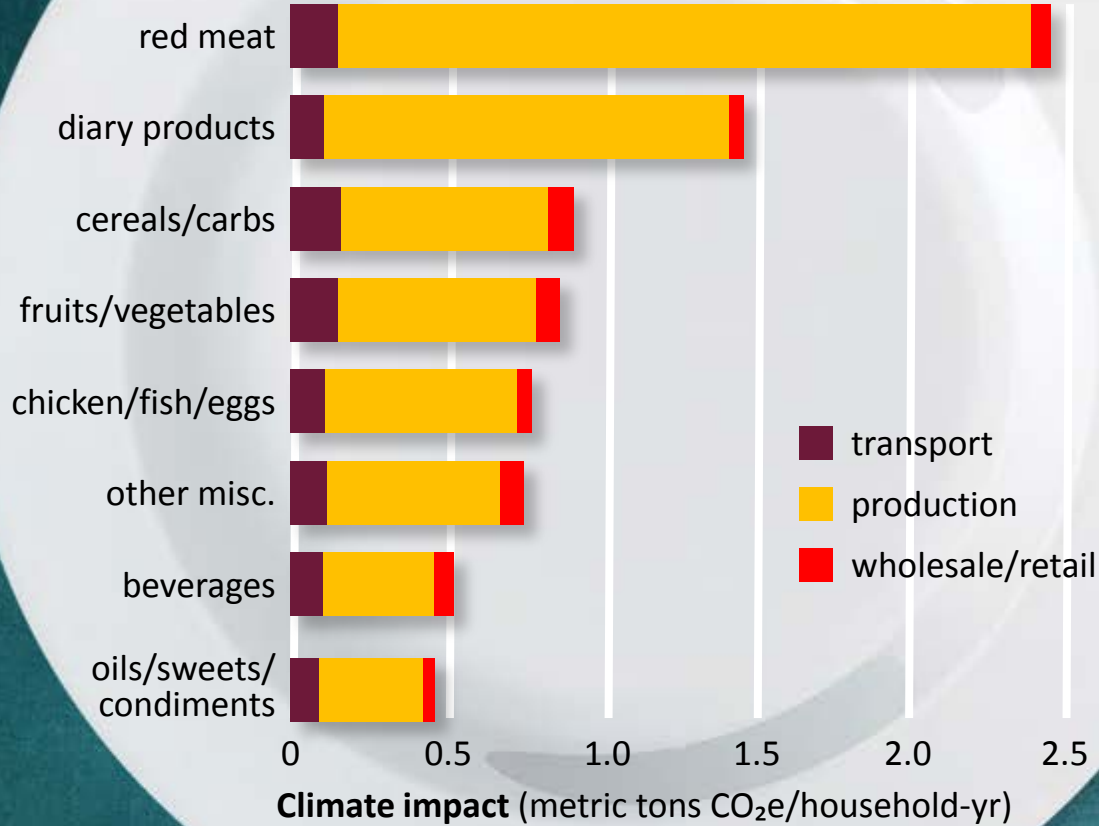
net productivity
needs to
double



shift from
maximizing one variable...

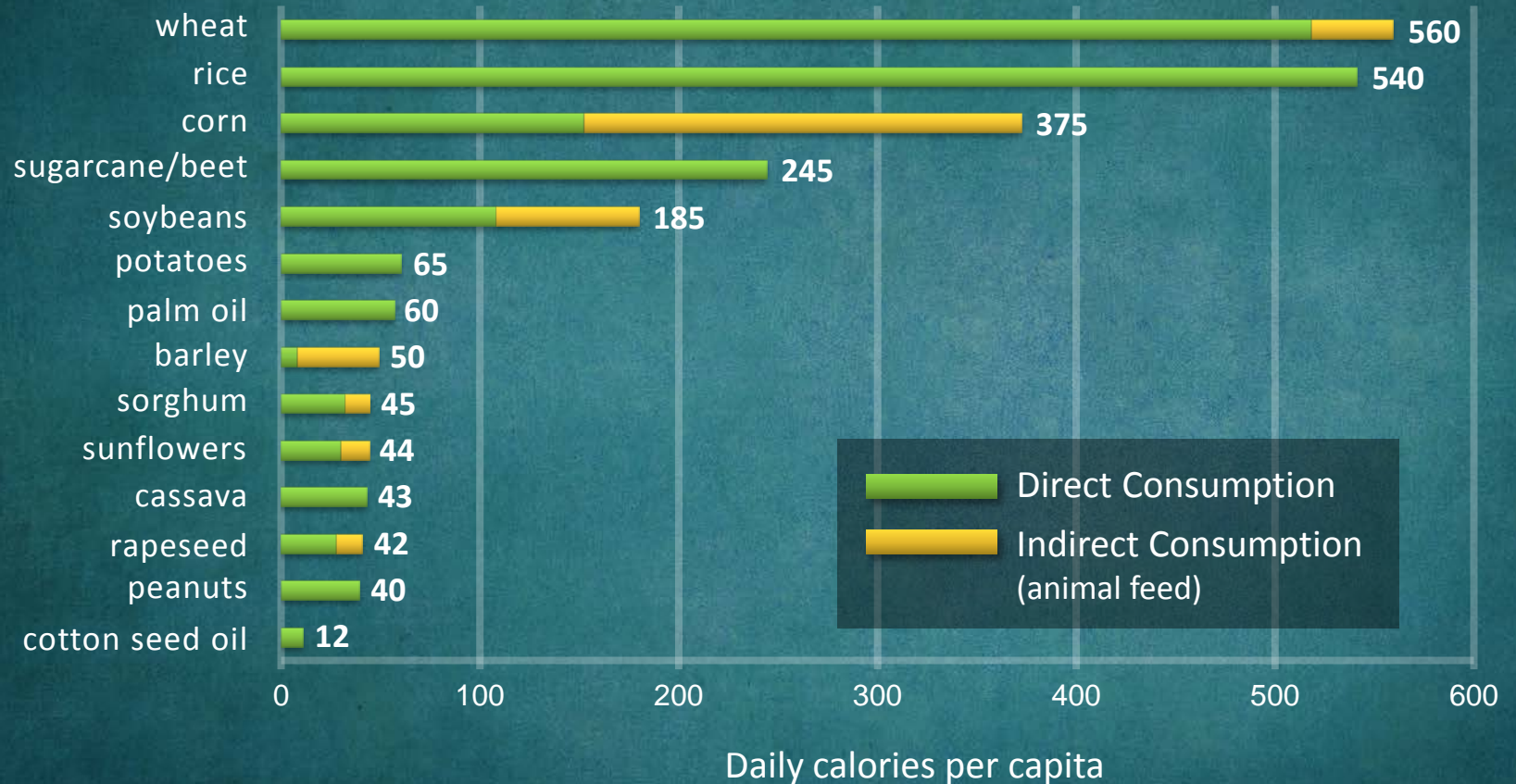
...to **optimizing** the key ones

Total greenhouse gas emissions by supply chain tier associated with household food consumption in the U.S.

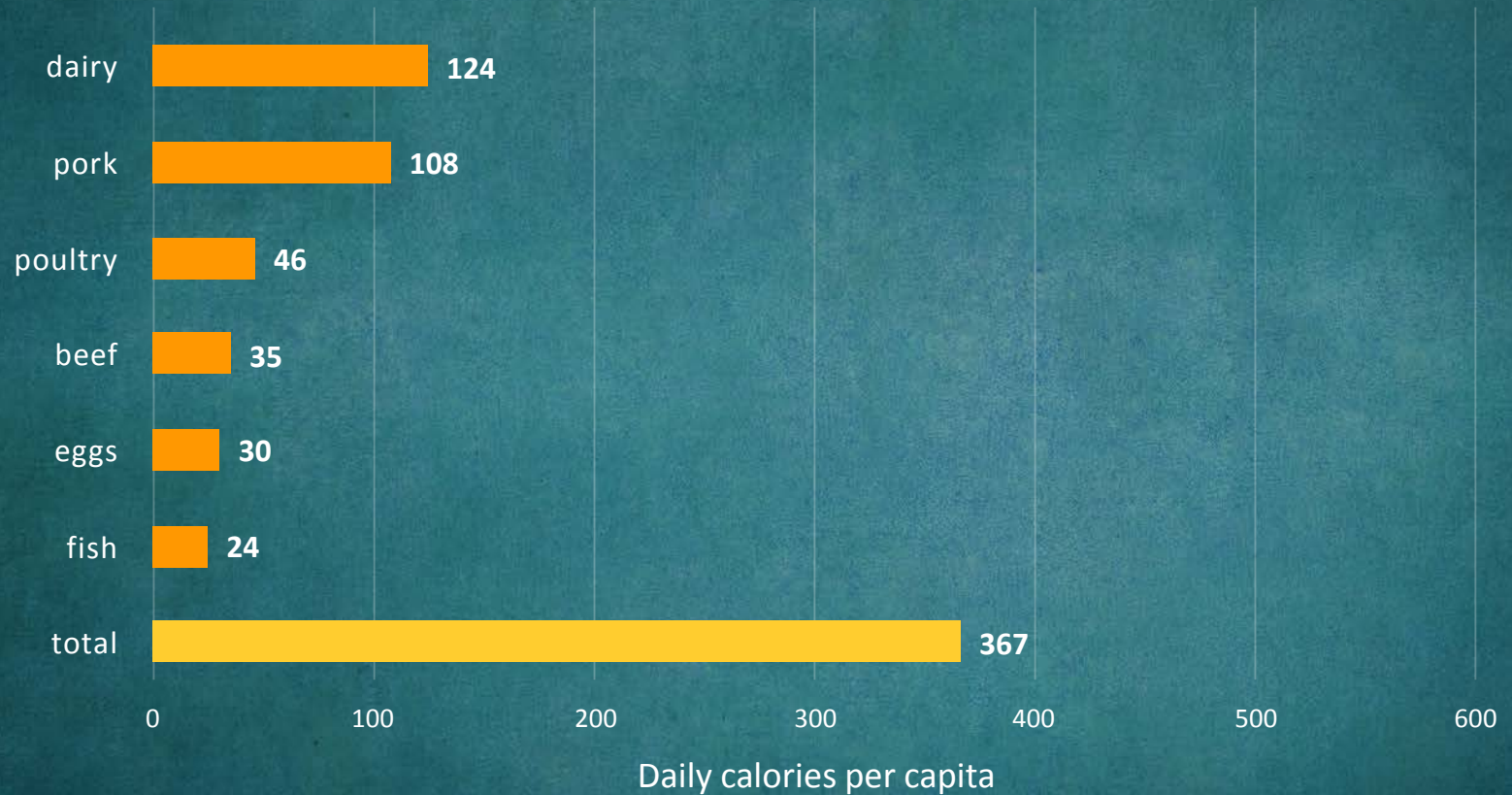


"The Problem of What to Eat" *Conservation*. Natasha Loder, Elizabeth Finkel, Craig Meisner, and Pamela Ronald. July-September 2008 9(3):31

World daily caloric intake



World daily caloric intake – animal protein



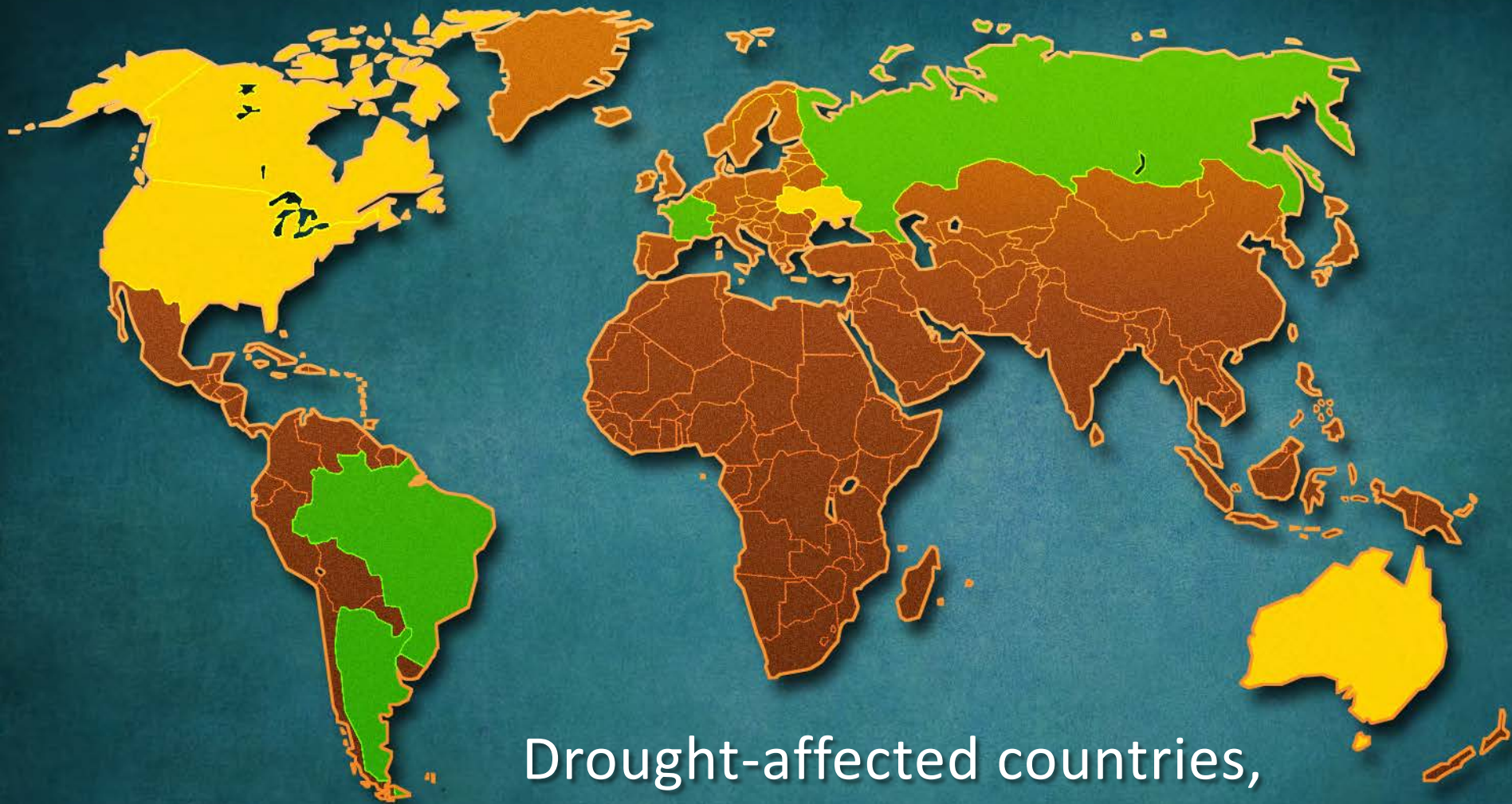
Source: Global Insight, FAO (2000). Based on a total average daily caloric intake of 2,712.

food
security is
national
security





Top food exporting countries,
2002-12 (oilseed & cereals)



Drought-affected countries,
2012



trade barriers
for **food**
are greater
than any
other sector

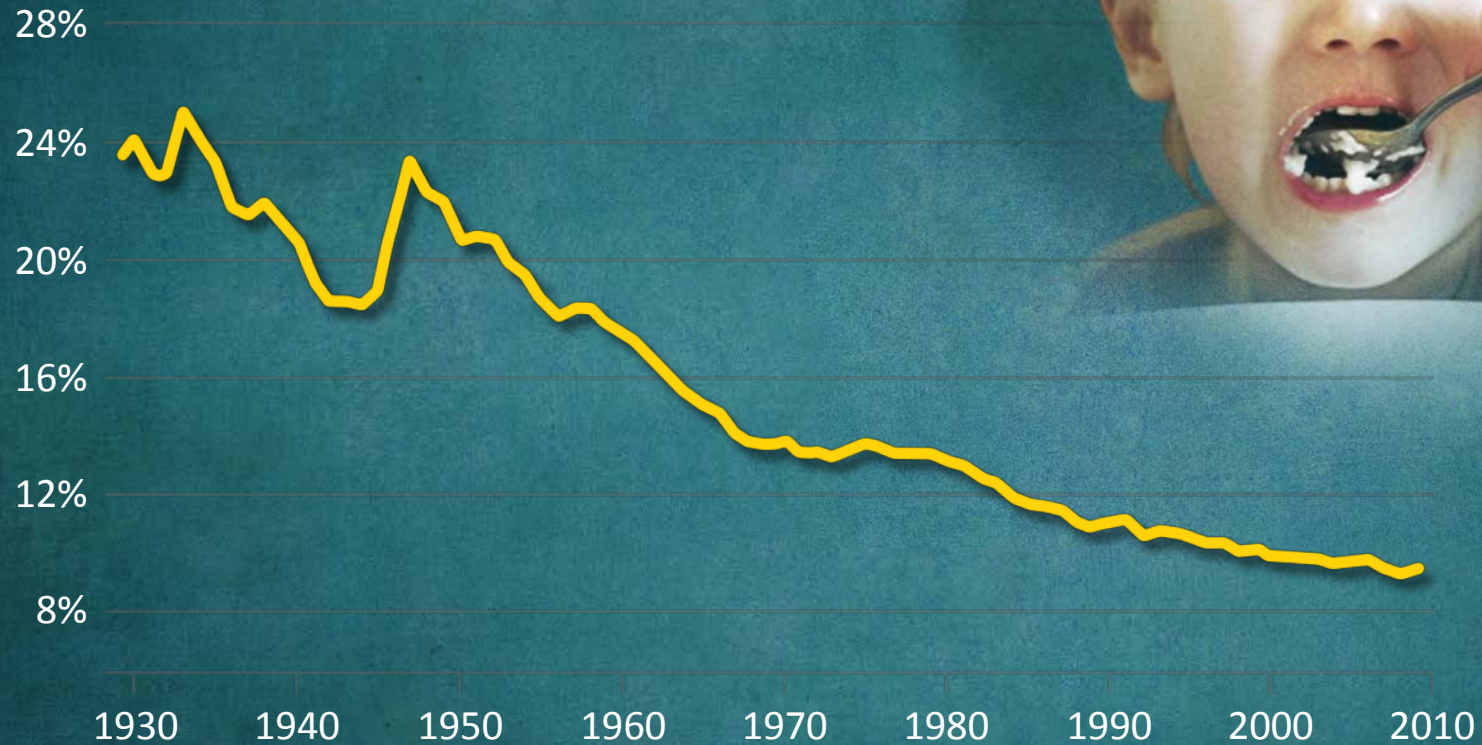
we are not paying the
true cost of food

Selected products, water use and farmer income

	Raw material input	Water to produce input	Farm gate price
1 cotton t-shirt	4 oz ginned	500 to 2,000 liters of water	US \$0.18 (US)
1 liter of soda	6 T sugar	175-250 liters of water	US \$0.04 (World)
1 oz slice of cheese	6 oz milk	40 liters of water	US \$0.07 (US)
1 double quarter-pounder	8 oz hamburger	3,000 to 15,000 liters of water	US \$0.92 (US)

subsidies are the biggest
barrier to innovation

Food as a % of U.S. disposable income



food is
cheap, but
1 billion
can't afford it





half of farm families
can't feed themselves

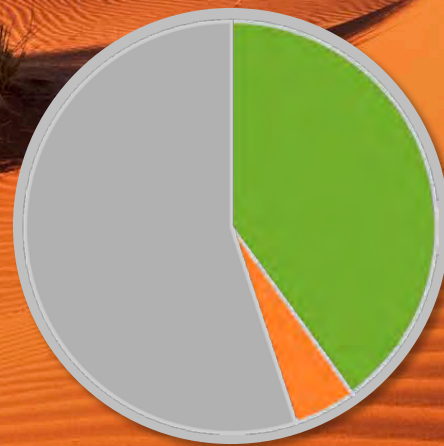


cropland
pasture

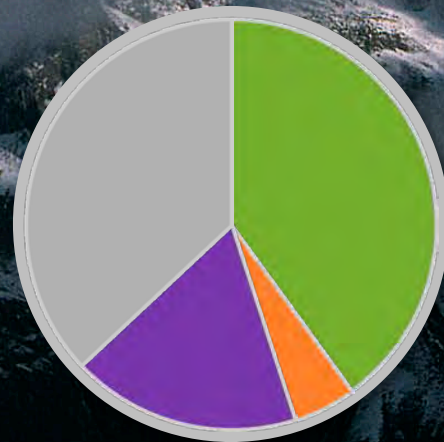
40% for food

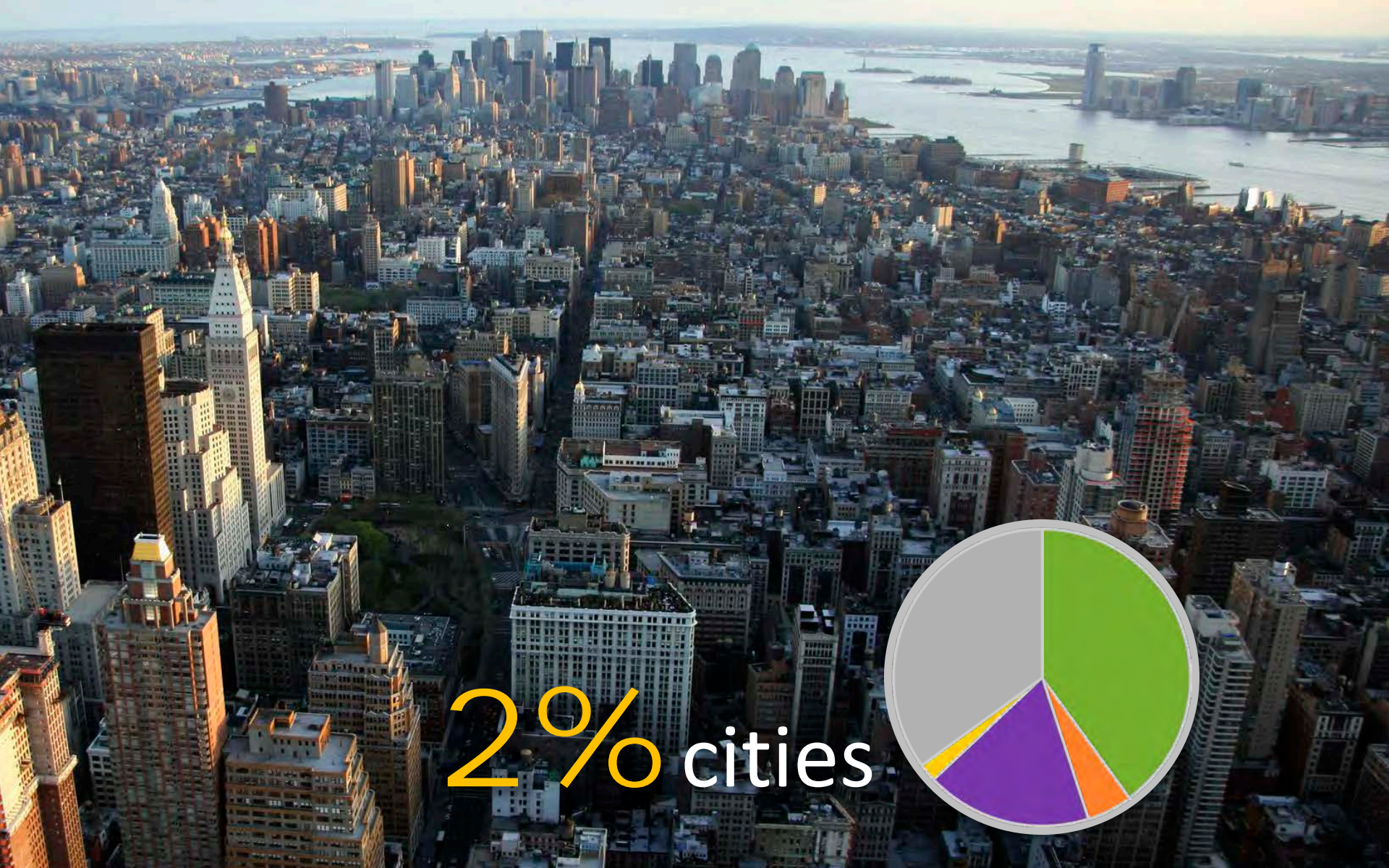


5% desert

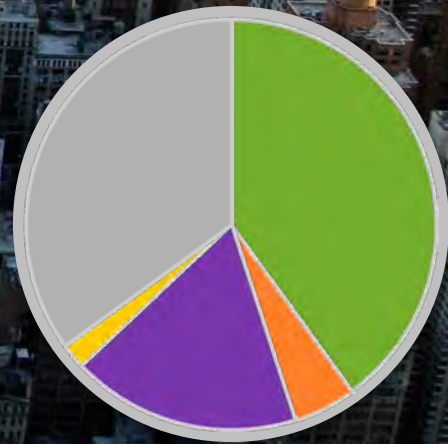


18% mountains,
lakes, rivers

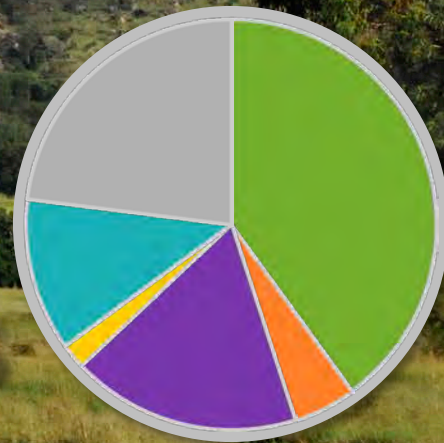




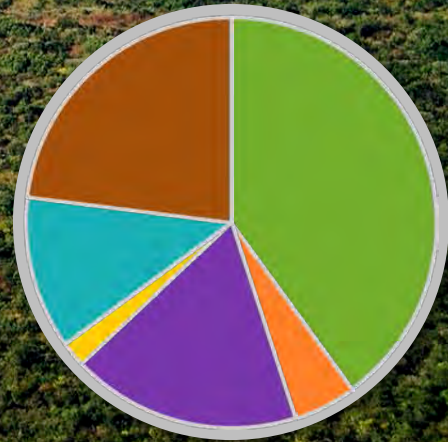
2% cities



12% parks



23% more for
food by 2050





■ Countries where parks have been downgraded or taken off the books entirely (1990-2013)

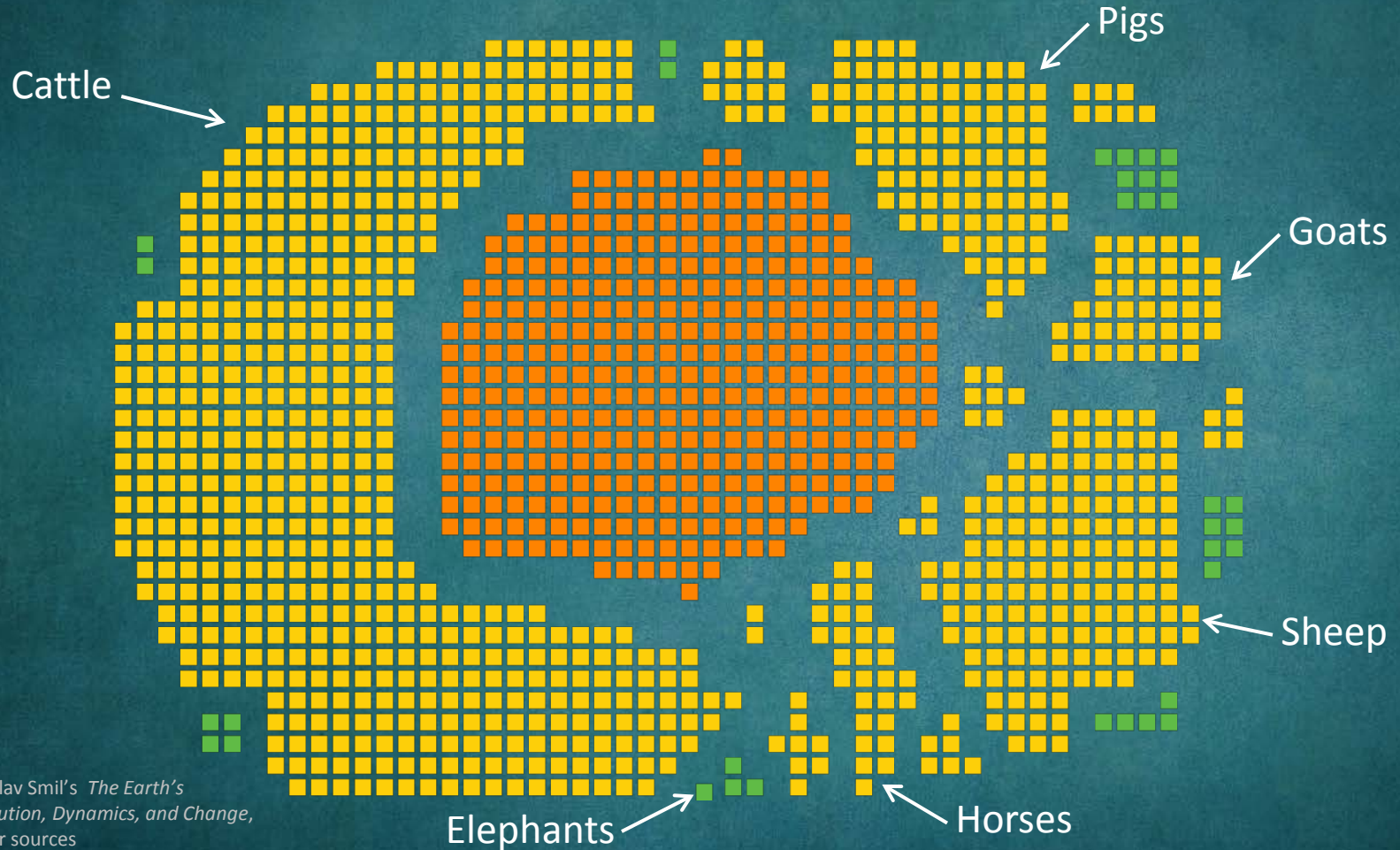
Earth's land mammals by weight

■ = 1,000,000 tons

■ Humans

■ Our pets and livestock

■ Wild animals



Data: From Vaclav Smil's *The Earth's Biosphere: Evolution, Dynamics, and Change*, plus a few other sources

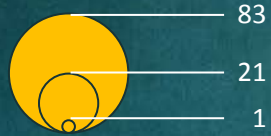
Number of deaths



Brazilians killed in land conflicts (1985-1996)



Number of deaths



Arc of deforestation



Brazilians killed in land conflicts and subsequent deforestation

Sources: Oliveira, A.U.; Faria, C.S.; The Pastoral Land Commission (Comissão Pastoral da Terra - CPT);
Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE), Arc - Global Forest Watch; Google; World Resources Institute; University of Maryland - 2014



freeze

the footprint of food



by 2050
double net food availability

productivity & efficiency
and
waste & consumption

on a finite planet,
should consumers
have a **choice**
about sustainable
products?

or should
all choices
be sustainable?



waste

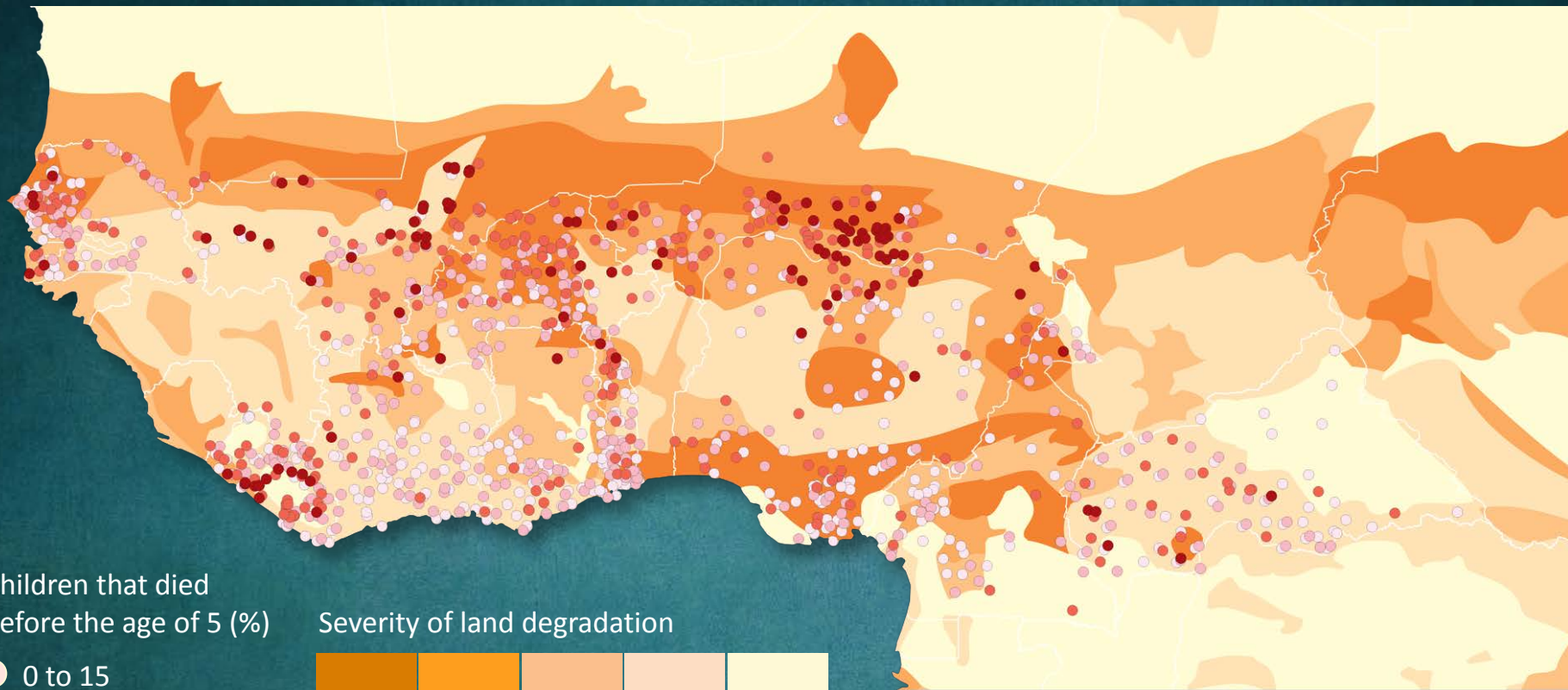
1 out of 3 calories





rebuild soils

250 M hectares
by 2030



Children that died before the age of 5 (%)

- 0 to 15
- 15 to 25
- 25 to 40
- 40 to 80

Severity of land degradation



very high
high
moderate
low
none

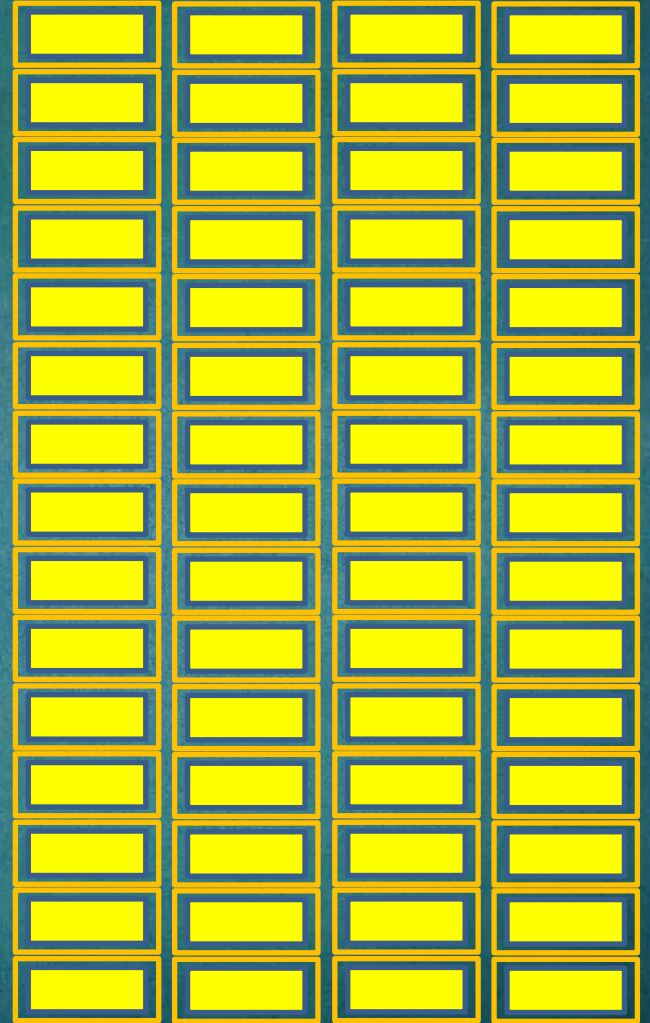
Child mortality and land degradation



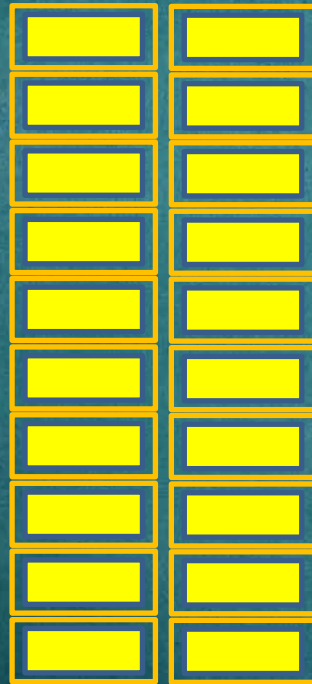
genetics

“dance with the one
that brung you”

Sugar



Bananas



Corn



Orphan crops



palm oil



millet



peanut



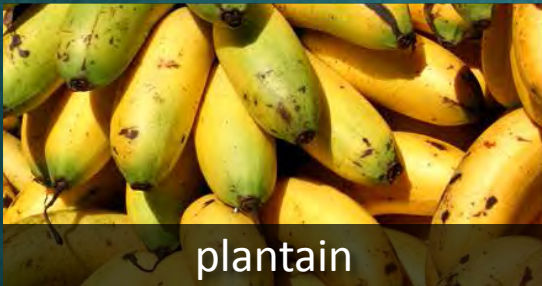
cowpeas



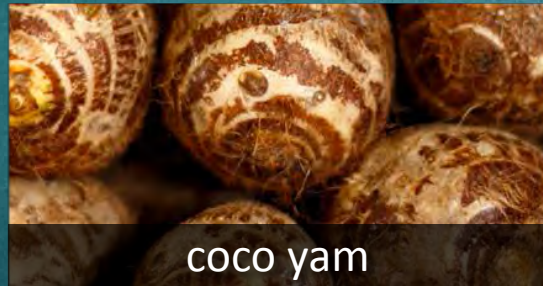
cassava



sugarcane



plantain



coco yam



sorghum



agriculture takes **70%**
of all water used by people

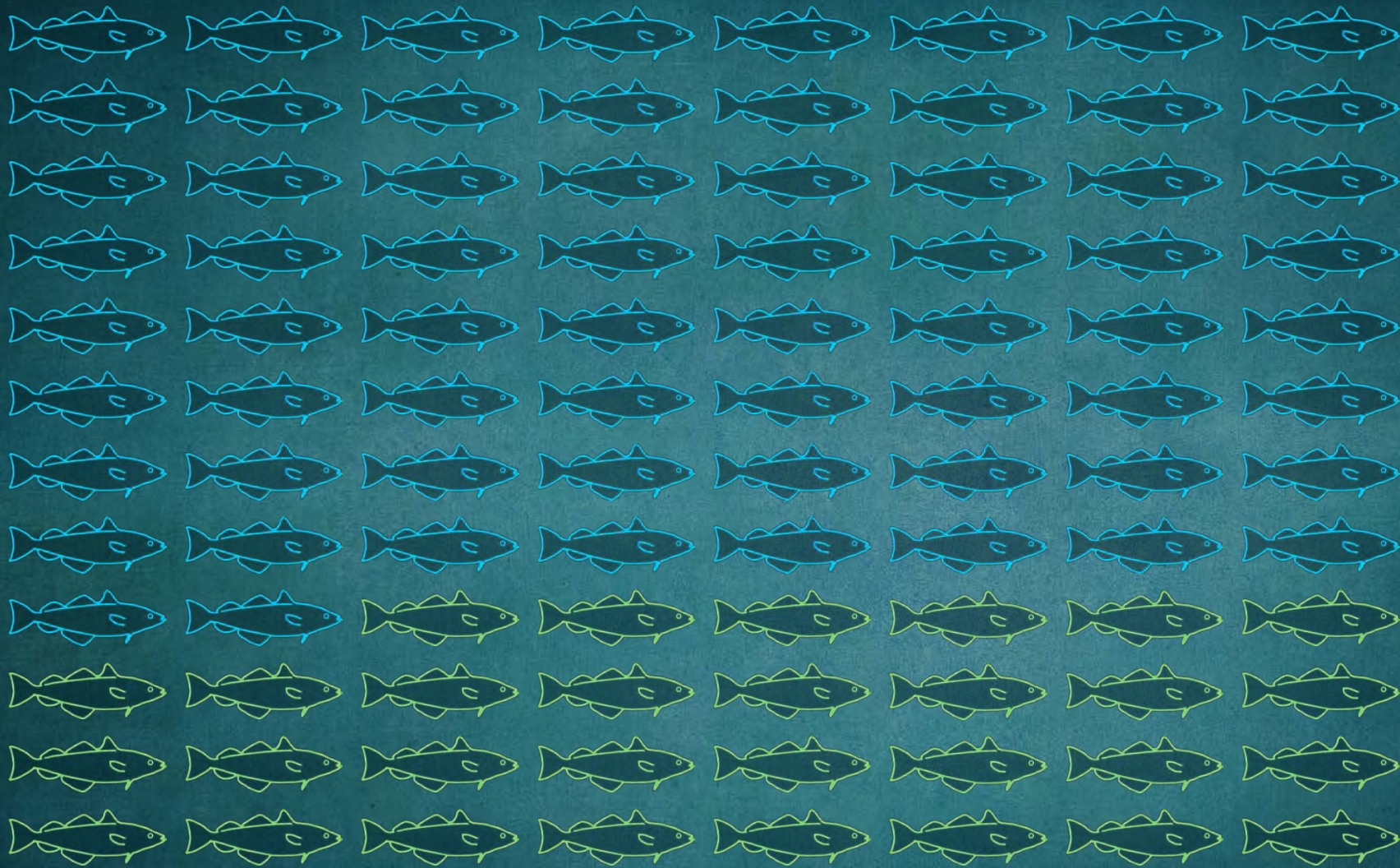
1 liter of water = 1 calorie



beef takes **60%**
of land,
produces **1.3%**
of calories







better practices

100 times better

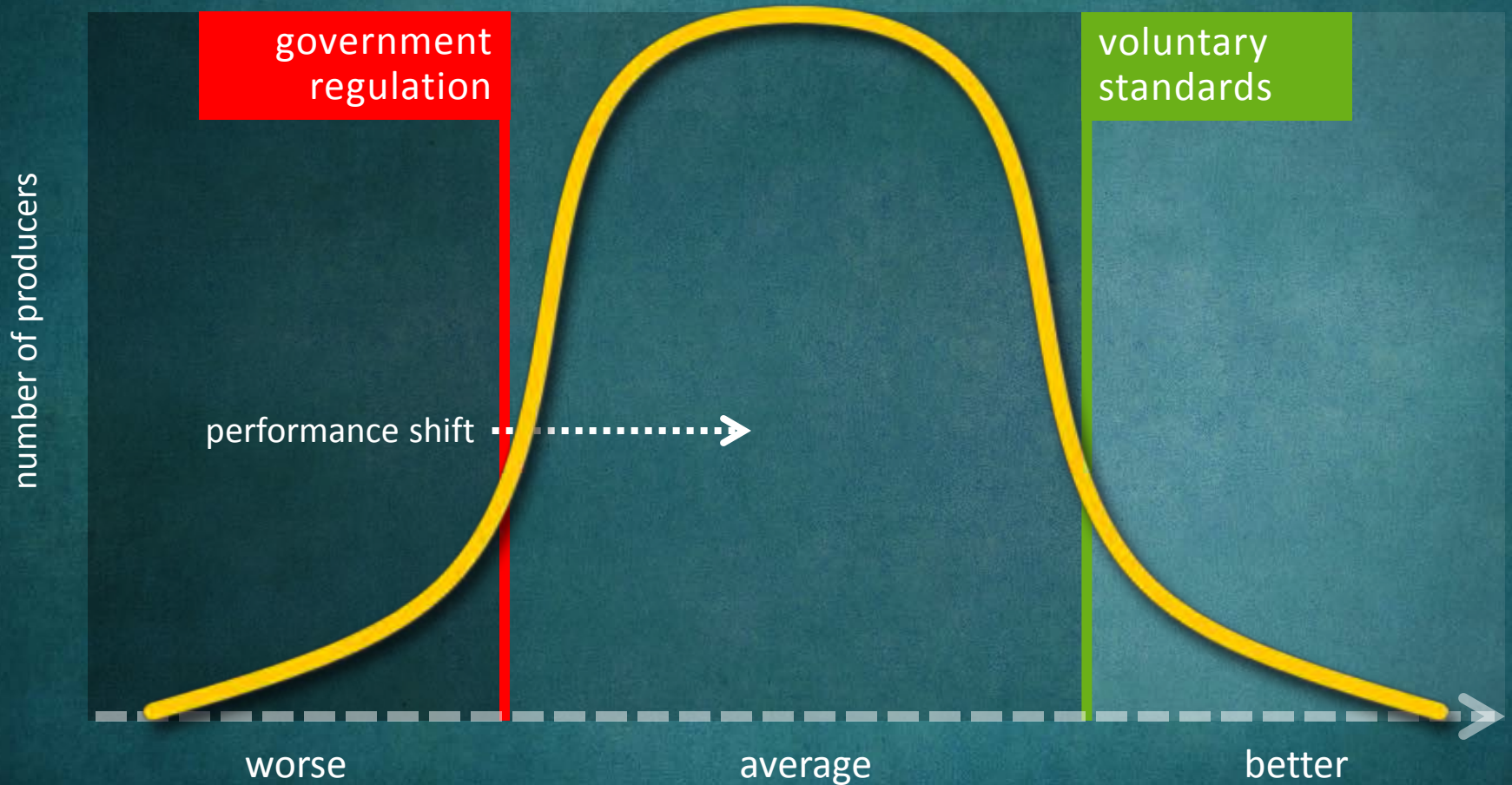
which gives us more food?

recognizing the best

or

moving the rest?

Reward the best, or move the rest?





BCI Cotton, 2005-13

BCI Certified Cotton

- 680,000 producers
- 3.7% of global production

Impacts of Metric-based Standards

- 60% pesticide reduction
- 40% water use reduction
- 30% synthetic fertilizer use reduction
- 15-20% increase in income





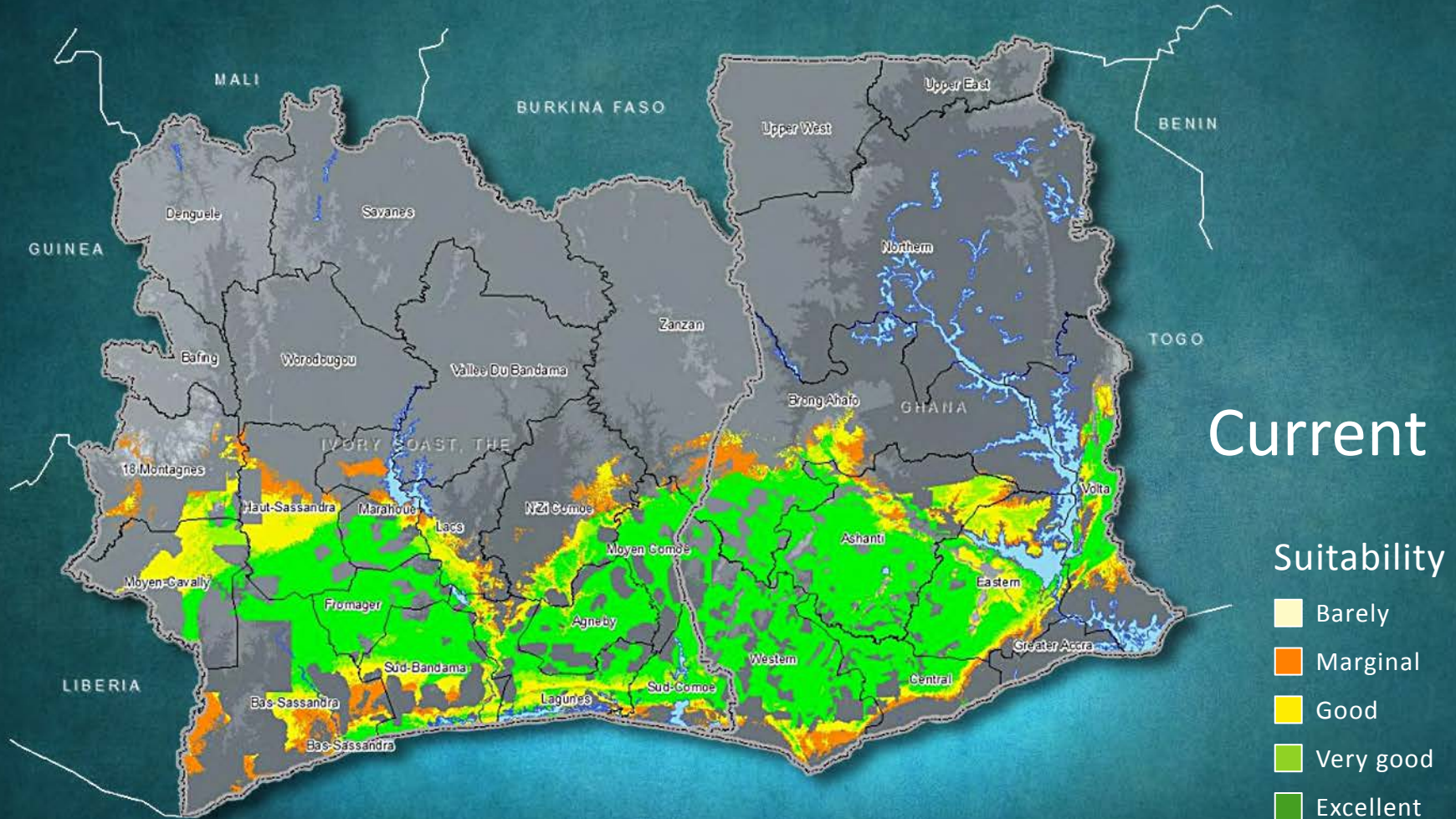
climate change &
agriculture



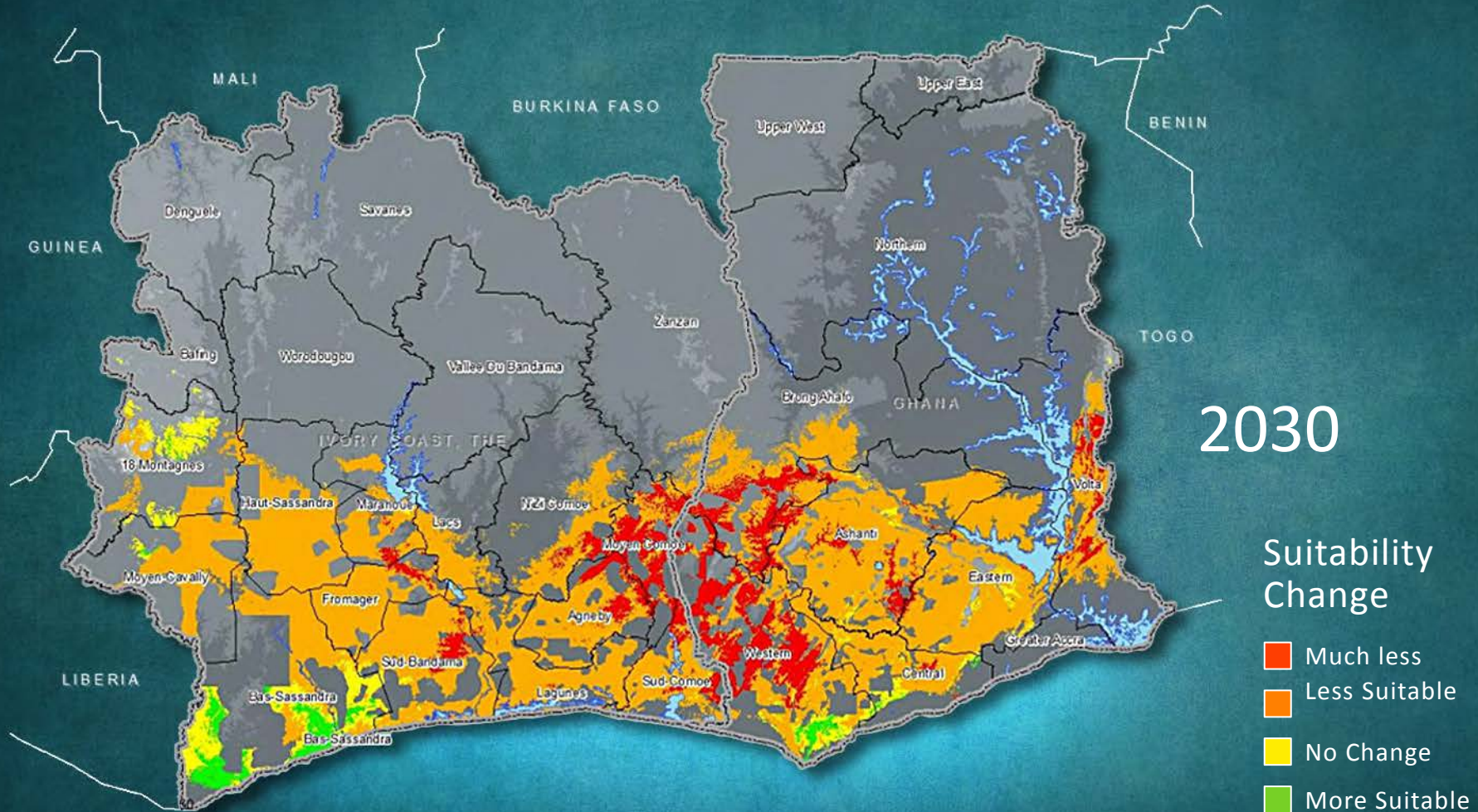
2012 US drought

- By 2013 soil moisture had not recovered
- Recharge with normal rains takes 2-3 years
- 2 years of drought in a row reduces recovery for 5-10 years
- Soil organic matter “burns”

Suitability of cocoa production



Suitability of cocoa production



in the short term
climate smart agriculture =
efficient production

in the medium term,
producers **change crops**

who's moving sustainability
from **niche** to **norm**





salmon
aquaculture



The Consumer Goods FORUM



The Global Network Serving Shopper & Consumer Needs





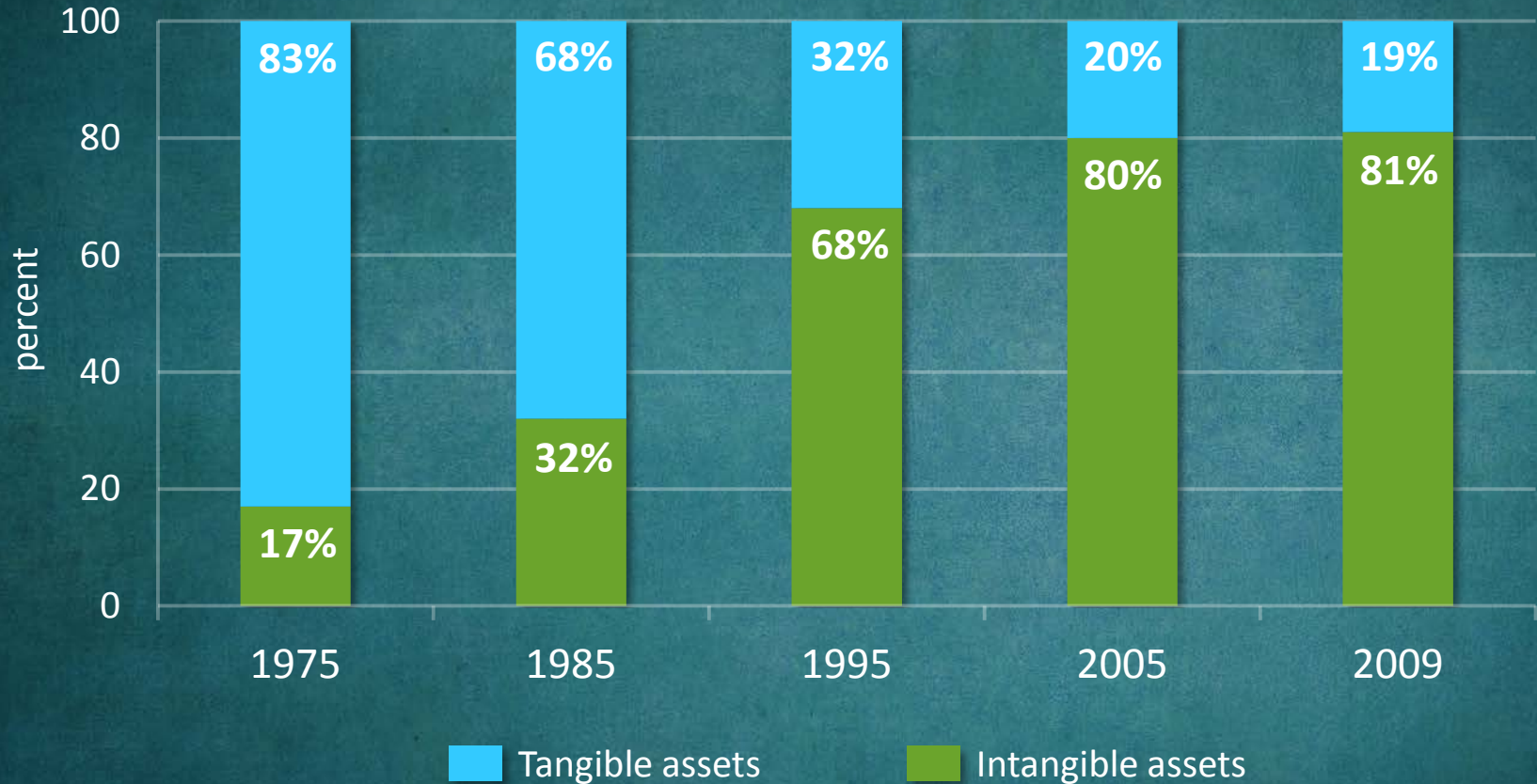
Working
with nature

Bord Bia

Irish Food Board

Growing the success of Irish food & horticulture

Components of S&P 500 Market Value

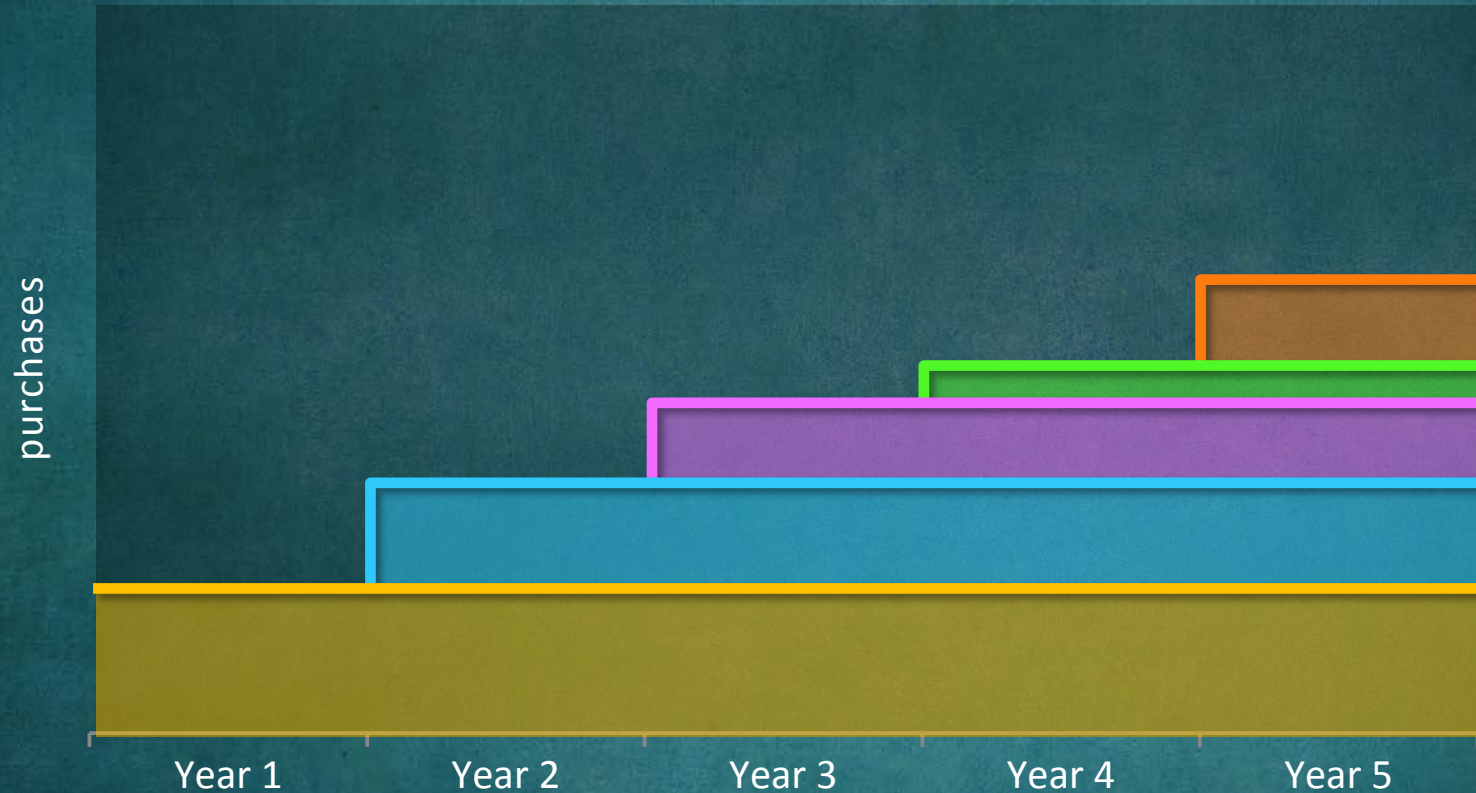


the issue is

risk

both availability and reputation

Use the system to change it
(long-term contracts, pooled commitments)



Challenges for animal protein





Increase in daily animal protein demand per capita by 2050

Developed countries



15.3%

Developing countries



103.6%

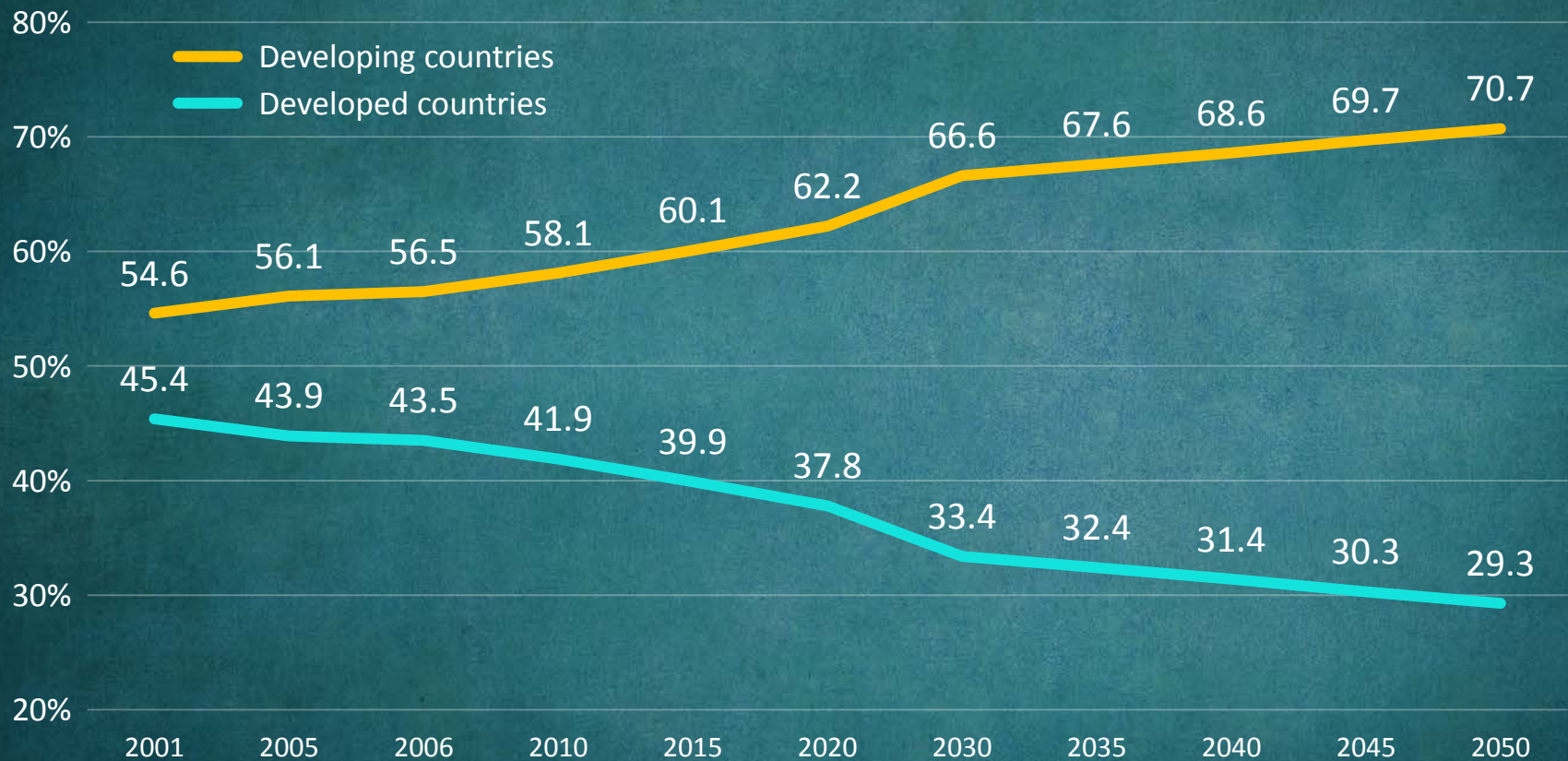
Least developed countries



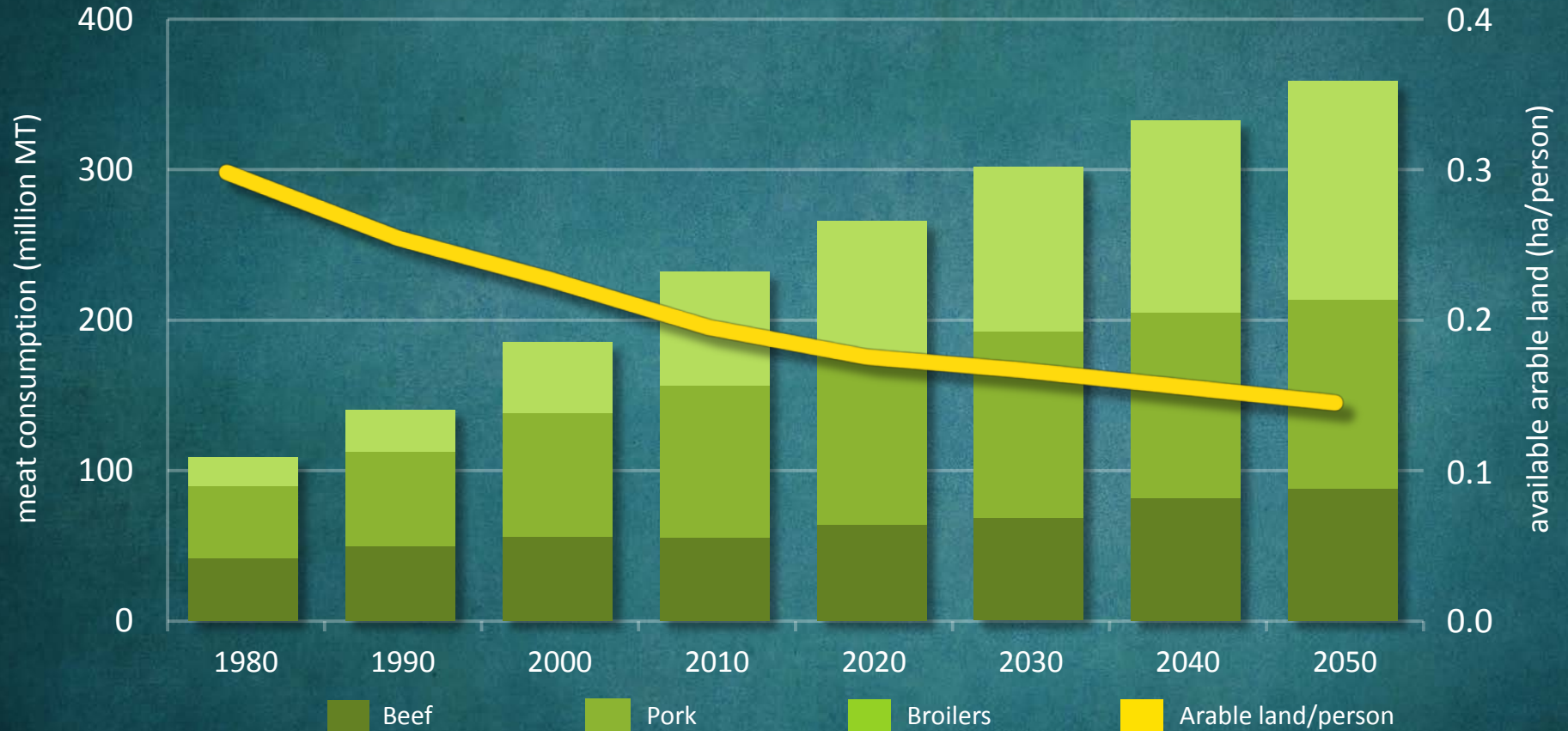
69.2%



Total meat production by category of countries (% of global production)



World beef, pork and poultry consumption: 1980-2050

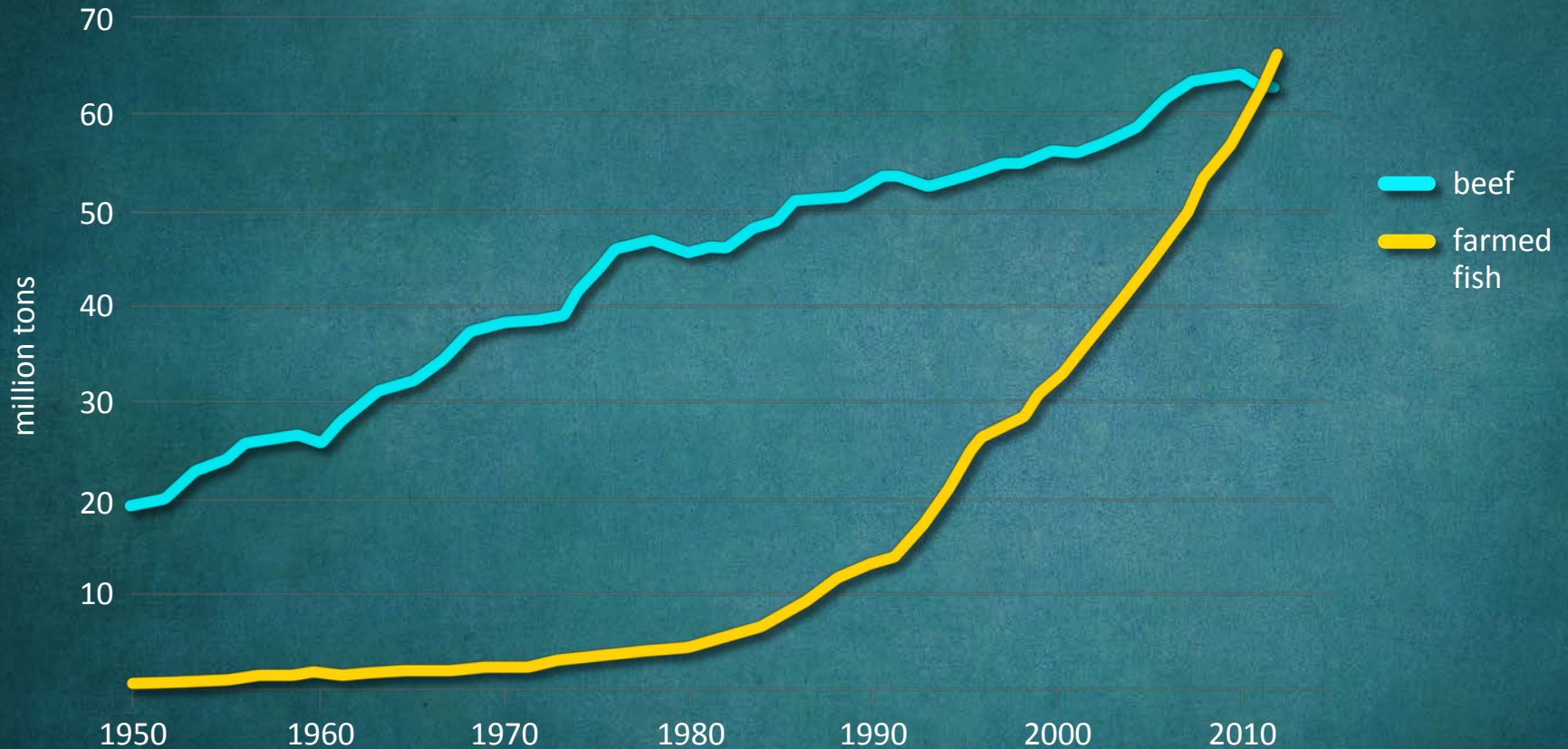




Aquaculture production

- Aquaculture > wild caught fish consumed by people today
- Most cultured species receive little or no feed
- Shrimp and salmon have FCRs of <math><2:1</math>
- But, steep learning curves and many concerns

World farmed fish and beef production, 1950-2012





Animal protein trends

- Moving from 10 to 20% of calories globally
- Trends in consumption
 - China
 - India
- Trends in production
 - Shipping ingredients
 - Shipping protein – Brazil, USA



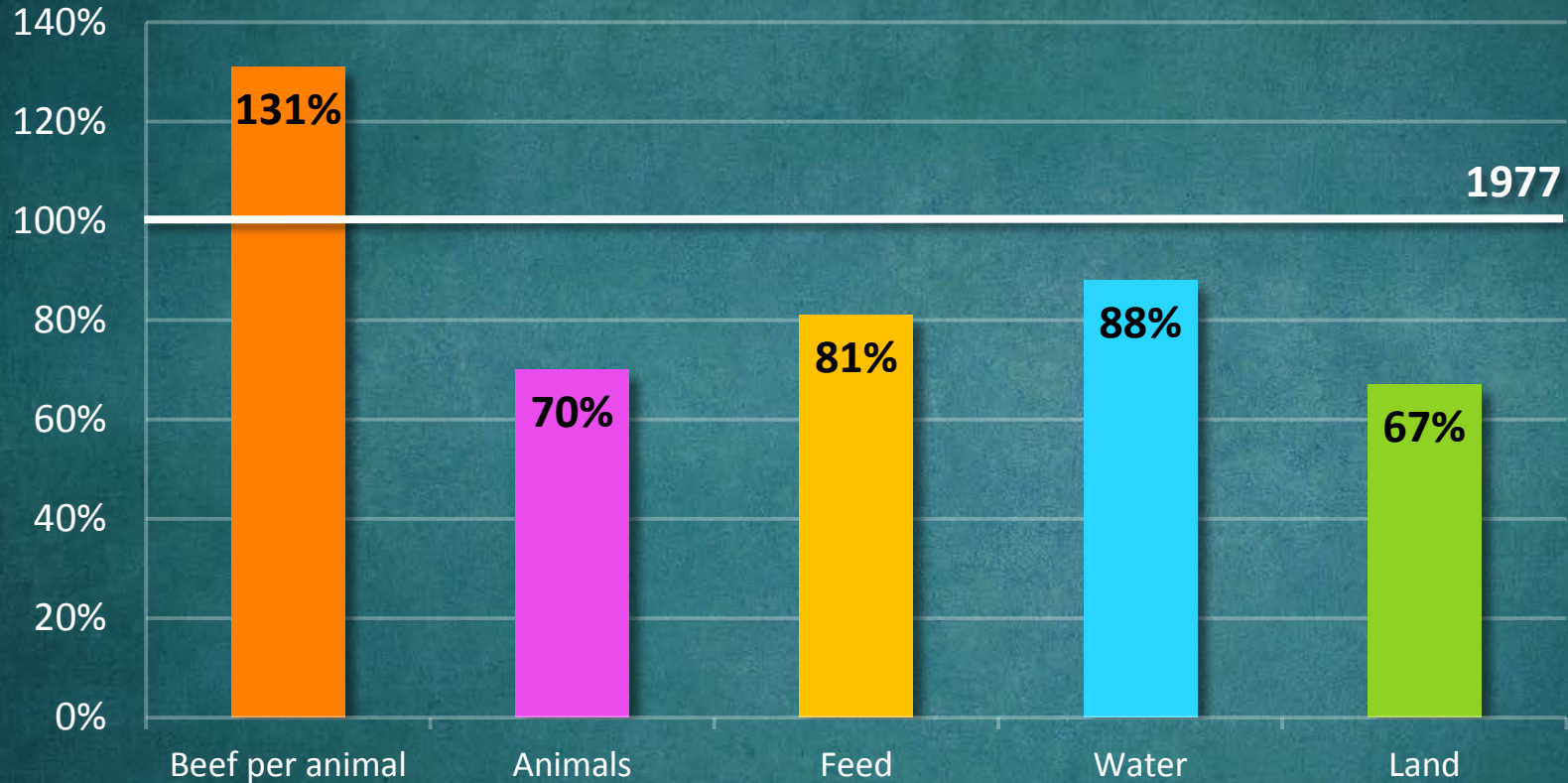
Animal protein sustainability metrics

- Protein in/protein out
- Land/gram of protein
- Water/gram of protein
- GHG emissions/gram of protein
- FCR/gram of protein
- Time/gram of protein

Are these the right sustainability indicators for animal protein production?

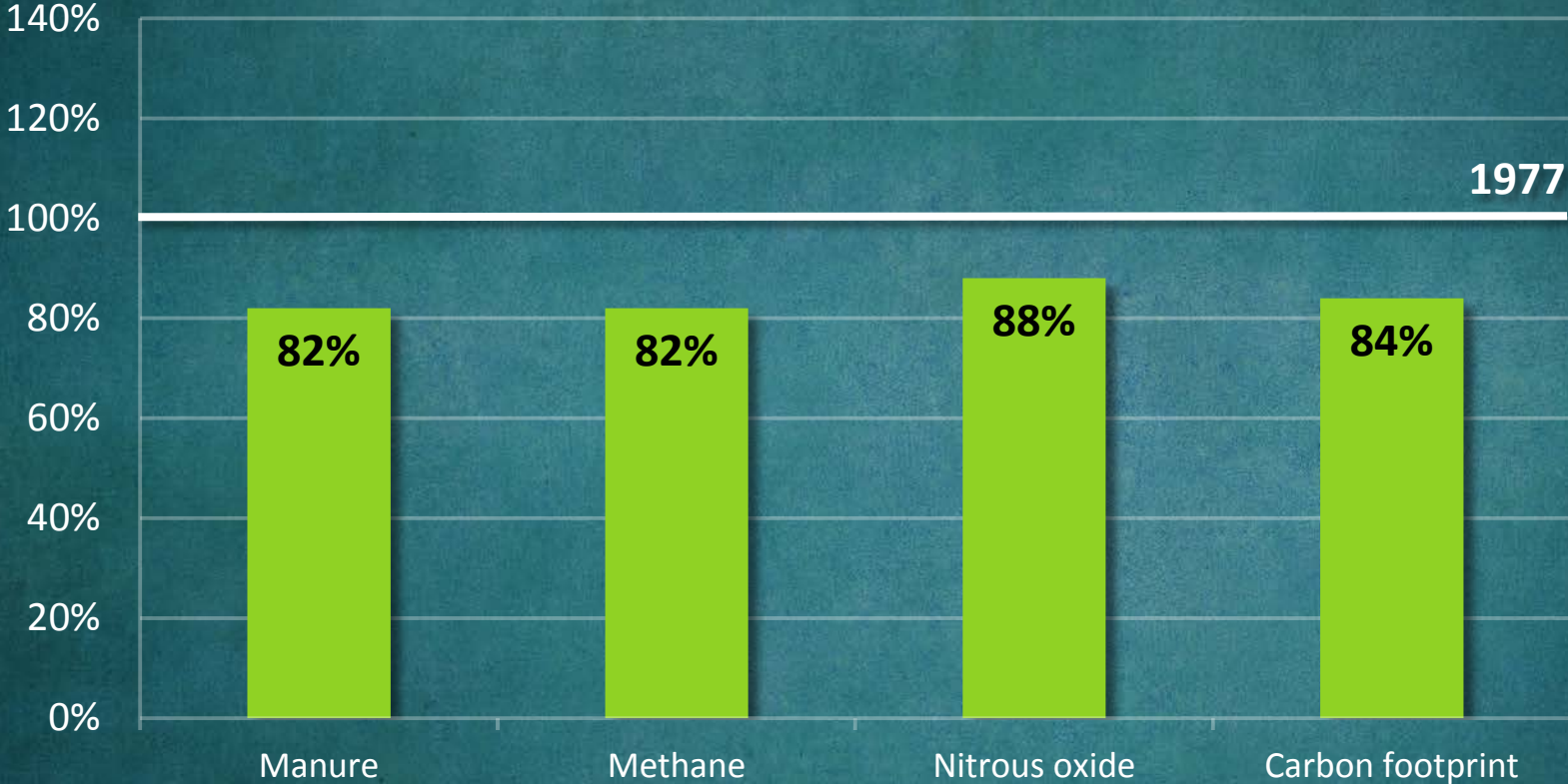
	Food conversion (kg feed/kg edible weight)	Protein efficiency (%)	N emissions (kg/ton protein produced)	P emissions (kg/ton protein produced)	Land (tons edible product/ha)	Consumptive freshwater use (m ³ /ton)
Beef	31.7	5	1200	180	0.24 - 0.37	15497
Chicken	4.2	25	300	40	1.0 - 1.2	3918
Pork	10.7	13	800	120	0.83 - 1.10	4856
Finfish (avg)	2.3	30	360	148	0.15 - 3.70	5000
Bivalves	not fed	not fed	-27	-29	0.28 - 20.0	0

Environmental impact of U.S. beef production reduced by improved productivity (1977 & 2010)



*all values expressed per lb of beef produced

Environmental impact of U.S. beef production reduced by improved productivity (40 years)



*all values expressed per lb of beef produced

Source: Capper, J.L. (2011). The environmental impact of U.S. beef production: 1977 compared with 2007. *J Anim Sci*



Poultry – efficiency matters



Chicken – Improvement evolution

	1925	1945	1965	1985	2005	2045*
Conversion – kg feed/kg live	4.7	4.0	2.4	2.0	1.7	1.6
Mortality %	18%	10%	6%	5%	4%	3%
Age (days)	112	84	63	49	42	40
Live commercial weight - kg	1.0	1.4	1.6	1.9	2.4	3.2

*projected



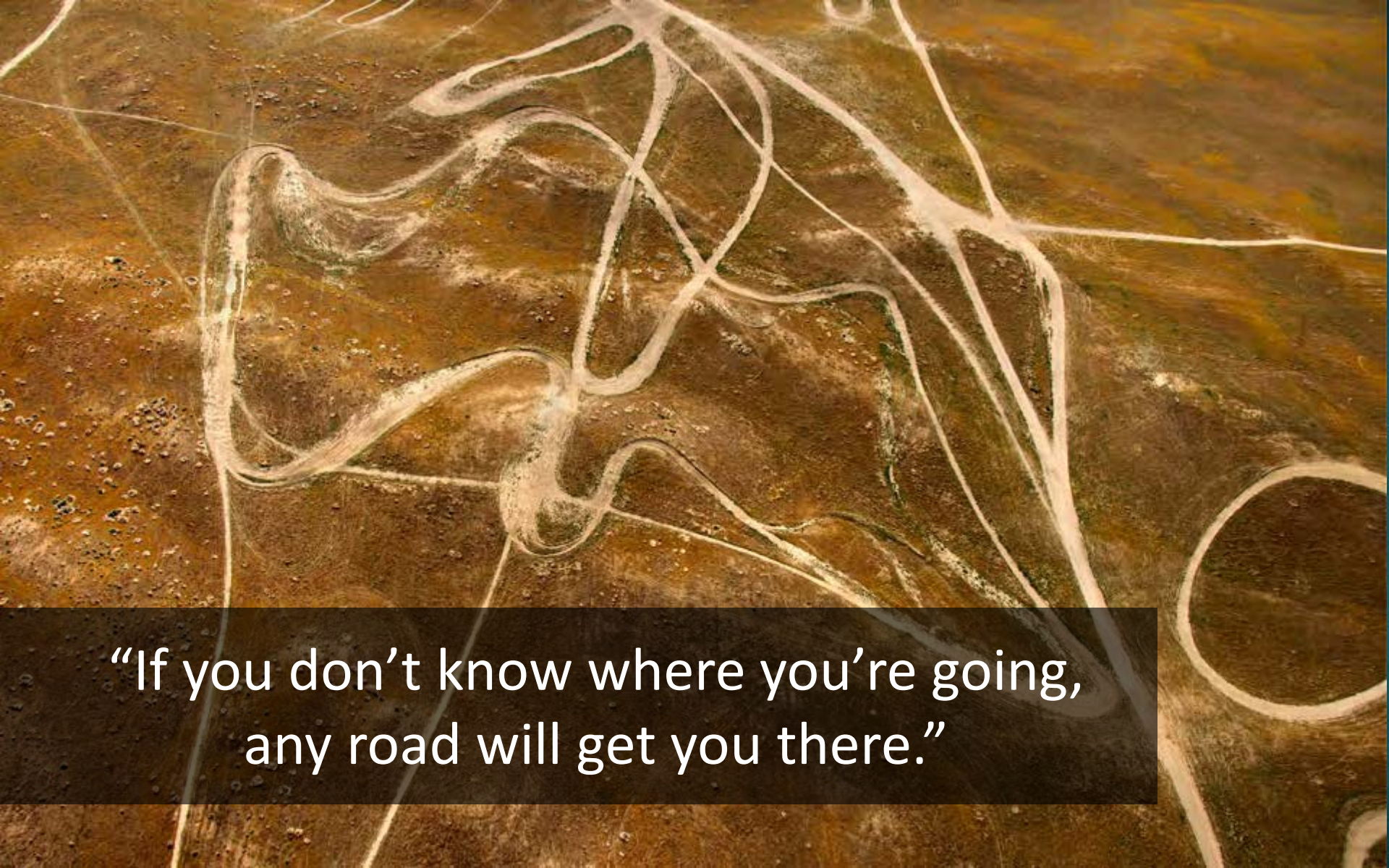
Inefficiency increases environmental impacts

- FCR and feed production
- Morbidity and mortality
- Parasites
- Poor reproduction
- Carcass defects
- Feed shrink



Does stocking density = animal welfare?

- Feed conversion ratios (FCRs)
- Time to market
- Survival rates
- Disease outbreaks
- Medicines used per MT of product
- Medical interventions per MT of product
- Air quality

An aerial photograph of a winding road in a brown, hilly landscape. The road is a light-colored, unpaved path that curves and loops through the terrain. The surrounding land is a mix of brown and tan hues, suggesting dry earth or sparse vegetation. The overall scene is abstract and evocative, with the road's path leading the viewer's eye across the landscape.

“If you don’t know where you’re going,
any road will get you there.”



think about it

ALES
100 years
1915-2015



Our accomplished past ...
our limitless future

