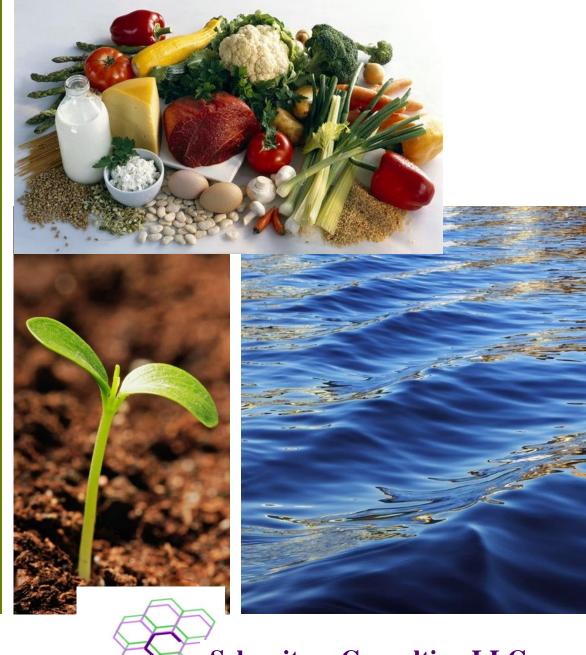


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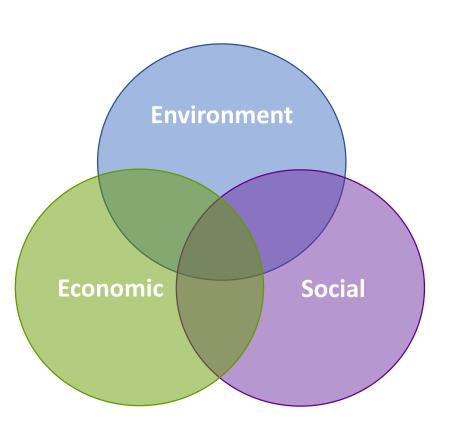
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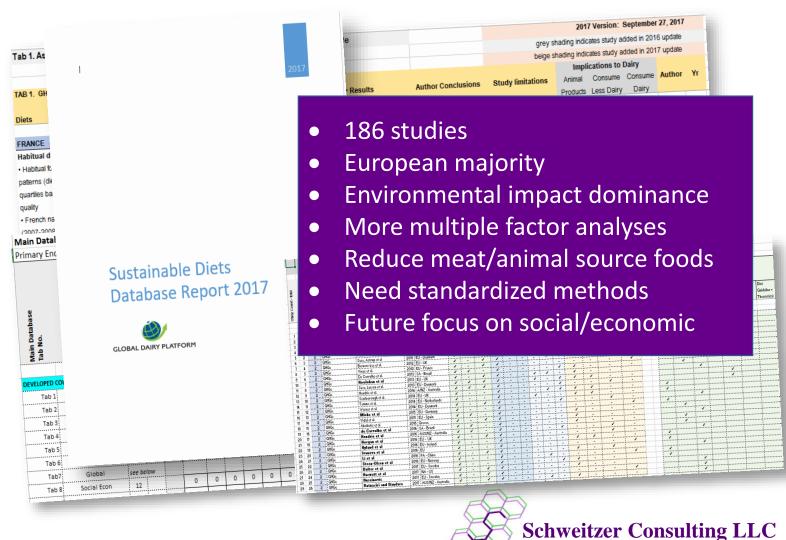


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## Evidence base on sustainable diets is too narrow

- Sustainable Diets Database





# What is the impact of adding 1 glass of milk to the American diet? Proof of concept study



**D**isability **A**djusted **L**ife **Y**ears = damage to human health 1 DALY = 1 year of life lost

### Trade-offs of milk consumption due to:

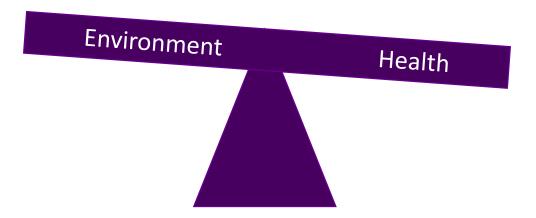
#### **Nutrition/health**

- Colorectal cancer
- Stroke
- Prostate cancer

#### **Environment**

- Global warming (GHG)
- Particulate matter

## Overall, milk improves healthy life!





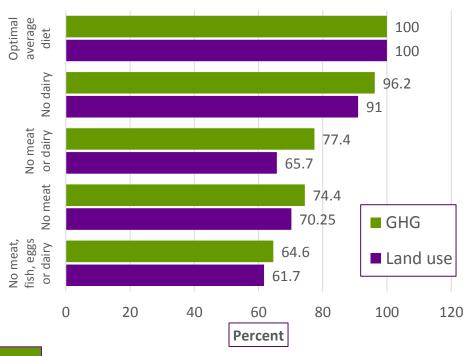


## Environmentally-friendly diet must be healthy Example from Dutch Dairy Association

Environmental impact of various Dutch diets developed by the Netherlands Nutrition Centre



Environmental impact of limiting animal-based food groups



Perspective: "A flight from the Netherlands to Thailand releases 5.4 tons of GHG"

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## Dairy has socio-economic benefits

Relationships between dairy development and human welfare

Dairy cow ownership or improved production significantly impacted socio-economic factors



Increased milk consumption and nutrition



Increased total income 27-600%

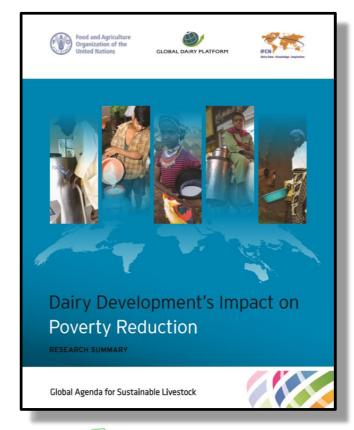


Generated employment beyond farm gate



Increased crop yields and cultivation areas

IFCN: International Farm Comparison Network



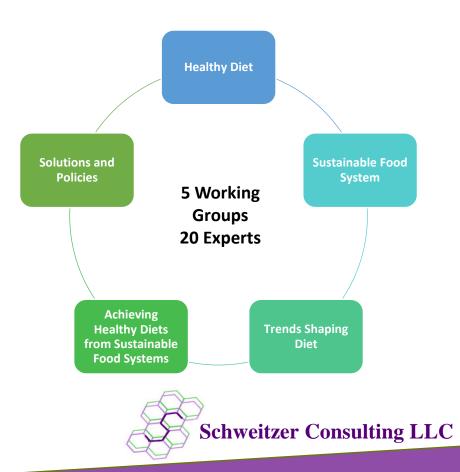


## **EAT-Lancet Commission will recommend reduced dairy foods**



## Transforming the food system is the key to improving human health and the health of the planet.

- Unhealthy food is the leading cause of disease worldwide . .
   and undernutrition
- Food production is causing stress to the planet. . . 1/3 GHG, biodiversity loss, water depletion
- To reduce GHG, need to urgently and fundamentally change the way we eat & produce food
- Lack of scientific consensus is slowing down action:
  - O What is a healthy diet for all humans?
  - O How must food production change to be sustainable?
  - No clear, science-based guidelines how we can provide healthy diets from a sustainable food system



## EAT-Lancet health impacts of sustainable diet modelling

### • 3 dietary change strategies:

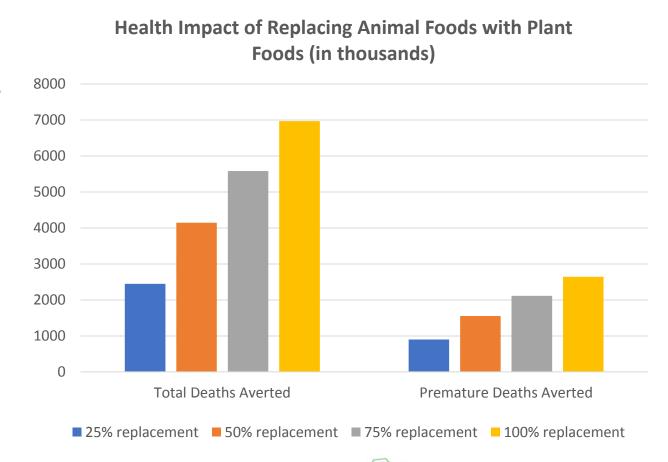
- Environment focus Replace animal source foods with plant foods
- Food security focus Improve energy intake and weight levels
- Public health focus Different types of nutritionally balanced diet patterns

#### Impacts evaluated:

- Nutrients
- Mortality
- Environment

#### By populations:

- Global
- High income
- Upper middle income
- Lower middle income
- Low income

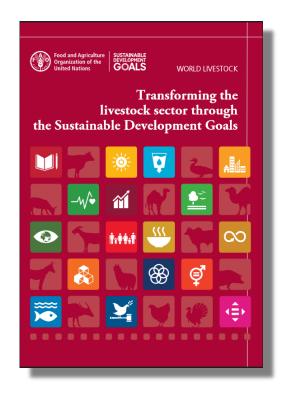


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