



Strategies to inform decision making in dairy and meat supply chains

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#### Retailers face challenge of meeting net zero commitments

**50% reduction** in food-related GHG emissions by 2030 is possible, but only if we take

#### URGENT ACTION

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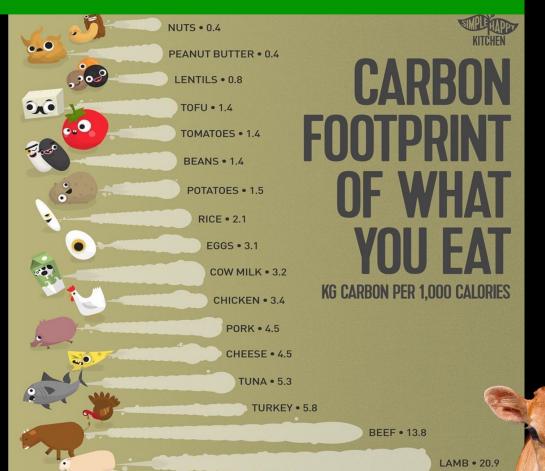
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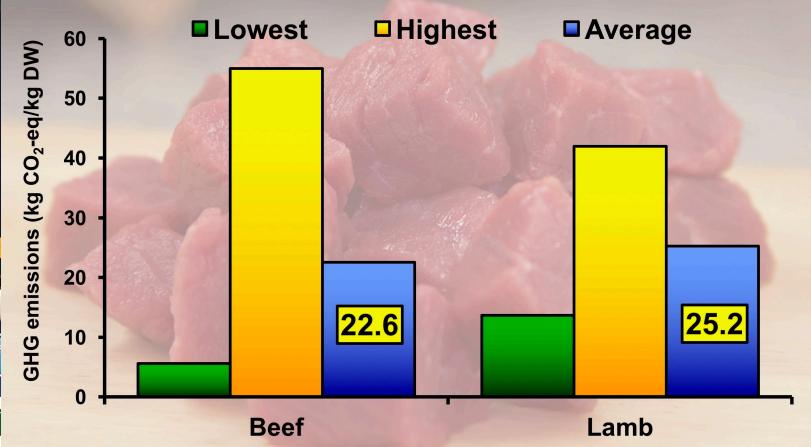
#### Global averages are meaningless

The carbon footprints of the foods we eat vary considerably global average figures are inappropriate when food production is regional



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## Carbon footprints of English beef and lamb show significant variation

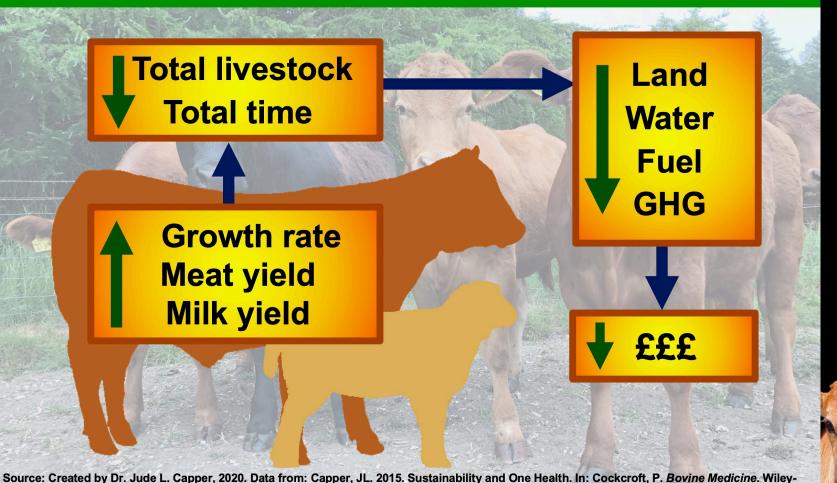








Improving animal productivity reduces the environmental impact of milk and meat

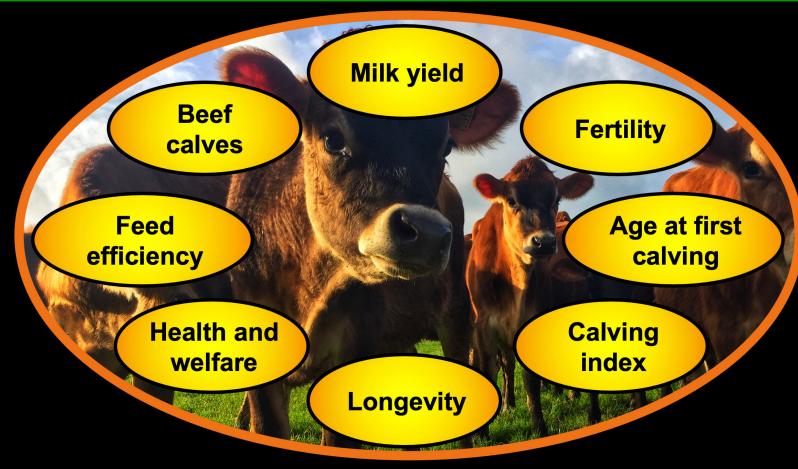






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#### Improving performance indicators reduces GHG emissions...but how do they compare?









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## Disease losses are significant and preventable, but the sustainability impacts aren't quantified



At the worldwide level, average losses due to animal diseases are more than 20% (OIE, 2008)

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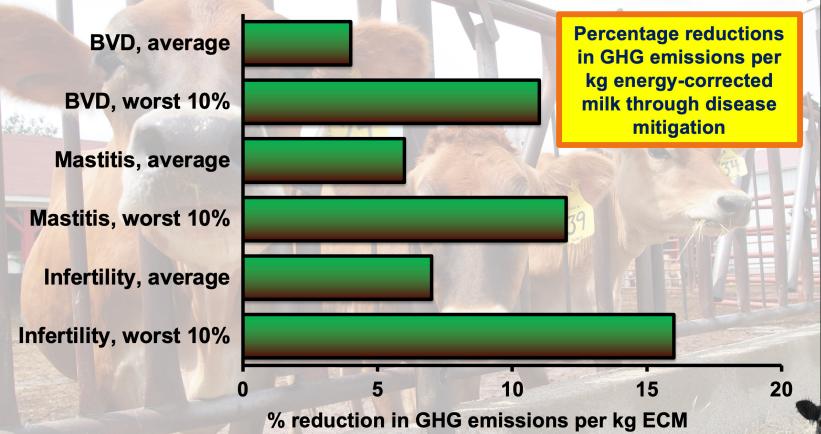


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## GHG emissions could be cut significantly by mitigating dairy diseases - UK



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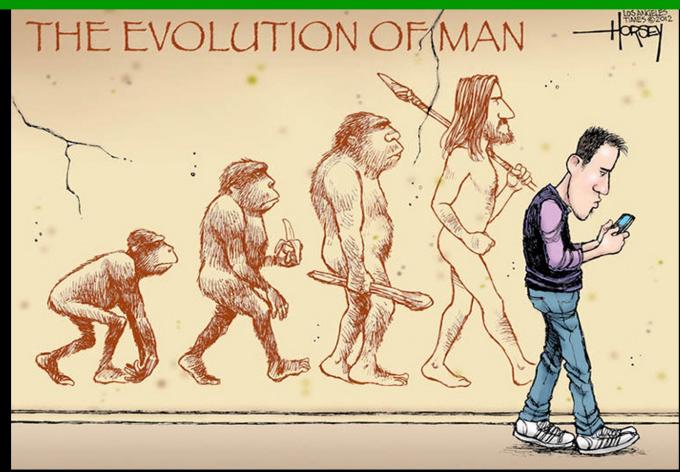
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#### We've got the technology – now we need to use it to its potential

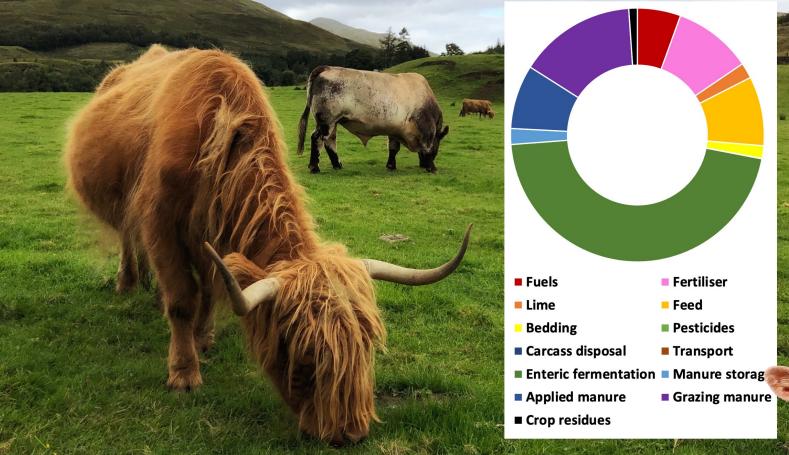


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#### Standard footprinting tool urgently needed across the industry





Source: Created by Dr. Jude L. Capper, 2021. Example carbon footprint results based on a beef finishing farm.



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