



The Facts about Global Warming

U.S. farmers and ranchers are dedicated to supplying the safety, highest quality and affordable source of protein in the world. That is meat, milk and eggs produced in the most efficient way while taking care to assure proper animal well-being and environmental sustainability.

An August 2002 United Nations' report predicted that agricultural and urban expansion will threaten biodiversity on 72% of the global land area by 2032. The "World Atlas of Biodiversity: Earth's Living Resources for the 21st Century" report said that up to 48% of these areas will be converted to agricultural land, plantations and urban areas, compared with 22% today.

A 2003 survey of 530 climate scientists in 27 countries, conducted by Dennis Bray and Hans von Storch at the GKSS Institute of Coastal Research in Germany, found 82 % said global warming is happening, but only 56% said it's mostly the result of human causes, and only 35% said models can accurately predict future climate conditions. Only 27 % believed "the current state of scientific knowledge is able to provide reasonable predictions of climate variability on time scales of 100 years."

The claim that global warming is a "crisis" is itself a theory. It can be falsified by scientific fact, just as the claim that there is a "consensus" that global warming is man-made and will be a catastrophe has been dis-proven by the fact that this conference is taking place.

Animal agriculture contributes minimally to the production of total greenhouse gasses (GHG), according to the Environmental Protection Agency. The production of food animals contributes to less than 2.24% of total GHG emissions. In comparison, fossil fuel combustion contributes to approximately 79.2% of all GHG emissions.

Affordability of U.S.-produced food

The efficiency in today's agriculture means that American consumers spend only 10% of their income on food. This compares to elsewhere in the world where 18-25% of consumers' income goes toward the purchase of food.

A family affair

A common misbelieve is that large corporations control today's farms and ranchers, but the fact of the matter is that 99% of U.S. farms and ranches are still owned by individuals and family corporations or partnerships. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, there are only 7,000 non-family-controlled corporate farms in the United States. This compares with some 2 million plus family-owned operations.

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