



Our Children's Earth Foundation supports climate stewardship, animal welfare, food system improvements leading to sustainability, public health, and public education about the environment. It is the policy of Our Children's Earth Foundation to make food choices that reflect our organizational values and mission. We seek to contribute to a more sustainable and just future for all of Earth's inhabitants, particularly for the most vulnerable among us. Consuming animal products is contrary to our values and mission as an organization.

Industrialized animal agriculture, overfishing of the oceans, and overfishing of coastal estuaries are unsustainable activities that are extremely damaging to the environment, human health, and our collective future. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, dairy farms, and other forms of animal agriculture and aquaculture pollute in multiple ways. Despite significant negative impacts, the aquaculture industry and agricultural businesses are under-regulated in comparison to other major industries.

Animal agriculture is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions from facilities and certain farmed animals themselves, as well as from the process for growing, harvesting, and transporting crops required to feed farmed animals. Pesticides, hormones, antibiotics, and other chemicals used in meat industries and related industries cause direct harm to pollinators, wildlife, workers, children, rural communities, and all those who consume chemically-treated food products. Animal agriculture and related industries lead to pollution of critical freshwater resources including streams, rivers, lakes, and groundwater. Animal agriculture contributes to significant deforestation, desertification, and biodiversity depletion. Animal agriculture causes and contributes to the extreme suffering of animals and devaluing of animal life and animal rights, as well as deeply troubling trends in human health. Furthermore, the meat and dairy industries directly cause and contribute to injustices and health impacts suffered by workers in those industries.

Overfishing of the oceans has already resulted in a nearly 90% decline of the stocks of large predatory fish, causing and contributing to the destruction of natural aquatic food chains and ecological imbalances in the marine environment. Furthermore, overfishing and related degradation of aquatic ecosystems threatens the livelihood and food security of hundreds of millions of people in the developing world.

Our Children's Earth Foundation has a strictly vegetarian no-meat policy. At our events, we will not serve meat products and we will provide chemical-free vegan menus whenever possible. Expense claims for food by employees and contractors can only be made for meals which do not include meat products. Our Children's Earth Foundation has a strong preference for vegan, sustainably-sourced, fair trade food whenever possible.