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*Supplementary Materials for*

**Future Warming from Global Food Consumption**

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1 **Supplemental Text**

2 ***Comparison of Annual Emissions Estimation to Published Literature***

3 The Fifth Assessment Report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC AR5) estimates that in  
4 2010, fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from energy use on crop lands were approximately 400-600 MMt CO<sub>2</sub>/year<sup>1</sup>, while  
5 the IPCC Climate Change and Land report estimates that averaged over years 2007-2016, the yearly emission of  
6 CO<sub>2</sub> from land use change associated with the global food system is 4,900 +/- 2,500 MMt CO<sub>2</sub>/year<sup>2</sup>. Together this  
7 amounts to 5,400 +/- 2,600 MMt CO<sub>2</sub>/year from agriculture through both energy use and land use change.

8 FAOSTAT estimates emissions of 135 MMt CH<sub>4</sub> and 7 MMt N<sub>2</sub>O in 2010<sup>3</sup>, and the IPCC Climate Change and Land  
9 Summary for Policy Makers estimates that for the average period of 2007-2016, the annual emissions of CH<sub>4</sub> and  
10 N<sub>2</sub>O were 121 +/- 36 MMt and 7 +/- 2 MMt<sup>2</sup>. The UNEP and CCAC Global Methane Assessment (2021) estimates  
11 that agriculture is responsible for about 40% of the total annual CH<sub>4</sub> emissions of 350-380 MMt/yr, for a total of  
12 roughly 140-152 MMt/yr from agricultural sources<sup>4</sup>. Our individual greenhouse gas emissions estimates of 4,860  
13 MMt CO<sub>2</sub>, 150 MMt CH<sub>4</sub>, and 9 MMt N<sub>2</sub>O for year 2010 are in strong agreement with those previously published.

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15 When aggregated to total emissions in CO<sub>2</sub>e100 to compare to previous estimates of total greenhouse gas emissions  
16 from food consumption, we estimate 12,800 MMt of CO<sub>2</sub>e100 emissions attributed to food consumption for year  
17 2010. This is slightly below that estimated by Poore and Nemecek 2018 (13,700 MMt of CO<sub>2</sub>e100 for median year  
18 2010 food production rates)<sup>5</sup>, Crippa et. al 2021 (18,000 MMt of CO<sub>2</sub>e100 in year 2010)<sup>6</sup>, and Xu et al. 2021  
19 (17,300 MMt of CO<sub>2</sub>e100 for mean of the 2007-2013 period)<sup>7</sup> and falls within the bounds generated by Clark et al.  
20 2020 (9,250-13,300 MMt CO<sub>2</sub>e100/yr)<sup>8</sup> and Vermeulen et al. 2012 (9,800-16,900 MMt for year 2008; note that for  
21 proper comparison using IPCC AR4 estimates of global warming potentials, our estimates for aggregate total  
22 emissions in CO<sub>2</sub>e100 drop to 11,400 MMt)<sup>9</sup>. Ahmed et al. 2020 estimates that using a 20-year timeline global  
23 warming potential, this value is 19,100 MMt CO<sub>2</sub>e20/yr based on 2015 timelines<sup>10</sup>. Our estimate can be converted  
24 to 21,600 MMt CO<sub>2</sub>e20/yr for year 2010, higher on a shorter timeline compared to the contribution in CO<sub>2</sub>e100 due  
25 to the dominance of short-lived climate pollutants.

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1 ***Comparison of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Intensity to Warming Intensity***

2 Previous analyses often rank food items by their greenhouse gas emissions intensity, but these evaluations almost  
3 always use the traditional CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalence metric with a 100-year time horizon, or do not consider the warming  
4 contribution of non-CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gases<sup>5,11,12</sup>. This could skew the relative importance of different food items as  
5 discussed in the main text. In order to test the importance of CO<sub>2</sub>e assessments in ranking food items, we calculate  
6 the relative contributions of each food group to future warming through year 2100 based on temperature change  
7 from the climate model, and compare end of century estimates in degrees Celsius to annual CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions with  
8 both 20- and 100-year time horizons. While the exact percent contribution depends slightly on which metric is  
9 selected, we find that the rank of each food group from highest to lowest contributor to warming in 2100 is  
10 comparable to the annual per capita contribution breakdowns when using CO<sub>2</sub>e on both 20- and 100-year time  
11 horizons (Figure S2). These ranks are also in strong agreement with those provided by previous literature<sup>7,13</sup>. This  
12 relationship suggests that the CO<sub>2</sub>e metric is a decent proxy for the relative importance of each food group in  
13 contributing to future warming. However, as previously discussed, CO<sub>2</sub>e neither quantifies the magnitude of  
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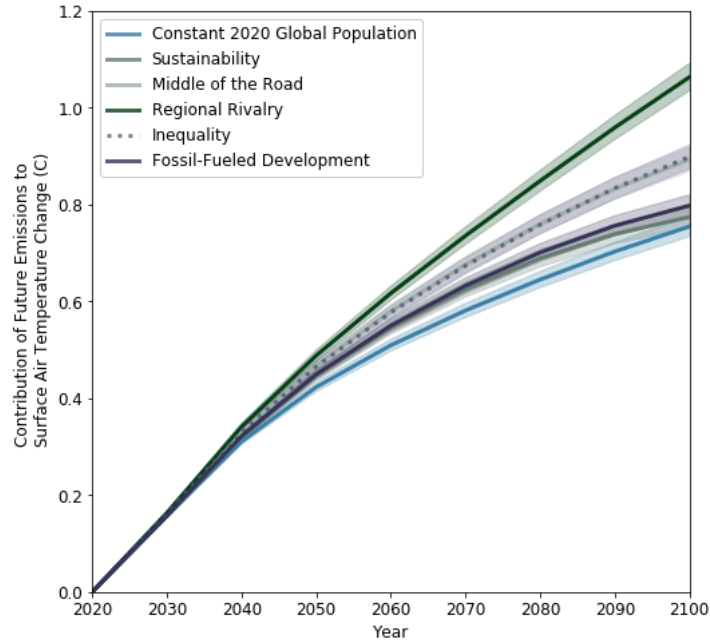
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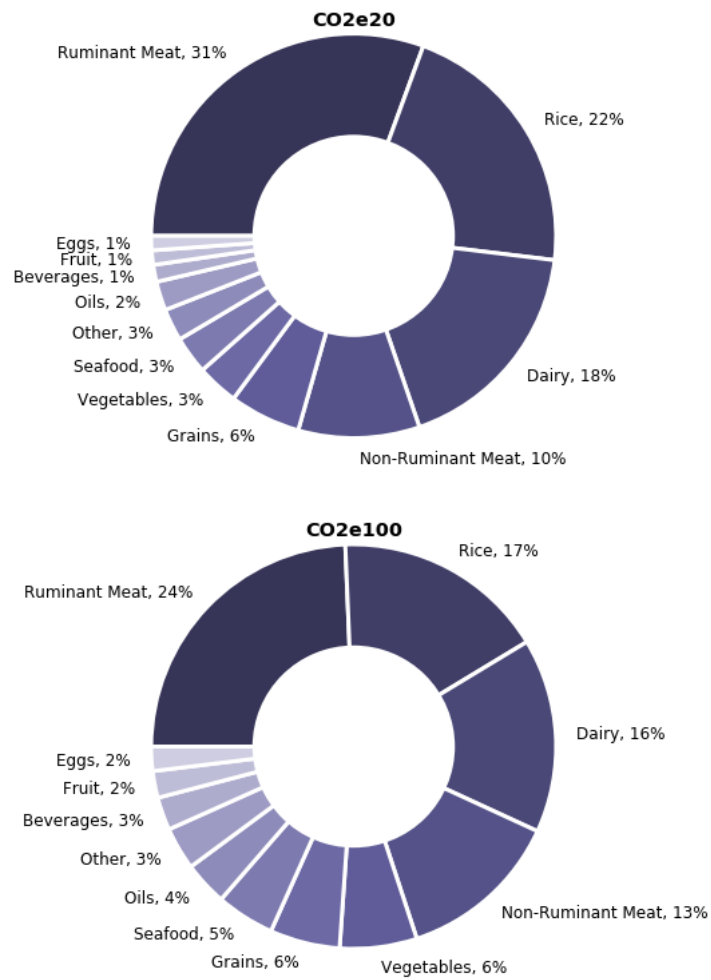
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 3 **Figure S1: Contribution of future emissions to surface air temperature change associated with sustained food**  
 4 **consumption rates starting in 2020 and continuing through the end of the century based on five population**  
 5 **projections. The population projections are compatible with the following Shared Socioeconomic Pathways**  
 6 **(SSPs) as outlined in Riahi et al. 2017: Regional Rivalry, Inequality, Middle of the Road, Fossil-Fueled**  
 7 **Development, and Sustainability (corresponding to SSP3, SSP4, SSP2, SSP5, and SSP1, respectively). The**  
 8 **future warming associated with consumption from a constant 2020 global population is also provided for**  
 9 **reference. Emissions for all sectors other than agriculture are represented by RCP4.5. Final 2100 contribution**  
 10 **to surface air temperature change is higher for the RCP4.5 scenario than RCP8.5 scenario due to the**  
 11 **logarithmic relationship between CO<sub>2</sub> radiative efficiency and concentration. Shading represents 95%**  
 12 **confidence intervals based on all ensemble members. Inequality (SSP4) scenario identified by dotted line in**  
 13 **order to better visualize overlapping scenarios.**

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4 **Figure S2: Relative contribution of each food group to future climate change, measured by annual emissions**  
5 **in CO<sub>2</sub>e20 and CO<sub>2</sub>e100.**

Food Group (Emissions Magnitude in CO <sub>2</sub> e100/kg food group*)	Food Item	Percent Gas Contribution			Citation	Notes
		CO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O		
<b>Grains</b> (1.3)	Barley	53	2	44	Christoforou et al. 2016	No land use change
		47	2	51	Fallahpour et al. 2012	Irrigated barley; no land use change
		51	1	48	Fallahpour et al. 2012	Rainfed barley; no land use change
		65	2	33	Kramer et al. 1999	Spring/winter barley; land use change included
		57	3	40	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	Maize	91	2	7	Bartl et al. 2012	Hard maize; land use change included
		53	2	45	Christoforou et al. 2016	No land use change
		63	1	36	Grassini and Cassman 2012	No land use change
		57	6	37	Murphy and Kendall 2013	Maize/stover; no land use change
		70	2	28	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
		69	0	31	Soni and Salohke 2013	No land use change
		99	1	0	Wang et al. 2014	Summer maize; no land use change
	Rye	73	2	25	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	Sorghum	55	2	43	Christoforou et al. 2016	Sweet sorghum; no land use change
	Wheat	35	0	65	Aryal et al. 2015	Land use change included
		74	5	21	Biswas et al. 2008	No land use change
		55	2	43	Christoforou et al. 2016	No land use change
		49	4	47	Fallahpour et al. 2012	Irrigated wheat; no land use change
		48	4	48	Fallahpour et al. 2012	Rainfed wheat; no land use change
		92	0	8	Koga et al. 2016	Winter wheat; no land use change
		50	0	50	Korsaeth et al. 2012	Winter wheat; no land use change
		55	1	44	Kramer et al. 1999	Spring/winter wheat; land use change included
		56	0	44	Lillywhite et al. 2007	Winter wheat; no land use change
		54	3	43	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
		100	0	0	Soltani et al. 2013	No land use change
		29	0	71	Tidaker et al. 2007	No land use change
		95	5	0	Wang et al. 2014	Winter wheat; no land use change
19	1	80	Williams et al. 2010	No land use change		
Misc.	78	0	22	Aguilera et al. 2015	Cereals; no land use change	
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>			
<b>Rice</b> (3.8)	Rice	9	88	3	Aguilera et al. 2015	No land use change
		28	71	1	Brodt et al. 2014	Land use change included
		2	97	1	Harada et al. 2007	No land use change
		31	66	3	Hokazono et al. 2009	No land use change
		26	69	5	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
		50	34	16	Pathak et al. 2013	No land use change
		27	63	10	Soni and Salohke 2013	No land use change
	5	86	9	Arunrat and Pumijumnon 2017	No land use change	
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>13</b>			
<b>Fruits</b> (0.6)	Apples	79	2	19	Bartyl et al. 2012	Land use change included
		86	3	11	Cerutti et al. 2013	No land use change
		90	0	10	Lillywhite et al. 2007	No land use change
		76	2	22	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included

		21	0	79	Keyes et al. 2015	No land use change
	Avocado	50	1	49	Astier et al. 2014	No land use change
		57	2	41	Bartyl et al. 2012	Land use change included
	Bananas	76	2	22	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change change included
		75	0	25	Soni and Salokhe 2013	No land use change
		88	7	5	Svanes and Aronsson 2013	No land use change
	Cherry	25	4	71	Litskas et al. 2011	No land use change
	Lemons	56	0	44	Martin Gorriz et al. 2014	No land use change
	Melon	35	23	41	de Figueiredo et al. 2015	No land use change
		96	1	3	Kehagias et al. 2015	No land use change
		58	0	42	Martin Gorriz et al. 2014	No land use change
	Oranges	42	2	56	Bartyl et al. 2012	Mandarin oranges; land use change included
		53	0	47	Martin Gorriz et al. 2014	Mandarin oranges; no land use change
		54	0	47	Martin Gorriz et al. 2014	No land use change
		79	3	18	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	Peaches	63	2	35	Bartyl et al. 2012	Land use change included
		99	1	0	Michos et al. 2012	No land use change
		73	6	21	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
		85	5	10	Nikkhah et al. 2017	No land use change
		99	0	1	Vinyes et al. 2015	No land use change
	Strawberries	61	1	38	Bartyl et al. 2012	Land use change included
		98	0	2	Lillywhite et al. 2007	No land use change
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	69	2	29		
<b>Vegetables</b> (0.9)	Almonds	67	5	28	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	Artichoke	59	0	41	Martin Gorriz et al. 2014	No land use change
	Asparagus	70	5	25	Bartyl et al. 2012	Land use change included
	Beans	96	0	4	Koga et al. 2016	Adzuki beans; no land use change
		65	2	33	Kramer et al. 1999	French beans; no land use change
	Beet	86	0	14	Koga et al. 2016	Sugar beet; no land use change
		57	1	42	Christoforou et al. 2016	Sugar beet; no land use change
		68	0	32	Lillywhite et al. 2007	Sugar beet; no land use change
		55	3	42	Nemecek et al. 2011	Sugar beet; land use change included
		58	20	22	Yousefi et al. 2014	Sugar beet; no land use change
	Broccoli	50	0	50	Martin Gorriz et al. 2014	No land use change
	Cabbage	92	0	8	Koga et al. 2016	No land use change
	Carrot	85	0	15	Lillywhite et al. 2007	No land use change
		75	4	22	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	Cashew	38	0	62	de Figueiredo et al. 2015	No land use change
	Cassava	84	0	16	Soni and Salokhe 2013	No land use change
	Cauliflower	60	0	40	Lillywhite et al. 2007	No land use change
	Chestnuts	75	5	20	Rosa et al. 2017	No land use change
	Cucumber	59	6	35	Khoshnevisan et al. 2014	No land use change
	Hazelnuts	71	5	24	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
Lettuce	97	0	3	Lillywhite et al. 2007	No land use change	

		53	0	47	Martin Gorritz et al. 2014	No land use change
	Onion	75	0	25	Lillywhite et al. 2007	No land use change
		67	3	30	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	Peas	62	2	36	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	Peppers	76	4	20	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	Pidgeonpea	73	0	27	Pratibha et al. 2015	No land use change
	Potatoes	29	1	70	Bartyl et al. 2012	Land use change included
		55	2	43	Christoforou et al. 2016	No land use change
		97	0	3	Koga et al. 2016	No land use change
		62	1	37	Kramer et al. 1999	No land use change
		84	0	16	Lillywhite et al. 2007	No land use change
		68	4	28	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
		48	2	50	Norton et al. 2008	Land use change included
		48	2	50	Williams et al. 2006	No land use change
		47	2	51	Williams et al. 2010	No land use change
	Pumpkin	67	3	30	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	Soybeans	39	0	61	Castanheira and Freire 2013	Land use change included
		60	3	37	Mohammadi et al. 2013	No land use change
		90	1	9	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
		65	0	35	Soni and Salokhe 2013	No land use change
	Spinach	53	3	44	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	Tomatoes	25	0	75	He et al. 2016	No land use change
		58	7	35	Khoshnevisan et al. 2014	No land use change
		78	5	17	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	Misc.	65	13	22	Aguilera et al. 2015	Legumes; no land use change
		33	6	61	Aguilera et al. 2015	Open air vegetables; no land use change
		84	2	14	Aguilera et al. 2015	Greenhouse vegetables; no land use change
		88	0	12	Soni and Salokhe 2013	Vegetables; no land use change
		67	2	31	Kramer et al. 1999	Vegetables; no land use change
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>32</b>		
<b>Ruminant Meat (33.6)</b>	Beef	5	82	13	Alemu et al. 2016	No land use change
		7	68	25	Basarab et al. 212	No land use change
		5	85	10	Cardoso et al. 2016	No land use change
		2	82	17	Cederberg et al. 2009	No land use change
		3	83	14	Mazzetto et al. 2015	No land use change
		8	54	38	Phetteplace et al. 2001	No land use change
		3	92	5	Ridoutt et al. 2011	No land use change
		7	67	26	Verge et al. 2008	No land use change
		11	69	20	Veysset et al. 2011	Land use change included
		5	84	11	White et al. 2014	No land use change
		9	85	6	White et al. 2015	No land use change
		13	65	23	Zhu et al. 2015	Land use change included
		Lamb	14	47	39	Lillywhite et al. 2007
	10		64	26	Wallman et al. 2011	No land use change
	4		85	11	Wiedemann et al. 2015	No land use change
	Misc.	13	60	27	Zhu et al. 2015	Sheep and goat; land use change included
		58	34	8	Zervas and Tsiplakou 2011	Cattle and buffaloes; land use change included

		60	25	15	Zervas and Tsiplakou 2011	Sheep and goat; land use change included
		34	39	27	Steinfeld et al. 2006	Land use change included
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	14	68	18		
<b>Non-Ruminant Meat (11.7)</b>	Chicken	61	14	25	de Silva et al. 2014	No land use change
		67	5	28	Zhu et al. 2015	No land use change
	Pork	53	32	15	Bava et al. 2017	Land use change included
		57	27	16	Cherubini et al. 2014	Land use change included
		30	9	61	Dolman et al. 2012	No land use change
		54	17	29	Gonzales Garcia et al. 2015	No land use change
		70	29	1	Gutierrez et al. 2016	No land use change
		47	30	23	Boakye et al. 2014	Land use change included
		24	52	23	Verge et al. 2009	No land use change
		61	28	11	Zervas and Tsiplakou 2011	Land use change included
	Misc.	32	31	37	Zhu et al. 2015	No land use change
		39	5	56	Verge et al. 2009	Poultry; no land use change
		48	0	52	Zervas and Tsiplakou 2011	Poultry; land use change included
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	49	22	29		
<b>Seafood (5.6)</b>	Freshwater Fish	75	6	19	Gronroos et al. 2006	Trout; no land use change
		75	5	20	Burchspies et al. 2011	Salmon; no land use change
		85	5	10	Boissy et al. 2011	Trout and salmon; no land use change
	Pelagic Fish	84	14	2	Burchspies et al. 2011	Mackerel and herring; no land use change
		100	0	0	Astuti and Hadiyanto 2018	Mackerel; no land use change
	Demersal Fish	94	3	3	Burchspies et al. 2011	Cod; no land use change
		99	0	1	Garcia et al. 2019	Sea bass; no land use change
		99	0	1	Garcia et al. 2016	Gilthead seabream; no land use change
	Mussels	93	8	2	Iribarren et al. 2010	Canned; no land use change
		<b>AVERAGE</b>	89	5	6	
<b>Dairy (3.1)</b>	Milk	25	49	26	Bos et al. 2014	No land use change
		11	65	24	Cederberg et al. 2004	No land use change
		5	81	14	Cunha et al. 2016	No land use change
		28	49	23	Fantin et al. 2012	No land use change
		9	70	21	Flysjo et al. 2011	No land use change
		3	64	33	Geough et al. 2012	No land use change
		23	66	11	Guerci et al. 2013	No land use change
		10	65	25	Jayasundara and Wagner Riddle 2013	No land use change
		41	41	18	Lillywhite et al. 2007	No land use change
		14	70	16	Mathot et al. 2014	No land use change
		20	63	17	O'Brien et al. 2012	Land use change included
		12	66	23	O'Brien et al. 2014	Land use change included
		29	49	22	Penati et al. 2013	No land use change
		19	51	31	Thomassen et al. 2008	No land use change
		10	67	23	Van der Werf et al. 2009	No land use change
		30	57	13	Vegnoni et al. 2015	No land use change
	72	19	9	Cederberg et al. 2012	Land use change included	
	Misc.	10	65	25	Phetteplace et al. 2001	Dairy; no land use change
29		46	25	Rivas et al. 2015	Dairy; no land use change	

		15	65	21	Samson et al. 2012	Dairy; no land use change
		22	58	22	Sandrucci et al. 2014	Dairy; no land use change
		20	62	17	Boakye et al. 2014	Dairy; no land use change
		15	64	21	Saunders and Barber 2007	Dairy; no land use change
		51	36	13	Muhammad Taufiq et al. 2016	Dairy (modern and local practices); land use change included
		64	24	12	Nilsson et al. 2010	Dairy; land use change included
		36	44	20	Zhu et al. 2015	Average of cow and sheep/goat milk; land use change included
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	22	59	19		
<b>Eggs</b> (4.5)	Eggs	57	3	40	Dekker et al. 2011	No land use change
		39	5	56	Cederberg et al. 2012	Land use change included
		56	5	39	Zhu et al. 2015	Land use change included
		43	6	51	Williams et al. 2006	Land use change included
		21	4	75	Dekker et al. 2008	Land use change included
		34	16	50	Verge et al. 2009	Land use change included
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	41	7	52		
<b>Oils</b> (4.5)	Castor	72	0	28	Pratibha et al. 2015	No land use change
	Linseed	69	3	28	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	Olive oil	89	3	8	Rinaldi et al. 2014	No land use change
	Palm oil	95	0	5	Castanheira et al. 2014	Land use change included
		86	1	13	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
		17	67	16	Stichnothe and Schuchardt 2011	No land use change
		27	48	25	Schmidt 2007	No land use change
	Peanut oil	78	3	20	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	Rapeseed	65	3	32	Nemecek et al. 2011	Land use change included
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	61	13	26		
<b>Beverages</b> (5.7)	Wine	100	0	0	Fusi et al. 2014	No land use change
		75	13	12	Neto et al. 2013	No land use change
		58	0	42	Vazquez Rowe et al. 2012	No land use change
		85	0	15	Vazquez Rowe et al. 2014	No land use change
	Coffee	76	0	24	Noponen et al. 2012	Land use change included in some portions
		30	0	70	Segura and Andrade 2012	Land use change inclusion cannot be identified
		55	0	45	Oelbermann 2014	Land use change included in some portions
	Beer	95	0	5	Shin and Searcy 2018	No land use change
		<b>AVERAGE</b>	72	2	26	
<b>Other</b> (6.5)	Sugar	31	47	22	Mashoko et al. 2010	No land use change
		81	2	17	Nemecek et al. 2011	Sugar cane; land use change included
		67	0	33	Ramjeawon 2004	Sugar cane; no land use change
		<b>AVERAGE</b>	60	16	24	

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2 **Table S1: List of percent contribution toward total CO<sub>2</sub>e100 from CO<sub>2</sub>, methane, and nitrous oxide for**  
3 **individual food items based on previous studies. The notes column indicates specific types of food analyzed**  
4 **and whether land use change is included in the analysis. Values presented here reflect an average of**  
5 **individual estimations (354 in total) provided by each source, and precede an adjustment to account for land**  
6 **use change. The average for each gas species is highlighted in grey. Values have also been adjusted to reflect**  
7 **the most up-to-date estimations of GWP for CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O (1, 34, and 298, respectively).**

- 1 \*The total emissions in kg CO<sub>2</sub>e100/kg food group consumed calculated based on data from Poore and Nemecek
- 2 2018 are provided in italics below each food group name. We note that they use GWP100 values from the
- 3 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) (2007).

Scenario		Population Projection				
		SSP1, Sustainability	SSP2, Middle of the Road	SSP3, Regional Rivalry	SSP4, Inequality	SSP5, Fossil-Fueled Development
Baseline Contribution to Warming from Food Consumption	Total Warming (°C in 2100)	0.67	0.77	0.91	0.77	0.69
Production Improvement Scenario Avoided Warming	Warming Reduction (°C in 2100)	0.15	0.18	0.21	0.18	0.16
	Percent Reduction (% in 2100)	23	23	23	23	23
Healthy Diet Scenario Avoided Warming	Warming Reduction (°C in 2100)	0.14	0.16	0.19	0.16	0.15
	Percent Reduction (% in 2100)	21	21	21	21	21
50% Retail-Level Food Waste Reduction	Warming Reduction (°C in 2100)	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Percent Reduction (% in 2100)	3	2	3	2	3
50% Consumer-Level Food Waste Reduction	Warming Reduction (°C in 2100)	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03
	Percent Reduction (% in 2100)	5	5	5	5	5
All Mitigation Scenarios	Warming Reduction (°C in 2100)	0.29	0.33	0.40	0.34	0.30
	Percent Reduction (% in 2100)	44	44	44	44	44

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2 **Table S2: Table outlining the net reduction and percent reduction of the total contribution to future warming associated with each mitigation scenario**  
3 **for the set of five population projections.**