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The Impact of our Food system on Climate Change

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- sustainable development consultancy agency
- national and international scopes
- local authorities, companies, cooperatives, agricultural sectors and NGOs

→ promote more sustainable, inclusive and supportive development models

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Introduction

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- And vice versa…

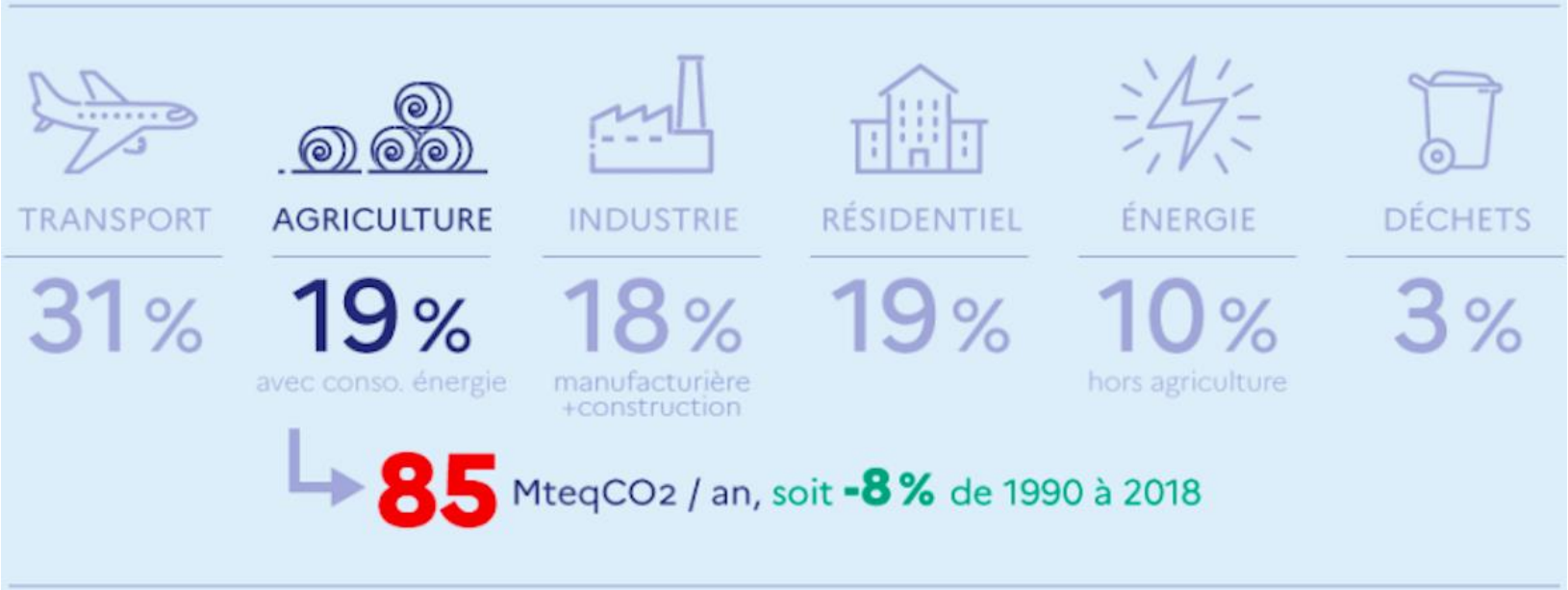
Introduction

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC, 2019)

Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) activities during 2007-2016 accounted for 23% of total net anthropogenic emissions of GHGs.

Food production does have an impact on climate

French $C0_2$ emissions, 2018



Source: Citepa, inventaire Secten, éd. 2020

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BUT food is a **very special challenge**:

PRIMARY NEED !

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821 million people are still undernourished
2 billions adults are overweight or obese

25–30% of total food produced is wasted

(IPCC, 2019)

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Food systems and climate change from farm to fork

1) Food systems and climate change from field to fork

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« **Food systems** (FS) encompass the entire range of actors and their interlinked value-adding activities involved in the **production, aggregation, processing, distribution, consumption and disposal** of food products that originate from agriculture, forestry or fisheries, and parts of the broader economic, societal and natural environments in which they are embedded. »

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

1) Food systems and climate change from field to fork

The *dominant* food system has a big **impact on climate change…**

Globalized food system : global supply chain, productivity (fertiliser…), intensive livestock production, highly specialized production, free trade, transnational companies**…**

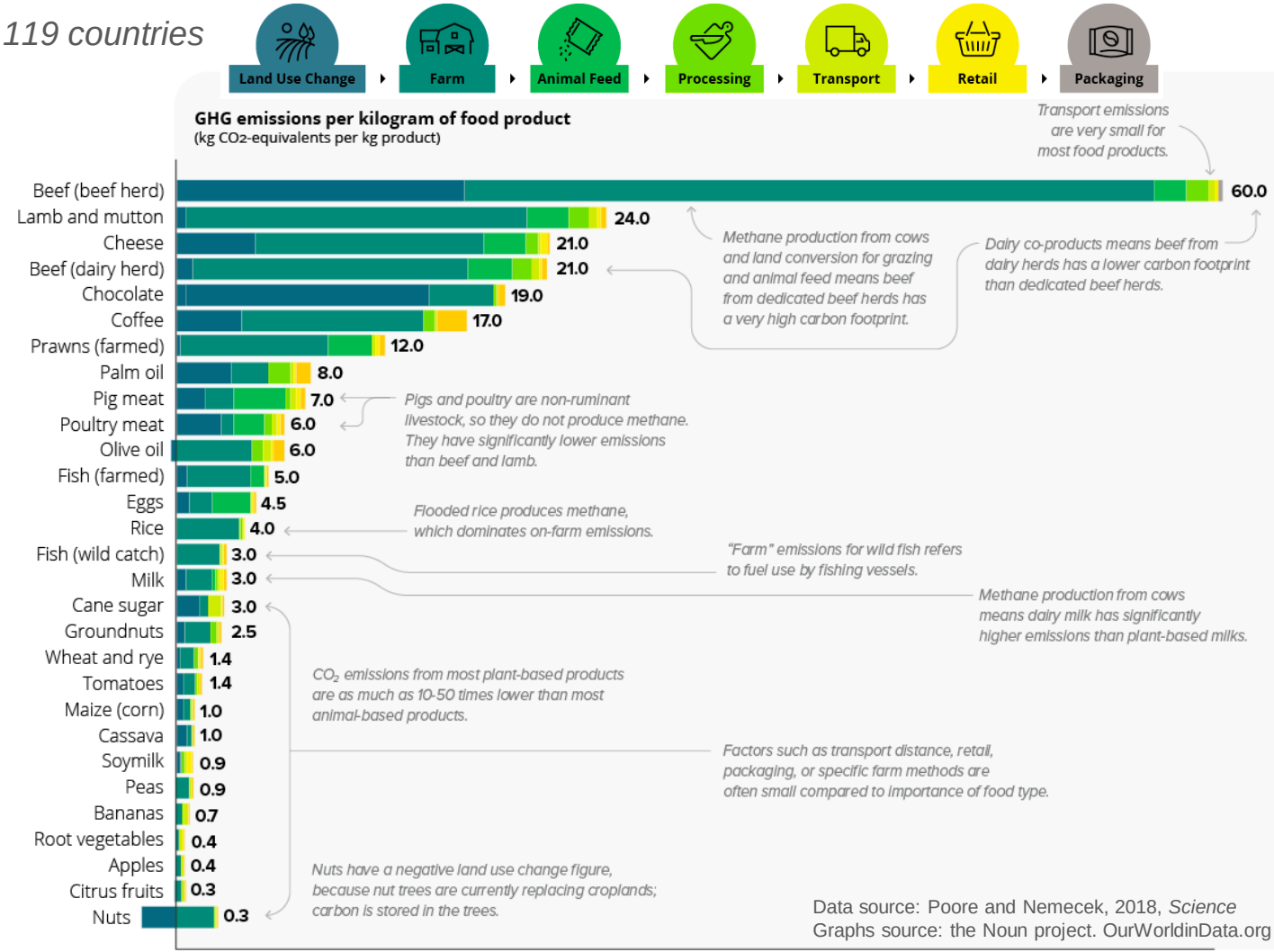
→ 23% of global **GHGs emissions** (AFOLU)
→ 70% of global **fresh-water use**
→ Loss of natural **ecosystems**, declining **biodiversity**

1/3
of the food we produce is either lost or wasted

Global food loss and waste generate about
8%
of GHG emissions

Source: FAO, Climate change and your food : ten facts

119 countries



Major impact on climate change: food **PRODUCTION**

Livestock contributes nearly

2/3

of agriculture's greenhouse

Source FAO

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If our food system has an **impact on climate change…**
climate change has an **impact on our food system** too !

- **Local and pedoclimatic conditions** are very sensitive to climate changes
- **Water scarcity** is threatening food systems
  + Context of **increasing demand and growing pressure** on lands

FOOD SECURITY !

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However, food systems can also be an **opportunity** if sustainably managed !

- **Climate change mitigation :** carbon sequestration in soils = about 25% of CO2 emissions captured by earth's forests, farms, and grasslands
- **Landscape** and habitat protection of biodiversity
- **Food sovereignty** : employments, resilient local systems, affordable access to food, stock management…

Towards a transition from an unbalanced global food system to sustainable local food systems

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Mass catering as a lever towards sustainable food systems

2) Mass catering as a lever towards a sustainable food system

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We need **mitigation *and* adaptation** solutions to achieve resilient food systems.

- MITIGATION: carbon storage, agroforestry, mixed farming croping/breeding, organic production… → **sustainablity**

- ADAPTATION: relocation of production/consumption, territorial based approach, fair trade, democracy… → **resilience**

Possible solutions: ***Value chain management***
Dietary choices
Territorial based approcah

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According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC, 2019)

Policies *that operate across the food system, including those that reduce food loss and waste and influence* ***dietary choices****, enable more sustainable land-use management, enhanced food security and low emissions trajectories.*

PUBLIC POLICIES can positively shape food systems

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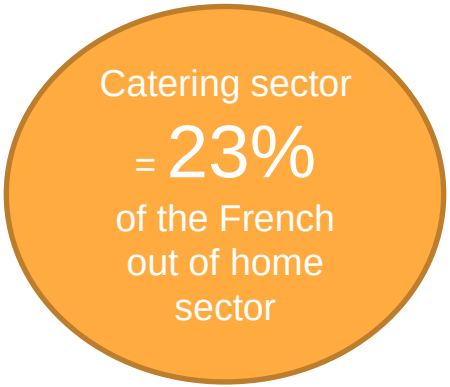
One of the most **important lever** in terms of **food policy** ?

CATERING !



Source : Gira Conseil 2017

Catering in France ?

Schools, health institutions, public institutions, companies…

→ **2nd most important segment** of out of home sector

→ **23%** of the out of home sector, **23** billion net sales, **3** billion meals/year

→ **2 major companies** : Elior, Sodexo

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Institutional catering

- **Public sector facilities** : schools, universities, hospitals, institutional facilities…
- **A lever to structure** sustainable food chains at a local level and reduce GHGs
- **2018 EGalim Law :** by 2020, +50% quality label products → +20% organic products in institutional catering

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Catering policies and sustainable solutions from field to fork

- Food systems **relocation** and food chain **structuring**
- **Territory-based** food system policies
- Development of **agroecology**
- **Affordable, organic and quality** food
- Dietary diversification : **plant-based** food
  + **sustainable animal-source** food

Example of publicly-run farming for school catering

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Conclusion

AFOLU = 23% world GHGs

Environmental impact of food production

Food systems ⇄ Climate

Catering as an impacting sector

A lever for structuring food policies

Towards resilient local food systems

Catering = 23% French out of home sector