Carbon neutral or low emissions livestock production

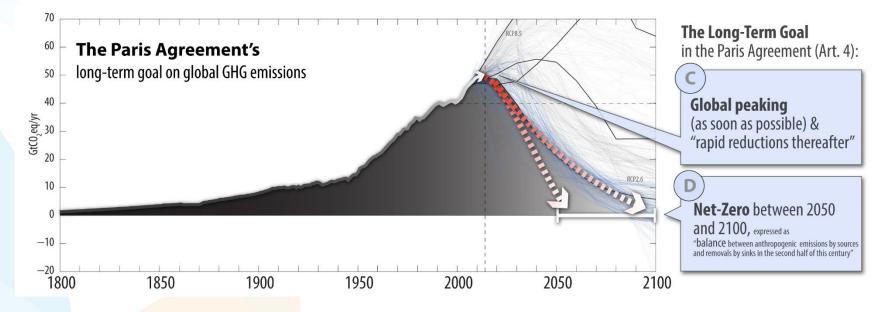
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COP21 Paris Agreement





- Reach global peaking GHG emissions as soon as possible
 - Achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by 2050
 - COP26 Increased 2030 ambition

To meet 1.5 °C, methane must reduce by - 11-30% by 2030 - 24-47% by 2050

(Arndt et al. 2022)

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Supply chain responses to Paris Agreement



**committed to increasing

plant-based protein

• Fonterra

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- Climate-neutral growth to 2030 for pre-farmgate emissions from a 2015 base year
- Unilever **
 - Reducing the GHG impact of their products by 50% by 2030, compared to baseline of 2010
- Mondelez
 - Reduce absolute GHG from manufacturing 15%
 - 100% renewable energy
- Nestle **
 - Zero environmental impact in our operations
- JBS

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- Net-zero GHG by 2040 and zero deforestation across its global supply chain by 2035
- Heineken
 - Carbon neutral barley-malt supply chain
- Rabobank & NAB
 - Net zero financed emissions by 2050
 - Hold 50% of Australia agri-debt market

- Mars
 - Reduce GHG across our value chain 27% by 2025 and 67% by 2050 (from 2015 levels)
- Kellogg Company **
 - 65% reduction by 2050
 - 100% renewable energy
- Pfizer
 - 60 to 80% by 2050
- Wilmar international
 - 89.72% less GHG from 2013 to 2020
 - 100% renewable energy
- Olam
 - Reduce GHGs by 50% by 2030 both in our own operations and in our supply chain
 - By 2050, we aspire to be carbon positive in operations, requiring a 5% emissions reduction per year from 2031 2050
- Cargil
 - Reduce our global supply chain emissions 30% by 2030 and net zero by 2050
- Of the 100 largest economies 69 are companies and 31 are countries
- 70% of Australian farm produce is exported

Source: Company sustainability reports https://oxfamapps.org/fp2p/the-worlds-top-100-economies-31-countries-69-corporations/



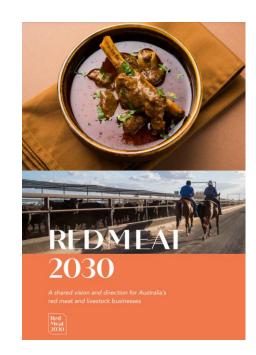


- Australian Red Meat Industry (RMAC 2030 strategy)
 - Australian red-meat can be carbon (climate?) neutral by 2030 (CN30)
- Mato Grosso do Sul, "MS carbon neutral" initiative
- New Zealand

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- Net zero by 2050
- Non-zero methane target
 - Up to 47% by 2050
- All farms required to complete a carbon audit by 2022
 - Research levy on methane
- California SB 32
 - 40 % less methane by 2030 over 1990
- Global Methane Pledge at COP26
 - 30% less methane by 2030 by 105 countries (plus Australia)

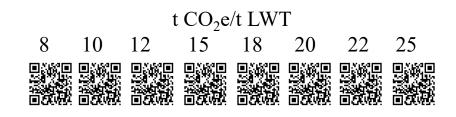




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How will the supply chain achieve their targets?

- Supply chains will need to meet their targets
- All suppliers will conduct GHG audit
 - Data sent to supply chain buyer
- Purchaser starts buying at lowest GHG intensity
 - The higher GHG they purchase costs them more carbon offsets











• Agriculture will need to **inset** ALL their own

soil and tree carbon

- Maintain supply chain access post 2030
- There are no surplus offsets in agriculture!



Marketing Carbon Neutral or Carbon Credits



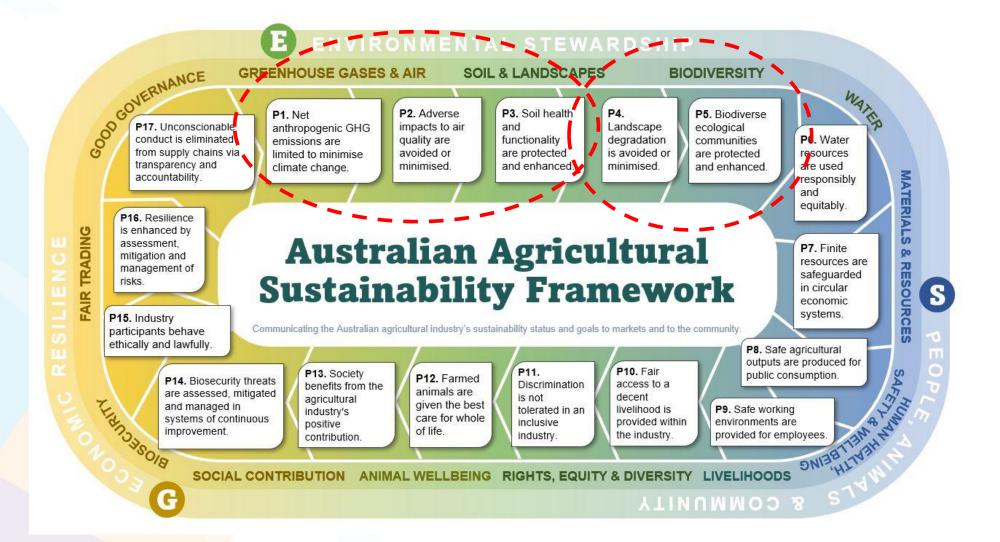
• To 2030

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- Access to premium markets
 - e.g. carbon neutral wool
- Post 2030
 - Future compliance with supply chain targets
 - Insetting not offsetting
 - Carbon credits only allowed in
 - "hard to abate" sectors

- Fundamental difference between
 - Carbon sequestration offset
 - Finite accumulating stock
 - Will need these stocks as an INSET
 - Emissions avoidance offset = flux
 - Could sell these up to the day neutrality is required



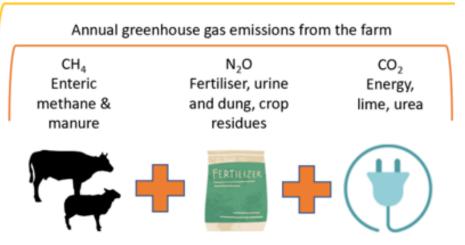


https://www.farminstitute.org.au/the-australian-agricultural-sustainability-framework/

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On farm emissions sources (Scope 1 and 2



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Potential for net zero?



- Chicken meat
 - 3 to 5 kg CO₂e/kg LWT
- Pigs
 - 4 to 7 kg CO₂e/kg LWT
- Cropping
 - 0.10 to 0.75 kg CO_2e/kg grain
 - 0.18 0.25 t CO₂e/ cotton bale (?)
- Dairy
 - 8 to 21 t CO₂e/t MS
- Beef
 - 11 to 18 kg CO₂e/kg LWT
- Sheep
 - 6 to 8 kg CO₂e/kg LWT
- Wool
 - 21 to 28 kg CO₂e/kg wool
- Wine
 - 0.6 to 4.7 kg CO₂e/L

- Pigs and poultry
 - Manure management
 - Renewable energy
- Dairy and feedlots
 - 50% is possible
- Extensive grazing
 - 10-20% may be possible
- Wine & perennial hort
 - 100% achievable
- Annual cropping
 - 50% is possible

Three important steps for industry

Know your baseline

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- A basic farm carbon audit (or at least know what data to keep)
- Supply chain targets are **NOT** requiring your farm to be **zero by** 2030
- Plan the first steps
 - Start with the 'Do-now' / no-regrets strategies
- Carbon credits trading vs low carbon (cannot do not both!!)
 - Get independent advice
 - You may need to INSET all your carbon access your supply chain after 2030!

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