

# Make Your Voice Heard About the Impact of Animal Agriculture



## Submit comments on the Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee

The 2015 Report has a section on Food Sustainability that links agriculture, specifically animal agriculture, to environmental degradation and climate change.

From the Report

*The major findings regarding sustainable diets were that a diet higher in plant-based foods, such as vegetables, fruits, whole grains, legumes, nuts, and seeds, and lower in calories and animal based foods is more health promoting and is associated with less environmental impact than is the current U.S. diet.*

**It is critically important that as many people as possible respond to this Report and praise the Advisory Committee for raising awareness of this important issue.**

**Don't let the agriculture industry and their allies dominate the final version of the Guidelines. The recent FCC ruling on Net Neutrality shows that citizen comments can make a difference. The Advisory Committee's guidelines do not become the official Dietary Guidelines, but it's important to send a strong message about the environmental impact of agriculture. The Dietary Guidelines will be decided by the heads of the USDA and HHS.**

### **What you can do**

The public is encouraged to submit written comments on the Advisory Report. Public comments will be accepted through midnight Eastern Time on May 8, 2015.

You can download the Report here - <http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015-scientific-report/> Chapter 5: Food Sustainability and Safety - is the section that deals with the environmental impact of agriculture, specifically beef.

Provide a brief (250 words or less) summary of the points or issues in the comment text box. The Report provides page and line numbers that can be referenced when submitting written comments. There is a 20 minute time limit to complete the form. You can compose the message separately and copy and paste it into the form. See the Comments page for more instructions.

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<http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2015/comments/>

Thank you for taking the time to let your voice be heard on this issue. Please share this widely with people who care about the impact of animal agriculture on the environment.