

# Livestock, Livelihoods and Climate Change

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# Livestock Sector Intensifying as Climate Change is, Too

- Globalization, search for new markets
- Growing affluence, urbanization; “modernity” of meat
- Global South: meat production up 3 X in past 25 years (exports, too)
- Rapid transformation of industry, cuisine, livelihoods (gender impacts)



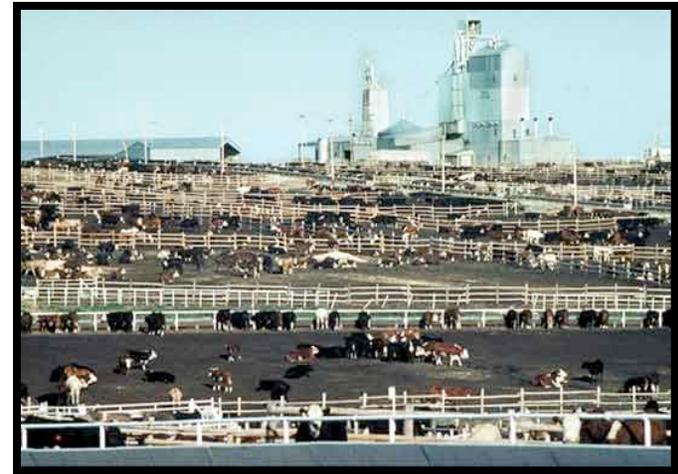
# To Climate, Agriculture Matters

- Estimated **ONE-THIRD** of all human-caused greenhouse gases (GHGs) are the result of agriculture and changes in land-use related to the production of crops *and* farmed animals



# Climate and Livestock

- UN: Livestock operations (meat, dairy, eggs) emit nearly **ONE-FIFTH** (18%) of human-caused GHGs
- More GHGs than from **all world's transportation systems combined (14%)**
- Almost = GHGs from **forest loss/degradation (20%)**
- New research (*World Watch*): **51% of GHGs from livestock**; 60 billion farmed animals consumed/year



# Signs of Stress

- Industrial ag. is resource-intense – fossil fuels (GHGs), water; grain = land, water, forests
- Deforestation, degradation, desertification; water deficits up
- Hunger risk/reality
- Climate impacts: small-scale farmers and pastoralists on front lines...adaptation: livelihoods?



# Bottom Lines

- At what price? Food insecurity, forest loss, soil erosion, even conflict (e.g., Ethiopia, Sudan, Kenya...also Brazil, India, China)
- “Climate space” and resources for development, now and in future: issues of equity, food security
- 120 billion farmed animals by 2050? Projections aren't destiny....
- Get on climate (and other) agendas

# Reaching Limits

“It’s going to be almost impossible to feed future generations the kind of diet we have now in western Europe and North America.”

- Stockholm World Water Institute, 2004

