

# Sustainable Labels and The Environmental Footprint of Food

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## INTRODUCTION

Scope

Key findings

### THE ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT OF FOOD

Non-CO 2 greenhouse gases dominate agriculture's climate impact Agricultural land use has stopped increasing, yields are growing

## MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Feeding macroalgea to cows may eliminate methane emissions
Revolutionary rice cultivation strategy to limit rice methane emissions
Carbon-neutral nitrogen fertiliser production
Fertiliser oxidation in agricultural fields contributes to climate change
Lithuanian AUGA launches first long-range biogas powered tractor
Food security, farming and climate action in tension
Agricultural climate action opportunities without consumption change

## ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ETHICAL LABELLING

Europe leads use of environmentally friendly claims globally
Organic faces competition as leading environmental sustainability label
Western Europe: Advertising regulators are strict on net-zero claims
Third parties offers climate certification beyond net-zero claims
Carbon neutral/carbon reduced eggs early step in net-zero supply chain

#### FOOD INDUSTRY AIMS TO REACH CARBON NEUTRALITY

Carbon net zero plans from the world's three largest food companies Regenerative agriculture a preferred method for carbon sequestration

## OUTLOOK

Impactful technologies in need of implementation

The future role of ethical labels in the green food production transition

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