



Addressing the Food–Health–Environmental Nexus for Agri-Food System Sustainability

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Dear colleagues,

The environmental impacts of mainstream agri-food systems are relatively well understood and include climate change and contamination, pollution, and degradation of natural resources, which generate effects on the biophysical system, via multiple and interconnected pathways. Those rooted interactions are associated with impacts on human health, i.e., the food–health–environment nexus, in the words of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES Food). Health risks are highly diverse and mutually reinforcing, including the exposure of farmers and farm workers to contaminants and pollutants in the workplace and of the public in the surrounding environment, as well as the consumption of unsafe and unhealthy food by whole populations. Poor living conditions and poverty can intensify the severity and prevalence of negative health impacts, by increasing people’s vulnerability, which makes the food–health–environment nexus an area of growing attention and concern.

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