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HOW DOES MEAT INDUSTRY IMPACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE WORLD ?

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The meat industry processes and transforms various animals for marketing. According to **the Encyclopedia.com ,** during the 18th Century, meat industry was intended for local markets. The development of meat industry came about with the preparation of dried beef jerky for exportation. In the next two centuries, Argentina and Uruguay and other countries with adequate pasturage made meat their principal export. The salting of the meat continued until the end of the 19th Century when Brazil, the Antilles and other consumer markets were lost due to the fall of meat consumption among the slaves after the abolition of slavery in those countries.

HOW DOES MEAT INDUSTRY IMPACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN BURUNDI ?

In his Fact Sheet entitled ***Animal Agriculture's Impact on Climate Change,*** Michael Owen says that animal agriculture is a leading contributor to climate change. He said,'' the amount of meat we are eating is one of the leading causes of climate change.''

Burundi is one of the countries consuming a lot of meat. Burundi Beef Council says that in some years the demand of beef has skyrocketed in Burundi. Based on Michael Owen assertion, we can argue that Burundians themselves are impacting negatively on climate change.

HOW DOES MEAT INDUSTRY IMPACT NEGATIVELY ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN NORWAY ?

In his Book *Meat and Climate Change : A study on environmental organizations' approach in addressing meat consumption in relation to climate change with a focus to Norway,* Grob-Marit Dorheim anchors that there is environmental organizations unwillingness to address meat consumption. This shows that the issue of meat consumption and its impact on climate change are everywhere, including developed countries like Norway and developing countries like Burundi.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO ADDRESS MEAT INDUSTRY NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE ?

A study made by the Imperial College of London proposes some strategies for reducing the climate impacts of red meat and dairy consumption in the UK. This study suggests that by reducing dairy consumption of produce, this may hinge on the availability of viable non-dairy alternatives. This proves tha by reducing meat and animal products consumption, we can change the situation.

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