

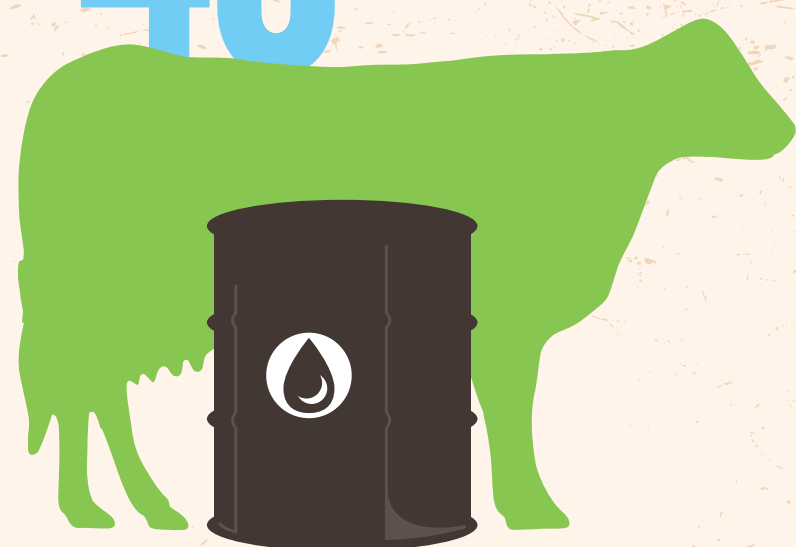
AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

The cost of growing our food



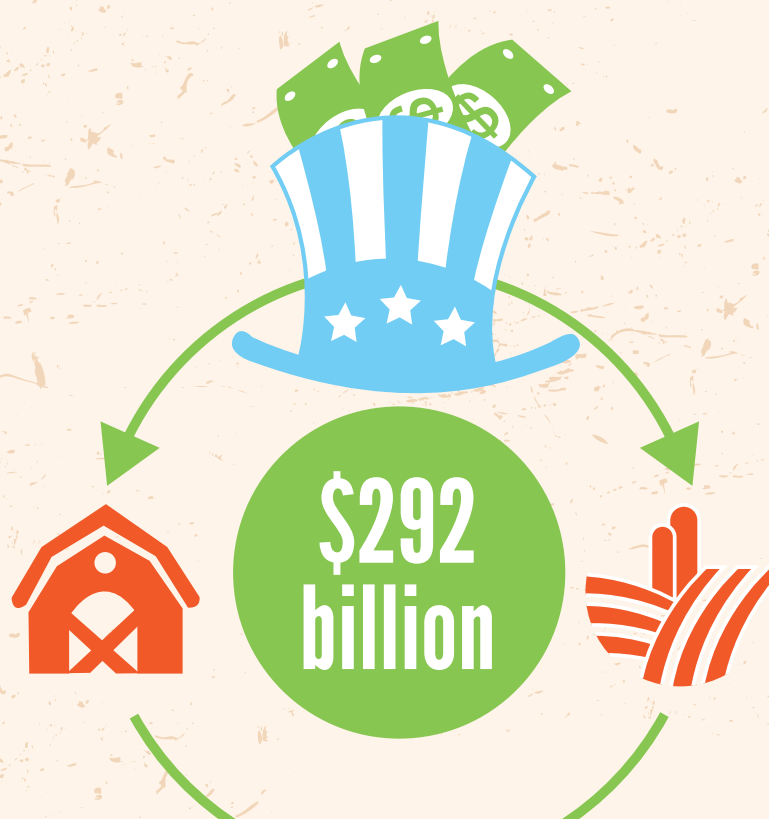
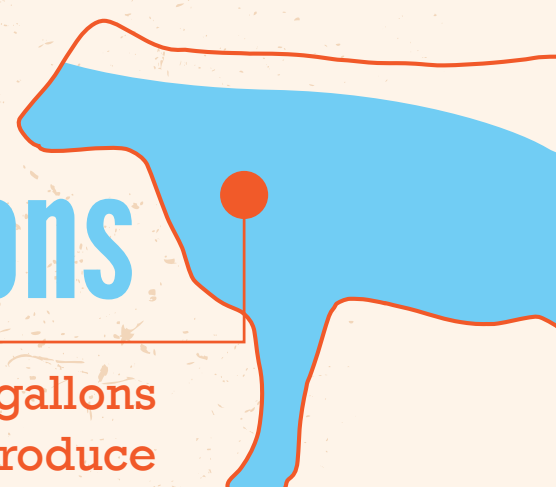
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calories of fossil fuel energy go into every calorie's worth of beef protein.



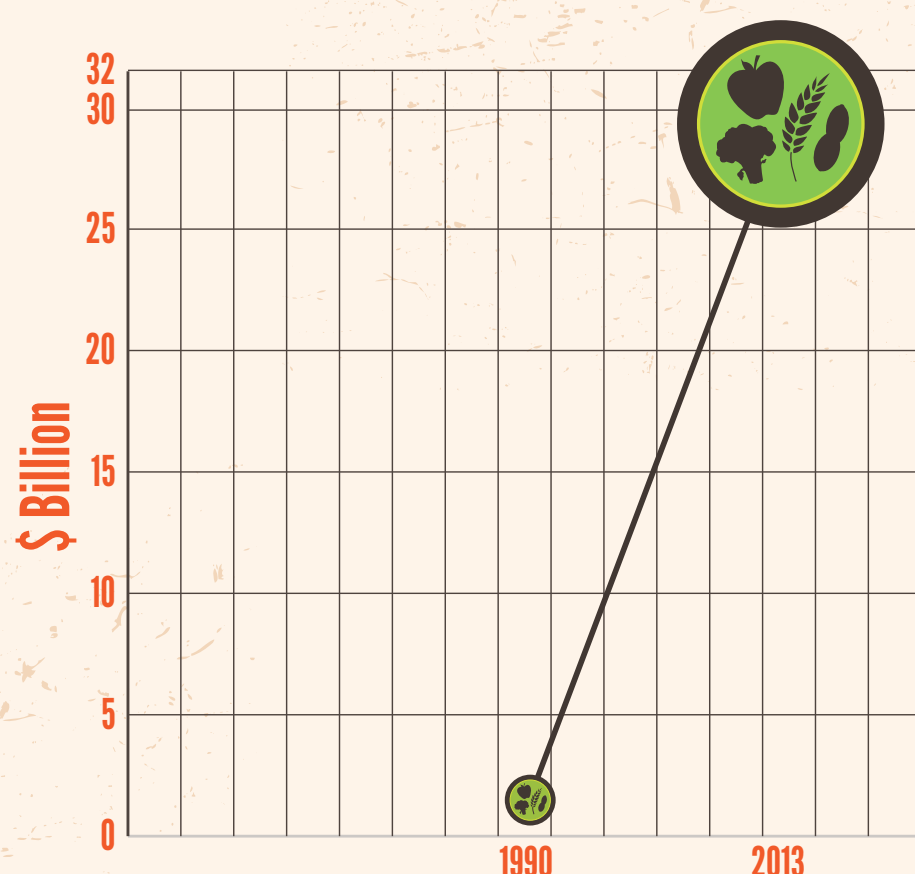
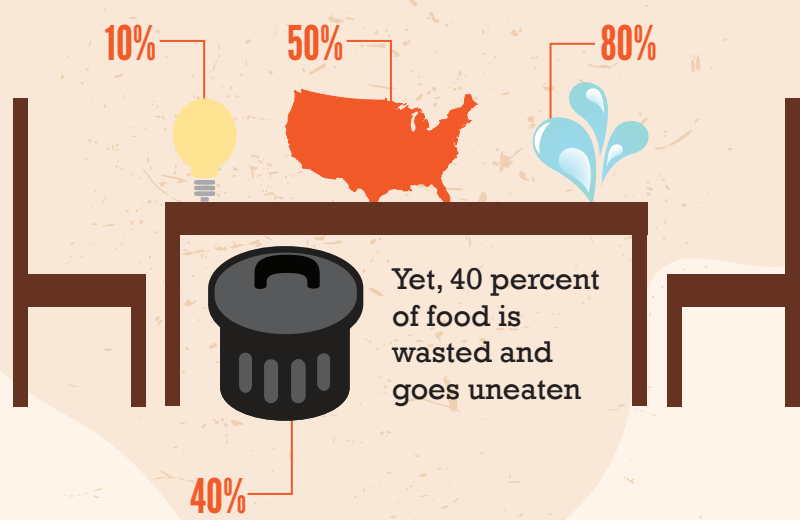
1,800 gallons

It takes about 1,800 gallons of water to produce one pound of beef.



USDA subsidies in the United States totaled \$292 billion from 1995-2012. 75% of those subsidies went to only 10% of the largest industrial farms.

Getting food to our tables eats up 10% of America's total energy budget, 50% of land, and swallows 80% of freshwater.



Sales of organic food and beverages in the United States grew from \$1 billion in 1990 to \$32 billion in 2013.



91% of fruit grown in America

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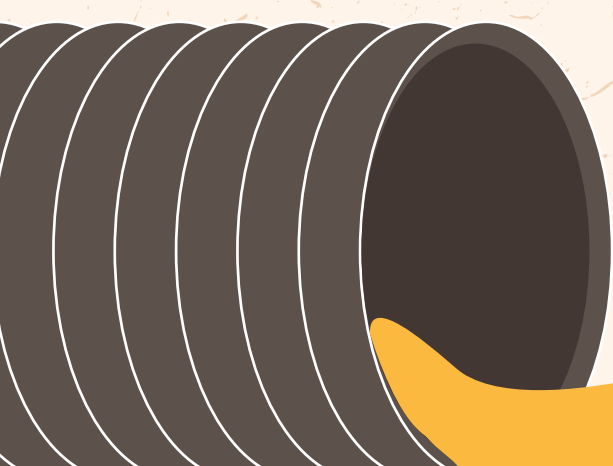
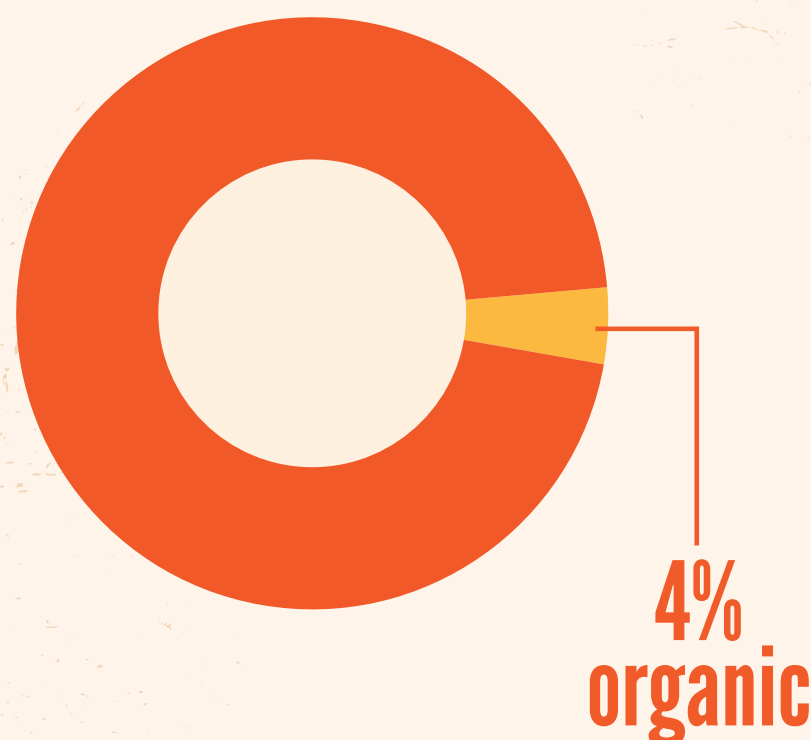
78% of vegetables

are produced in urban influenced areas that are threatened by expanding development.

Organic food accounted for more than 4% of all food sales in the U.S. in 2013.

WANTED: More Young Farmers

The average age of American farmers is about 58, and the fastest growing group of farmers is 65 and older.



Runoff from synthetic fertilizers in the upper Midwest has led to a low-oxygen "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico. The deadzone is now the size of Connecticut, and has serious long-term consequences for the unique aquacultures and the local seafood economy.