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Where Food Comes From

Have you ever thought about where our food comes from? Foods are grown and produced all over the world. And many of those foods are shipped from far away locations to get to our kitchens. Almost all of the food in the grocery store travels hundreds of miles to get there. Most vegetables in our local stores travel an average of 1,500 miles to get there. Nearly half of the fruit we eat is grown in other countries. Most of our red meat comes all the way from Australia and New Zealand. You can't travel much farther than that!

Shipping all that food can be bad for the environment. Why? Think about how food travels. It is trucked across highways in huge 18-wheelers. Some food is hauled in ships over oceans. In addition, some food is flown around the world in airplanes. All of these vehicles burn a great deal of fuel. Burning fuel pollutes the air. Air pollution can cause climate change, smog, and acid rain. Climate change is any long-term significant change in a weather pattern of an area. In many colder climates, warmer temperatures are causing ice to melt. This negatively affects the habitat of many animals that live there, and ultimately affects humans. When smoke and other pollution combines with fog, an unhealthy mixture called smog is formed. Many times, this causes cities to look cloudy on beautiful summer days. The large cloud of smog can be seen hanging just above the buildings.







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