



Water great idea

Dear Editor, NSW has imposed water restrictions, stating that water inflows are the lowest since 1940. Now is the time to consider ways to save water. It's undeniable that between irrigating the crops that farmed animals eat, providing millions of animals with drinking water each year, and washing away the filth of factory farms, transport trucks and slaughterhouses, animal agriculture places a tremendous strain on our precious water supply. It takes on average 4,000 litres of water to produce a steak. It takes over 500 litres of water to produce a litre of milk. A combined study carried out by the University of Melbourne's School of Social and Environmental Enquiry and its Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering found that a vegetarian diet could save households up to 35 percent of their total water usage, 13 times the volume of water that would be saved by not watering the garden. Going vegan saves over 4,000 litres every day, and not eating a kilo of meat saves more water than not showering for twelve months. In addition to being terrible for the environment, today's factory farms cram intelligent animals by the thousands into dark, filthy cages or windowless sheds, where they are denied everything that makes life worth living. You can save water, save money, and save hundreds of animals from a life of suffering and a terrifying death, just by going vegan. Desmond Bellamy Special Projects Coordinator PETA Australia PO Box 2352 Byron Bay NSW 2481 0411 577 416 DesmondB@PETA.org.au

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