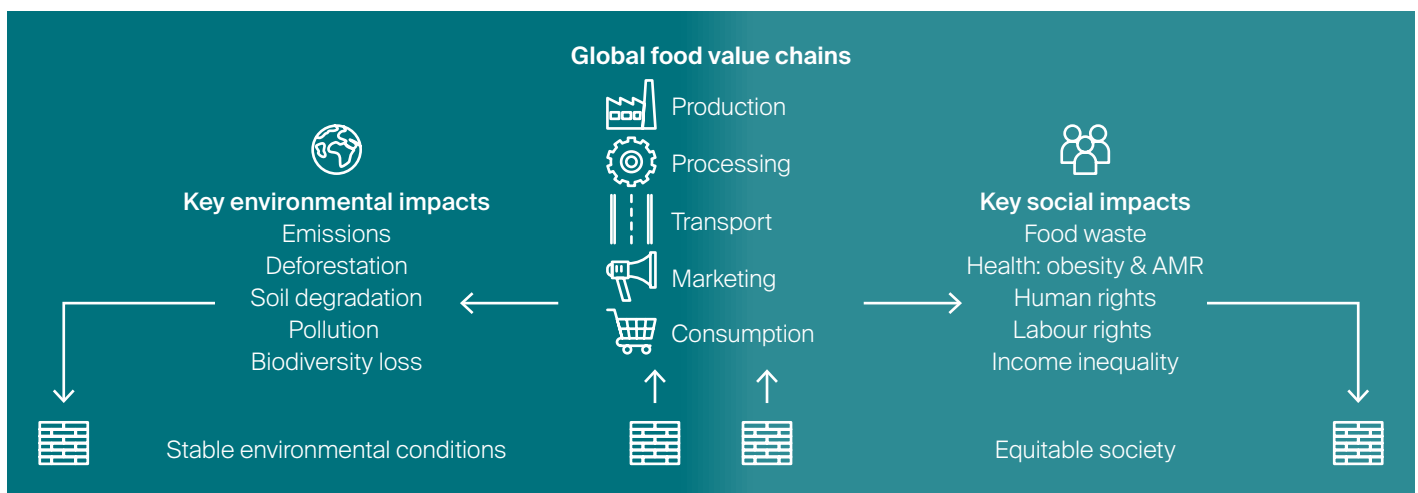


Global food systems comprise activities related to producing, processing, transporting, selling, and consuming food; they are a vital part of the global economy, valued at approximately 14 trillion USD.<sup>1</sup>

Food value chains are closely linked with the environment and society: stable environmental conditions are necessary for smooth supply chain operations, while effective functioning of food systems is integral to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Currently global food value chains are a cause of significant negative impacts on the environment and wider society.

## Key food value chain environmental and social impacts:



## Livestock farming can illustrate the multifaceted environmental and social impacts of food systems:



The First Sentier MUFG Sustainable Investment Institute is exploring core aspects of sustainable food systems through an in depth series of reports which include guidance on engaging with both portfolio holdings and stakeholders more widely. Gaining a deeper understanding of environmental and social challenges linked to food value chains can enable investors to mitigate significant financial risks and hidden economic costs created by the existing status quo, and take advantage of opportunities that support innovation and equitable societies.

1 <https://planet-tracker.org/how-much-is-your-food-worth/>

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