



# DRY DELIGHTS

## IN NUMBERS

**99 %** of our food calories come from land

Calories



**40 %** of the world's land surface is taken by modern food systems, an area larger than Asia

Food Systems



**70 %** of all freshwater is used by modern food systems

Fresh Water



Droughts are up by **29%** since **2000**, with 55 million people affected every year.

By **2050**, droughts may affect an estimated **3** out of every **4** people around the world.



Drought is one of the leading causes of loss of life, large-scale crop failure



and water stress.

## QUICK FACTS

**2050**



By **2050**, 3/4 of the world's population and 1/2 of global grain production will be exposed to severe water scarcity.

**3**



Today, just three crops – **rice, wheat and corn** – provide nearly half of the world's calories.

**15,000**



**Bovine meat** requires over **15,000 litres** of water for 1kg of food.

Scientists believe that humans have cultivated more than **6,000** different plant species.



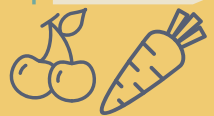
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**One** kilocalorie of cereals requires **0.5 litres** of water.

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**Fruits and vegetables** require **962** and **322** litres of water per kilogram respectively.



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**No country is immune to drought, so we must act quickly to change our habits, but especially in the way we produce, distribute and consume food.**

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## DRUGHTLAND



To learn more about how drought affects food production and what we need to do to future-proof food systems, visit **Droughtland**, an imaginary country that lives under a dry spell.

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