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2030: A Horizon of Agrifood's Future

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# Agenda

Overview of the rapidly changing agrifood ecosystem

## PESTLE of change

Analysis of policy and promise alignment

Key takeaways

## Agrifood innovation accelerates, driven by sustainability

Production



**Consumer products** 

## **Production Sources**



WHAT

## **Supply Chain**



## Consumer



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#### Technology Economic **Social** Unprecedented funding and need enables Prices of goods, even Consumers drive change staple products, rise as significant progress as social connections supply chains face toward scaling emerging between food, health, and technologies with continuing challenges well-being become more from multiple sources. previously longer evident. timelines. Ε Ξ **Political** Environment Legal Policies align with Governments look to Impacts on the environment or environment and social stabilize supply chains by impacts but then link to increasing traceability but perception of impacts cascade into the five improved safety and also press for advantages in uncertain times. sections. transparency.

## Agrifood risk starts with environmental impact and change

#### Weather and climate

- The "emergence" of climate impacts consistently occurs earlier in the new projections.
- 44% of the EU's agricultural imports will become highly vulnerable to drought in the future because of climate change.

#### **Businesses sustainably distinguish**

- Land-use change has affected almost a third (32%) of the global land area in just six decades (1960–2019).
- Deforestation becomes a driver of change.





## **Consumers integrate new choices into their lives**

#### **Choice expands**

- Diversity of protein sources is linked to improved health Canada includes this in new food plate.
- Choice may not align with perception of quality.

#### Health and outcomes matter

- Consumers have growing interest in the connection between gut health and immunity.
- Food choices are increasingly based on environmental impact as well as inherent quality.





## Policy follows shifting consumer and environmental changes

#### **Regional policy shifts**

- Food labeling.
- Gene editing.

#### **Government reach extends**

- Supply chain U.S. Department of Agriculture announces a framework to shore up the food supply chain.
- Future influence on Scope 3 carbon/sustainability markets.





## Disruption leads to rising costs, challenging consumer behavior

#### Supply disruption is the norm

- The cost of essential food items increased by over 10% on average.
- Fats and oils, fresh fruits, and seafood are highly impacted.

#### **Rising costs**

- Companies race to the least for the highest price.
- Cost to produce is aligning with technology implementation, establishing the next wave of mechanization.





## **Politics adds further uncertainty to the mix**

#### Growth focus is low-income and emerging nations

- The world is on the brink of food crises.
- Food becomes a tool for humanitarian assistance and geopolitical stabilization.

#### Scope 3 matters

- California Senate passes a bill requiring large companies to report Scope 3 emissions.
- Science Based Targets initiative aligns with the emissions targets of the agrifood supply chain.





## Funding leads to rapid advancement of innovations

#### **Biosynthesis contributes**

- Provided with significant funding, biosynthesis overcomes hurdles to achieve scalability.
- Growth depends on infrastructure availability, creating bottlenecks.

#### Worker shortages

- Cost of workers and unpredictability of availability drive investment in automation.
- Innovation funding is at an all-time high despite disruptions.



## Do NOT fall asleep at this juncture



## Complexity breeds paradoxes that challenge decision making





You need a litmus test to identify changing states, directional shifts, and industry gaps to better position your innovation across your immediate and adjacent value chains.

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#### AGRIFOOD ASSESSMENT

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# 12 archetypal sustainability goals identified

#### Average scores based on

- Promises have 10 leading companies in each area.
- Policies focus on change in the last year looking forward in the Americas, EU, and Asia.

|                           | Source<br>Production | Supply<br>Chain | Consumer<br>Products |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Animal welfare            |                      |                 |                      |
| Human welfare             |                      |                 |                      |
| Water use/stewardship     |                      |                 |                      |
| Regenerative              |                      |                 |                      |
| Sust. sourcing            |                      |                 |                      |
| R, R, or C packaging      |                      |                 |                      |
| Virgin plastic use        |                      |                 |                      |
| Product stewardship       |                      |                 |                      |
| Deforestation             |                      |                 |                      |
| CO <sub>2</sub> reduction |                      |                 |                      |
| Renewable energy          |                      |                 |                      |
| Waste management          |                      |                 |                      |

# Supply chain drives broad activity in sustainability

Supply chain creates momentum behind scalable initiatives

Carbon neutrality leads the way among promises

Promises near production and consumers take a specific focus

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# Policies remain focused on energy and welfare

# Nations and states link policy to carbon neutrality goals

Human welfare ties multiple labeling strategies together

Landuse policy centers on deforestation and sustainable practices

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#### AGRIFOOD ASSESSMENT

## Supply chain strategic path



## Alignment – sure bets for technology adoption

| Renewable                 | Renewables are available and governments are likely to drive contine  |
|---------------------------|---|
| Energy                    | adoption especially as the cost of oil remains high   |
| Residual<br>opportunities | Managing waste is creating significant long-term opportunities as infrastructure and government programs establish improved |

## **Residuals align with multiple indicators of change**



### Packaging solutions from seaweed

Weaker short-term contributor

Strong mid-term contributor

- R,R,C packaging
- Sustainable sourcing
- Virgin plastic use

### Growth long-term opportunity

- Waste management
- CO2 reduction

Lux Take Notpla recently raised USD 11 million and is likely to reach market in the next few years providing companies with a compostable alternative plastic container and coating.



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Interacting drivers create paradoxes that challenge decision making

Supply chain players and end position players must align on promises to accelerate with shifting policy

Where policy and promises align there are focal points of change to center your sustainability strategy

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