

Sustainable Food Production: Challenges and Strategies for a Greener Future

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Abstract

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Environmental impact of conventional food production

- a) **Deforestation:** Conventional food production often requires large areas of land, leading to deforestation and loss of biodiversity.
- b) **Water usage:** Conventional food production is highly water-intensive, leading to water scarcity and depletion of aquifers.

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