

# Care about the rainforests?

“The clearing of rainforest land for **cattle pasture** is one of the largest destroyers of rainforest, especially in Central America and Brazil. This beef, cheaper than domestic meat, is imported into the US and used in processed beef products [...].”<sup>1</sup>

“**[F]ifty-five square feet** of rainforest is destroyed for **every quarter pound hamburger** that comes from a cleared rainforest. That's the size of a small kitchen!”<sup>2</sup>

“In Central America, **two-thirds** of lowland tropical forests have been turned into pasture since 1950. Meat is too expensive for many of the poor in these beef-exporting countries, yet in some cases cattle have ousted highly productive traditional agriculture.”<sup>3</sup>

## Try vegetarian.

Visit <http://www.veganoutreach.org/>

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<sup>1</sup> “Money in the Rainforest,” [RAN.org](http://www.ran.org), July 1996, Rainforest Action Network <[http://www.ran.org/info\\_center/factsheets/04f.html](http://www.ran.org/info_center/factsheets/04f.html)>.

<sup>2</sup> “Facts about Beef,” [RAN.org](http://www.ran.org), Rainforest Action Network <[http://www.ran.org/info\\_center/factsheets/s10.html](http://www.ran.org/info_center/factsheets/s10.html)>.

<sup>3</sup> John Revington, “The Causes of Tropical Deforestation,” [New Renaissance](http://www.ru.org) 3.2 (1992) <<http://ru.org/32defore.html>>.