What's Your Carbon Foodprint?

Our food choices are one of the largest drivers of climate change. Some foods take more energy to produce and release excess carbon into the atmosphere. Making small changes to our diets can dramatically reduce our carbon footprints and help combat climate change!

Take a look below at how the carbon emissions of two pounds worth of different foods are measured in car miles. Producing two pounds of lamb emits the same amount of carbon as driving 91 miles!

Did You Know?
You don't have to abandon your cheesy cravings to reduce your foodprint! Look at the label and choose brands that are:
- Local
- Organic
- Contain less milk fat
**Steps Toward a Smaller Foodprint**

1. **Switch to a more plant-based diet.**
   - Eating less red meat and more fruits and vegetables can reduce your carbon footprint by 25%!
   - Plants like beans, soy, and peas are high in protein

2. **Buy local produce.**
   - Buying local, organic food can help reduce transport and carbon emissions. Organic farms produce 2/3 less emissions than industrial farms!

3. **Compost leftovers.**
   - Composting leftovers like coffee grounds and eggshells helps reduce methane emissions by keeping food waste out of the landfill.

4. **Reduce food waste.**
   - Buying foods with a longer shelf-life and cooking smaller portions can reduce the amount of food in your home that goes to waste.
   - Root vegetables like onions and sweet potatoes last longer in your pantry!

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