

Answers to Environment report: Change the food and farming system

looming	[something disastrous] is about to happen
rising to the challenge	take necessary steps to avoid something adverse, or to achieve what we wish to
groundbreaking	the first time it has ever been done or thought of
around energy and fossil fuels	based on power and fuels such as coal, gas and oil (petroleum)
the environmental impact of	the effect it has on the natural world
since I first held a debate on	since I discussed this for the first time
met the same fate as	ended up in the same was as [fate=death here, so the end was not favourable]
To say the reaction back then was hostile is an understatement	there was fierce opposition to the plan
the livestock sector	the area of farming that deals with animals
a major concern	a big worry [BTW never use <i>big</i> if you can avoid it, so here goes: a huge worry.]
carbon footprint	the amount of CO ₂ a process emits into the atmosphere
single-handedly use up	finish a resource alone [i.e. nothing else contributes to this depletion]
it has barely featured in	there has been almost no reference to it at all
through shifts to	by moving gradually to another way of operating
a carbon sink	something that absorbs carbon dioxide from the atmosphere
The overall trend is still in the wrong direction	The way the situation is developing is opposite to what is required
net zero emissions	when emissions and sink effects cancel each other out, so that it is as if no CO ₂ had been emitted
to draw up an ambitious food strategy	to plan a daring programme to deal with food supplies