



main sequence
ventures



Planetary Health Diet.
Why venture is excited
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Waves

Inevitable,
unstoppable forces

When they come, which companies
will need to be paid? Who is running
into it?



Science has transformed
food production ... but it
has also come at a cost.

Food in the Anthropocene: the EAT–Lancet Commission on healthy
diets from sustainable food systems

THE LANCET

1961-2000

- Population increased **98%**
- Food production increased **146%**
- Yields more than **doubled**
- Arable land in use rose **8%**
- Agricultural inputs rose
 - Nitrogen fertilizer (x7)
 - Phosphate fertilizer (X3)
 - Irrigation water (x2)

The Science of Food Security - Cole, Augustin



Planetary Boundaries Breached

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Food production occupies **40%**
of land, causes **30%**
greenhouse gas, uses **70%** of
water.

Crossed

- Climate change
- Biosphere integrity
- Biogeochemical flows
(nitrogen/phosphorous)

Will Cross

- Fresh water
- Change in land
use
- Ocean
acidification

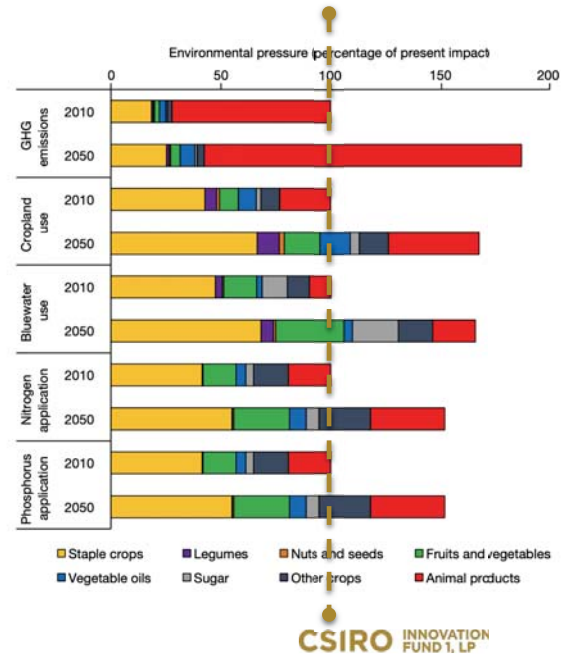
Regulatory functions upon which human
populations depend.

Keep eating meat, keep growing, get richer...

Environmental pressure across all planetary boundaries will be breached with BAU scenario

Meat production will be a major part of that.

Options for keeping the food system within environmental limits.
Springmann et al 2018



Planetary Option Space - What is possible?

Options for solutions that startups can and are building combine **diet** change, **tech** optimisations and **waste** reduction.

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Diet scenario	Tech scenario	Loss and waste scenario	GHG emissions			Cropland use			Bluewater use			Nitrogen application			Phosphorus application		
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Business as usual.

Better diet + best tech optimisation + max waste reduction.



The same system is also making us sick through diet and this is going to get worse.

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2b overweight or obese

2x diabetes in last 30 years

11.6m avoidable deaths annually

Planetary Health Diet

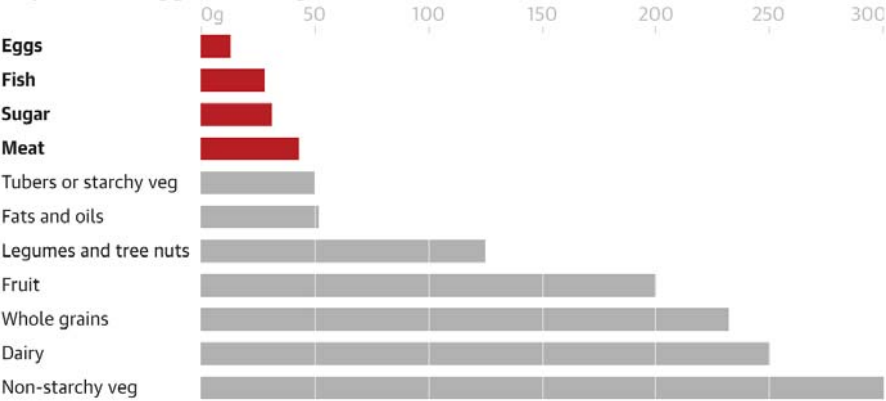
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The Lancet commission proposed some guidelines

84%
less red meat

6x
more beans and lentils

A person following the planetary health diet would eat less than 50g per day each of eggs, fish, sugar and meat



Guardian Graphic | Source: EAT-Lancet Commission

So, here is the wave. By 2050,
Planet Earth needs to...

Produce

71%

more food by
2050

Eat

87%

less meat +
**other dramatic
diet shifts**

Have

55%

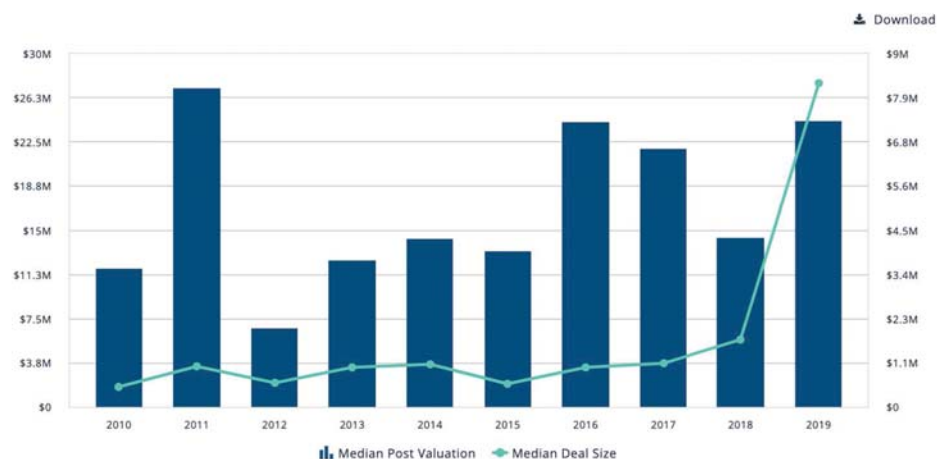
less
environmental
impact

Signals in Agtech investment

Deal sizes increasing greatly in agtech - investment activity enduring

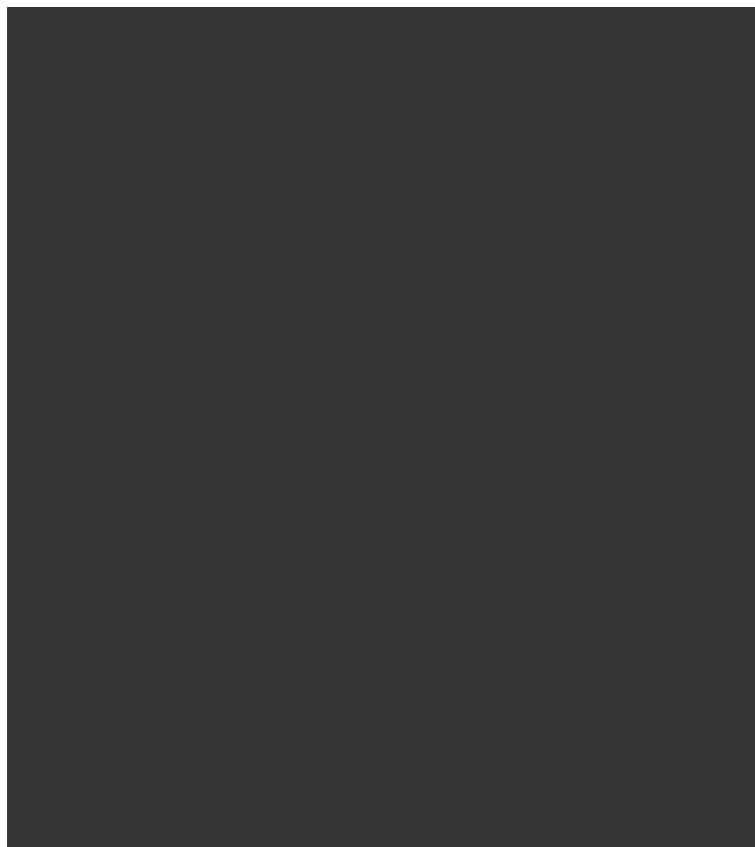
Pitchbook shows that Agtech deals levelled up in 2016 and are now growing in size, presumably as companies mature and need larger rounds.

Median Post Valuation vs. Median Deal Size



Diet

Some companies



Impossible Foods

Plant-based meat

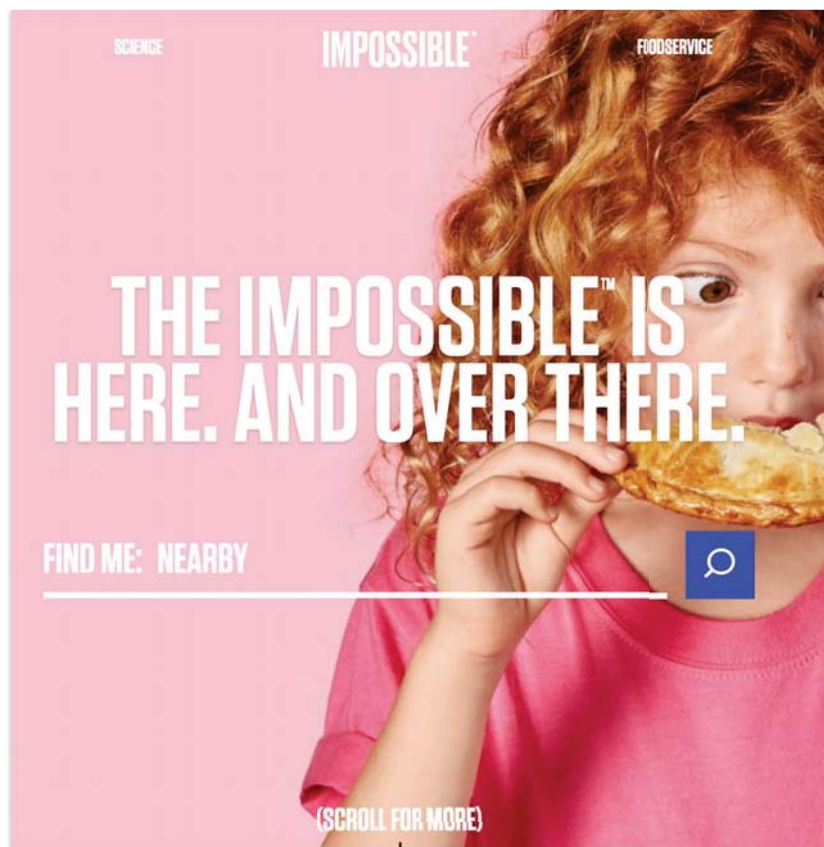
Signals

Valuation: **\$1b**

Raised: **\$477m**

Pull

Health by stealth. Less meat, more plants in diet.



Motif Ingredients

Ingredients for plant based food through fermentation

Signals

90m Series A! Spin out of Ginkgo Bioworks. Ex president of R&D at Pepsico

Pull

Industries making alternatives to meat need base ingredients.



Interesting

A company in Finland is making protein from CO₂.



**Time to
catch a
wave**

Thankyou