

AFTER THE PARTY

After the Party, we discover our true friends; those who stay behind and clean up - those who take responsibility for the festivities instead of just leaving.

After the Party there are no know-it-all arrogant and power-focused leaders, who only aim for short-term results for their own benefit. It is without haughty figures with vested interests and airy strategies that cannot be implemented because they are based on lies. After the Party, there are no people who, in a fossil-fueled haze, completely trash the place and wipe their black conscience on others. After the Party is for those who have life as a driving force. Those with their values in order. Those who dare to act and can rise above musty motives, entrenched privileges, and habitual thinking. After the Party is for the fun-loving, and not for fake grassroots or narrow-minded individuals who try to convince us that the price of creating a society that brings security and prosperity to future generations is too high.

After the Party, we remove the remains of the burned suckling pig from the grill and know that the mess is over, because we don't want any sour burps. No more waste. We don't want any more pig parties and we hate the smell of sizzling fat and the burnt rainforest that we set on fire to make room for our soy feed. We've had enough of the stench of rotten eggs from the dead seabed, which every summer reminds us of all the life that agricultural nitrogen pollution has choked. After the Party, we clean the air. The earth is no longer consumed and poisoned by our industrial filth. After the Party, the agricultural lobbyists with their greenwashed lies have dirt under their nails, and the millions of insects and birds that have disappeared from our farmland have returned. The water is deep blue and full of life again, because the murder of the sea around Denmark has stopped, been reported, and solved. After the Party, it is again a lovely country we live in.

After the Party, we realize that humans are not inherently selfish, self-centered, materialistic, and conflict-ridden beings. We are by nature empathetic, trustworthy, responsible people, all oriented towards cooperation. After the Party, we feel the need for change. It is so easy because our bodies have had enough of overconsumption and force-feeding. After the Party, we pay the bill, because we don't need to get any richer. We know that there is another criterion for success than boundless growth. Another measure of the good life. After the Party, we are tired and happy, and filled with life. It's damn early, and the sun has long gone risen.

BACKGROUND

After the Party wishes to focus on agriculture's destructive impact on nature and challenge an outdated self-perception. Despite it being over 100 years since Danish agriculture was at the forefront in Europe, the self-narrative is still that the country is a strong and proud agricultural nation. The heyday is long gone, and Danish agriculture has taken a different lead.

Danish agriculture and meat production have a long list of records. Unfortunately, many of them top the charts in terms of negative impact on nature, environment, and climate. And we scrape the bottom specifically in terms of consideration for nature, environment, and climate.

FACTS

AGRICULTURE AND MEAT PRODUCTION TAKE UP SPACE

- Denmark is the world's largest producer of meat (per capita). Agriculture produces 32 million pigs a year, of which 90 percent are exported.
- 29,514 piglets die every day by mistake in the Danish pig production. That's more than 1,000 piglets per hour and almost one in four of the born piglets.
- Denmark consists of around 60 percent agricultural land (feed crops occupy half of the entire Danish map), making us the most cultivated country in the EU. Only Bangladesh is more intensively cultivated in the world.

NATURAL AND BIODIVERSITY CRISIS

- Denmark ranks at the bottom of the EU as the country with the least protected nature, with only 2.3% of our land area being effectively protected. At the same time, we have the second worst state of nature in the EU.
- The Danish biodiversity continues to decline, including forests, coasts, grasslands, heaths, bogs, meadows, lakes, rivers, sea, farmland, and cities. 95% of Danish nature types and 58% of wild species are in an unfavorable condition.
- Close to three million birds have disappeared from Danish farmland in the last 40 years.
- Over the past 27 years, the mass of flying insects has declined by 74%, which means that we now have only about a quarter of the number of insects that were present in the 1990s.

AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE

- Agriculture accounts for around one-third of Denmark's total greenhouse gas emissions.
- 90 percent of the agriculture sector's emissions come from the production of farm animals, especially cows and pigs.
- With the current trend, agriculture is expected to be responsible for half of Denmark's emissions by 2030.

EMERGENCY STATE OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

- The state of the marine environment is critical. Agriculture's fertilization of the large agricultural areas is responsible for 70 percent of the nitrogen pollution that creates severe oxygen depletion, dead seabed, and depleted fish stocks in Denmark's coastal waters.
- Only five out of 109 of Denmark's coastal waters are in what is called good ecological condition, even though the EU's Water Framework Directive obliges all member states to achieve good status by 2027. Denmark is thus far from the goal and on course for violation of the law.

THE DESTRUCTIVE IMPACT OF SOY FEED

- Soybean production for feed for pigs and cows is one of the main causes of deforestation and destruction of valuable nature in South America. Denmark is the European country that imports the most soy feed per capita.
- With the import of soy for feed, agriculture is responsible for the seizure of areas the size of Zealand, Falster, and Langeland combined outside Denmark's borders - especially in South America.

**Fact is composed by Greenpeace Denmark and based on recognized academic literature that can be provided upon request.*