



Water scarcity may force worldwide vegetarianism, say scientists



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Storm clouds roll over a drought-stricken cornfield on July 19 near Spencer, Indiana. The corn and soybean belt in the middle of the nation is experiencing one of the worst droughts in more than five decades. Indiana was the nation's fourth largest corn producer in 2011.

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Leading water scientists say the world's population may be forced to become vegetarian to prevent potentially catastrophic food shortages in the next 40 years.

The Stockholm **International Water Management Institute** says, based on current trends, there won't be enough water for croplands to feed the nine billion people on the planet in 2050.

The Guardian

newspaper of Great Britain says producing animal protein-rich foods require 5-to-ten times more water than vegetarian foods.