

"Livestock are one of the most significant contributors to today's most serious environmental problems. Urgent action is required to remedy the situation."

H. Steinfeld, senior author, Livestock's Long Shadow, A report from the United Nations

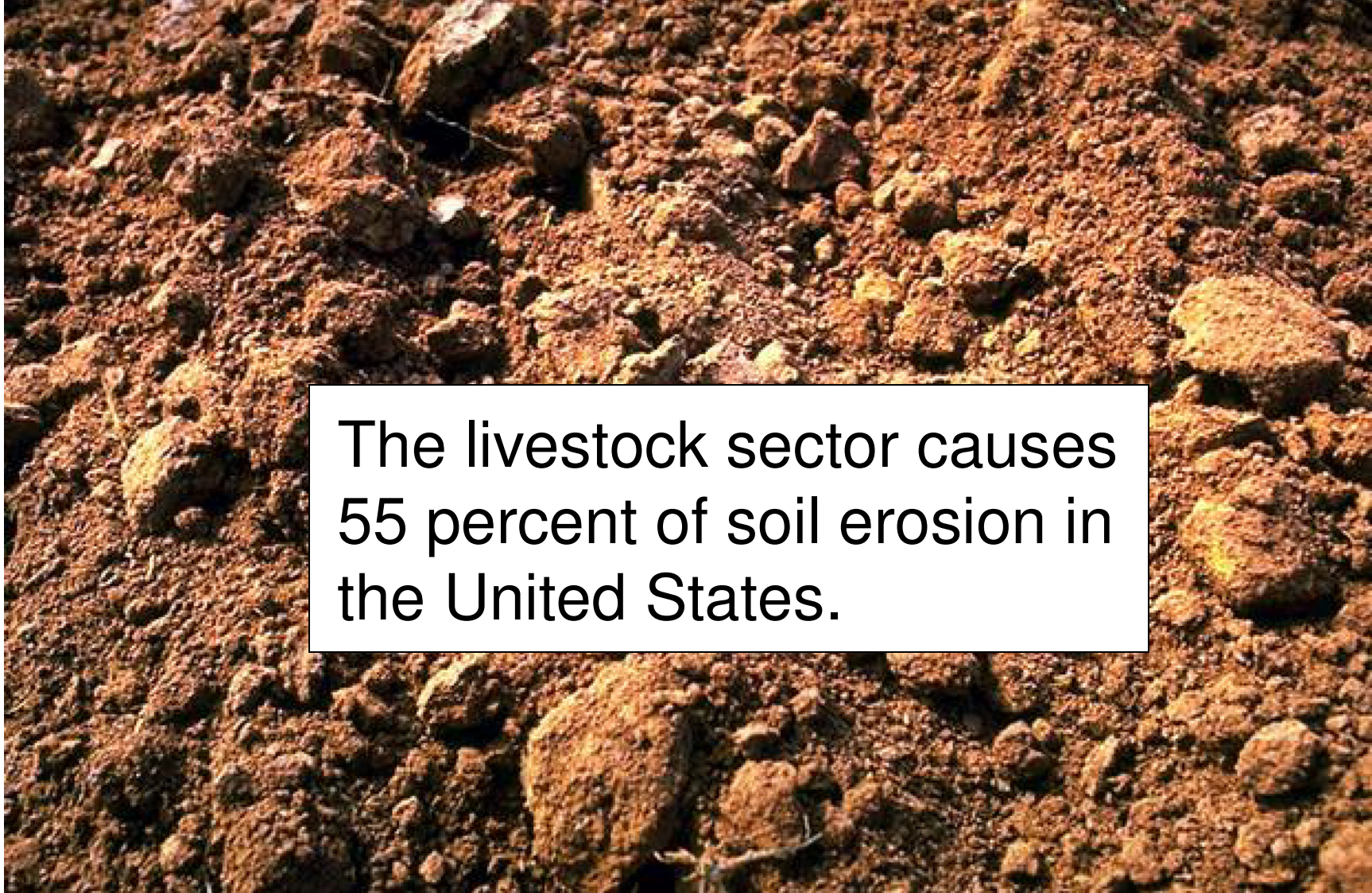
The livestock sector causes deforestation in Latin America, responsible for 70 percent of forests cleared for grazing in the Amazon.

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The livestock sector causes 20-70 percent of pasture degradation, resulting in overgrazing, soil loss, soil compaction, and desertification (i.e., when pasture or agricultural land becomes infertile desert).



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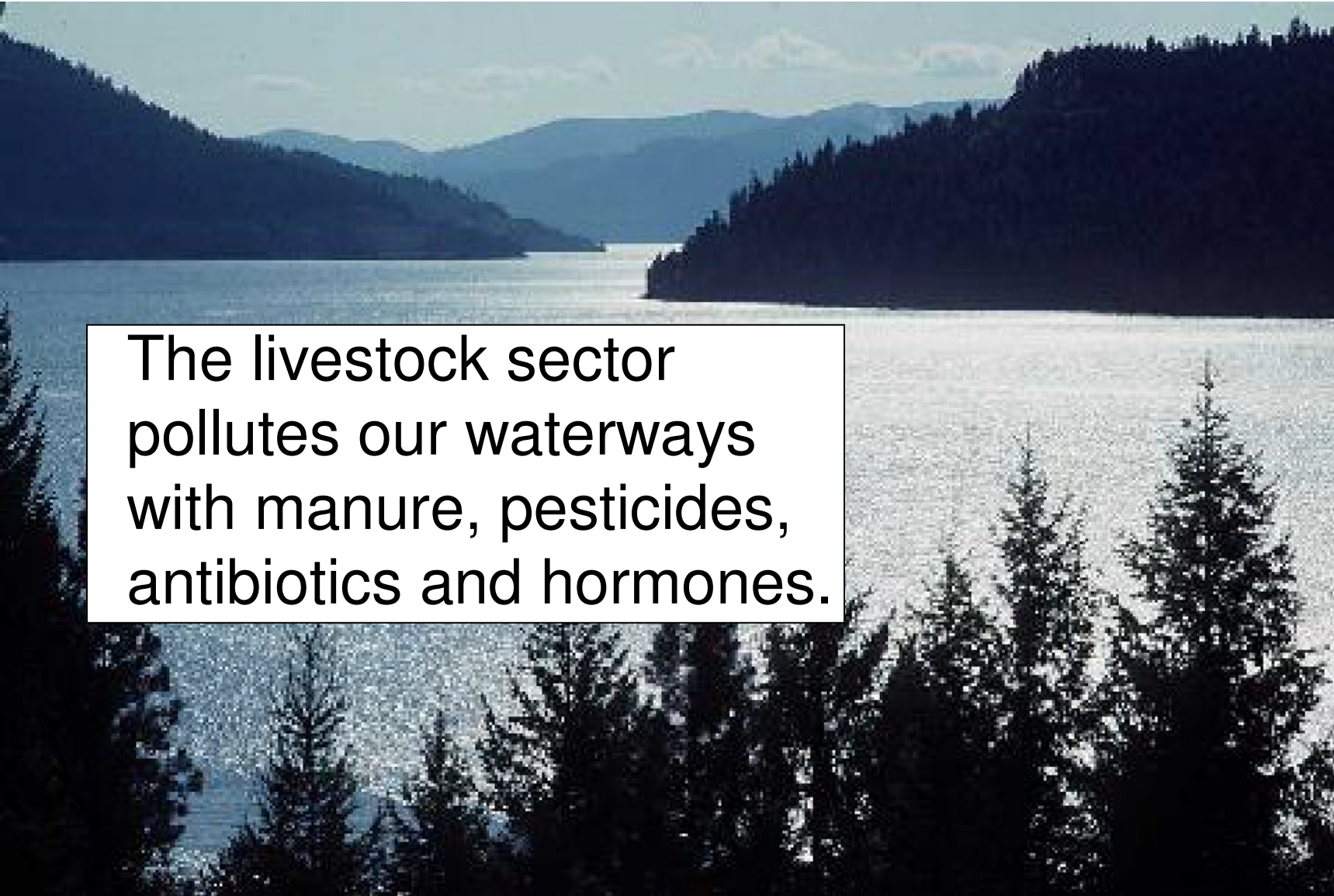
The livestock sector causes 55 percent of soil erosion in the United States.

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The livestock sector is the largest user of fresh water.

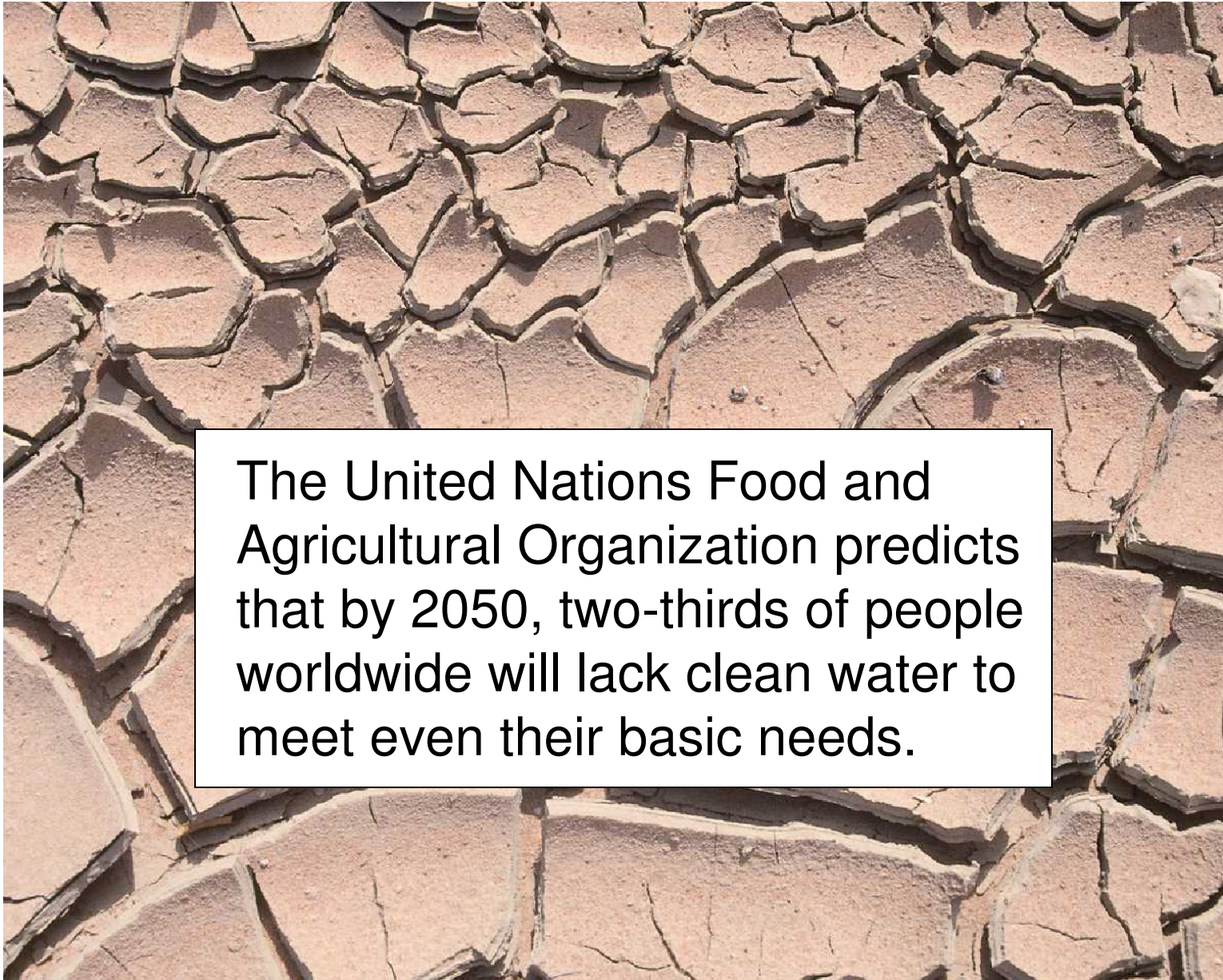


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The livestock sector
pollutes our waterways
with manure, pesticides,
antibiotics and hormones.

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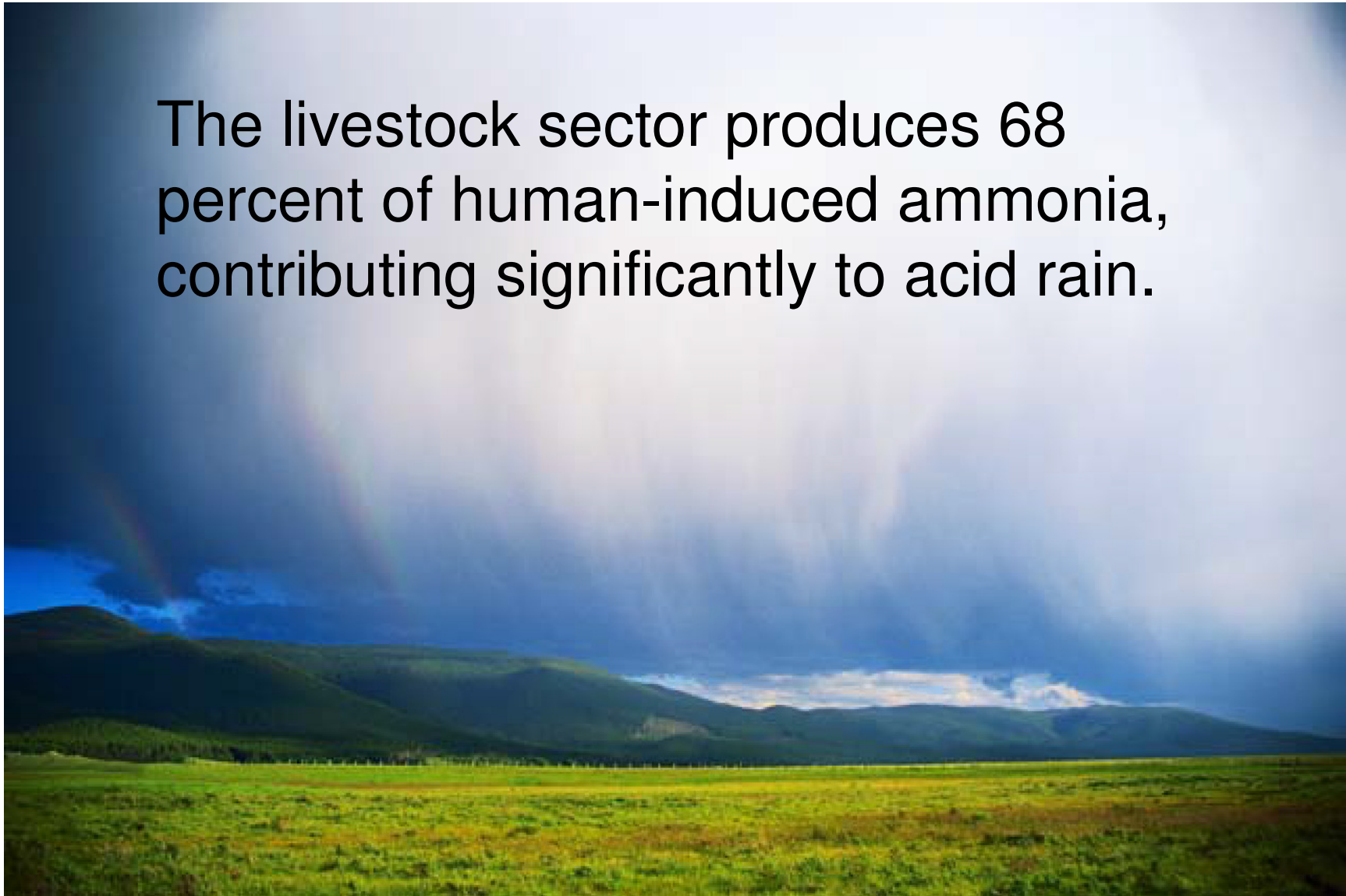
The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization predicts that by 2050, two-thirds of people worldwide will lack clean water to meet even their basic needs.

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The livestock sector produces 65 percent of human-induced nitrous oxide, a greenhouse gas that is almost 300 times more powerful than carbon dioxide in heating up the globe.

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The livestock sector produces 68 percent of human-induced ammonia, contributing significantly to acid rain.



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