




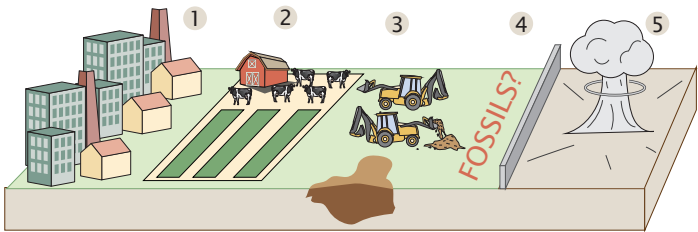
# HUMAN IMPACTS<sup>by the numbers</sup>




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UNITS	
human population =	 $\approx 7 \times 10^9$
Niagara Falls drainage rate =	 $\approx 10^9 \text{ m}^3/\text{day}$
volume of Grand Canyon =	$\approx 10^{12} \text{ m}^3$
terrestrial area of Earth =	 $\approx 15 \times 10^{13} \text{ m}^2$

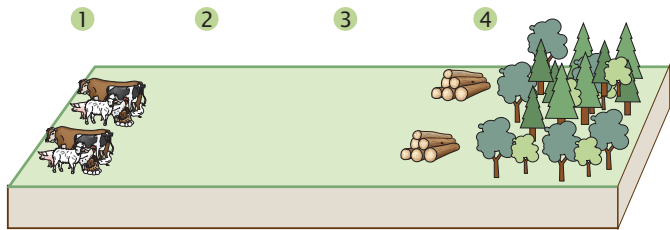
## THE ANTHROPOSPHERE BY THE NUMBERS




- 1 ANTHROPOMASS NUMBER**  
total mass of human-generated material  $\approx \text{XX Gt C} \approx$   all biomass
- 2 TERRA NUMBER**  
area used by humans  $\approx 5 \times 10^{13} \text{ m}^2 \approx 0.3 \times$  
- 3 EROSION NUMBER**  
soil moved by humans  $\approx 40 \text{ Gt C} \approx 8 \times$   river

- 4 EXTINCTION NUMBER**  
species to go extinct from human action  $\approx$
- 5 OPPENHEIMER NUMBER**  
background radiation from nuclear fallout  $\approx$

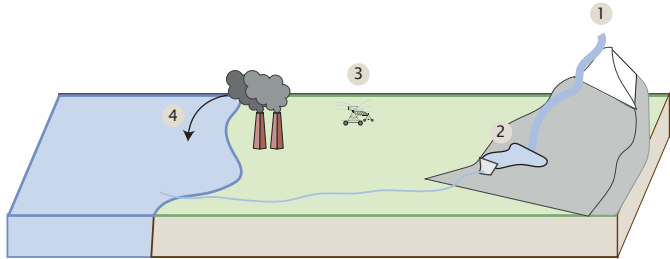
## THE BIOSPHERE BY THE NUMBERS






- 1 BARNYARD NUMBER**  
global population of livestock  $\approx 3 \times 10^{10} \approx 4 \times$  
- 2 ???**

- 1 ???**
- 4 DEFORESTATION NUMBER**  
area of forest loss due to human action  $\approx 10^{11} \text{ m}^2/\text{yr} \approx$

## WATER BY THE NUMBERS



- 1 ICE-MELT NUMBER**  
annual melt volume from glaciers and ice-caps  $\approx 10^{12} \text{ m}^3 \approx 1$   grand canyon
- 1 HOOVER NUMBER**  
water volume controlled by dams  $\approx 10^{12} \text{ m}^3 \approx 4 \times$   amazon
- NIAGARA NUMBER**  
daily volume of water used by humans  $\approx 10^{10} \text{ m}^3/\text{day} \approx 1 \times$  
- ACIDIC OCEAN NUMBER**  
somehow diagram?