



Slow Food and CLEAN

In the United States, members of Slow Food USA and Slow Food on Campus chapters celebrate the amazing bounty of food that abounds and work to strengthen the connection between the food on our plates and the health of our planet. Slow Food on Campus chapters engage their community as the next generation of Slow Food leaders striving to create a good, clean, and fair food system.

When we talk about clean food, we are talking about nutritious food that is as good for the planet as it is for our bodies. It is grown and harvested with methods that have a positive impact on our local ecosystems and promote biodiversity. How we produce and consume food presents both a challenge and a solution to climate change, which is why the two must be addressed together to create real and lasting change.

Background

350.org is an international campaign to raise awareness about global warming. Its focus is on the number 350—as in parts per million—the level scientists have identified as the safe upper limit for CO² in our atmosphere. But 350 is more than just a number: it's a symbol of where we need to head as a planet.

350.org was created after 2007's Step It Up campaign, which hosted over 2,000 rallies nationwide addressing the need for legislation that would cut 80% of carbon emissions by 2050. It has the support of more than 100 countries and is characterized by the lively visual petitions it uses to advocate for better climate change policy.

The Basics

- 350.org is run by founding member and author, Bill McKibben, as well as a team of international youth organizers.
- This December, the United Nations will host a conference of world leaders in Copenhagen, Denmark to discuss and reform current international climate change policy.
- 350.org has written “call to action” letters to faith organizations, artists, athletes, food and farm activists, islanders, musicians, photographers, schools, and youth asking them to use their unique perspectives, and/or skill sets to voice the need for change in current climate change policy.

International Day of Climate Action

350.org is calling on people around the world to organize an action on **October 24th** that will incorporate the number 350 at an iconic place in their community, and then upload a photo of the event to the 350.org website. 350 will collect these images from around the world and, with your help, deliver them to the media and world leaders. Together, citizens of the world can show the world's decision-makers just how big, beautiful, and unified the climate movement really is.

