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Letter: Pasture and ruminants will heal the soil

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One vital word is missing from your Big Read article (December 28) on [peak meat](#): soil. This precious medium, and the life within it, is damaged when cultivated to produce the cereals, root crops and pulses on which we all increasingly depend — releasing carbon and moisture into the atmosphere.

Since time immemorial, pasture (which currently covers two-thirds of the world's farmland) and the ruminant animals that graze on it have healed the soil and rebuilt its fertility while providing a livelihood for around 1bn people. Pasture-fed ruminants, and their nutrient-dense meat and milk, will undoubtedly be part of the world's farming systems and of our diet for the foreseeable future.

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