



The three pillars of sustainability

Sustainability is a concept that encompasses the idea of meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It involves considering **environmental**, **social** and **economic** factors to create a balanced and enduring system.

List some ways you can be environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable at school, home or in other areas of your life.

Social sustainability



Environmental sustainability



Economic sustainability

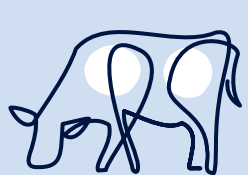


Worksheet 1b

Sustainability across the agriculture sector



Environmental
stewardship



People, animals,
and community



Economic
resilience

Sustainability in agriculture involves balancing:

- Environmental stewardship
- People, animals, and community
- Economic resilience

These three pillars are reflected in the Australian Agricultural Sustainability Framework (AASF), which includes 17 principles across these themes.

At a global level, the 17 SDGs provide a shared framework to address challenges such as poverty, food security, climate change, and sustainable production.

Read a description for each of the 17 SDGs (sdgs.un.org/goals). Which overarching theme/pillar do you think each principle relates to? Write each principle under the corresponding theme below.

Environmental stewardship

Hint: There are 6 principles in this theme.

People, animals, and community

Hint: There are 8 principles in this theme.

Economic resilience

Hint: There are 3 principles in this theme.

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Principle	Description
No poverty	End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
Zero hunger	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.
Good health and well-being	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
Quality education	Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
Gender equality	Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
Clean water and sanitation	Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
Affordable and clean energy	Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.
Decent work and economic growth	Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.
Industry, innovation and infrastructure	Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.
Reduced inequalities	Reduce inequality within and among countries.
Sustainable cities and communities	Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.
Responsible consumption and production	Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.
Climate action	Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
Life below water	Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.
Life on land	Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt biodiversity loss.
Peace, justice and strong institutions	Promote peaceful and inclusive societies, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
Partnerships for the goals	Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.