our high-throughput global economy can be ameliorated only if we adopt the pragmatic ethics of social cohesion in building a more sustainable society. • Includes a richly detailed, extensive bibliography on environmental problems, environmental economics, and environmental justice to encourage further research and action.

A Global Corporate Trust for Agroecological Integrity—John W. Head 2016-08-14 This book examines global environmental problems and calls on the global food system to move from a system centered on industrial agriculture to a new “social-solutions” form of agriculture. Profound global climate disruption makes it essential that we replace our current industrial agricultural system with something else. In this book, the author describes “modern organic agriculture” — a systems-agriculture system featuring primary growths in polycultures, thereby mimicking the natural grassland and forest ecosystems that modern extractive agriculture has largely destroyed. Although it may appear contradictory, the “social-solutions” system is a pragmatic approach to political and social change. It is based on a clear understanding of the importance of diversity. The author’s ethical perspective is rooted in the idea that issues as broad as those faced by global food systems need broad-based solutions. The book is a call to action, both for those who already support organic agriculture and those who have yet to be convinced of its potential.

Handbook on the Human Impact of Agriculture—Harvey S. James, Jr. 2011-06-25 This timely Handbook synthesizes analysis key points and concepts relating to the impact of agriculture on both the environment and the non-farmers. With a unique focus on human rather than animals or the environment, the book is interdisciplinary and international in scope, with contributions from sociologists, economists, anthropologists and geographers providing case studies and examples from all six populated continents.

Latin America in the 1940s—David Rock 2021-01-08 This title is part of UC Press’s Voices Revised program, which commemorates University of California Press’s mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice, reach, and impact. Drawing on a backstory dating to 1893, Voices Revised makes high-quality, post-reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print-on-demand technology. This title was originally published in 1994.

Bound in Twins—Sterling D. Evan 2013-01-14 Before the invention of the combine, the binder was an essential harvesting implement that cut grain and bound the stalks in bundles tied with twine that could then be hand-gathered into shocks for threshing. Hundreds of thousands of farmers across the United States and Canada relied on binders and the twine required for the machine’s operation. Implement manufacturers discovered that the best binder twine was made from henequen and sisal—spiny, fibrous plants native to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. The double dependency that subsequently developed between Mexico and the Great Plains of the United States and Canada affected the agriculture, ecology, and economy of all three nations in ways that have historically been little understood. These interlocking dependencies—identified by author Sterling Evans as the “benevolent-colonial” relationship—made it both futile and impossible to separate the roles of the countries in the history of these regions. Drawing on extensive archival work as well as the existing secondary literature, Evans has woven an intricate story that will change our understanding of the complex, transnational history of the North American continent.

The Spirit of the Soil—Paul B. Thompson 2017-05-25 In this second edition of The Spirit of the Soil: Agriculture and Environmental Ethics, Paul B. Thompson reviews four worlds that shape competing visions for agriculture. Productionists have sought increasing yields—to make two seeds grow where only one grew before—while traditional visions of good farming have stressed stewardship. These traditional visions have been challenged by two more worldviews: a call for a total cost accounting for farming and an advocacy for a holistic perspective. Thompson argues that an environmentally defensible systems approach must draw upon all four worlds, recognizing their conflicting strengths and weaknesses for the health of the whole.

The Oxford History of Mexico—Michael Meyer 2018-08-31 The tenth anniversary edition of The Oxford History of Mexico tells the fascinating story of Mexico as it has evolved from the reign of the Aztec through the twenty-first century. Available for the first time in paperback, this magnificent volume covers the nation’s history in a single overview written by an internationally acclaimed scholar. It has been revised to reflect the events of the past decade, recent discoveries, and the newest advances in scholarship, while a new introduction discusses such major historical events as the Mexican Revolution (1910–20) and the 2000 presidential elections. Revised and updated, this classic work continues to document Mexico’s place in world history—both before and after the Mexican-American War—with an engaging narrative that is accessible and comprehensive for both students and general readers.

Moral Confidence in Agriculture—

The Vandana Shiva Reader Vandana Shiva 2015-09-27 “Her great virtue as an advocate is that she is not a reductionist. Her awareness of the complex connections among economy and nature and culture preserves her from oversimplification. She does her understanding of the importance of diversity.”—Wendell Berry, from the foreword to this edition. The Vandana Shiva Reader is a collection of essays, interviews, and speeches by one of the world’s leading environmentalists. By compiling these writings, the reader gains access to the thinking of a permaculture pioneer and agricultural activist, a fiercely independent and uncompromising activist who has never hesitated to criticize those in her opinion.”

The 4-H Harvest—Gabriel N. Rosenberg 2015-09-14, The iconic rural youth program run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has more than 70 million Americans over the last century. As the first comprehensive history of the organization, The 4-H Harvest tracts 4-H from its origins in turn-of-the-century agricultural conservation efforts, through its role in the administration of federal programs in the New Deal and World War II, to its status as an instrument of international development in Cold War battlegrounds like Vietnam and Central America. In domestic and global settings, 4-H’s advocates dreamed of transforming rural economies, communities, and families. Organizations believed the clubs would bypass backward patriarchy to embrace modern farming techniques. In their place, 4-H would cultivate efficient, capital-intensive farms and commodified rural landscapes. But 4-H’s story is of the persistence of labor and produced healthy, robust children. To retain the economic potential of the “best” youth, clubs mainstreamed state agents into the heart of rural family life. By midcentury, the vision of healthy 4-H kids on family farms advertised the attractiveness of the emerging agrarian economy. With rigorous archival research, Gabriel N. Rosenberg provocatively argues that public acceptance of the political economy of agrarian hemp led federal efforts to establish a modern rural society through effective farming technology and techniques as well as through carefully managed gender roles, proscription, and sexuality. The 4-H Harvest shows how 4-H, like the township itself if symbolized, is in the product of the modernist ambition to efficiently grown rural economies, landscapes, and populations.

The Next Agricultural Revolution—C. Wright Mills 1967-02-03 The new agricultural revolution will be both the product of, and a necessary component of, a larger and more comprehensive revolution. In the book, Mills outlines the main features of the new agricultural revolution and argues that it is a necessary component of the larger revolution. Mills also discusses the implications of the new agricultural revolution for society as a whole.


Making Markets Making Place—Benjamin Cole 2014-06-04 This book places free market and place-making in London’s Borough Market. In particular, it uses topography (place-writing) to interrogate the ways in which Borough Market’s material, social-emotional and discursive relations assemble to reproduce Borough Market as a place of consumption, of marketplaces. With rigorous archival research, the book is interdisciplinary and international in scope, with contributions from sociologists, economists, anthropologists and geographers providing case studies and examples from all six populated continents.