

Dear friends of New Harvest,

Thank you for supporting our efforts to democratize meat production. Now more than ever, we must develop cultured meat to stabilize our food system. There are so many reasons to develop cellular agriculture technology – to conserve the environment, reduce animal suffering, create healthier and more delicious foods for all, and to improve food security.

With the impending US meat shortage, it has become apparent that even a trillion-dollar agriculture and food market is not immune to pandemics. There are already calls to wrap "invest[ment] in research and development toward healthier and more humane meat alternatives" into a green recovery plan. Consolidation in factory farming has greatly weakened US meat production and it is time to get serious about strengthening our food system infrastructure. The time could not be riper for cellular agriculture. The work that we are doing to democratize the food system and bring multiple solutions to the table is crucial.

Today we need new solutions to fuel future populations' nutritional and emotional needs. Food is about more than sustenance, it is also about safety, community, and self-expression. We all come to food with our own wants and needs in spite of harsh or threatening conditions. These challenges are presented in <u>Semicopia</u>, a game that encourages its players to address these food security and meat production issues under adverse conditions. New Harvest funds research across the globe to build a robust, stable food system our research in bioreactors, cell lines, optimization algorithms for cell growth media, and more is key to a stronger, more diverse food system.

Challenging times prompt new solutions, and here at New Harvest, we are proud to do things differently - to nurture the innovation that matters. With your support, we will come together to turn Semicopia into a veritable cornucopia of foods that will sustain us and future generations. Thank you for joining me in this worthwhile endeavor. It is a noble cause.

Stay well,

Kate

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