Ethics of Eating

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Gender matters. Over the course of the semester we have surveyed the way in which, particularly, women’s roles have been fraught inside of food systems. Whether in a discussion of the sexual politics of meat production in our culture  (Carol Adams, and Christina Van Dyke), or in the vital roles women play in food systems around the globe (Allen and Sachs) or in the way gender, and more importantly, gender bias, works its way into our food labeling and messaging (Zhu et al. and Kukla), it would appear that Food Systems are places in which we can better come to understand the politics and contested sexual and gender norms of our cultures. In your paper, drawing on our course content, please explain how concepts of gender deeply affect our food system.