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The minor role of land use in global warming

What The Science Says:
Correlations between warming and economic activity are 0ften unreliable. They don't take into account local forcing agents such as tropospheric ozone or black carbon. Correlations are likely over-estimated since grid boxes in both economic and climate data are not independent. Lastly, there is significant independent evidence for warming in the oceans, snow cover and sea ice extent changes.

Climate Myth: It's land use
"Land-use modifications for urbanization and agriculture have affected climate change data more than previously thought, according to new research by a University of Guelph professor. In a paper published online this week in the *Journal of Geophysical Research-Atmosphere*, economics professor Ross McKitrick says the resulting discrepancies may be leading to an overstatement of the role of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. In fact, the study concludes that skewed data could account for as much as half the post-1980 warming trend over land." (University of Guelph)

See Spurious correlations between recent warming and indices of local economic activity (Schmidt 2009) for more info.

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