

Food Waste

Food waste at consumer level in industrialized countries (222 million tons) is almost as high as the total net food production in sub-Saharan Africa (230 million tons).

At least one-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted globally, which amounts to about 1.3 billion tons per year.



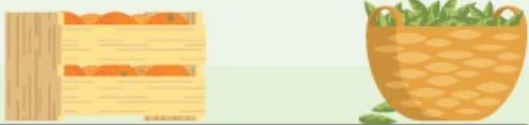
12%
of food losses happen during the harvesting phase in developed countries

25%
of food losses happen during the pre-harvest phase in developing countries



Roughly one quarter of all the water that humans take from the planet goes into food that nobody eats

FARMING



TRANSPORTATION

10%
of the total U.S. energy budget is spent getting food from farm to fork



10%



5%



4%

10% of all grain products, 5% of all fish products and 4% of all meat products are lost at the processing and packaging stage.

PRODUCTION

40%
of food losses in developing countries are a result of inadequate storage

25%
The post-harvest loss of rice in Asian countries commonly ranges from 10-25%



Globally it is estimated that approximately one-third of all fresh fruit and vegetables produced is lost before it reaches consumers.



PACKAGING

40%
of losses in industrialized countries occur at the retail and consumer level



RETAIL & CONSUMERS

3%
of food waste is currently recycled

40%
of landfill content comes from food waste