



Did You Know?

In the U.S. food waste is the single **largest** component of municipal solid waste going to landfills, accounting for over **20%** by weight.

Roughly, **40%** of the food grown in the U.S. is never eaten!

Just **15%** of this food waste could feed **25 million people**.

3,000 lbs. of food is wasted every **second** in America.

3,000 lbs. would feed **650** Americans for an entire day.



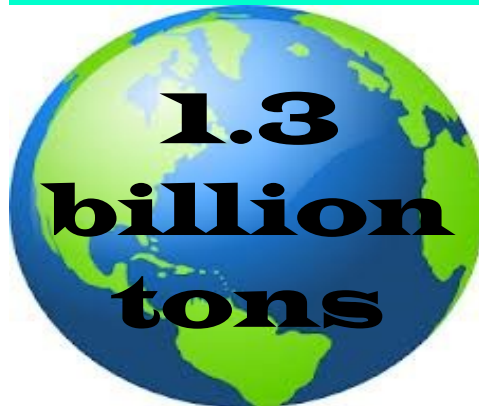
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FOOD WASTE

A Major Worldwide Problem



Of all edible food produced worldwide is wasted or lost each year. That is 1/3 of the food produced annually.

Food is the largest category of waste

Reaching US landfills. In 2010, 34+ million tons of food waste were generated in the US. Only 3% was recycled, resulting in 33 million tons going to landfill incinerators.



Or
254 lbs
per person,
per year

Why is this a problem?

25% of all fresh water consumed



Is used each year to produce food that is ultimately wasted, while 1.1 billion people in the world have access to safe drinking water. 25% is to just a bit more than the volume of Lake Erie!

1 billion people are malnourished



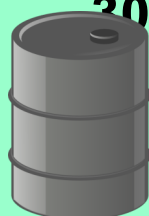
Even though the world produces enough food to feed twice the world's present population. 1 billion people is roughly 3.2x the population of the US.

24 million acres are deforested to grow food



Each year, despite the fact that worldwide food production produces enough food for all. This accounts for 74% of the total annual deforestation. 24 million acres is roughly the size of the entire state of Indiana.

300 million barrels of oil



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