

# Champions 12.3: Halving Food Waste and Reducing Food Losses by 2030

UNEA-2 Side Event

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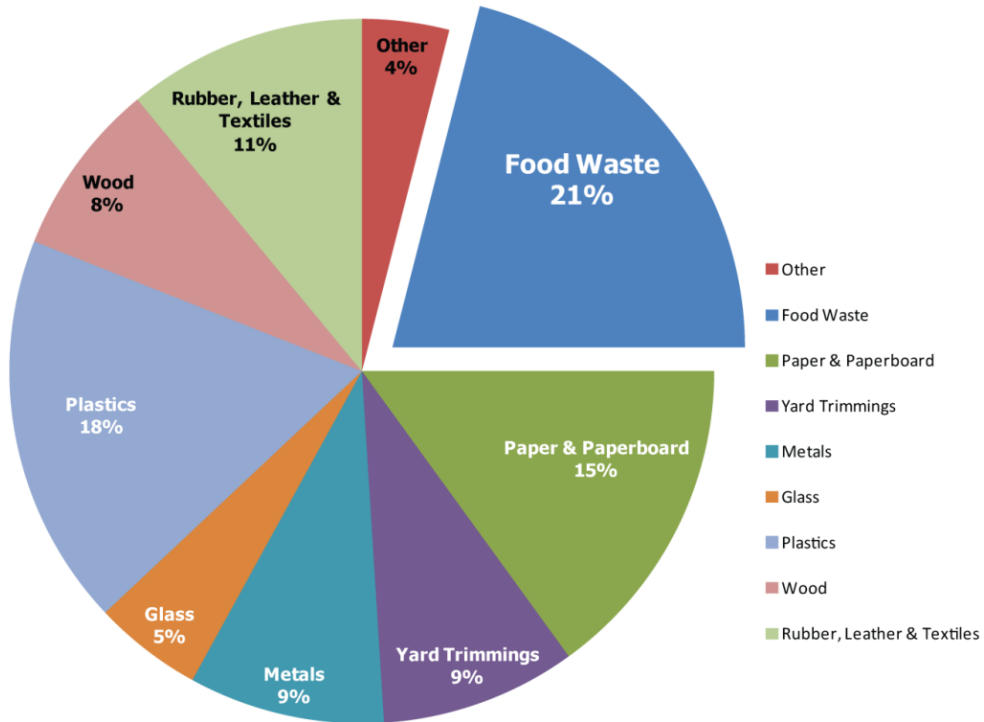


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# Food Waste in U.S.



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# U.S. Goal: Food Loss & Waste Reduction

On September 16, 2015, US EPA Deputy Administrator Meiburg and USDA Secretary Vilsack announced the United States' first-ever national food loss and waste reduction goal: **to reduce food loss and waste by 50% by 2030**



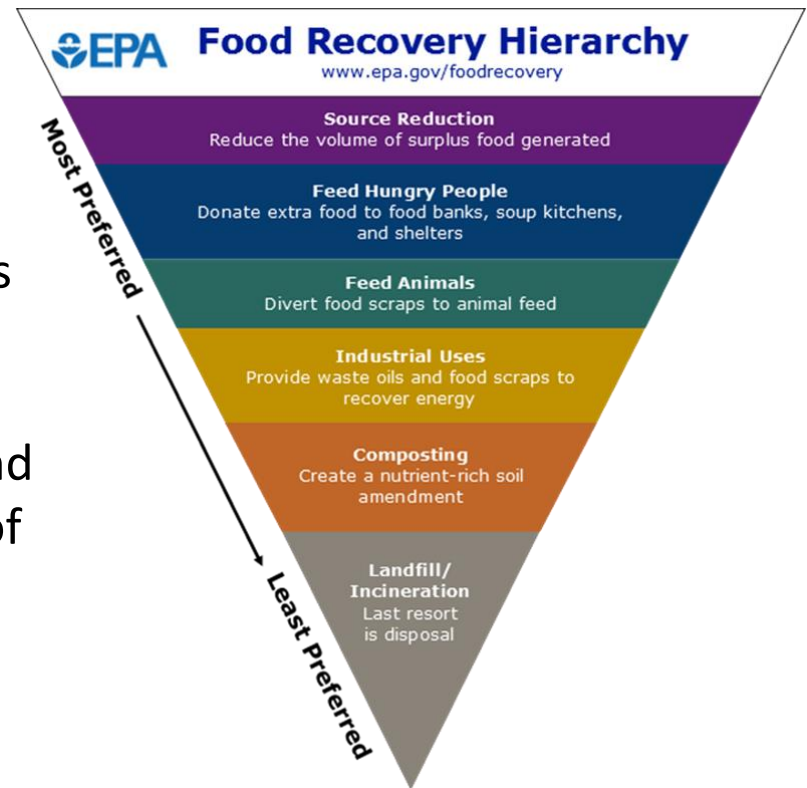
USDA Secretary Vilsack Announces U.S. Goal, 2015

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# U.S. Government Efforts

- Technical tools and public recognition: U.S. EPA Food Recovery and U.S. Food Waste Challenge
- Minimizing Liability: Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act of 1996 encourages business to donate food to nonprofits
- Sustainability in Government Operations and Procurement: goal to “divert at least 50 % of non-hazardous solid waste, including food and compostable waste”
- Fiscal Policy: Corporations deduct food donations from their tax liability
- Food Labeling: Exploring programs & policies



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# Call to Action by Stakeholders

- Seek Prevention Strategies and Use the Food Recovery Hierarchy
- Increase Public Awareness
- Improve the Data
- Forge New Partnerships and Expand Existing Ones
- Clarify Date Labels and Food Safety
- Build FLW Infrastructure for transport and processing



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# Examples of U.S. Stakeholder Efforts



Alliance of leading associations from Manufacturing, Retail, and Restaurant Industries



Network of campus-based food recovery and donation programs, with nearly 200 chapters in 42 States



Multi-stakeholder analysis and roadmap on cost-effective solutions for reducing food waste



“Save the Food” - National Public Awareness Campaign from the Ad Council and Natural Resources Defense Council



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# Our International Efforts to Reduce FLW

- Resolution for UNEA-2
- Provide input on global measurement efforts like the FLW Standard and Protocol
- Work with North American neighbors on shared priorities
- Food waste as new focus identified in G7 Environment Ministers Communique
- Continued participation as Champion of 12.3



EPA Talk on Food Waste at EXPO Milano, 2015



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# Thank You



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