

FOOD WASTE IN THE U.S. IS...

EXCESSIVE

40%

OF ALL FOOD PRODUCED IN THE U.S. IS WASTED



133

 BILLION POUNDS

Food wasted per year. That represents 1,249 calories per person, per day.

EXPENSIVE



\$161

 BILLION

Uneaten food at retailers, restaurants, and homes costs \$161 billion annually



\$1,500

Per capita, this amounts to over \$1,500 for a family of four

ENVIRONMENTALLY HARMFUL



Food makes up 20% of landfill weight—the single largest municipal waste source

CH₄

 CO₂

The methane released by food is a greenhouse gas 21 times more powerful than carbon dioxide

AN OPPORTUNITY



Diverting 15% of the food that currently goes to waste would be enough to cut the number of food insecure Americans in half



Food waste can be composted into sustainable soil additives or be used to generate electricity



Encouraging institutions to purchase so-called “ugly” produce would help farmers find new markets for healthy products that currently go to waste