

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

## EXCESSIVE

# 40%

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

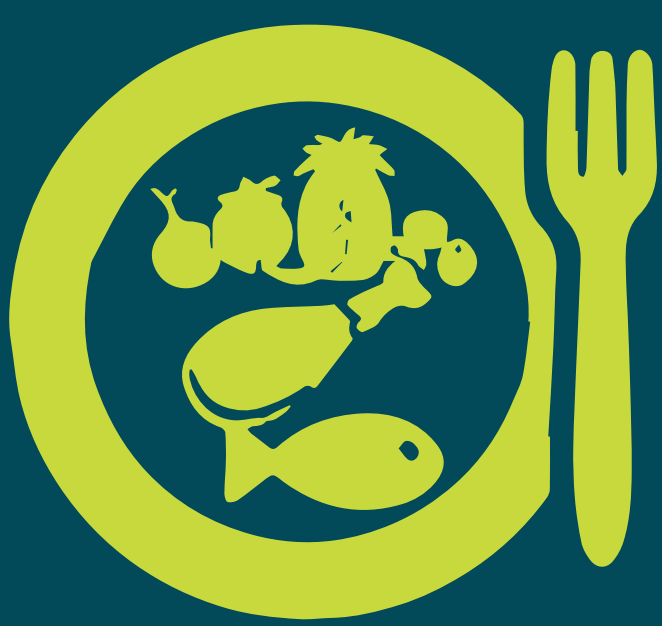


# 133

 BILLION  
POUNDS

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

## EXPENSIVE



# \$161

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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



The methane  
released by food is  
a greenhouse gas  
28-36 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