


THE LAST FOOD MILE CONFERENCE

Conclusions and Road Ahead

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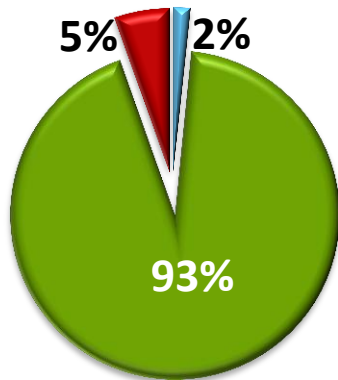
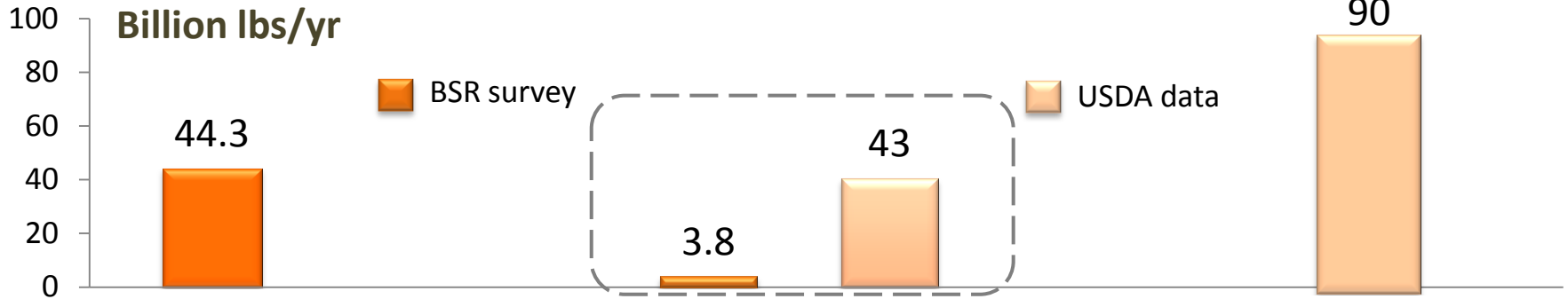


Summary: Food Loss & Waste in US Supply Chain

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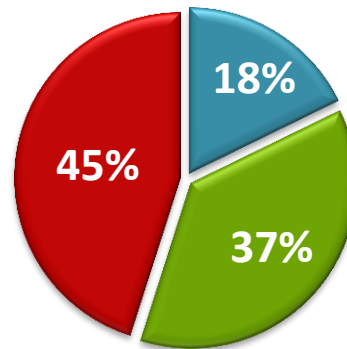
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Consumption

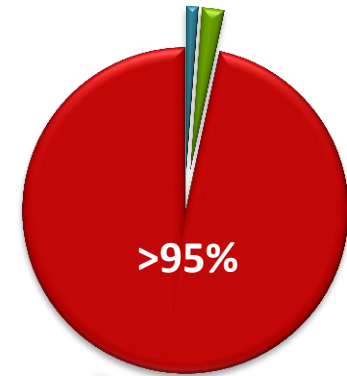


Residues
Concentrated
(27,400 sites)

- Donation
- Recycle
- Disposal



Consumer Products
Scattered
(179,000 stores)



"Real Waste"
Dispersed
(1 million restaurants
117 million households)

Wasted Food = Wasted Resources & Money!

\$161 billion for retail and consumer food loss (Jean)

Consumer level Food Loss Family of 4: 1164 lb/yr

National Geographic



Resource cost

Fertilizer (lbs)

67

Energy (kWh)

8,516

Land (ac)

2.0

Water (gal)

58,000

Retail value:

\$ 2,085

Many Are Engaged in Food Rescue, Recovery, Recycling

Emergency Food Network
 Gleaners Community Food Bank
 Mid-Atlantic Gleaning Network
 Philadelphia Orchard Project
 Project **SHARE**
 Society of St. Andrew
 Ample Harvest
 Campus Kitchen at Gettysburg College
 Chester County Food Bank
 City Harvest
 Convoy of Hope
 CropMobster Community Exchange
 Farm to Fork
 Feeding America
 Food Cowboy
 Food Donation Connection
 Food Recovery Network
 Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)
 Food Shift
 Food Waste Reduction Alliance
 FoodStar
 Fork It Over!
 Greater Berks Food Bank
 Grocers Against Hunger
 Hunger-Free Pennsylvania
 Narberth Community Food Bank
 No Kid Hungry
 No Kid Hungry 2
 No More Empty Pots
 PareUp
 Pennsylvania Association of Regional Food Banks
 Philabundance
 Project Bread
 Rock and Wrap It Up!, Inc.
 Second Helpings, Inc.
 The Campus Kitchens Project
 Waste No Food
 The Food Journal
 The Green Source News
 The Hungry Hack

U.S. Composting Council
 Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP)
 Waste Not
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 World Hunger Education Service
 World Resources Institute
 Zero Waste America
 Zero Waste Canada
 Bon Appétit Management Co. and Foundation
 End Food Waste Now
 Feeding the 5000
 Food Alliance
 Food Day
 Food Marketing Institute
 Food Recovery Challenge
 Food Tank
 Food Waste Focus
 Future Food 2050
 Good Food Web
 GRACE Communications Foundation (GCF)
 Green Restaurant Association
 GreenBiz Group, Inc.
 Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic
 Harvest Power of We
 Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR)
 Institute of Food Technologists (IFT)
 International Food Policy Research Institute
 iWasteNot Systems, Inc.
 Just-Food
 Mayor's Office of Sustainability, City of Philadelphia
 National Restaurant Association
 Natural Resources Defence Council
 New York City Coalition Against Hunger
 Northeast Recycling Council (NERC)
 Northern California Recycling Forum
 Penn Eco-Reps Program
 Penn Green Campus Partnership
 Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA)
 PA Green Colleges/PA Environmental Resource Consortium (PERC)

Pennsylvania Resources Council, Inc. (PRC)
 Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture (PSPA)
 Postharvest Education Foundation
 Recycling Alliance of Philadelphia
 ResponsEcology
 Roberts Environmental Center, Claremont
 McKenna College
 Rodale Institute
 Save Food Initiative (FAO)
 School Nutrition Organization
 Small Plate Movement
 SmartBlog on Food and Beverage
 Sodexo Foundation
 Stop Waste
 Sustainable America
 Sustainable Foodservice
 Sustainable Table
 Sustainable Waste Solutions
 Switchboard (Dana Gunders' NRDC blog)
 The Food Journal
 The Green Source News
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 Bon Appétit Management Co. and Foundation
 Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, UNC
 Dickinson College Organic Farm
 Food Hero
 LeanPath
 Wharton Initiative for Global Environmental Leadership (IGEL)
 Arborganic Acres
 Bennett Compost
 BioBag

BioCycle Magazine
 BIOFerm Energy Systems
 Bio-Techno, Inc.
 Blue Bag Organics
 Blue Hen Organics
 Brown Bear Corporation
 Coalition for Resource Recovery
 Converted Organics
 DTEnvironmental
 DVO Anaerobic Digesters, Inc.
 EcoSafe Zero Waste
 EcoVision Environmental
 Engineered Compost Systems
 Food Waste Disposal
 Green Mountain Technologies
 Harvest Power
 Komptech
 Novamont North America, Inc.
 NYC Recycles
 Organic Diversion of Marlton
 Organic Waste Systems, Inc.
 Penn State Extension Waste to Energy
 PlanET Biogas USA, Inc.
 quasar Energy Group
 RCM International LLC
 State College Food Waste Composting Pilot Program
 WeCare Organics
 Wilmington Organic Recycling Center (WORC)
 Yield Energy, Inc.

Food Recovery & Waste Diversion: A Glance

1-2%

For human

30 M (Society of St. Andrew)
700 M processing sector (BSR/FWRA)
670 M retail sector (BSR/FWRA)
405 M (Feeding America)
≈2 B lbs total

21%

For animal & recycling

41.2 B lbs processing sector (BSR/FWRA)
1.4 B lbs retail sector (BSR/FWRA)
42-43 B lbs total

>75%

Disposal



133+ B lbs Edible

**200+ B lbs total
(edible + inedible)**

Road Ahead

- Consumer-level food waste is the critical control point.
- Source reduction (homes, restaurants) is the key.
- Three critical needs at the national scale:

– **We need to better understand consumer food behavior and affecting factors.**

Without in-depth knowledge, we can't work effectively.

– **We need to characterize food waste streams quantitatively.**

If we don't measure it, we can't manage it.

– **We need to set food waste reduction target.**

Without target, we won't get there.

Engagement!

THANK YOU!



Planting



Irrigation



Fertilization



Pest control



Cultivation



Harvest

A Long Journey.....



Slaughter



Cleaning



Milking



Feeding



Silage

The Last Food Mile.....



Processing



Storage Transport



Distribution



Consumption