# FOOD LOSS AND WASTE

## Definition



Food loss and waste occurs at all stages of the food supply chain – production, processing, sales, and consumption. Definitions of what constitutes food loss versus food waste or what parts of foods (i.e., inedible parts) exit the food supply chain are considered lost or wasted vary. Terms are often defined on a situational basis (as is the case more generally with definitions of waste).Professional bodies, including international organizations, state governments, and secretariats may use their own definitions.

## Evidence

#### Food Loss

- 30% food is wasted (1.3 billion tons per a year)
- Responsible for 18% green house gasses emission

- Cooking too much food
- Buying too much food in shop



### Factors

#### Food Loss

- Overproduction
- Unstable markets
- Producing problems
- Customer choice
- Insufficient Farming Technique
- Insufficient Infrastructure for food transport and marketing

- Lack of planning (shopping lists)
- Confusing labels
- Improper consumer behaviour: buying only the "perfect products
- Over-preparation of food in restaurants, hotels and the foodservice industry

## Solutions

#### Food Loss

- Funding proper Infrastructure
- Introduce proper Farming techniques
- Invest in charities that help save the world hunger and reduce food loss

- Introduce proper Consumer Behavior
- Introduce the purchase of imperfect products ("ugly fruits or vegetables", products with crooked labels)
- Introduce composting



## Technologies

#### Food Loss

- Modern farming machines
- Solar Powered Storing devices
- Better irrigations system
- RFID technology



- Electrical compost Machines (for people living in apartaments)
- Apps for decoding misleading /unclear labels
- Softwares that hep make the owners of restaurants/hotels make sound decisions



## Studies

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- •Global Food Losses and Food Waste. Save Food Congress, Dusseldorf 16 May 2011
- •World Resources Institute "Reducing Food Loss and Waste"

## Institutions

#### Food Loss and Waste

- •WHO
- •UNICEF
- •UE
- •IOWA WASTE REDUCTION CENTER



# Experts

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