

FOOD WASTED

FROM FARM... TO LANDFILL

FOOD IS THE LARGEST COMPONENT OF SOLID WASTE IN THE U.S.

\$165 BILLION

is thrown out each year from food waste

\$100,000

One hundred thousand dollars: a gracious salary for one person to make in a year

\$1,000,000,000

The amount of times you have to multiply that salary in order to come to **ONE billion** does not even **FIT** on the background of this infographic...

\$165,000,000,000

In order to see \$165 billion made up of \$100,000, you would need to print this infographic 165 times.

That's enough money to fill the entire White House in stacks of dollar bills... **FIVE TIMES**



With that money we could feed the entire populations of...

NORWAY 5 MIL

SWEDEN 9.5 MIL

FINLAND 5.5 MIL

ESTONIA 1.3 MIL

LATVIA 2 MIL

DENMARK 5.6 MIL

IRELAND 4.6 MIL

FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR

40%

of food in the United States goes uneaten each year

23%

of methane emissions in the U.S. is a result of food wasting away in landfills

WHERE IS IT ALL LOST?

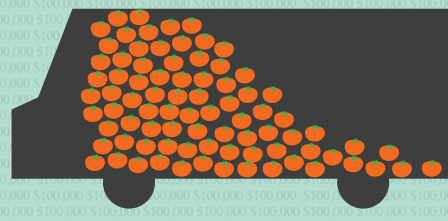
FARMING

At the farm level, food loss falls into **two** categories:

- 1 food that is never harvested
- 2 food that is lost between harvest and sale

POST-HARVEST

A tomato packing house can fill a dump truck with **22,000** pounds of discarded tomatoes every **40 minutes**



RETAIL

One industry consultant estimates that up to one in seven truckloads of perishables delivered to supermarkets is thrown away.

Manufacturers often throw away goods with as much as **3 weeks** of life left in them.

RESTAURANTS

ON AVERAGE, DINERS LEAVE...

17 percent of meals uneaten

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55 percent of leftovers are not taken home

that is **1/5** of the cars in the UK

COULD THIS BE BECAUSE...

The average bagel has doubled in size from 7.5cm in diameter to **15 cm**

The average cookie has ballooned to **700%** of its 1982 size

McDonalds large fries were 3.5 ounces in 1972. Today a large is **6.3 ounces**.

HOUSEHOLDS

American families throw out approximately 25 percent of the food and beverages they buy

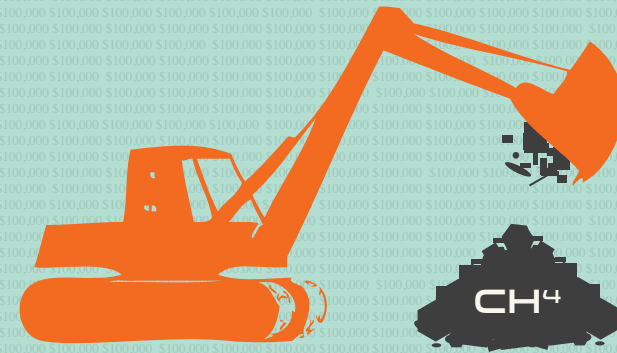
In the U.K., an estimated 20 percent of avoidable food waste in households is discarded because of date labeling confusion

DISPOSAL

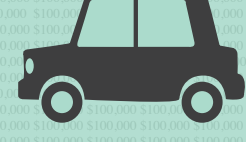
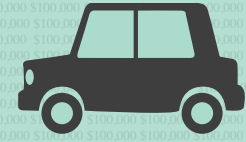
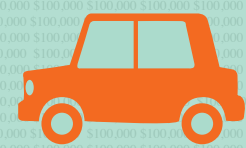
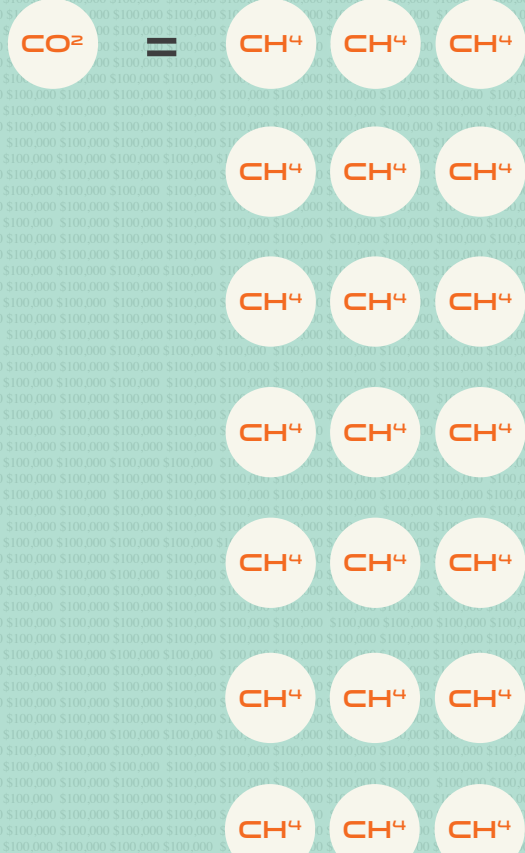
Of all the food that is lost at different stages from farm to fork, only **THREE** percent is composted.

3%

When food is disposed in a landfill it rots and becomes a significant source of methane



methane is a potent greenhouse gas with 21 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide



ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE...

If food waste were collected, it could be converted into biofuel. Biofuel is a renewable energy source that could be used to:

- 1 HEAT HOUSES
- 2 POWER CARS
- 3 RUN APPLIANCES

