

Federal Food Waste Workshop

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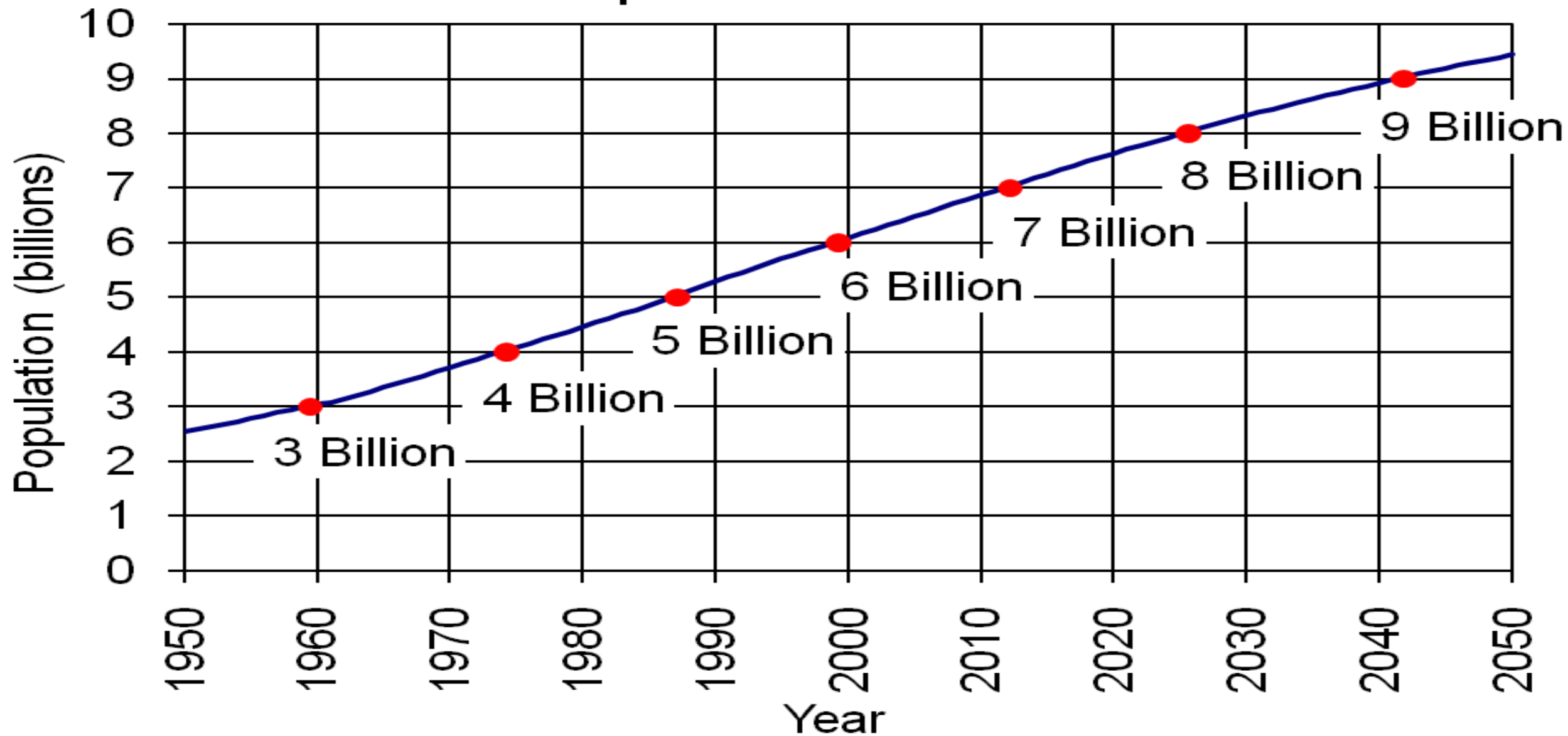


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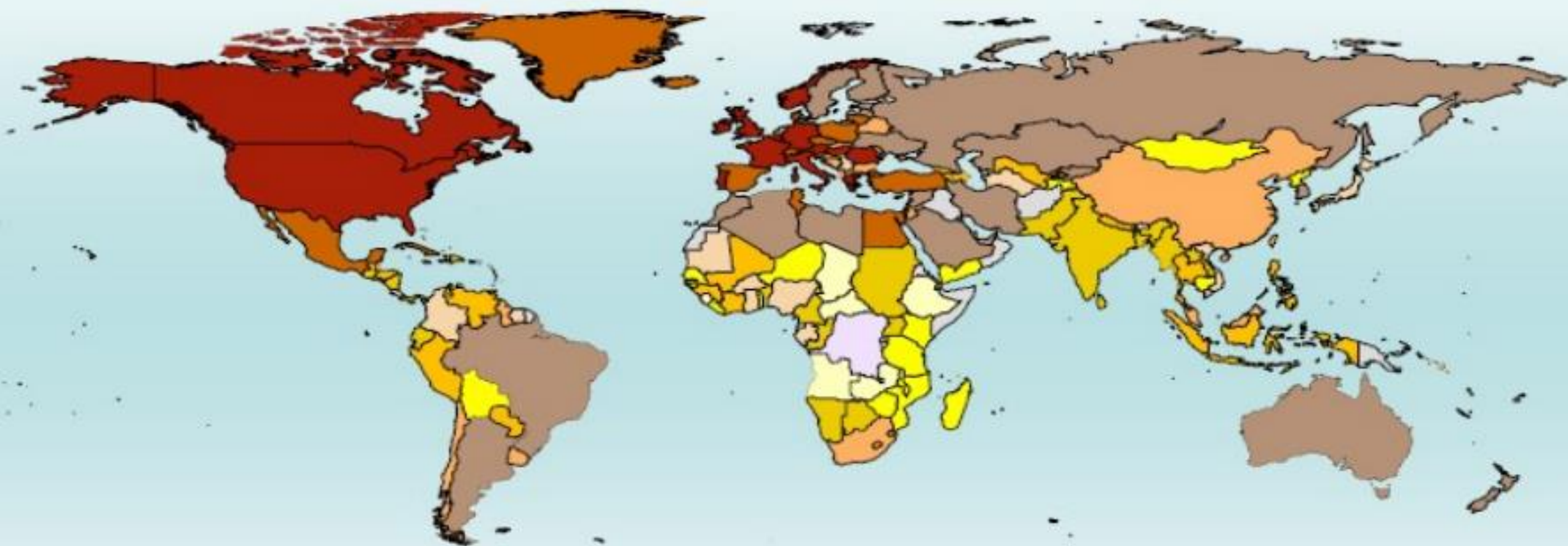
World Population: 1950-2050



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, International Data Base, June 2011 Update.

Dietary Energy Supply *

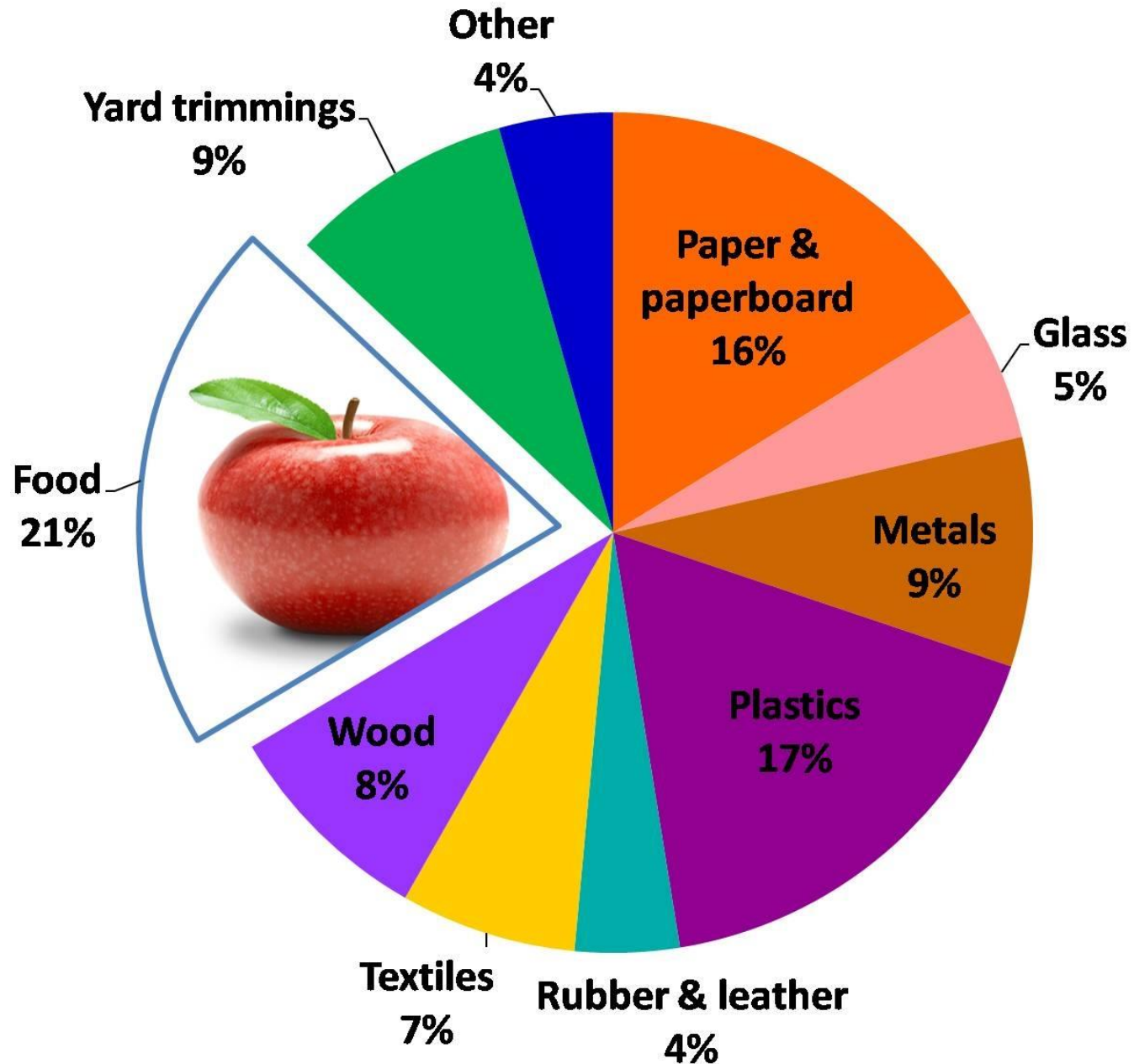
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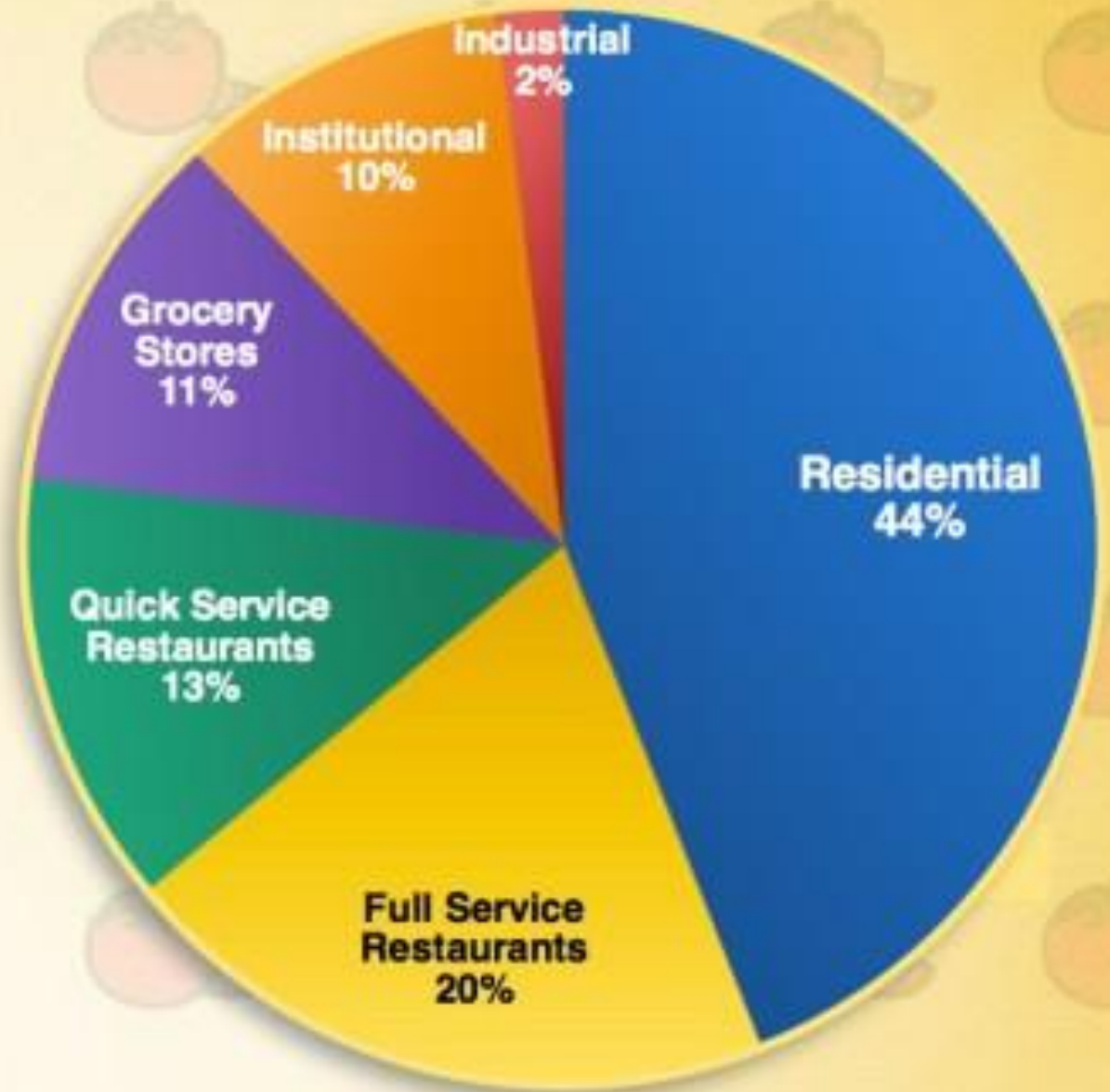
Americans waste enough food to fill the “Rose Bowl” every day.
(Bloom 2007)

Municipal Solid Waste Disposed, in U.S. 2010



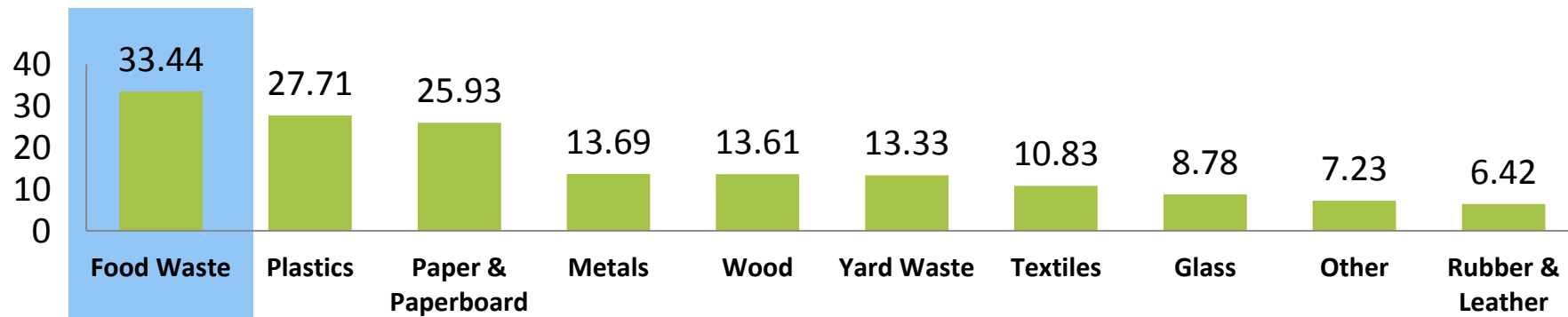
US Food Waste Disposal Data

20% - 40%
of all food
grown and
processed



How much food are we throwing away every year?

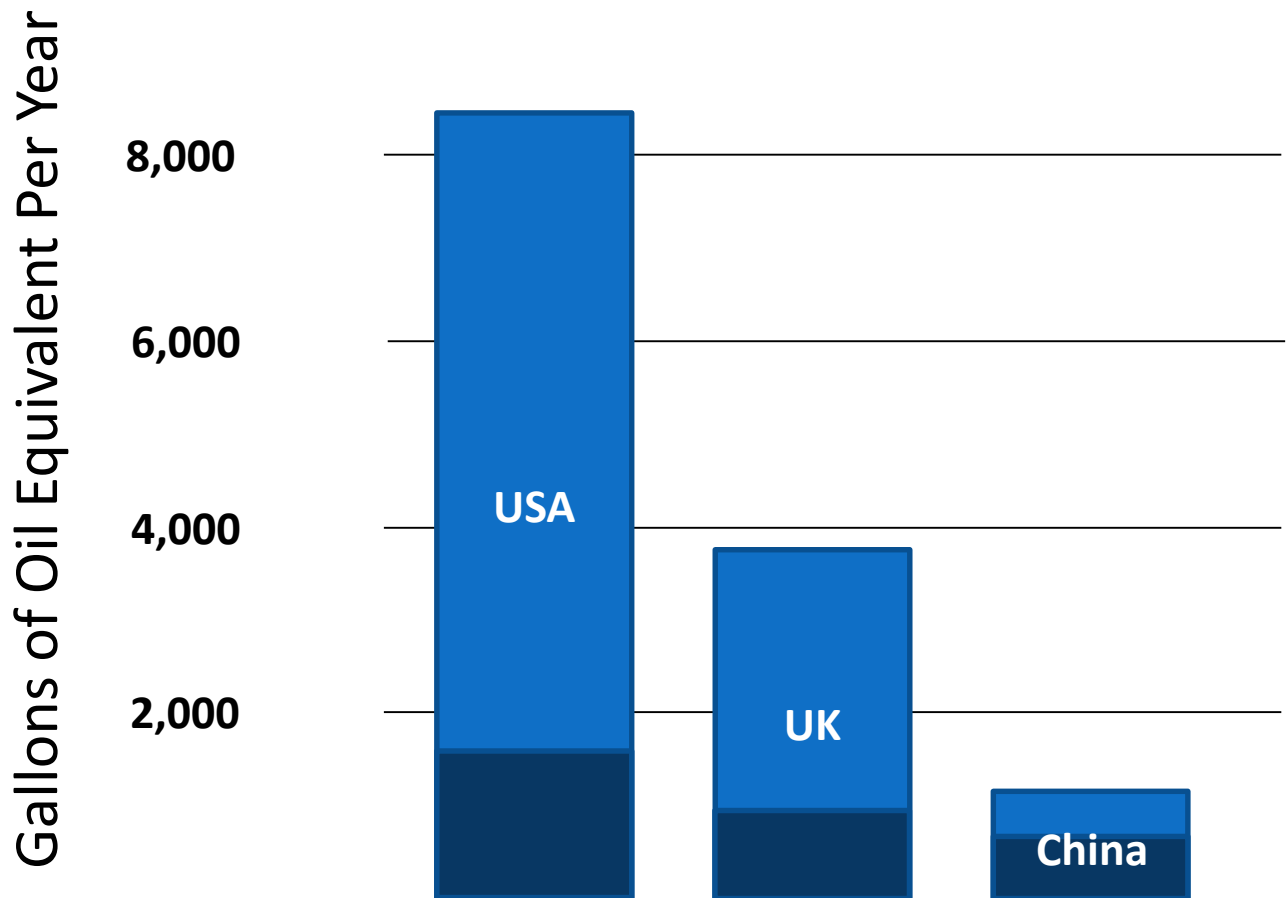
- **In total, just under 34 million tons** of food waste was disposed of in landfills/incinerators in 2009 (14% of the country's total waste stream)
- **Less than 3%** of food waste was recovered for recycling (composting) in 2009 (EPA, 2010)



Food waste is a problem because it impacts the economy.

- Financially, wasted food costs America **more than \$100 billion annually** (Bloom, 2007)
 - Disposal cost of municipal waste management
 - Over purchasing costs
 - Cost of lost energy

Energy Consumption Rate Per Capita (gallons of oil equivalent per year)



The United States spends 19% of total energy on food, while food production in developing countries represents 50% to 80% of energy expenditures. Nonetheless, the United States spends three times as much energy per capita on food production as developing countries.

Total Energy Use

Energy Use for Food

Source: Pimentel "Food, Energy, And Society," CRC Press (2008), p. 7.



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It impacts society.

- **50 million Americans**, or 14% of American households, were food insecure in 2009 (USDA).
- Food insecurity can increase the likelihood for an individual to have **major health concerns**.

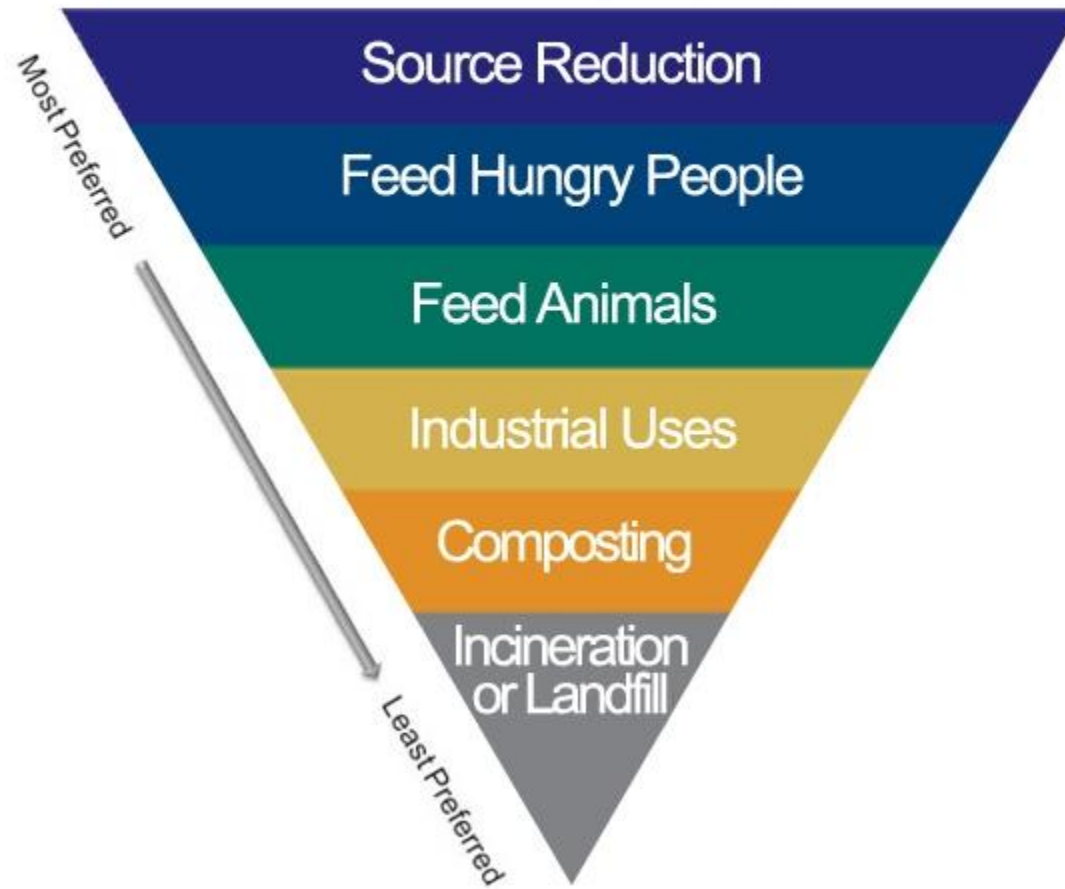


It impacts the environment.

- Food that enters a landfill produces methane, a greenhouse gas with **21 times** the warming potential of CO₂
- Food production impacts **water quality, soil productivity, and contributes to about 13% of the nation's greenhouse gas emissions.**



Food Recovery Hierarchy



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Federal Green Challenge Food Waste Goals

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Diversion Data:

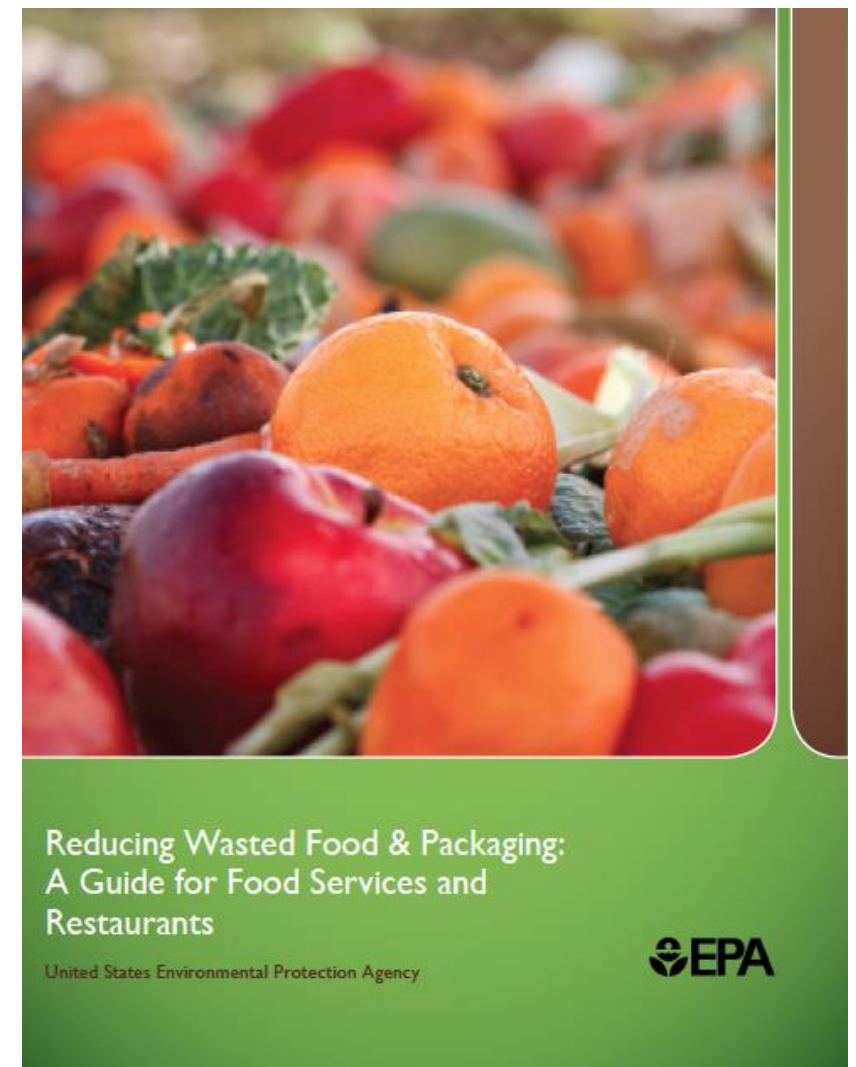
ACTIVITY	BASELINE YEAR AMOUNT (TONS)	FIRST YEAR'S GOAL (% INCREASE)
MSW Prevented/Source Reduced		
MSW Reused		
MSW Donated		
MSW Recycled		
MSW Composted		
Total Tons Diverted		



EPA's Toolkit for Reducing Wasted Food and Packaging

A Guide for Food Services and Restaurants

<http://www.epa.gov/foodrecovery/tools/index.htm>



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Toolkit for Reducing Wasted Food and Packaging The Materials

- **Customized logs and Excel Spread Sheet**
 - Track daily amount, type and reason for wasted food & packaging
 - Tool generates customizable paper logs
 - Enter data into Excel spreadsheet tool
 - Tool creates graphs and data summaries to identify patterns
- **Guidebook**
 - helps turn audit results into action



Step 3: Data Entry

The Data Entry form should be filled once a week by the appointed food waste manager using information from the collected Data Collection sheet. As data is entered here, please convert to units of weight (in pounds) for each food waste or packaging type. If need please use the Conversion Helper tab to help convert the individual food and packaging items listed on the data collection sheets into units of pounds.

Once the data has been entered, please click on the "Store Data" button. A summary of the data entered throughout the audit will be displayed on a Data Summary tab. The "Clear Data" button will clear the data entry tab so that the next week's food and packaging waste data can be entered.

Week starting date for food waste audit:	Monday, June 16, 2014
How many different venues are included in the audit for the selected week?	1

Store Data

Clear Data

Food waste managers that have communicated with their kitchen staff to track individual food waste types (e.g., "hot dogs") can use the following buttons to add a user-specified row to the data entry tables below. Throughout the food waste audit, food waste managers will now be able to enter food or packaging waste amounts (in pounds) for individual material types.

Add Kitchen Food Waste Row

Add Kitchen Packaging Waste Row

Add Plate Waste Row

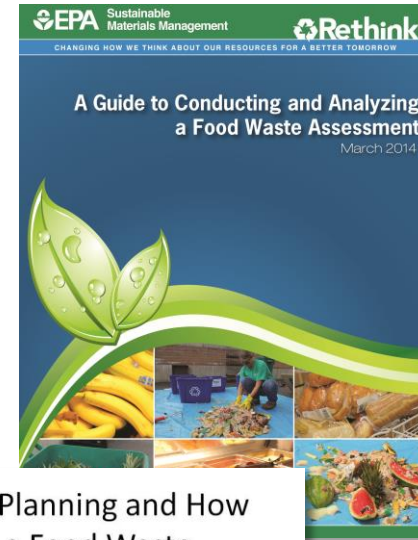
Food Waste Audit for Week Starting Monday, June 16, 2014														
Venue Name														
		Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			
Kitchen Food Waste	Recorded By (Name)													
	Daily Event (e.g., lunch, special event)													
	Quantity of Waste (ENTER POUNDS)	Pounds of Waste	Loss Reason	Waste Destination	Pounds of Waste	Loss Reason	Waste Destination	Pounds of Waste	Loss Reason	Waste Destination	Pounds of Waste	Loss Reason	Waste Destination	Pounds of Waste
	Protein													
	Grain													
	Fruits and vegetables													
	Dairy													
	Other													

Kitchen Packaging Waste	Recorded By (Name)													
	Quantity of Waste (ENTER POUNDS)	Pounds of Waste	Waste Destination		Pounds of Waste	Waste Destination		Pounds of Waste	Waste Destination		Pounds of Waste	Waste Destination		Pounds of Waste
	Paper													
	Cardboard													
	Aluminum													
	Steel													
	Container plastic													
	Other plastic													
	Glass													
	Other													

Conducting a Food Waste Assessment

The Materials

- Guidebook
- Narrated Slideshow



Food Recovery Planning and How to Conduct a Food Waste Assessment



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