



# Food Waste & Hunger Facts

- 1. 40% of food in the US goes to waste**
- 2. 1 in 6 people in the US go hungry**
- 3. 16 million children in America struggle with hunger**
- 4. 6 billion pounds of fruit and vegetables go wasted each year in the US**
- 5. If one-quarter of the food wasted were saved, it would be enough to feed 870 million hungry people globally**
- 6. Every year, consumers in rich countries waste almost as much food (222 million tons) as the entire net food production of sub-Saharan Africa (230 million tons)**
- 7. If food waste were a country, it would be the third largest greenhouse gas emitter behind the US and China**
- 8. Food waste consumes 21% of fresh water, 19% of fertilizer, 18% of cropland and 21% of landfill volume in the US**
- 9. Each year, American consumers, businesses, and farmers spend \$218 billion, or 1.3% of GDP, a year growing, processing, transporting, and disposing food that is never eaten**