Lesson 13

Our Wasted food
Waste by Food Group

U.S. food waste, in billions of pounds, 2010

- Dairy products: 25.4 (19.1%)
- Meat, poultry, and fish: 15.3 (11.5%)
- Vegetables: 5.2 (19.0%)
- Fruit: 18.4 (13.9%)
- Added sugar and sweeteners: 16.7 (12.6%)
- Added fats and oils: 9.9 (7.5%)
- Grains and products: 18.5 (13.9%)
- Eggs: 2.8 (2.1%)
- Nuts: 0.5 (0.4%)

Landfills

Food represents the single largest component (21%) of solid waste in landfills and incinerators.


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EPA Food Recovery Hierarchy

United States Environmental Protection Agency,
https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/food-recovery-hierarchy