

Food Waste in the Foodservice Industry

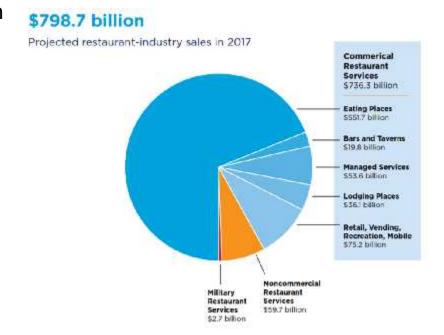
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2017 Est. Business Size

Around **1 million restaurant locations** in the United States with **14.7** million employees





Food Waste Reduction Alliance

Industry partnership to reduce food waste:

- Grocery Manufacturers Association
- Food Marketing Institute
- National Restaurant Association





OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

Initially, the FWRA set two primary objectives: reduce food waste to landfills and increase food donation. As the Alliance has evolved, those objectives still ring true, although the objective to reduce food to landfills has expanded. Our current goals are to:

GOAL #1:

Reduce the amount of food waste generated **GOAL #2:**

Increase the amount

GOAL #3:

INTRODUCTION TO THE FOOD WASTE CHALLENGE







NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION	FOOD MARKETING INSTITUTE	GROCERY MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION	
Aramark Corporation	Delhaize America	Campbell Soup Company	
Chick-fil-A	Hannaford Supermarkets	ConAgra Foods, Inc.	
Darden Restaurants	Hy-Vee	Del Monte Foods	
McDonald's Usa	Publix Super Markets, Inc.	General Mills, Inc.	
Sodexo	Safeway Inc.	Kellogg Company	
The Cheesecake Factory	Target	Nestlé USA, Inc.	
Yum! Brands	The Kroger Co.	PepsiCo	
	Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.	Tyson Foods	
	Weis Markets, Inc.	Unilever	

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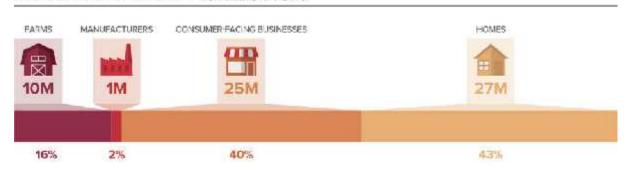


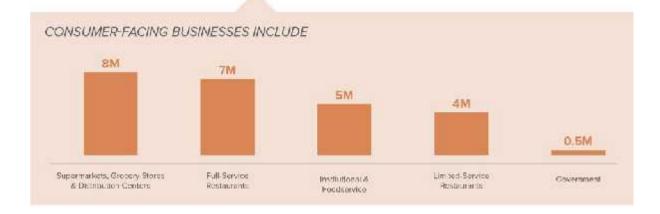


BEST PRACTICES & EMERGING SOLUTIONS

Food Waste throughout the Supply Chain

FOOD WASTED BY WEIGHT - 63 MILLION TONS





Source: ReFED













Recycling Toolkit



Sustainability: It's What's Hot

- Hyper-local
- 2. Chef-driven fast casual concepts
- 3. Natural ingredients/clean menus
- 4. Food waste reduction
- 5. Veggie-centric/vegetable forward cuisine
- 6. Environmental sustainability
- Locally sourced meat and seafood
- 8. Locally sourced produce
- 9. Simplicity/back to basics
- 10. Farm/estate branded items



TOP 10
CONCEPT
TRENDS

Source: What's Hot 2018

THE STATE OF RESTAURANT SUSTAINABILITY 2018



Donation Starts with Tracking



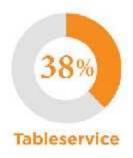
Nearly half of restaurant operators say they track the food waste their business generates.

How Often Do Restaurateurs Track Food Waste?

About half of restaurants track food waste Nearly half of restaurant operators say they track the amount of food waste their business generates.

Percent of restaurant operators, by type of operation, who say they track food waste in their restaurants











Why Are they NOT Donating?

Percent of restaurant operators, by type of operation, who cite the following reasons for not donating leftover food to charity

	All restaurants	By segment		By ownership	
		Tableservice	Limited-service	Independent	Chain/Franchisee
Liability or food safety concerns	54%	55%	53%	47%	62%
Too complicated/ time consuming	23%	24%	21%	26%	20%
Regulatory constraints	22%	25%	19%	22%	22%
Transportation constraints	18%	23%	13%	19%	18%
Insufficient refrigeration or storage	17%	20%	14%	17%	19%
Other/Don't know	31%	31%	37%	32%	29%

Source: National Restaurant Association, Restaurant Sustainability Survey 2017

^{*}Base = Restaurant operators who do not donate leftover food to charity.

Why?

31% aware of federal liability protection under the **Good Samaritan Act**

More than three in ten operators are aware of the tax benefits for food donation or have already taken advantage of a tax benefit.

Source: National Restaurant Association, Restaurant Sustainability Survey 2017



Composting



14 percent of restaurant operators say they **compost at least some** food waste.

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4%

of operators compost back-of-house scraps only 1%

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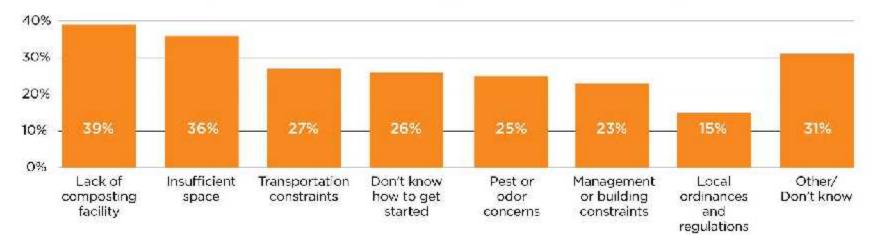
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Source: The State of Restaurant Sustainability, 2018

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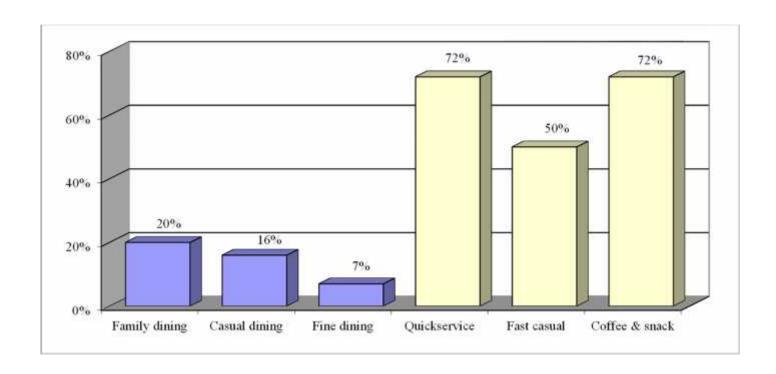
Lack of composting facilities is a challenge Restaurant operators cite a lack of nearby composting facilities as their top reason for not composting food waste.

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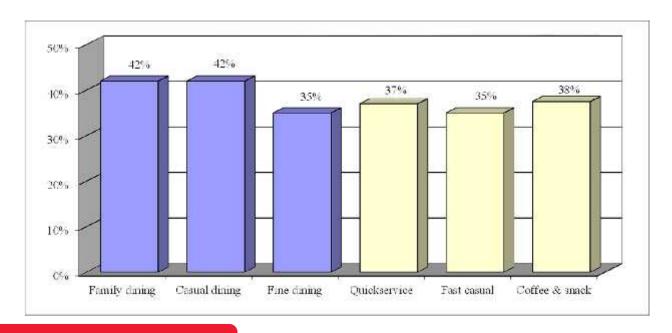
Percent of customer traffic that is off-premises



Source: Restaurant Trends Survey, 2018

Expanding Off Premise Dining in 2018

Percent of restaurant operators who plan to devote more resources to expanding the off-premises side of the business in 2018

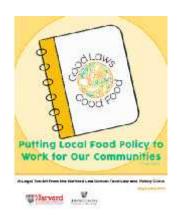


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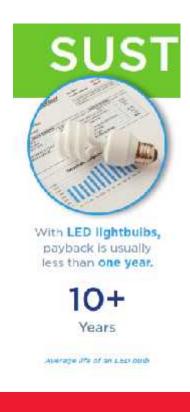
Need New Policy + Instructure Discussion













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