FOOD LOSS AND WASTE FACTS

every year around the globe

1.3 BILLION TONNES OF

is

lost or wasted

that is

1/3 OF ALL FOOD PRODUCED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Global quantitative food losses and waste for each commodity group per year:

30% CEREALS
In industrialized countries, consumers throw away 286 million tonnes of cereal products.

20% DAIRY PRODUCTS
In Europe alone, 29 million tonnes of dairy products are lost or wasted every year.

35% FISH AND SEAFOOD
8% of fish caught globally is thrown back into the sea. In most cases they are dead, dying or badly damaged.

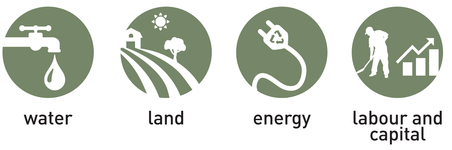
45% FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
Almost half of all the fruits and vegetables produced are wasted.

20% MEAT
Of the 263 million tonnes of meat produced globally, over 20% is lost or wasted.

20% OILSEEDS AND PULSES
Every year, 22% of the global production of oilseeds and pulses is lost or wasted.

45% ROOTS AND TUBERS
In North America & Oceania alone, 5 814 000 tonnes of roots and tubers are wasted at the consumption stage alone.

Food loss and waste also amount to a major squandering of resources, including:



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and needlessly produce GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, contributing to GLOBAL WARMING and CLIMATE CHANGE.

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