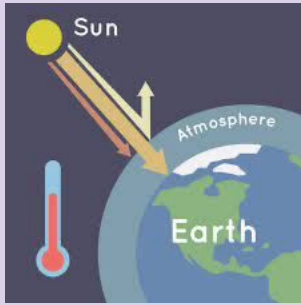


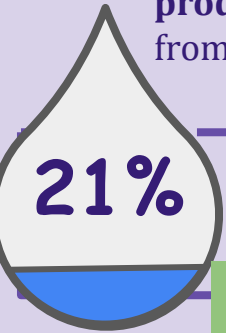
# The National Issue of Food Waste

*Why should we care more about our trash?*

Ecological



The **Greenhouse Gas Effect** is a naturally occurring process in which atmospheric gases (GHGs) heat the planet. The GHG released during **food production** is carbon dioxide (CO2) and methane (CH4) released from **decomposing food in landfills** have heightened this effect.



21% of water used to grow food is wasted annually.

Economic

In an effort to become more sustainable, we need to be more mindful of our food consumption!

Social

## Individual Mindset

Myth of abundance and expectation of availability lead to increased consumer demands.

Social

## Overproduction

Industries overproduce to meet the supply gaps, wasting both water and resources.

Economic

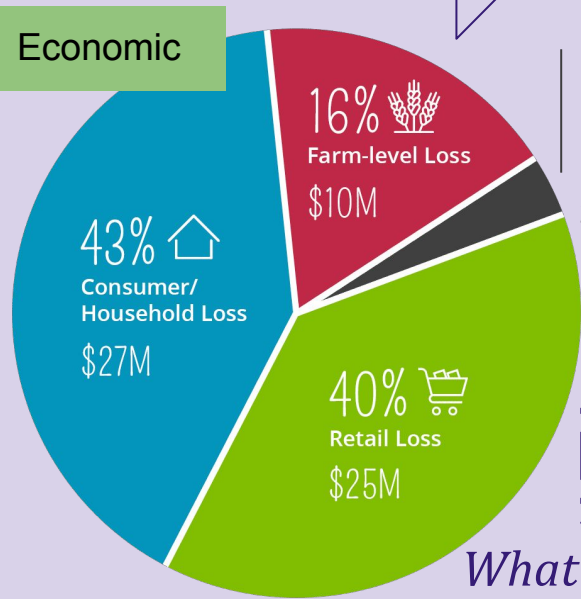
# 30-40%

of entire United States food supply is lost to food waste.

(which equates to around 219lb of waste per person each year)

Since individual consumers contribute to 43% of all food waste, **the decisions we make matter.**

Social



Social Economic Ecological  
Components of Food Waste

*What steps can individuals take reduce our food waste?*

1. Take what you need



2. Buy locally grown food.



3. Donate excess food



4. Compost!



Preferred Plan of Action

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