

## Lesson 13

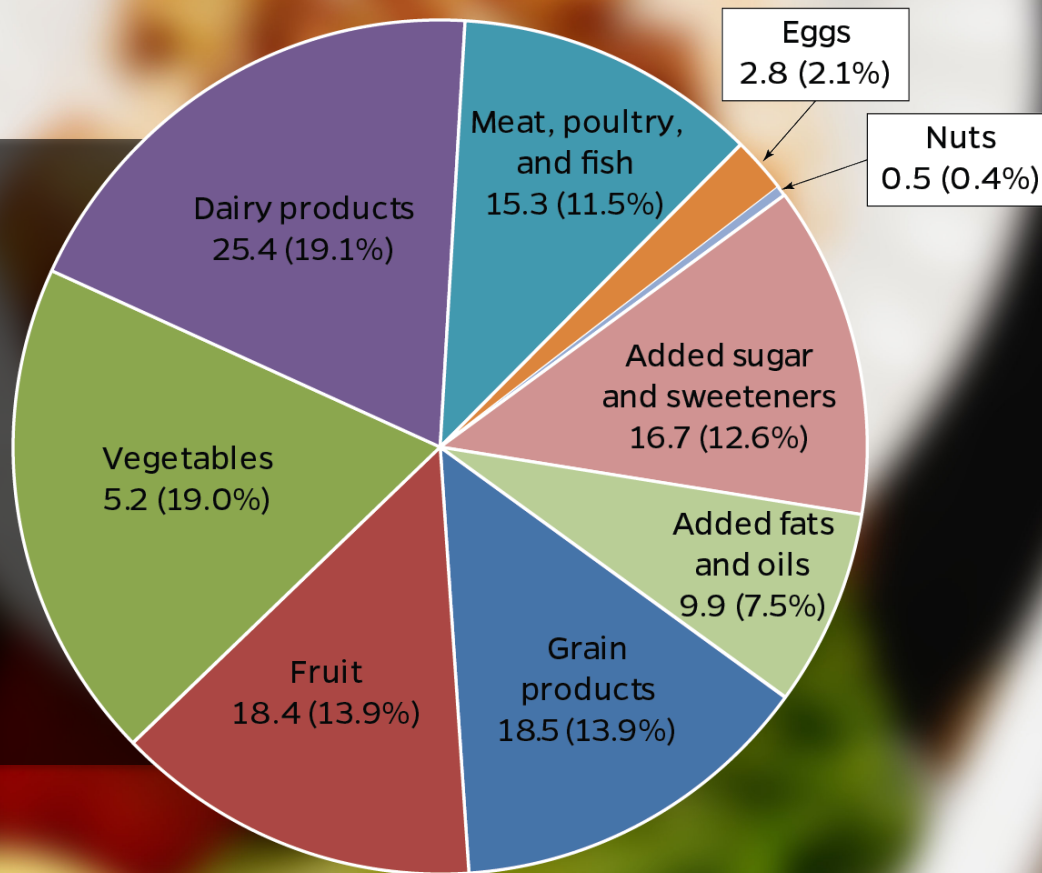
# Our Wasted food



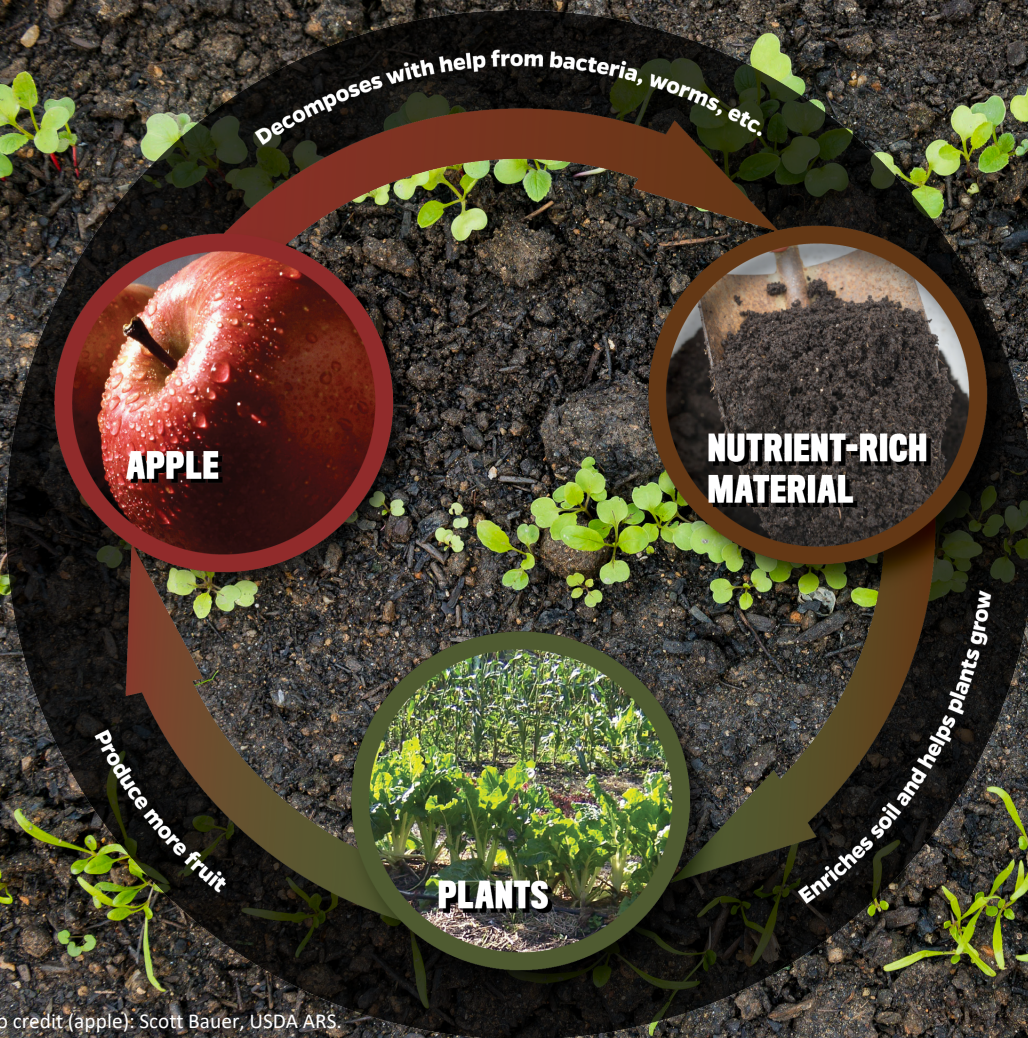
# Waste by Food Group

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

Data source: Buzby JC, Wells HF, Hyman J. *The Estimated Amount, Value, and Calories of Postharvest Food Losses at the Retail and Consumer Levels in the United States*. USDA ERS; 2014.



# Nutrient Cycle



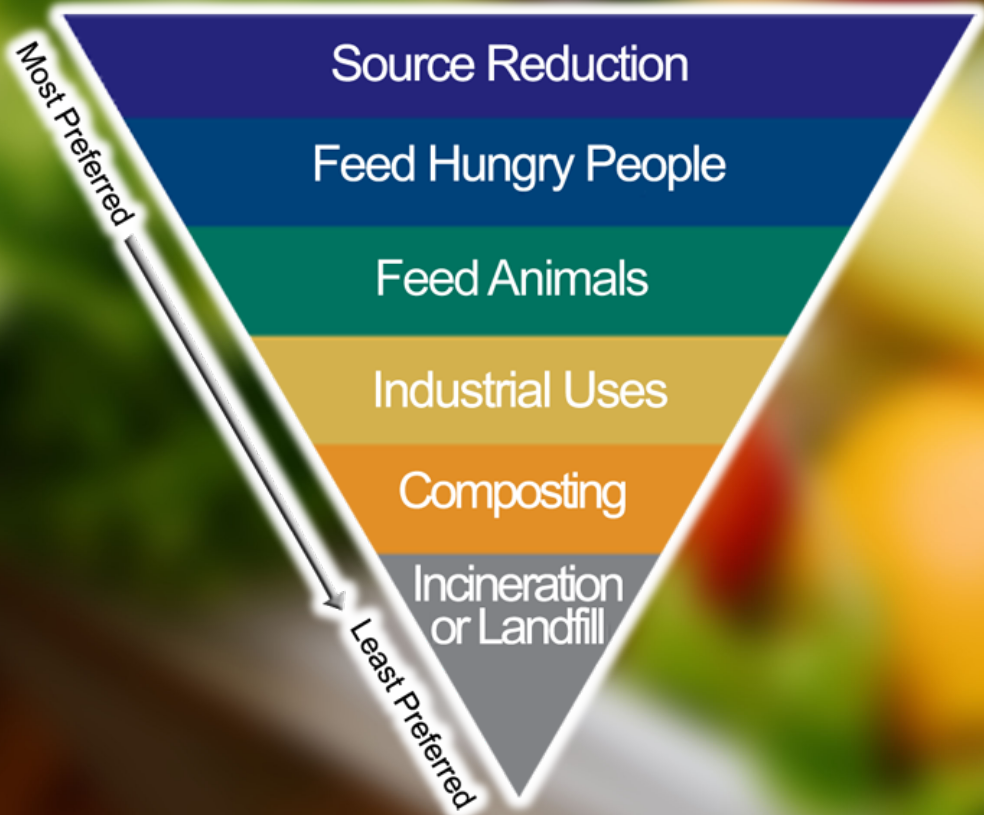
# Landfills

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

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.  
Reducing Food Waste for Business. 2014.

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# EPA Food Recovery Hierarchy

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