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Appendix 6: Talking Points: Food Waste

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DIRECTIONS:

Read "Talking Points: Food Waste" in the Summer 2019 issue of *FFA New Horizons*. Answer the questions below.

1. How much does the average American family throw away?

2. How much does this cost a family annually?



3. Between 125 and 260 billion pounds of food are left _____ in the _____ every year — _____ billion of that is due to _____ waste.



4. What is the No. 1 contributor to landfills?

This takes up _____ percent of all landfill content each year.

5. Food waste is hard to break down. Because of this, it is responsible for at least _____ percent of all U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

- A. 5
- B. 5.2
- C. 2.8
- D. 2.6



6. The land used to grow uneaten food makes up about _____ to _____ percent of total U.S. cropland (more than the entire state of _____).

7. What are farmers doing to help the food waste issue?



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Part 2

DIRECTIONS:

Answer the questions below based on your own food waste and what you see in your school cafeteria and at home.



Write a paragraph describing what food items you see in the trash after lunch at school:



How do you feel after seeing all of the food waste in the trash cans?

Record the food items you see in the trash at your house:



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Part 3

DIRECTIONS

Answer the questions below. Utilize this website, <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-wasted-food-home>, to help answer some of the questions.

1. What can you do to reduce your own food waste? What steps can you take?



Does your school have a recycling program?

YES

Who collects the recycling?

NO

Develop a plan to start a recycling program by answer the following questions.

How will the recyclables be collected?

When is it collected?

When will the recyclables be collected?



Who will collect the recyclables?

Where will the recyclables be taken?

How often will they be collected?

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Part 1

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1. How much does the average American family throw away?
25 percent of the food and beverages it purchases

2. How much does this cost the family annually?
This costs the family around \$1,600 annually.



3. Between 125 and 260 billion pounds of food are left **uneaten** in the **U.S.** every year — **76** billion of that is due to **household** waste.



4. What is the No. 1 contributor to landfills?
Food waste
This takes up **21** percent of all landfill content each year.

5. Food waste is hard to break down. Because of this, it is responsible for at least _____ percent of all U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

- A. 5
- B. 5.2
- C. 2.8
- D. 2.6**



6. The land used to grow uneaten food makes up about **18 to 28** percent of total U.S. cropland (more than the entire state of **New Mexico**).

7. What are farmers doing to help the food waste issue?
Farmers have cut back on food waste by using unsold produce as feed or compost. Others have donated unused food.

