

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

FOOD WASTES
IN AMERICA

DEFINING FOOD WASTES AND SHOWING WHAT IT AFFECTS

Food waste is organic waste, that includes anything biodegradable that comes from plants or animals. Any food that is grown and produced for human consumption, but ultimately not eaten.

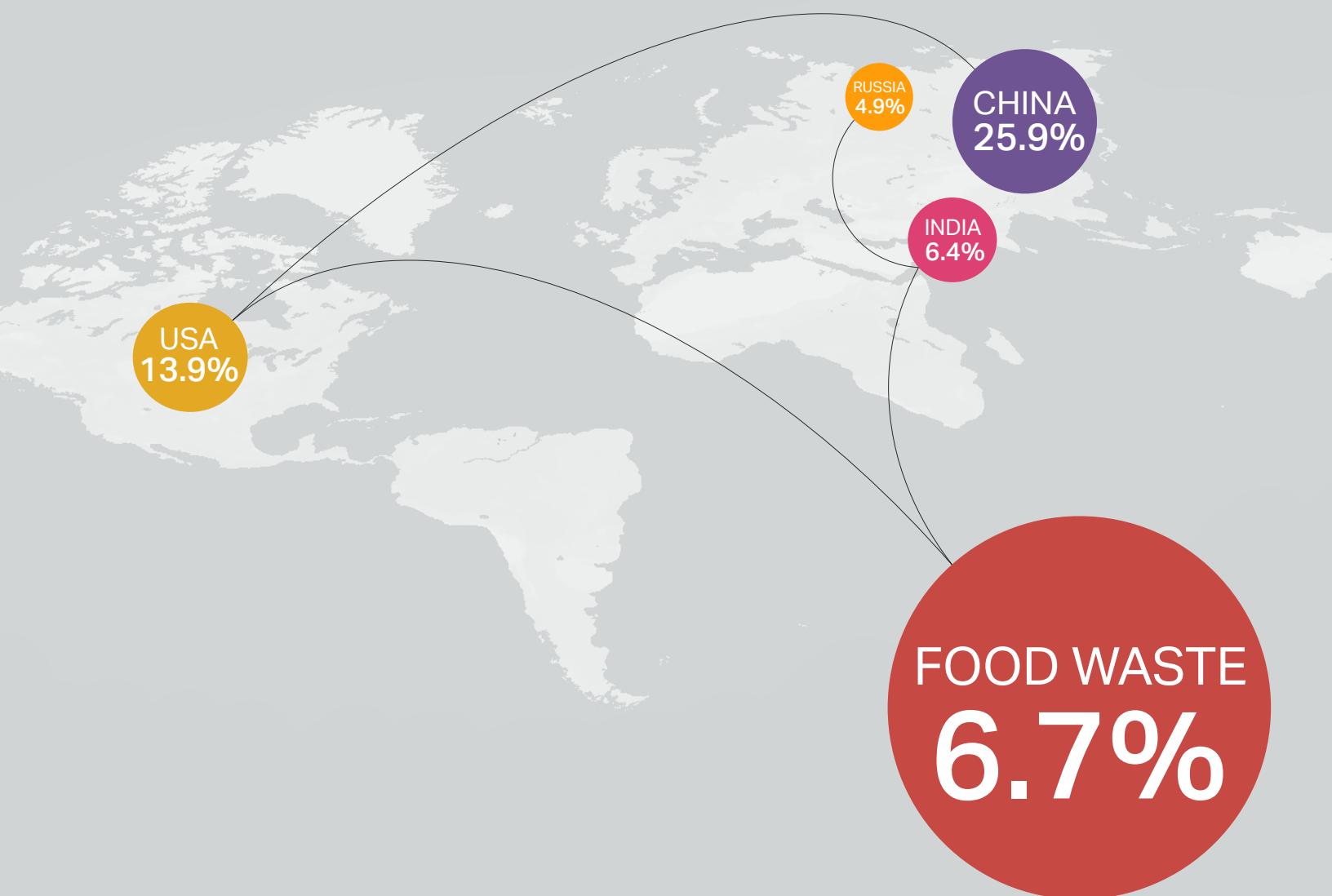
Decomposing food that's tossed into landfills also directly contributes to climate change. When this food rots it releases methane – a greenhouse gas at least 25 times more powerful than carbon dioxide.





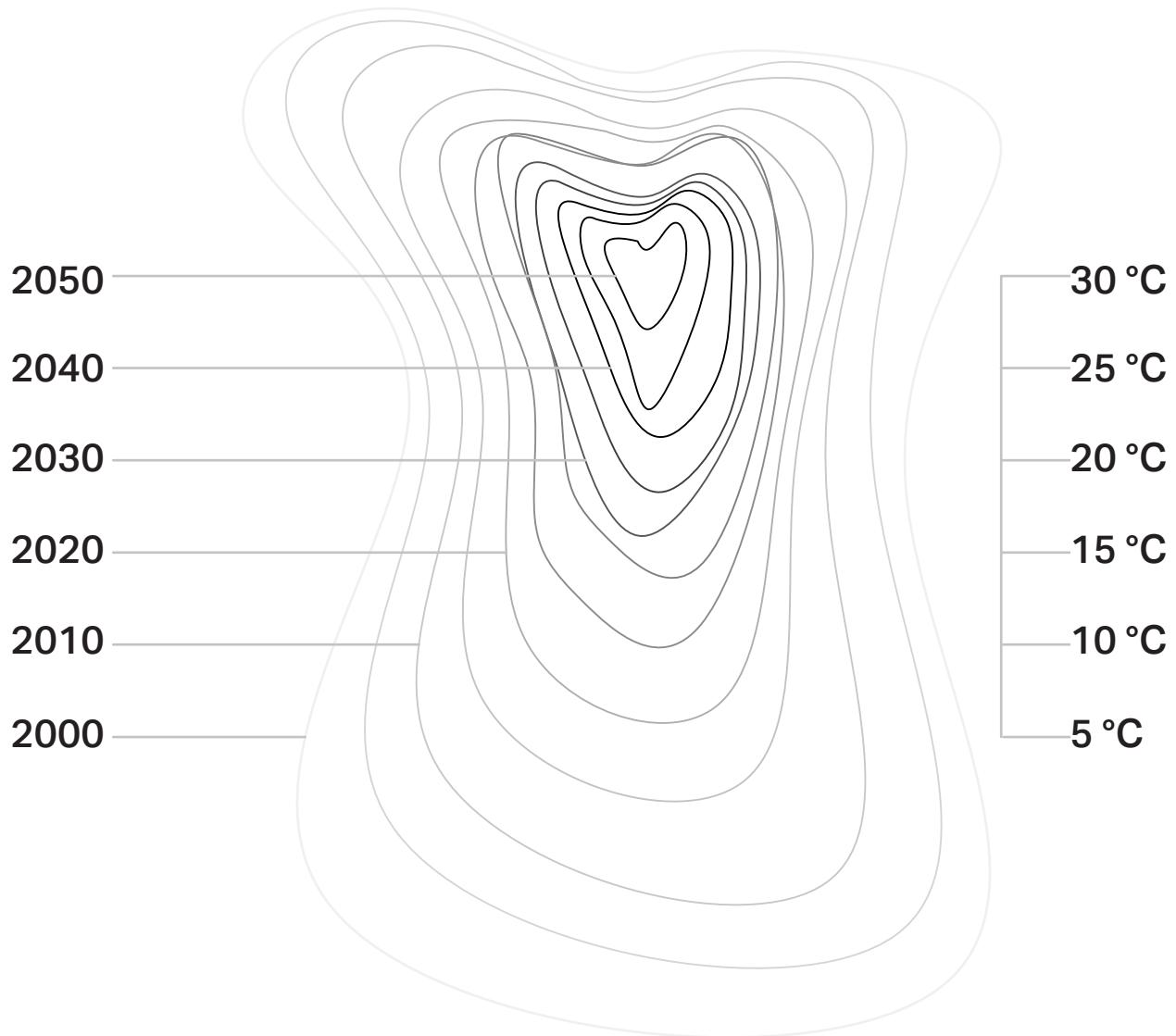
RAISING AWARENESS OF THE ISSUE

All of the food waste in the world contributes 6.7% of greenhouse gases, presumably making it the world's third largest greenhouse gas emitter.



FOOD WASTE HAS A MAJOR IMPACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

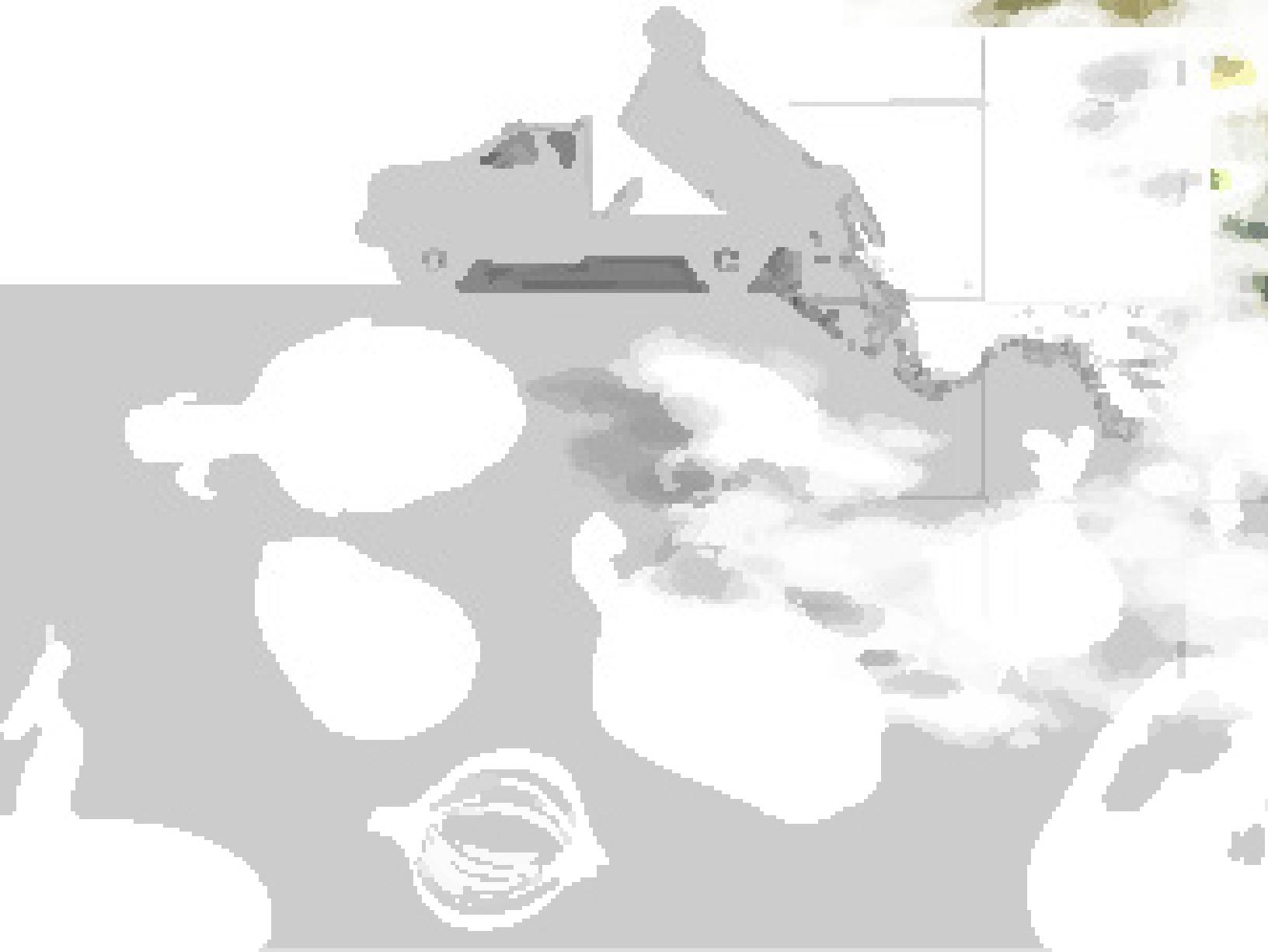
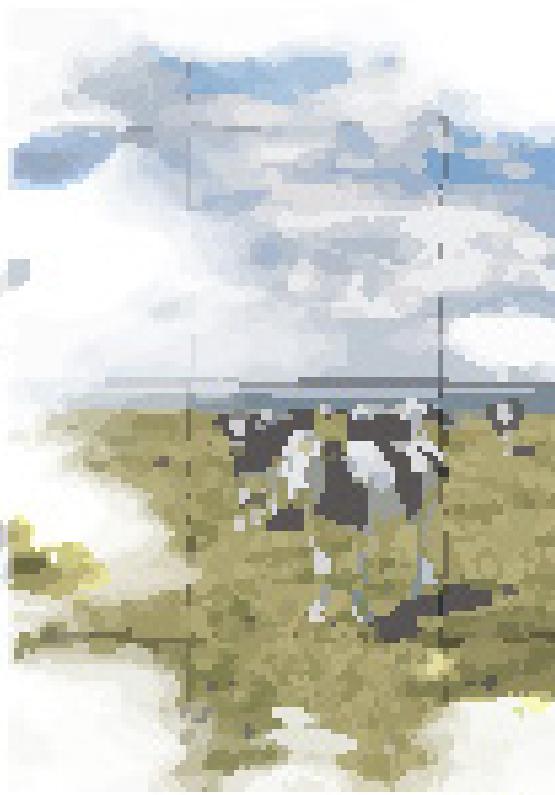
Climate change and its increase in temperatures due to food wastes



FOOD WASTES IS DETRIMENTAL TO OUR EARTH

Food wastes consumes about 21% of all fresh water and 18% of available crop land each year

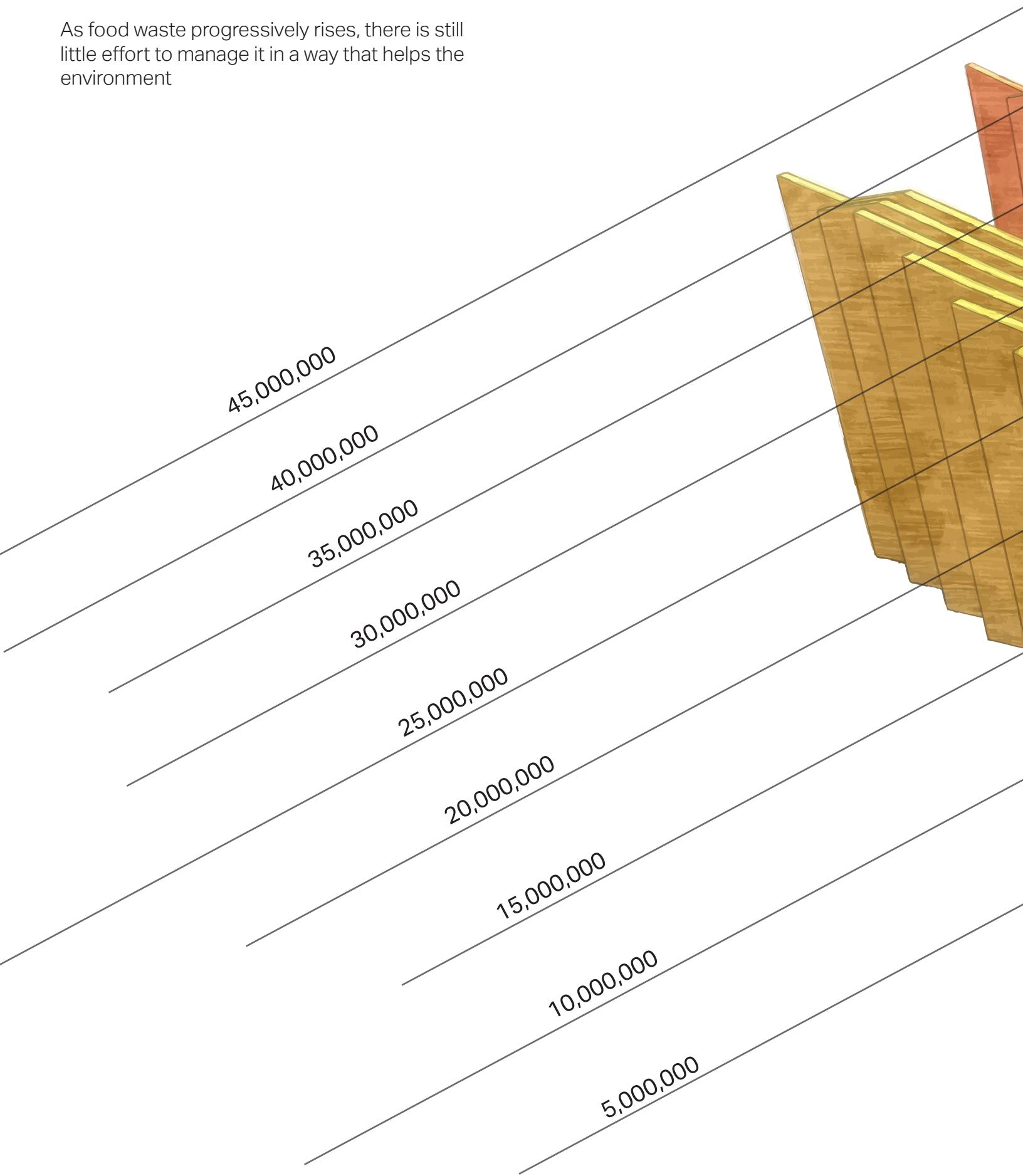
In the United States, food is the number one material sent to landfills, ahead of plastics and paper production.

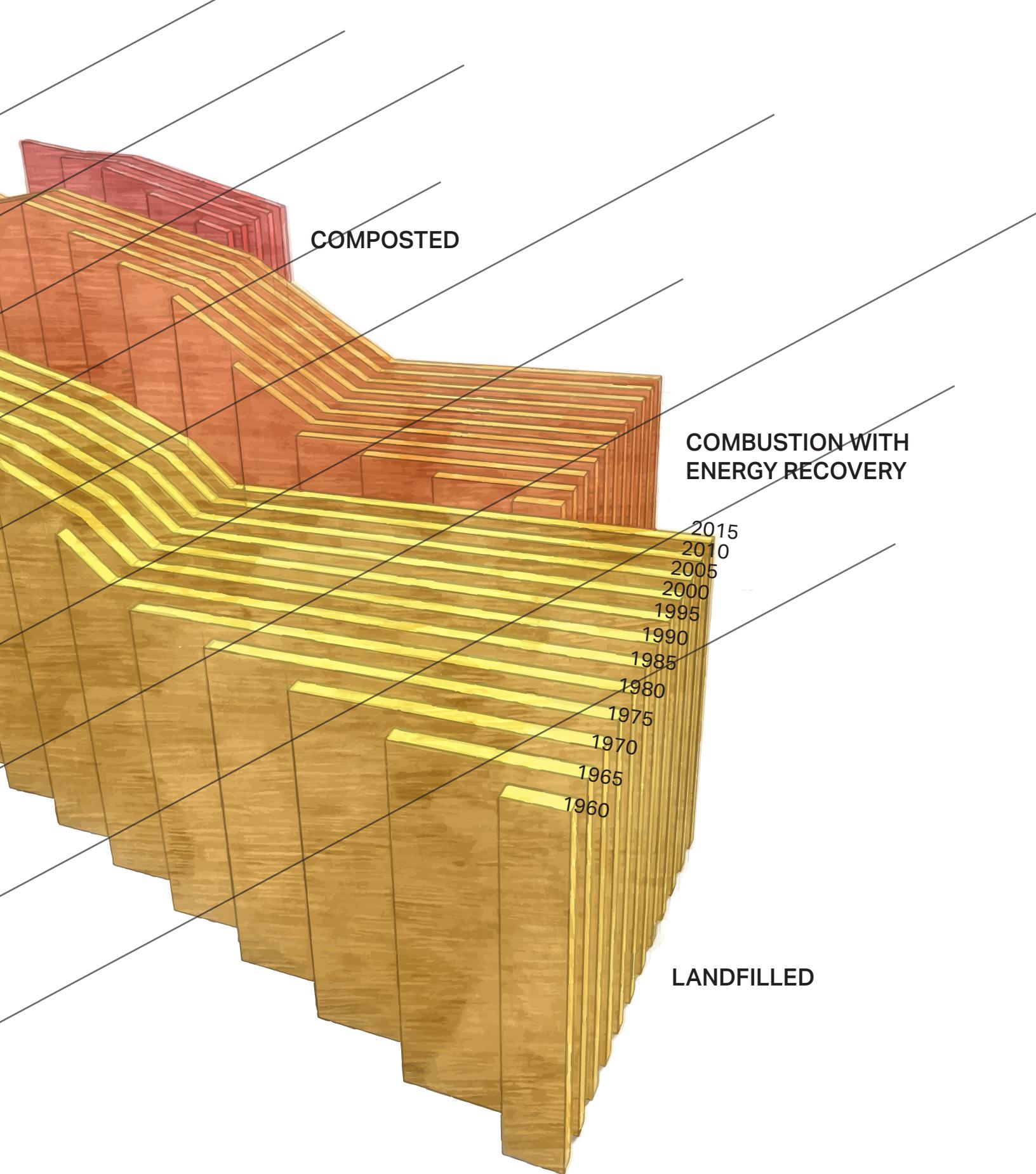




FOOD WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE U.S. BY WEIGHT IN TONS

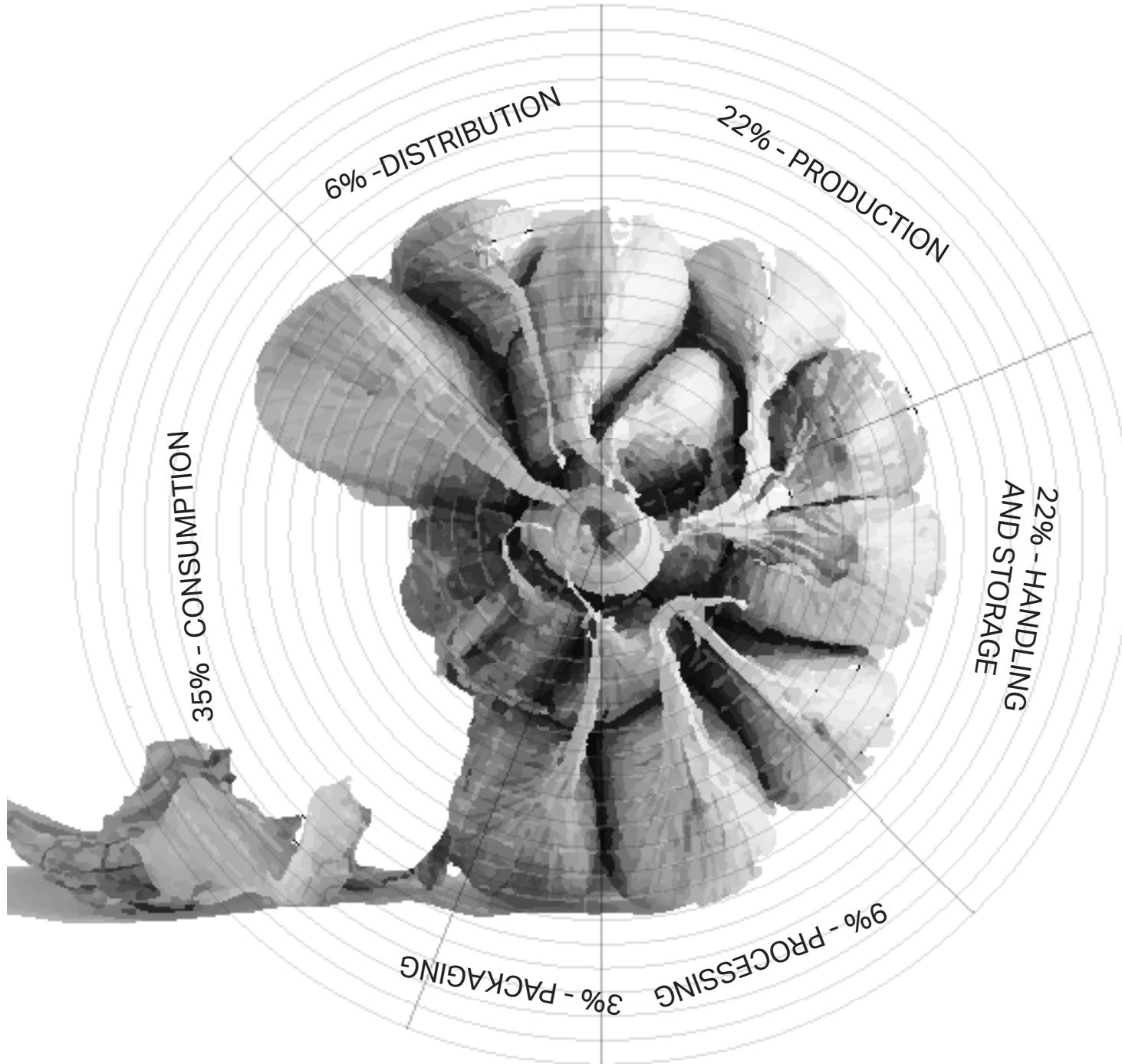
As food waste progressively rises, there is still little effort to manage it in a way that helps the environment

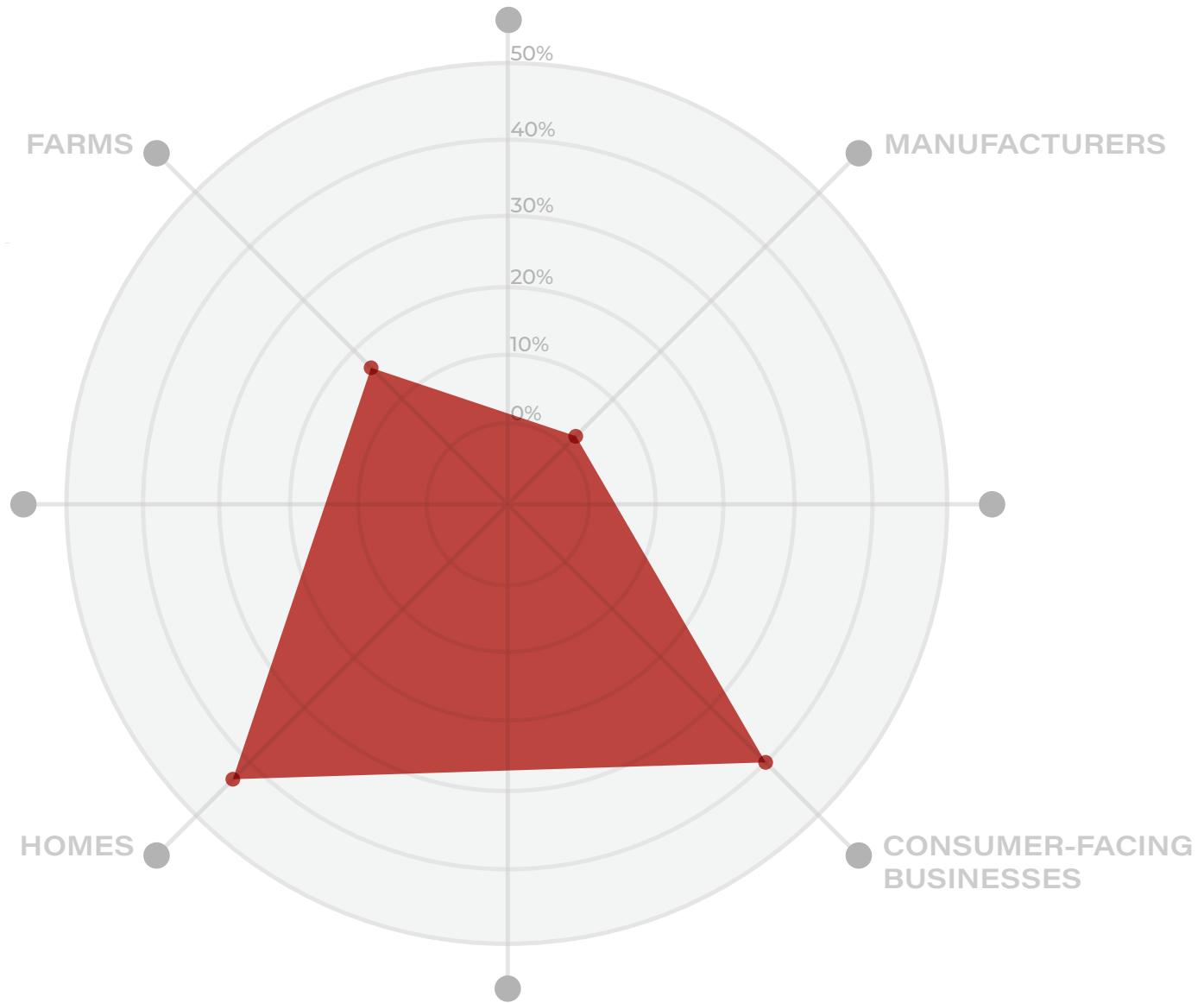




HOME IS WHERE THE WASTE IS

Over 1/3 of the food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted globally every year

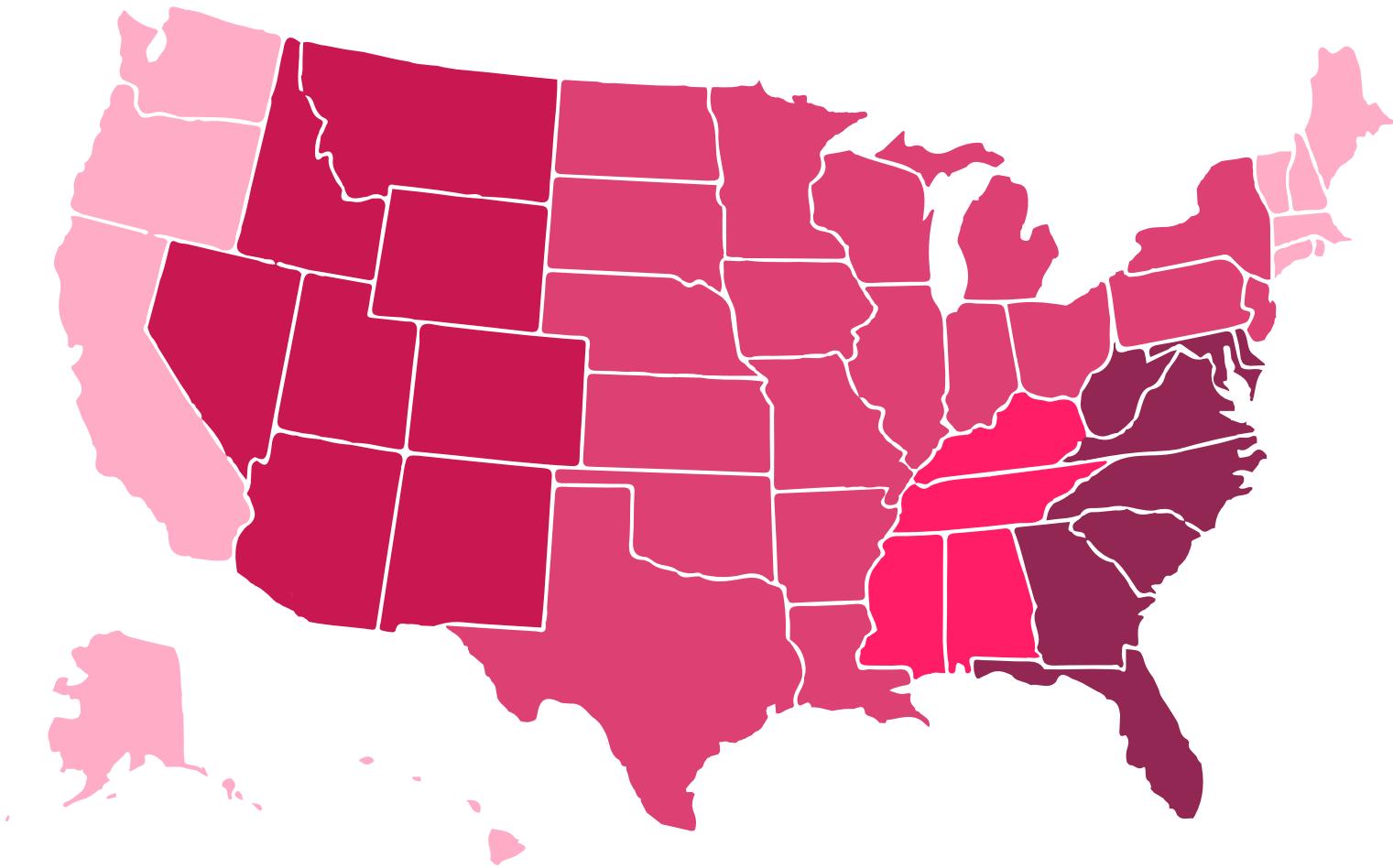




MEAL WASTE BY REGION

Region that wastes the least of its meals:
New England - 5.58%

Region that wastes the most of its meals:
East South Central - 8.95%



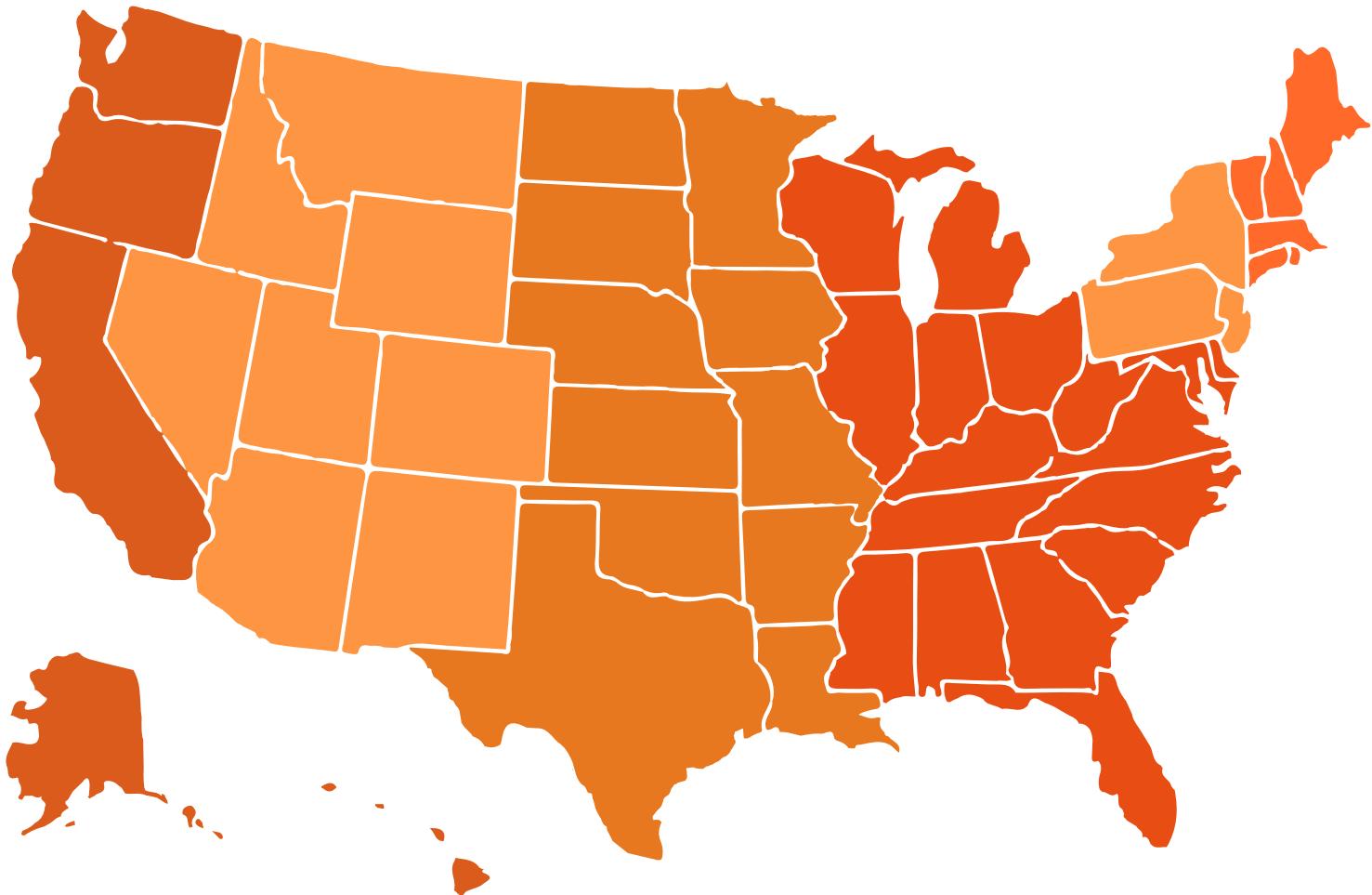
AVERAGE PERCENTAGE OF MEALS WASTED

5.58 **8.95**

GROCERY WASTE BY REGION

Region that wastes the least of its groceries:
New England - 6.76%

Region that wastes the most of its groceries:
East South Central - 11.34%

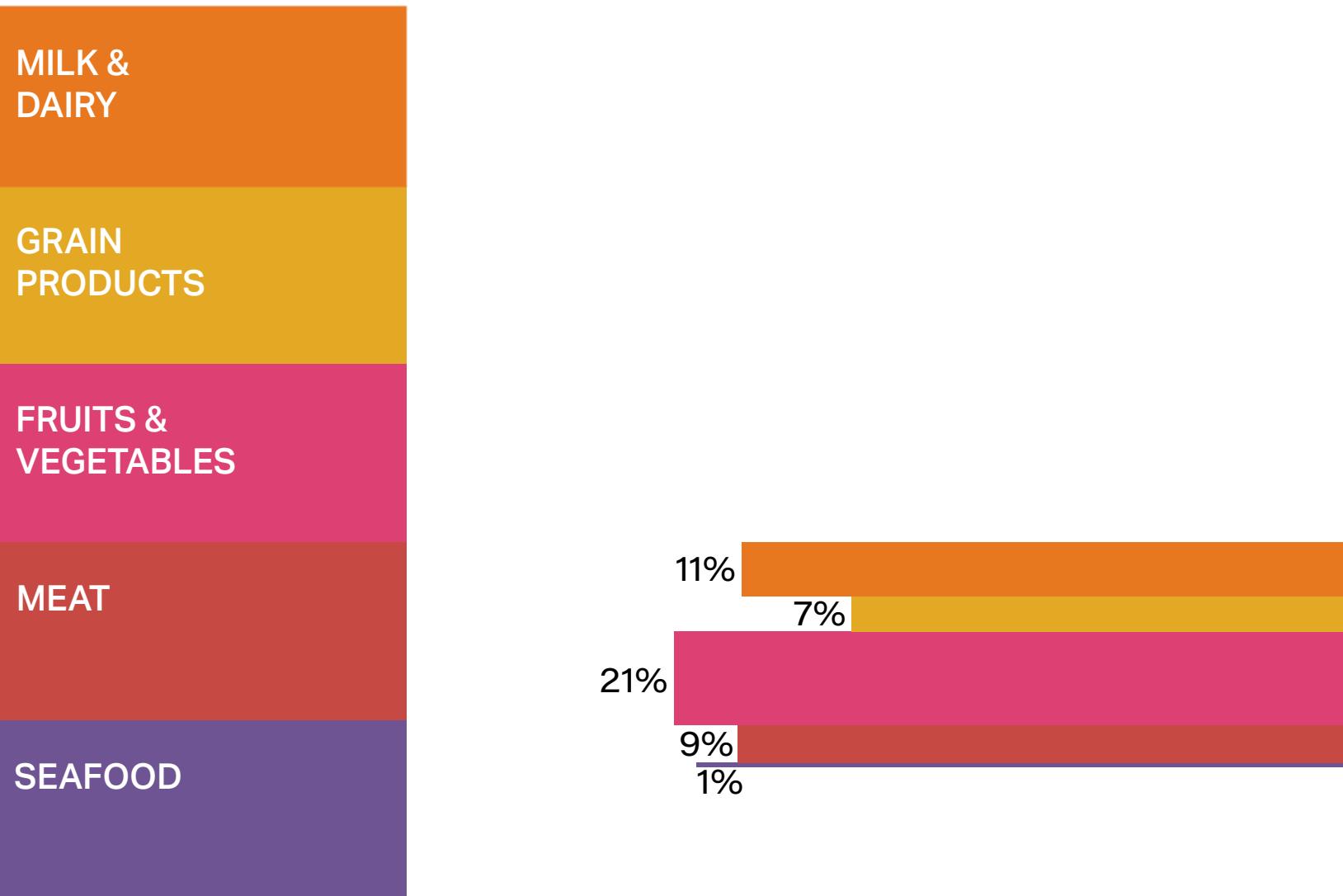


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BREAKDOWN OF FOOD WASTED

Fruits and vegetables have a total of 42% of 62.5 million tons produced in the U.S. each year





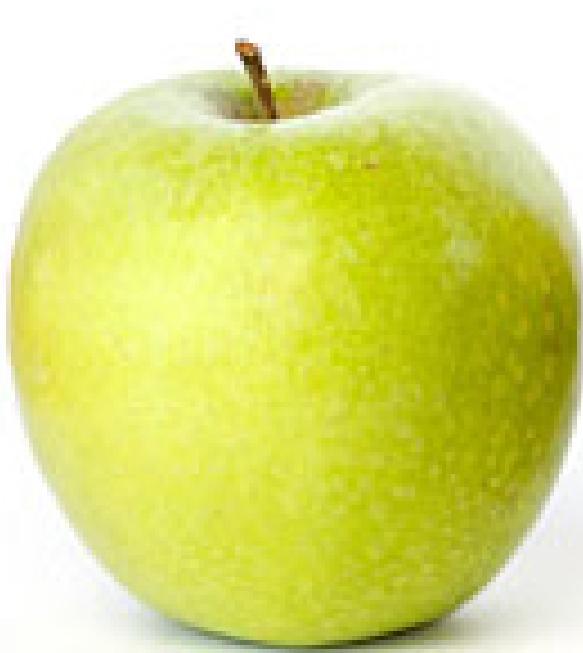
WE NEED TO TAKE CHARGE AND
REDUCE FOOD WASTES



REDUCING IN YOUR HOME AND THE GROCERY STORE



THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
UGLY AND ROTTEN





A PROBLEM EVERYONE CAN HELP SOLVE