

*Survey*

# Food loss and waste, causes and ways to prevent it

Dear Sir/Madam,

We kindly request your feedback and insights on this widely discussed and researched topic of Food Loss and Waste (FLW). Your participation would be greatly appreciated if you could share your experiences and opinions with us within the next few minutes.

Please note that no personal data will be collected, and your responses will remain anonymous.

Thank you very much for your time and valuable input.

Q1. What age category do you fall into?

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- 18 - 35 years.
- 36 - 45 years.
- 46 - 55 years.
- 56 - 65 years.
- over 65 years.

Q2. Which gender category do you most likely fit into?

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- Male
- Female
- Other

Q3. Which development region of the country do you belong to?

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- Bucharest - Ilfov region.
- Center Region.
- North - East region.
- North-West Region.
- South - East Region.
- South - West Oltenia region.
- South Region - Muntenia.
- West Region.

Q4. What is your most recent training level?

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- High school
- Post-secondary
- Secondary
- Tertiary

Q5. What socio-professional category do you fit into?

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- Employed.
- Entrepreneur.
- Household.
- Pupil.

- Retired.
- Student.
- Unemployed.

Q6. Could you please share an approximate estimate of your monthly income?

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- Less than 3000 lei
- 3001 - 5000 lei
- 5001 - 7000 lei
- Over 7001 lei

Q7. Could you please specify the area or region where you reside?

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- Urban
- Rural

Q8. How frequently do you purchase food for yourself and your family?

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- <1 times / month.
- 1 - 2 times / month
- 4 - 5 times / month
- 6 - 8 times / month

Q9. Where do you typically purchase your food products?

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- Small farmers and agrifood markets.
- Small shops.
- Supermarket/Hypermarket.
- Specialized shops (fish, bakery etc.).
- Mobile app.

Q10. When purchasing agri-food products, what are the most important factors you consider?

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	Low	High
Using a shopping list.		
Promotion products.		
Low-price products.		
High quality products at high prices.		
Buy ecological products.		
Local or traditional products.		

Q11. Could you please provide an approximate estimate of your monthly expenditure on food products?

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- less than 500 lei
- 500 - 1000 lei.
- 1001 - 1500 lei.
- over 1500 lei.
- no estimation.

Q12. Do you throw away prepared or uneaten food products?

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- Yes
- No

Q13. What are the reasons that lead you to throw away food?

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- Excess shopping.
- Perishable food.
- Food with bad taste.
- Adulterated food.
- Large quantities of cooked food.

Q14. What category of food do you tend to throw away the most?

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- Vegetables.
- Fruits.
- Bakery products.
- Dairy.
- Cooked food.
- Meat.

Q15. Approximately what percentage of the agri-food products you purchase or prepare ends up being discarded?

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- less than 10%.
- 10%
- 20%
- 50%
- 60%
- 70%
- 100%

Q16. Do the following statements correspond to your behavior?

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	Frequently	Rare	Never
At the end of a meal, I throw away leftovers.			
I freeze the leftovers from the meal and will eat them later or prepare other products from them.			
The leftovers from the table are used in pet food.			
I check the expiry date of the food at the time of purchase and will buy products with a longer shelf life.			
I do selective recycling.			

Q17. Have you heard of the term agri-food waste?

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- Yes
- No

Q18. Do you want to reduce the amount of agro-food waste in the household in the future?

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- Yes
- No

Q19. What would be the methods by which you can reduce agri-food waste in your household?

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- Buying as much as consumption
- Going out

- Purchasing long-term shelf food

Q20. How interested are you in avoiding food loss and waste?

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- Interested.
- Indifferent.
- Not at all interested.

Q21. Should consumers have certain obligations related to food waste?

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- Donation of excess food.
- Proper food storage.
- Selective recycling.
- Buying as much as consumption.

Q22. Who do you think is responsible for food loss and waste?

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- Processors.
- Supermarkets/Hypermarkets.
- Restaurants (HoReCa industry).
- Household consumers.

Q23. Please select the statements that correspond to your opinion.

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- I am concerned about food waste that can have negative consequences on the planet and humanity.
- It is not right to throw away food because it may be in short supply or not at all in some countries.
- My behavior can change something in the national or global problem of food waste.

Q24. If you have any additional thoughts or opinions regarding the phenomenon of agri-food waste, please feel free to share them below.

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Thank you for your participation.

The survey can be found online at <https://forms.gle/j1D7c1ExiyioQNBSA>.