Best Practices: France’s Food Waste Management

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Introduction to Food Waste
Food Waste Management

FOOD RECOVERY HIERARCHY

Source Reduction

Feed Hungry People

Feed Animals

Industrial Uses

Composting

Incineration/Landfill
In 2016, France adopted a law on fighting food waste through supermarkets being forbidden to destroy unsold food products and being compelled to donate it instead.

- Ban the destruction of unsold food waste fit for human consumption
- Obligation to establish partnership with charities for food donation
- Obligation for specific actors to display their commitment on food waste
Food Waste in California

• Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires that by 2025 CA recover 20% of edible food that would otherwise be sent to landfills, to feed people

• Currently in California, it is estimated that 11.2 billion lbs. of food is sent to landfills annually

• SB1383 takes effect this year
France Policy vs US Policy

France Policies
• Focus on environmental benefits
• Focus on food waste awareness and food insecurity
• Incentivized (tax credits) participation
• Strengthen food donation system

US-CA Policies
• Focus on environmental benefits
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