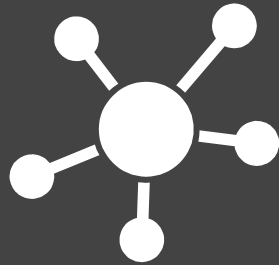




**Food Security: Food Waste  
Reduction and  
How Composting Can Facilitate  
the Work of Food Banks**

**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF FOOD  
BANKS**

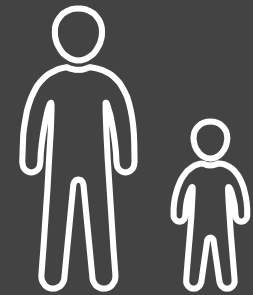
## OAFB Vision: A hunger-free Ontario



Membership-  
based  
organization



127 member  
food banks,  
1,100+ affiliate  
agencies



Serve 336,000  
people per  
month



**Short-Term Solutions:**  
Food acquisition &  
distribution



Over half food we  
distribute is fresh or frozen

Provided 4 million meals in  
2015-2016 year



**Long-Term Solutions:**  
Public education &  
policy



Social assistance,  
affordable housing, basic  
income, precarious work

25% food donation tax  
credit for farmers



## SOURCES OF FOOD - OAFB



Agricultural  
groups



Farmers



Food  
companies



Sharing within  
network

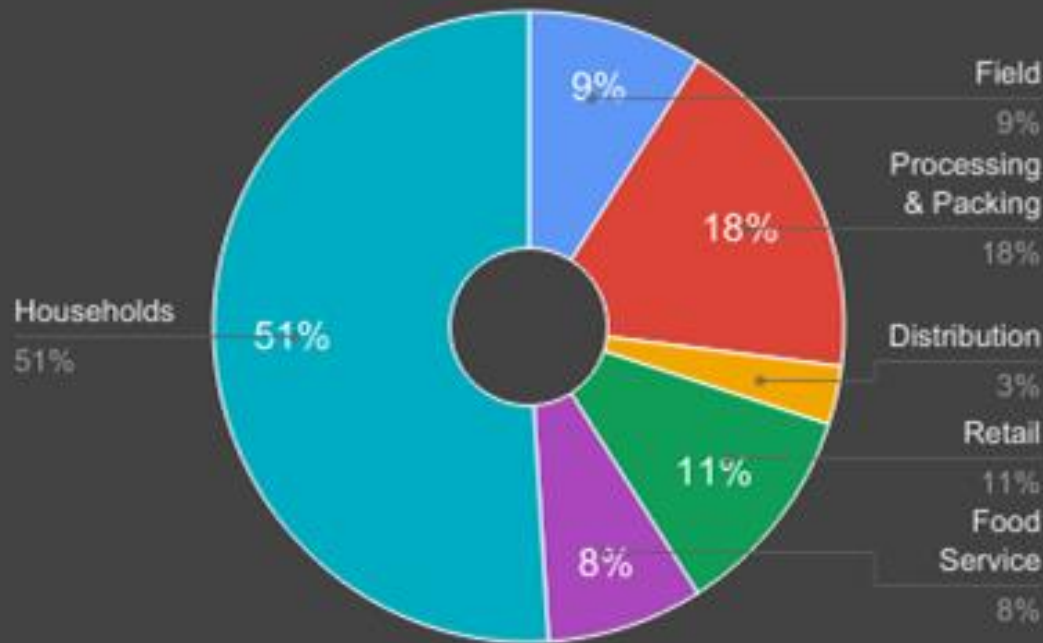




**ONE THIRD**

of the food we produce is wasted each year

# SOURCES OF FOOD WASTE



Where food can be diverted to food banks

# BARRIERS TO DIVERSION



Education



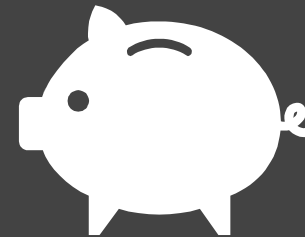
Capacity



Time



Transportation



Cost







# OPPORTUNITY: **TAX CREDITS**

## **FARMERS**

Community Food Program  
Tax Credit for Farmers, 2013

25% of Fair Market Value

## **COMPANIES**

National Zero Waste Council  
Proposal

Producers, processors &  
retailers - tax credit for  
unsold food



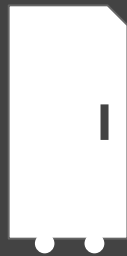
# NZWC PROPOSAL - CONCERNS



Tax Credit, Not  
A Ban



Quality of  
Donations



Ability to  
Accept



Downstream  
vs Upstream

# UPSTREAM SOLUTIONS



## **PREVENT FOOD WASTE**

Attitudes re: appearance

Best-before Dates

Value of food

Overbuying/planning


Abundance Marketing

Technological Advances

## **PREVENT HUNGER**

Stronger social safety net (social assistance, basic income, affordable housing)

Better Jobs (full-time, benefits, permanent)

A top-down view of a collection of tools scattered on a wooden surface. The tools include several pairs of pliers with yellow and black handles, a screwdriver with a wooden handle, a wrench, and a level. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**We need a suite of tools  
and solutions to tackle  
issues like hunger and  
food waste.**





**OPPORTUNITY:**

# **COMPOST**

Waste audit at Winnipeg Food Harvest  
showed that

**86.8%**

of waste produced is compostable





# BARRIERS TO COMPOSTING



Staffing



Space



Rentals



Time



Cost



Pace of  
Change

**Questions?**