



Our Approach to Waste

The U.S. generates about 60 million metric tons of food waste annually, with over half ending up in landfills. One-third of the world's food is never consumed, wasting water, energy, and farmland. Decomposing food in landfills releases greenhouse gases like methane, contributing to climate change. In 2020, over 60 million Americans experienced food insecurity. Eliminating waste from our supply chain can help create a cleaner, safer, and healthier world.

Through our Double Materiality Assessment process, we identified various impacts, risks and opportunities associated with waste. For example, poor waste management practices can lead to environmental pollution, health hazards, and contamination of soil and water, affecting local communities and ecosystems. Additionally, inadequate waste management can lead to increased operational costs and environmental liabilities.

By adopting effective waste management practices, Del Monte Foods can reduce environmental impact, improve sustainability, and enhance community health. By minimizing food waste during the packing process and improving the management of damaged or near-expired goods, we can significantly reduce operational costs, enhance resource efficiency, and improve inventory management. Del Monte Foods can develop new product lines and revenue streams by utilizing high-quality produce that falls short of cosmetic standards.

Our Commitments

We generate various types of waste in our manufacturing processes and strive to eliminate waste in our facilities and downstream through packaging. We comply with waste disposal regulations, promote recycling programs, and conduct regular waste audits. We aim to minimize our environmental footprint and commit to environmental stewardship. We reduce waste by minimizing packaging materials, optimizing production processes, seeking to adopt eco-friendly packaging, and implementing pollution reduction measures. We have a comprehensive incident response plan and cooperate with authorities to address any environmental harm.

We divert food waste from landfills by upcycling and monitoring inventory to donate products nearing their shelf life. We partner with the Sustainable Packaging Coalition and other industry leaders to develop sustainable packaging solutions.

Measuring Effectiveness

We track waste management effectiveness through data collection, audits, and environmental assessments. We set specific waste reduction goals, such as a 4% annual decrease in solid waste, and use key performance indicators to measure progress. Lessons learned from audits and reviews inform ongoing improvements in our practices.

Community and Industry Engagement

We consult with community partners and governmental agencies to ensure our waste disposal aligns with local laws and best practices. Feedback from employees helps identify challenges and solutions for waste reduction. We maintain dialogue with regulatory authorities and engage with suppliers on sustainable sourcing and packaging. Participation in industry associations allows us to learn from best practices, ensuring our actions align with industry standards.