Whitworths ltd.
Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire, England

Food waste inventory – 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019
About Whitworths

Whitworths was founded in 1886 and is the UK’s leader in dried fruits, nuts and seeds.

Over the years, we’ve been the first to give our customers access to a wide range of new, unusual and exotic fare from all over the world.

Today, we’re using that expertise to provide innovative, tasty, healthy products that help people create delicious recipes at home, as well as enjoying great food while on the move through our wide snacking range.

We’re proud to be widely recognised and trusted by our working partners, international suppliers and, most importantly, by millions of customers.

And we are proud that in our operations, none of our food goes to waste.

We are a business that produces 0% food waste.
What we are doing to tackle food waste

At Whitworths we carefully consider the impact on carbon emissions, packaging waste and food waste in all of our operations.

We want to create a circular economy, where every part of our products, including packaging, are reused or recycled into something else. Preventing food waste is a fundamental part of this strategy and our commitment to environmental sustainability.

No food goes to waste

We are proud to be a business that produces zero food waste. Our ingredients are natural products like dried fruit, nuts and seeds, which can be reused on farms for feeding animals. Where we have a surplus, from spillage or leftovers in the production process, it is collected and sent for reuse. Nothing is wasted.

We have set up food waste bins in our offices too, so that any leftover food from our staff’s lunches can also be reused.

To ensure as much of our food goes to our customers as possible, we have been working on a number of optimisations to our production processes, to ensure that we:

• Reduce spillage
• Improve how we grade ingredients
• Minimise the chances of good product being rejected in error.
Total food produced

28,036 tonnes

Waste as a % of production  
0%  
Overall food waste  
NIL tonnes

Food waste data commentary

• We produced no food waste at Whitworths between July 2018 and June 2019
• All food surplus intended for human consumption is converted to animal feed by SugaRich, a total of 514 tonnes over the same period
• This data is provided by SugaRich and verified by Whitworths Ltd. Finance Department and is in relation to food production at the (sole) Whitworths site in Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire
• Types of food sent for this use includes:
  • Materials that don’t meet our standards or specifications and out-of-date raw materials
  • Spillage waste from the factory processes
  • Product from rejected packs which cannot be re-used
  • Factory damaged which cannot be re-used
  • Out of date warehouse stock