



Ballymaguire Foods

Dubin, Ireland

Food Waste Inventory - 1st July 2019 – 30th June 2020

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About Ballymaguire Foods

Ballymaguire Foods is the largest chilled convenience manufacturer on the island of Ireland. We are focussed on the production of fresh prepared foods in partnership with our leading retail and foodservice customers. We pride ourselves on driving industry standards in quality, service and innovation.

We work to tight deadlines, delivering orders to our customers daily, 364 days a year. Our dedicated team of people are passionate about food and are fully committed to supplying outstanding quality, value and service to our customers.

All ingredients are 100% traceable, and are carefully selected from the Country Crest farm, growers and suppliers that we trust.

We supply over 60 products to Tesco including Classic Roast Dinners, Meals Made Easy, Tesco Core, Tesco Finest Soups and a variety of prepared produce lines.

The team is headed up by Ed Spelman, Managing Director and accomplished chef who has worked with some of the highest profile chefs in Ireland and the UK.

In 2019, we made a commitment to reduce food waste in our own operations by 50% by 2030.



What we are doing to tackle food waste

At Ballymaguire Foods, we operate as a “**just in time**” business where we produce all of our products to order.

We rely on Tesco Connect, to give us a view on the orders that are expected to come through and then produce based on these volumes. We also have a full planning and ordering team onsite at Ballymaguire Foods.

Using “**Lean**” processes within our business, allows us to improve the following:

- **Yield on cooking and slicing:** finding better processes for reduction of loss.
- **Time in motion:** managing time, better grouping and planning for decreasing shelf life waste.
- **General process improvements to reduce or repurpose waste.**

We monitor all waste within the business and record all tonnage that we send for incineration as well as surplus which is donated to FoodCloud.

We started donating to Food Cloud in July 2019 and since then Ballymaguire Foods have donated almost 25 thousand meals, which is the equivalent of 9.4 tonnes in volume. These donations have been redirected across 5 charities and holds a charity savings value of approximately €30k.

We are currently looking into the possibility of redistributing any ingredients that are not of suitable quality (incorrect size, texture, colour) to FoodCloud as opposed to returning to our suppliers as per our current process.



Total food handled

1,719
tonnes

Waste as a % of food handled

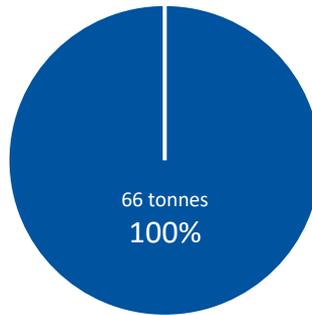
3.8 %



Overall food waste

66 tonnes

Waste by destination



■ Incineration

Food waste data commentary

- Our food waste was measured from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020. All waste came from one site located in Lusk, North Co. Dublin.
- Our total food handled for this period was 1,719 tonnes with food waste accounting for 66 tonnes – 3.8% of our total food handled.
- During this period, we donated 9.4 tonnes of food to FoodCloud – this was redirected across 5 charities within Ireland.
- During the Covid-19 pandemic, we increased our donations by 30% to Food Cloud – changes in customer shopping trends allowed us to do this due to differences in forecasting and actual orders received.
- Food surplus from Ballymaguire Foods generally consists of full meal solutions, meals that have been produced and packed off for a customer, which have a minimum date for delivery to a customer – stock that falls outside this minimum date is perfect food and fit for consumption and is therefore donated to FoodCloud.
- Going forward, we will be sending our waste for composting and moving away from incineration – therefore producing high grade compost, a product that can be used as a soil conditioner in commercial agriculture, landscaping, as organic fertiliser or as a custom growing media.