



Total Produce

Dublin, Ireland

Food Waste Inventory - 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019

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About Total Produce

Local at heart, Global by nature, Total Produce is the world's leading fresh produce provider. Growing, sourcing, importing, packaging, marketing and distributing over 800m cartons of fresh produce annually, Total Produce's range extends from the more familiar to the truly exotic.

Total Produce is the world's largest fresh produce business and our Swords facility is solely focused on the supply of fresh fruit and vegetables to the Irish retail sector.

Working collaboratively with the Irish retail teams, Total Produce Swords, sources local and imported fruit and vegetable lines across 17 countries for the Irish consumer.

A key aspect of the supply of fresh produce to the sector, is managing the close relationship with Irish growers. As a large supporter of locally sourced produce, Total Produce works in conjunction with Irish growers to produce the best quality output and to help them develop sustainable businesses.

Our **Vision 20/20** initiative has seen us embark on an ambitious group-wide campaign of measurement and management of key resources and as proud members of Bord Bia's Origin Green, we are wholly committed to enhancing ever further the sustainable credentials of our Irish business.

We are a business that is committed to produce 0% food waste.



What we are doing to tackle food waste

Food waste and process efficiency has always been at the heart of Total Produce values.

The key focus for waste reduction in Total Produce, is buying correctly. We consistently task the buying team to focus on the following principles:

1. Select the very best suppliers with a demonstrable quality record.
2. Forecast sales initiatives using a combination of Total Produce and customer specific forecasting tools which support a “Just in time” buying process.
3. Implement strict adherence to the residency parameters which reduces food waste.
4. Work with producers to support the needs of their business as well as improving their internal systems to reduce waste, including but is not limited to:
 - Programming volumes for the specific retailers
 - Supporting producers whose crop doesn't grow to a suitable quality and work with retailers to implement promotions and redistribute surplus to other channels.

Operationally, we have an established relationship with key partners who also prevent food waste. These partnerships allow us to:

- Re-market food to wholesale, juicing and other services within the wider Total Produce networks for products that are not of suitable quality but that can be used for markets that process products further.
- Supply FoodCloud with surplus good food for use with their charity network.
- Send food that cannot be re-marketed to wholesale or retail to agricultural business where this food is utilised by local farmers for animal feed. We have no food being distributed to landfill.

Distribution Channel	Metric Tonnes
Retail sales	84,335
Re-marketing to secondary markets	72
Redistribution to charity	16
Surplus to animal feed	705

Total food handled

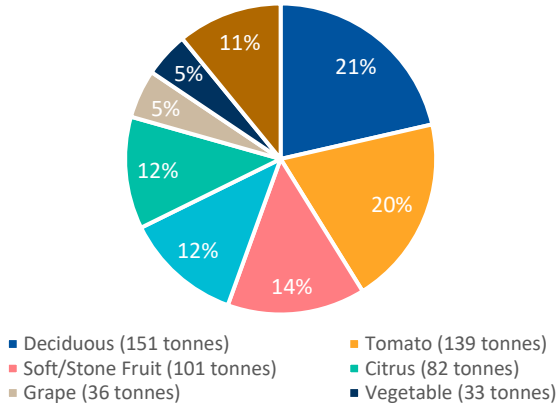
85,128
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Waste as a % of food handled
0%

Overall food waste
0 tonnes

Surplus food sent to animal feed
705 tonnes

Surplus food sent to animal feed by category



Food waste data commentary

- Food waste data was collected by Total Produce, Swords' two packhouses in Ireland for the calendar year 2019.
- Over this period, we are proud to say that no food waste was generated from our own operations.
- Food that was not of suitable quality to be sold as intended but was fit for secondary markets like wholesale and food service, was re-marketed to those sectors. By taking this route we were able to avoid 72 tonnes of waste.
- In 2019, we donated 16 tonnes of food that could not be re-marketed. This food was made available to local charities through the FoodCloud network.
- Food that cannot be sold or redistributed is sent to a local farm for animal feed. This amounted to 705 tonnes in 2019.
- Deciduous, tomato and soft/stone fruit categories were the largest contributors of surplus to our business in line with sales volumes.