



The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration

-Addressing Food Waste – which strategy to choose?

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Reducing Food Losses and Food Waste

How is battling food losses and food waste addressed in Denmark?

- **NGO**
 - Food banks – redistribution of food
 - Stop Wasting Food – information, networking, partnerships...
 - Weefood – supermarket selling products close to/expired best before date, damaged packaging etc.
- Supermarkets – discount on products close to best before, selling by weight instead of quantity, donation etc.
- Authorities – partnerships, addressing barriers in legislation, information campaigns, guidance, guidelines, conferences, networking, subsidies on new ideas etc....

- **Others**

Someone gets a good idea – share it with likeminded – actions are taken



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Effect:

- Food loss and food waste are reduced – or are they?
- Is this the right approach?
- Do we get our efforts and moneys worth?
- Or could we do better??

Instead of a “random” approach” could we do it differently?

Would it be possible to address Food Losses and Food Waste in a **holistic** way focusing on targets and actions which **maximize** not only **reduction** in food waste measured in **quantity** but which also maximize gain in **money**, and if possible reduces climate/environmental impacts such as **carbon footprint, water footprint and nitrogen** ?



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Can we tackle Food Waste with a scientific approach?:

We asked the Department of Food and Resource Economy (IFRO) at the University of Copenhagen to do a study on:

1. Quantities of food waste along the food chain
2. Incentives to reduce food losses and food waste
3. Recommendation to prevention approaches
4. Identify those initiatives which gives the largest reduction in food waste within different stages of the food supply chain
5. Comparison of the cost-effectiveness of different interventions

