How much food do we waste*?

* Numbers on this chart represent estimated 2010 U.S. consumer food losses in and away from home. "Food loss" refers to edible food that is not consumed for various reasons including inadequate storage, overbuying, not eating before food spoils, confusion over "use-by" and "best by" dates, uneaten leftovers, plate waste, cooking loss, natural shrinkage (e.g., moisture loss), mold and other causes.

Source: USDA report, Feb 2014