

Food waste in Dutch supermarkets in 2024

Food waste: 0.92% of the procurement volume is not consumed by people or animals. This is a decline of 33% compared to the first monitoring results in 2018.
Food loss: 1.21% of the procurement volume is not consumed by people.
Of this amount, 24% is still used for animal feed and 76% is anaerobically digested.

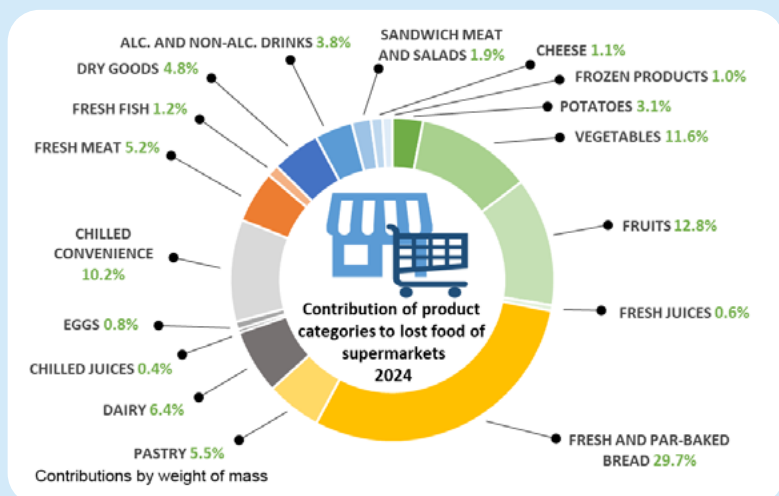
Because of improved measurement techniques, the numbers are more accurate than in previous years. This explains the fine-tuning of the product categories and the (partial) stagnation compared to 2023.

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Losses in product categories

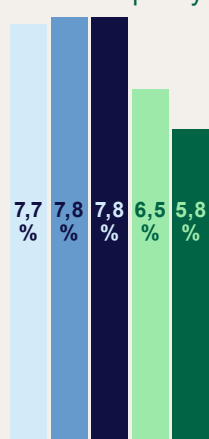
Contribution of main product categories to food products which did not reach the consumer from supermarkets in 2024.



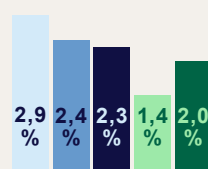
Source: Wageningen University & Research

Losses compared to procurement volume per category

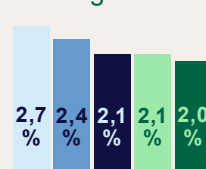
Bread, par-baked bread and pastry



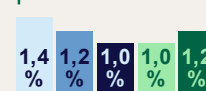
Fresh meat and fresh fish



Potatoes, fruit and vegetables

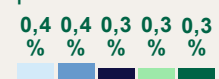


Dairy, eggs and chilled convenience products



2018
2020
2022
2023
2024

Other fresh and non-perishable products



You can find the figures of previous reports here: [2023](#), [2022](#), [2020](#) en [2018](#).

[Here you can find examples \(in Dutch\)](#) of the approach of stakeholders of Food Waste Free United

Source:

The findings come from the annual monitoring initiated by Food Waste Free United and the Dutch Food Retail Association (CBL), funded by the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature. Wageningen University & Research analysed the data based on self-reporting by (online) supermarkets. Albert Heijn, Aldi, Crisp, DekaMarkt, Dirk, Hoogvliet, Jumbo, Lidl, Picnic and PLUS contributed data for 2024 (together they cover about 90% of the Dutch market). HelloFresh also contributed data.

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