Mapping food waste challenges and opportunities across the value chain

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Building a Research Agenda for Reducing Food Waste in Ontario

- February 2016: multi-stakeholder workshop with 100+ attendees
  - Actors across the food value chain
  - Policy makers
  - Researchers

[Link to website: www.uoguelph.ca/ontariofoodwaste/]
KTT takeaways

• “Engage stakeholders early in the project process”
• Learning is multi-directional
  • Researchers are one source of knowledge
• Researchers can build bridges / partnerships
  • KTT can help to orient stakeholders toward the big issue, and toward collaborative approaches
Tackling Food Waste

Improve Household Food Literacy

Clarify Best Before Dates (Inclusio of Regulation, Industry Practice & Eater Understanding)

Optimize Portion Size & Packaging in Retail & Restaurant

Incorporate Imperfect Food

Reduce Waste Being Generated at Consumer & Non-Consumer Levels

Increase Food Diversion for Consumption

Improve Recovery of Food Waste for Non-Human Use
KTT and policy

• Policy-making is a long process:
  • Multi-stakeholder, multi-scalar
  • Relationship building and conversation building

• “Our analysis indicates that while there are diverse and perhaps irreconcilable differences in the perspectives of stakeholders across the food system, there is also room for shared rhetoric, inclusive story-lines and the development of collaborative governance structures in the management of food waste in Ontario.”

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