

# U.S. Food Loss and Waste 2030 Champions Activity Form

**Ahold USA and its retail divisions of Stop & Shop New England, Stop & Shop New York Metro, Giant Landover and Giant Carlisle**, will strive to reduce food loss and waste in its operations by 50 percent by 2030 through activities targeting the ***prevention*** of food loss and waste before it arises, ***recovery*** of wholesome, otherwise wasted food for donation, and ***recycling*** of food loss and waste to other uses such as animal feed, compost and energy generation.

**Ahold USA and its retail divisions of Stop & Shop New England, Stop & Shop New York Metro, Giant Landover and Giant Carlisle** will report periodically on its progress on meeting its goal on its websites at [www.stopandshop.com](http://www.stopandshop.com), [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com), and [www.giantfoodstores.com](http://www.giantfoodstores.com).

## **Specific food loss and waste reduction activities include:**

- Retail division stores donate wholesome, otherwise wasted food such as bakery items and meat that is frozen as it is about to reach its expiration date to local and regional hunger relief agencies. In 2015, product donations were as follows:
  - Stop & Shop New England – \$11,365,988
  - Stop & Shop New York Metro – \$1,468,708
  - Giant Landover – \$7,416,872
  - Giant Carlisle - \$10,736,878
  - For an Ahold USA total donation of \$30,988,446 worth of wholesome products.
  
- Retail division stores divert inedible food from landfills by donating to local farms for animal feed and by utilizing the organic waste for compost and energy generation where possible. In 2015, organic waste recycling efforts included:
  - Stop & Shop New England – 50,634,610 pounds
  - Stop & Shop New York Metro – 49,465,388 pounds
  - Giant Landover – 39,733,050 pounds
  - Giant Carlisle – 51,414,228 pounds
  - For an Ahold USA total of 191,247,276 pounds of food diverted from landfills
  
- Additionally, in 2016 Ahold USA's Stop & Shop New England division opened its Green Energy Facility which includes an anaerobic digester system in Freetown, Massachusetts. The innovative facility will convert inedible food from Stop & Shop New England division stores into energy. All of the Stop & Shop New England division stores now divert their organic waste to the system, which is expected to supply up to 40% of the energy needs for the Freetown, MA distribution center.