



U.S. Food Waste Challenge

Reduce, Recover, Recycle

Organization(s):

Federal Marketing Order 945 administered by the Idaho-E. Oregon Potato Committee

City, State: Potatoes grown in Idaho and E. Oregon

Website: N.A.

What are the reduction, recovery or recycling activities?

The Idaho - E. Oregon potato marketing order (7 CFR 945) establishes quality regulations in the form of minimum grade, size and maturity requirements. Prior to shipment to normal market outlets, fresh potatoes must be inspected and meet these minimum requirements. The purpose of these regulations is to provide product uniformity and consistency in the marketplace and to ensure consumers of a good quality product.

Potatoes that do not meet the minimum quality requirements may be shipped to charitable institutions, distributed by relief agencies, or commercially processed into products, which helps to reduce potential food waste.