



U.S. Food Waste Challenge

Reduce, Recover, Recycle

Organization(s):

Federal Marketing Order 959 administered by the South Texas Onion Committee

City, State: Onions grown in South Texas

Website: www.texipa.org

What are the reduction, recovery or recycling activities?

The South Texas onion marketing order (7 CFR 959) established quality regulations in the form of minimum grade and size requirements. Prior to shipment to normal market outlets, onions must be inspected and must 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.

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