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Hello there,

To preface this: I am not an expert, have no experience beyond that of consumer, allotment holder and very small scale composter so you can treat what I suggest accordingly:

**Food waste in primary sector – creating networks between producer and consumer**

According to the EPA report from March 2021 -which reported 1m tonnes of food waste per year in Ireland, there is still very little knowledge on how much food is wasted in the primary sector. Producers and consumers reach their own arrangements particularly in the area of livestock feeding but that informal system surely does not cover everything because networks are hard to create out of nothing. So it's a fair assumption there is some going on that could be prevented.

Can we have a target whereby all primary edible food waste is sent to livestock or consumers and a system – be it app or some other bulletin board – set up to support it. Especially this year when there is expected to be an animal feed shortage.

<https://www.epa.ie/publications/circular-economy/resources/NWPP-Food-Waste-Report.pdf#>

**Fruit and veg waste in supermarkets**

Can we quantify how much fruit and veg from Irish growers is rejected by supermarket chains because of size considerations and ends up as waste?

Regards,

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