

FOODSTUFFS WASTAGE IN THE CZECH SOCIETY

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Abstract

Food wastage is the cause of environmental and ethical problems and expenditures in economic and social domain, what brings challenges on the internal markets, both to the producers as well as to consumers. Restriction of the wastage is an important starting step not only in the fight against hunger in the World, but also for population nutrition improvement. Restriction of foodstuffs wastage could bring about more efficient soil utilization and better water resources management. The growing world population further deepens the environmental impact of food wastage. The article analyzes the attitude of Czech households to food wastage. The supporting data were gathered via questionnaires, the results were evaluated using the statistical methods of qualitative data analysis. Nearly one half of responding households estimated the amount of food thrown to the municipal waste to equal 100 kg/year/person. Better approach to food wastage issues was recorded in case of urban households. In general the Czech households are not sufficiently informed about the non-profit organization campaigns that point out at this issue.

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