



School Cafeteria Discards Assessment Project

The School Cafeteria Discards Assessment Project

(SCrAP) was developed by the EREF to gather information regarding the quantity of waste generated in school cafeterias and obtain an understanding of how this waste is managed both at the school and after it is hauled away.

Collabrative Partners



Most Common Unopened Food Items

Two items made up 82% of all unopened food:



Milk was 65% of unopened food by weight.

This is equivalent to:

- 11 Cartons per student each school year
- \$5,460 each year (retail value), per school



Fruit Sides were 17% of unopened food by weight.

This is equivalent to:

- 6 uneaten fruit sides each day, per school
- \$660 each year (retail value), per school

For the 2016-2017 school year

93 Schools

Submitted Data



Across

38 States

82,800 Students

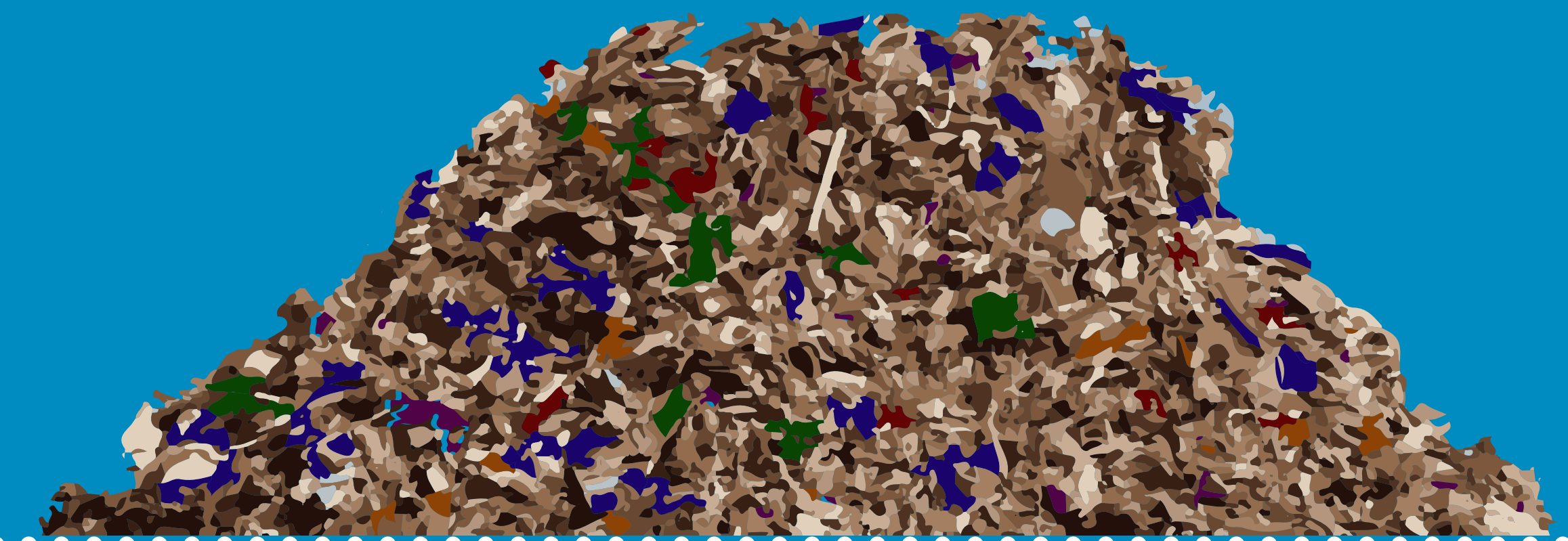
Were Reached



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Produced

12,965 lbs of lunch waste



The national average for schools was 43.3 pounds per student in a school year

Estimated Yearly Waste Generated Per Student



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