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

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

For the 2016-2017 school year
- 93 Schools
- 82,800 Students

Submitted Data
- 38 States

Across
- 12,965 lbs of lunch waste

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.

Most Common Unopened Food Items
- Two items made up 82% of all unopened food:
  - Milk
  - Fruit Sides

Estimated Yearly Waste Generated Per Student

- Food & Beverage: 31.1 lb/student
- Recycling: 3.4 lb/student
- Landfill: 8.7 lb/student

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