

PATRICK'S ESSAY: PARAPHRASING

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<p>Overall, on a per-capita basis, much more food is wasted in the industrialised world than in developing countries. In the EU, food waste has been estimated at some 89 million tonnes, or 180 kg per capita per year.</p>	<p>It also detrimentally affects the stability of the whole food chain. According to a recent report, about 90 million tons of food are wasted every year in European countries, on average, 180 kg per person (Europe Commission, 2011).</p>
<p>In the EU, food waste along the supply chain has been estimated at approximately 89 million tonnes or 180 kg per capita per year, and is expected to rise to about 126 million tonnes a year by 2020, unless action is taken. Households produce the largest share of EU food waste (42%), followed by agriculture/ food processing (39%), food service/catering (14%), and retail/wholesale (5%).</p>	<p>Food waste has many sources which include households, manufacturing, food service and retail. The European Commission (2011) estimated that the proportion of food waste at the retail stage is about 5% of total food depletion in the EU, accounting for approximately 4.4 million tons of food.</p>