



# U.S. Food Waste Challenge

Reduce, Recover, Recycle

**Organization(s):**

Federal Marketing Order 932 administered by the California Olive Committee

**City, State:** Olives grown in California

**Website:** [www.calolive.org](http://www.calolive.org)

**What are the reduction, recovery or recycling activities?**

The olive marketing order (7 CFR 932) establishes minimum quality and size requirements for canned ripe olives. Prior to shipment to normal market outlets, olives must be inspected and must meet these minimum requirements. The purpose of these regulations is to provide product uniformity and consistency in the marketplace and to ensure buyers of a good quality product.

Olives that do not meet the minimum quality requirements may be shipped to charitable institutions or used in the production of olive oil. Providing these alternative uses for product that does not meet the minimum quality and size requirements helps to reduce potential food waste.

