



# U.S. Food Waste Challenge

Reduce, Recover, Recycle

**Organization(s):**

Federal Marketing Order 958 administered by the Idaho-E. Oregon Onion Committee

**City, State:** Onions grown in Idaho and E. Oregon

**Website:** N.A.

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

The Idaho - E. Oregon onion marketing order (7 CFR 958) establishes quality regulations in the form of minimum grade, size and maturity requirements. Prior to shipment to normal market outlets, onions must be inspected and meet these minimum requirements. The purpose of these regulations is to provide product uniformity and consistency in the marketplace and to ensure consumers of a good quality product.

Onions that do not meet the minimum quality requirements may be shipped to charitable institutions, distributed by relief agencies, or commercially processed into products, which helps to reduce potential food waste.