



# U.S. Food Waste Challenge

Reduce, Recover, Recycle

**Organization(s):**

Federal Marketing Order 923 administered by the Washington Cherry Marketing Committee

**City, State:** Sweet Cherries grown in Washington

**Website:** N.A.

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

The Washington sweet cherry marketing order (7 CFR 923) establishes quality regulations in the form of minimum grade, size and maturity requirements. Prior to shipment to normal market outlets, sweet cherries 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.

Sweet cherries 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.