

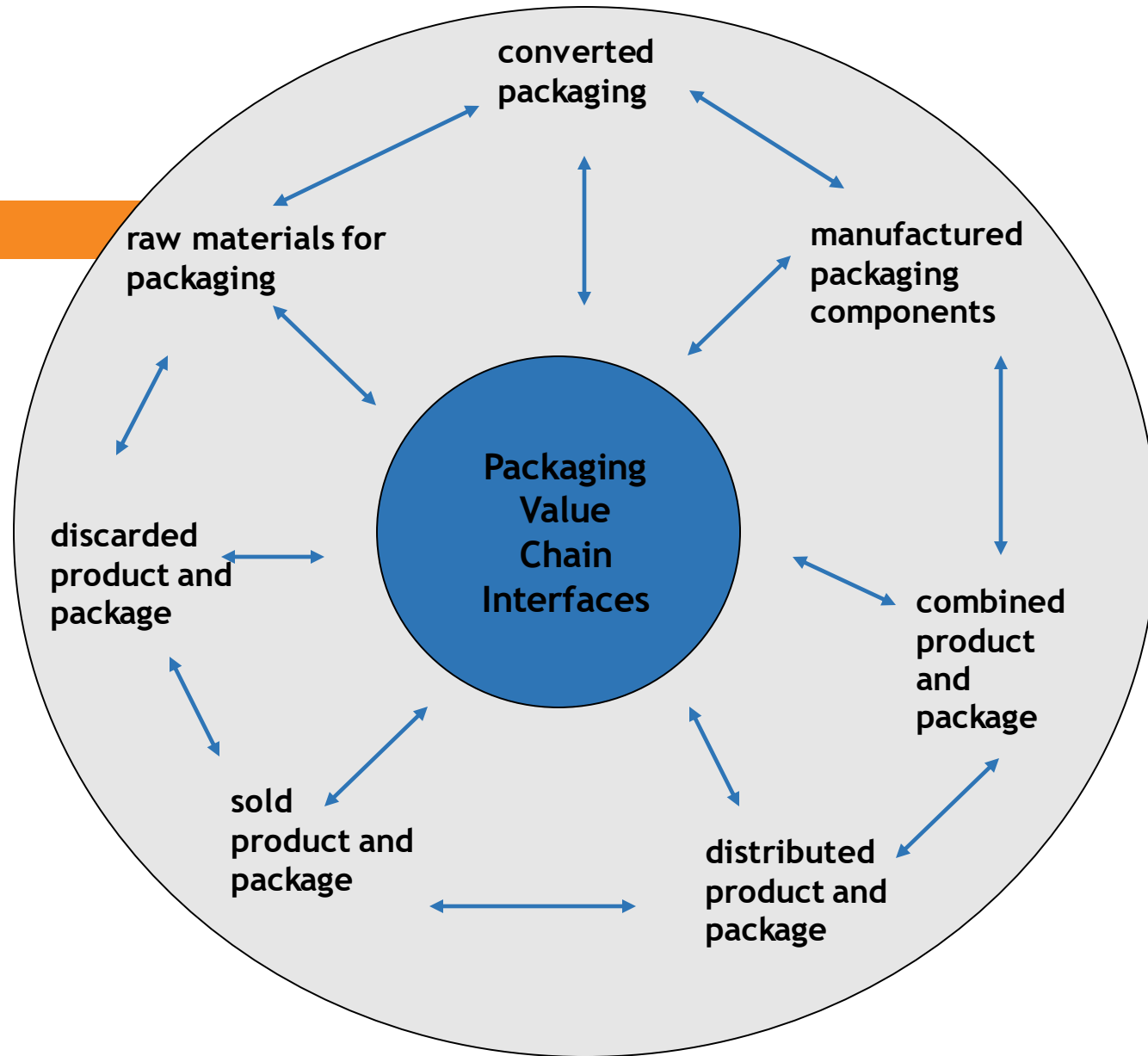


# Leveraging Packaging Within a Cluster



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# Leverage Packaging



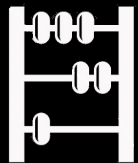
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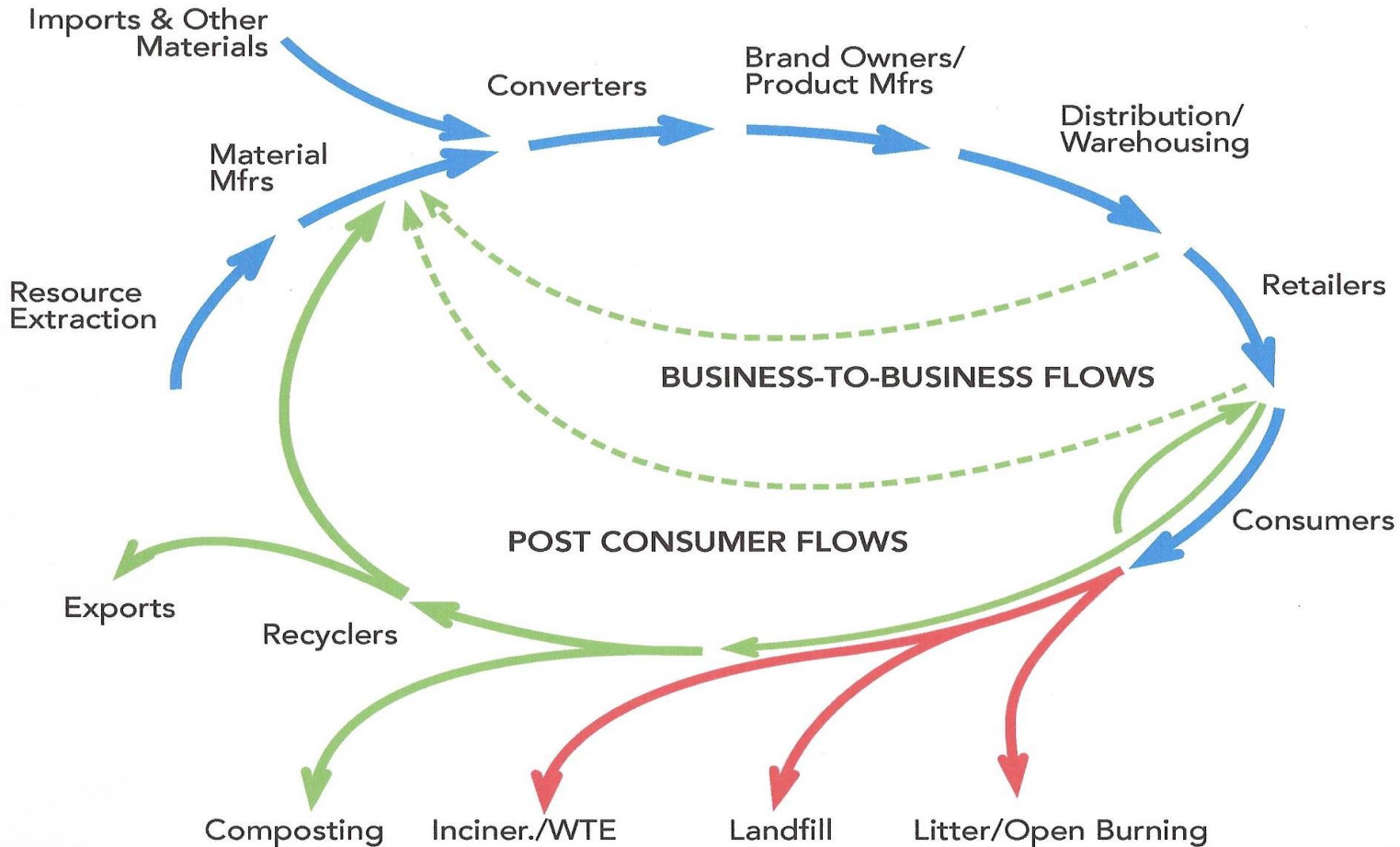


**Innovate with agility**



# Create Sustainable links

# Packaging Life Cycle



# The Waves of Sustainability



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave

- 1969 and the Cuyahoga River was burning
- Silent Spring
- Weather inversions in London and NYC
- Earth Day and EPA 1970
- Ended in USA in 1990s
- 26th anniversary of *Grüne Punkt*
  - near-infrared separators, eddy flow separators and metal separators reduced the cost of recovering plastics 95%

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave

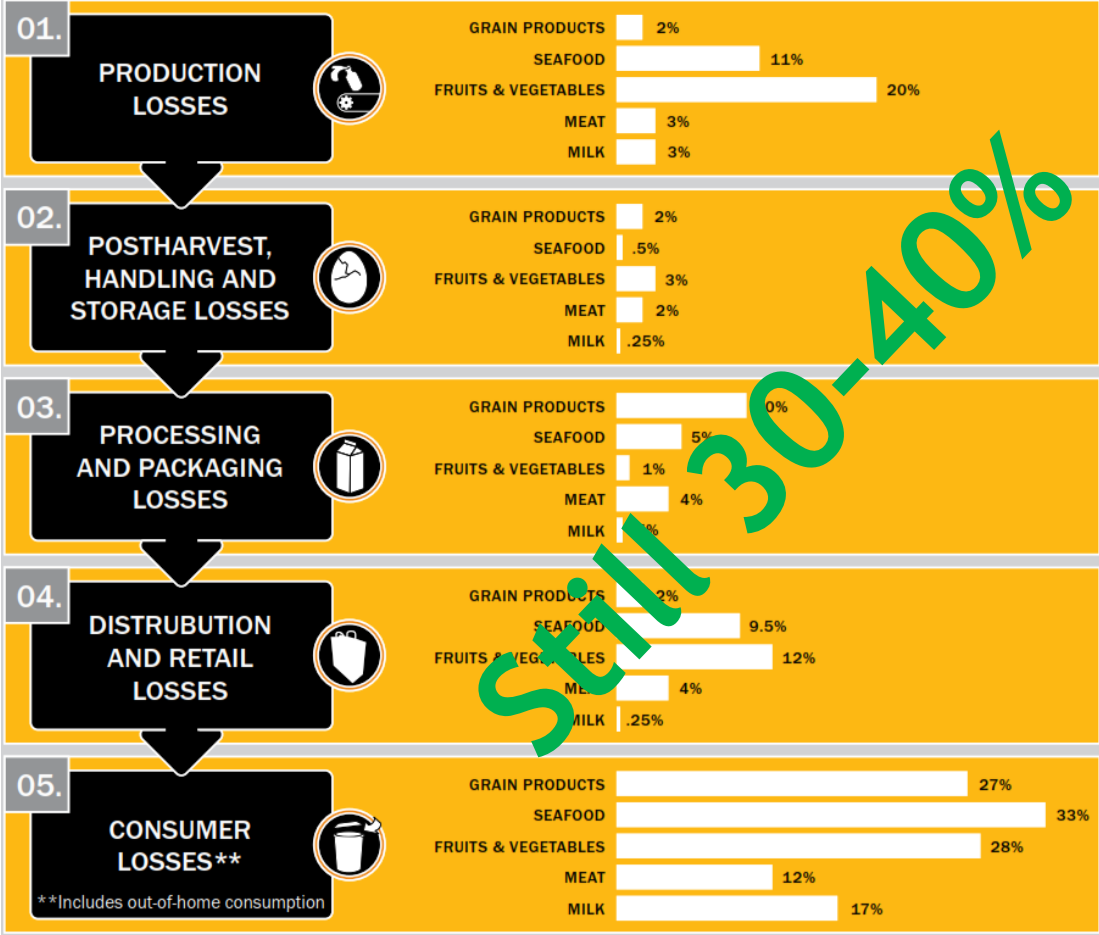
- Benefits of global supply, TBL, PPP, CSR

# 4<sup>th</sup> Wave - Sustainability: Age of Reason



- Motivated by negatives:
  - Greenwashing
  - LCA mania
  
- Motivated by positives:
  - Food waste awareness
  - Global brands & packaging supplies

# Sustainability: Food waste awareness

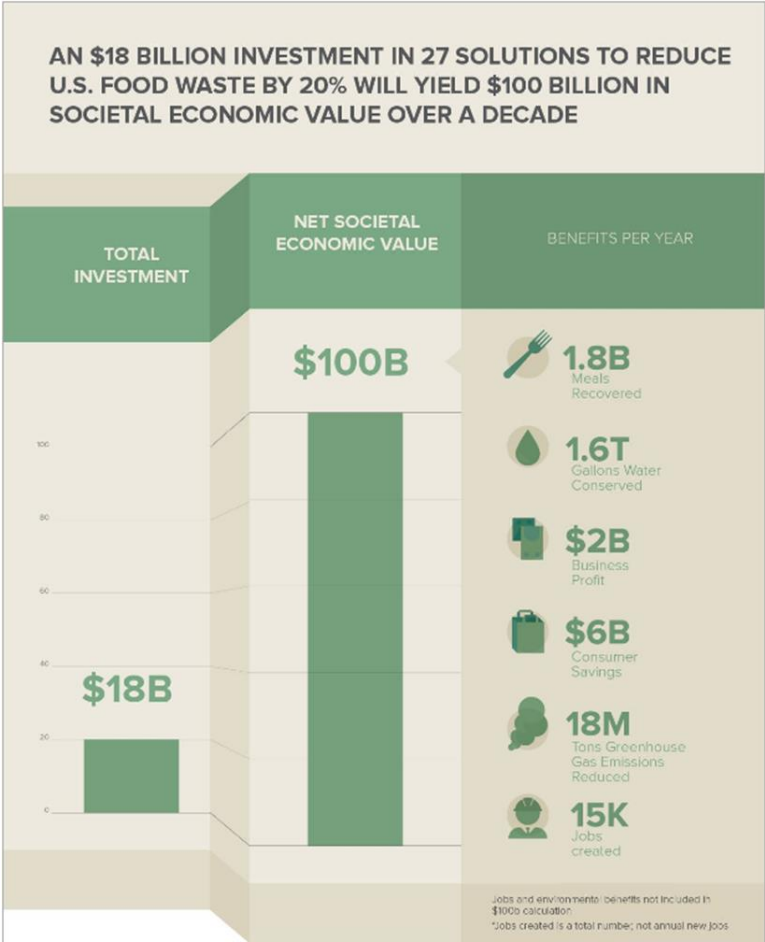


Source: Food and Agriculture Organization 2011



# Sustainability: Food waste rationale

- Business case for reducing food waste

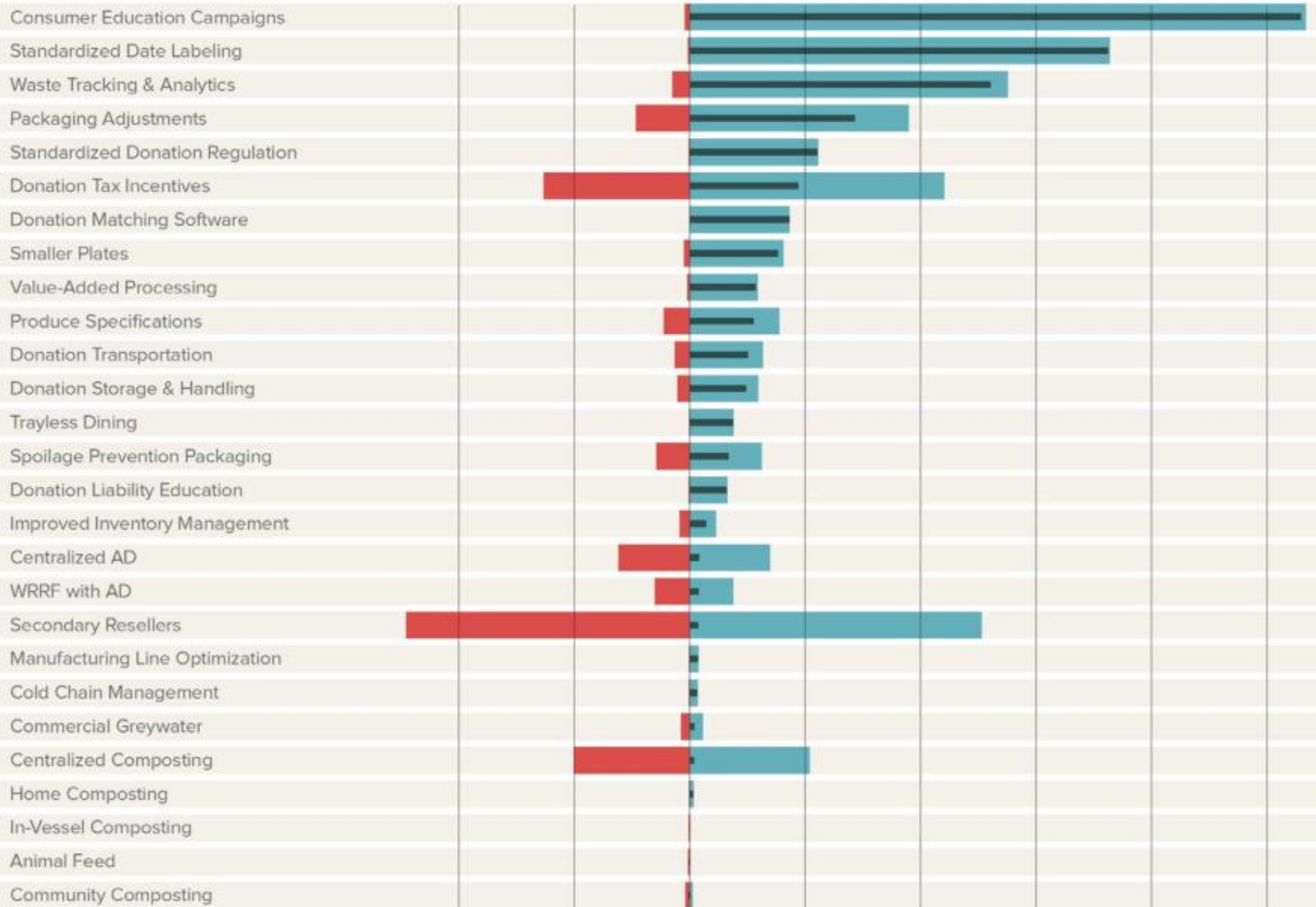


# ECONOMIC VALUE (\$B)

**COST** (upfront and operating expenses)

**BENEFIT** (cost savings and revenues)

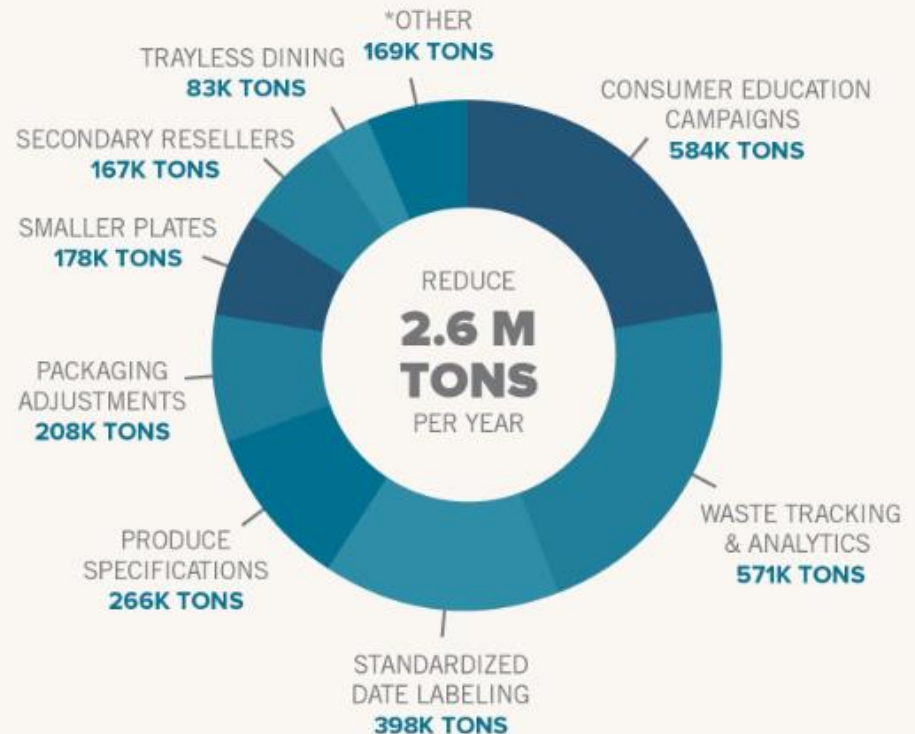
**ANNUAL NET ECONOMIC VALUE**



# Sustainability: Business potential in reducing food waste

- Drives packaging investments
- Shared value alters costs and benefits
  - LiquiGlide, a nontoxic food packaging coating that increases the consumers ability to get all of the food out of containers (e.g. ketchup bottles)
- Hello Fresh!
- BluWrap

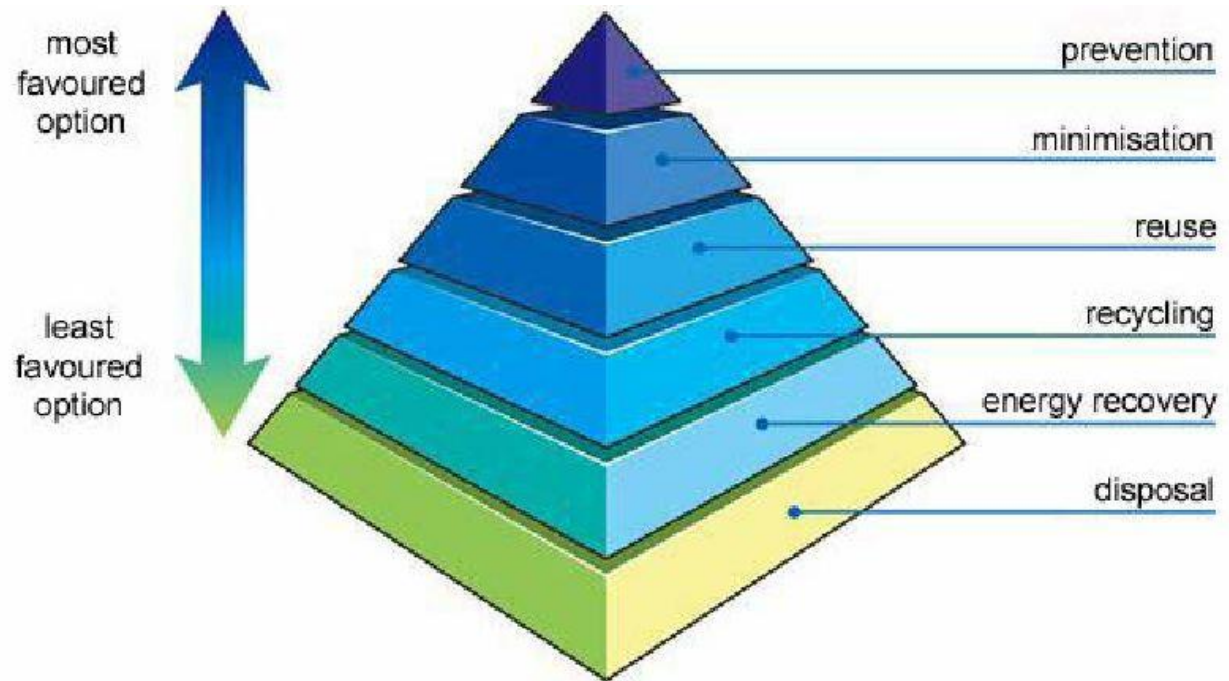
## PREVENTION SOLUTIONS DIVERSION POTENTIAL



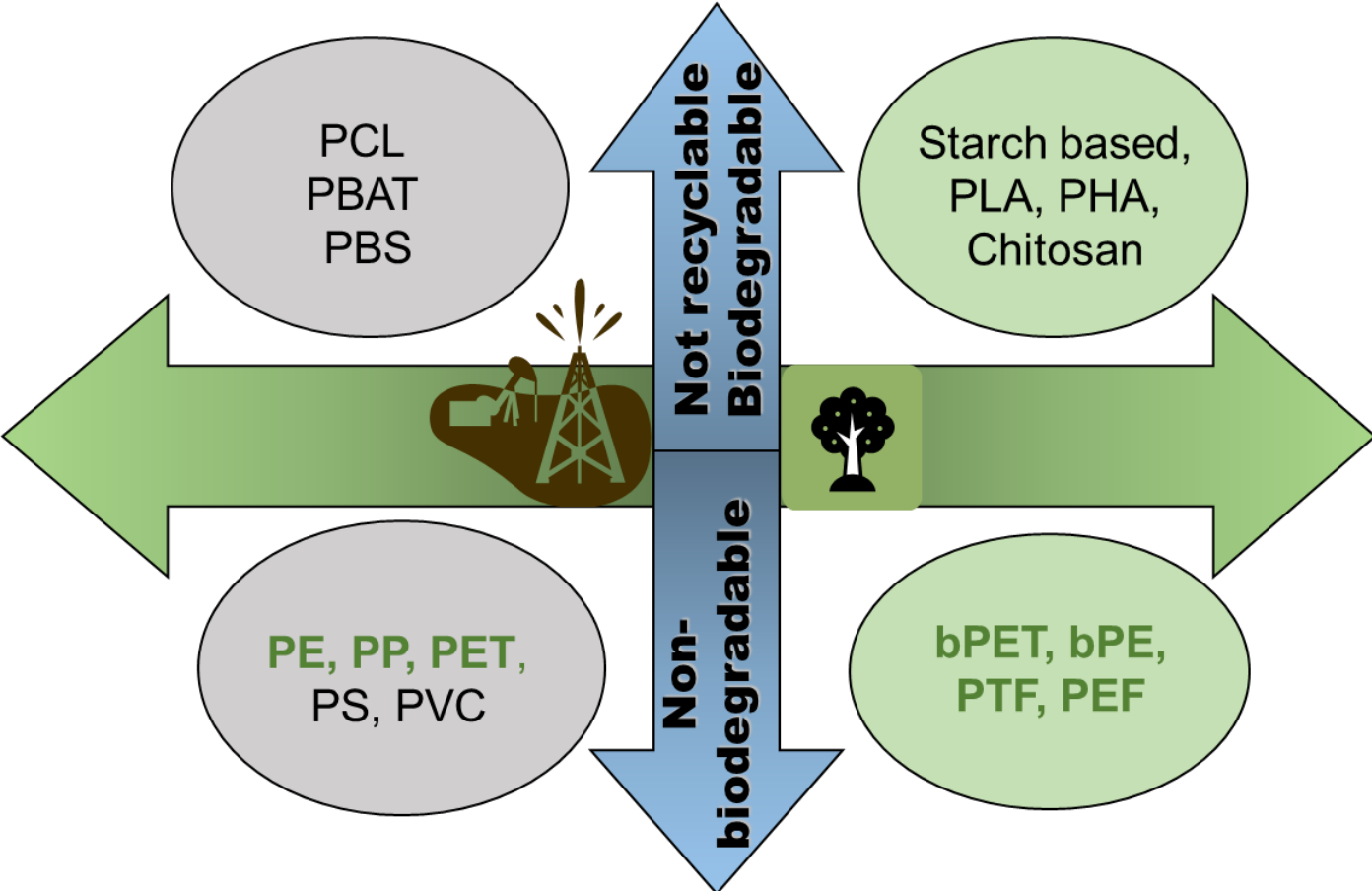
\*OTHER: SPOILAGE PREVENTION PACKAGING 72K TONS/YR; IMPROVED INVENTORY MANAGEMENT 59K TONS/YR; MANUFACTURING LINE OPTIMIZATION 20K TONS/YR; COLD CHAIN MANAGEMENT 18K TONS/YR

# Sustainability: Global brands & packaging suppliers

- Same situations-small families, no families
- Packaging material development



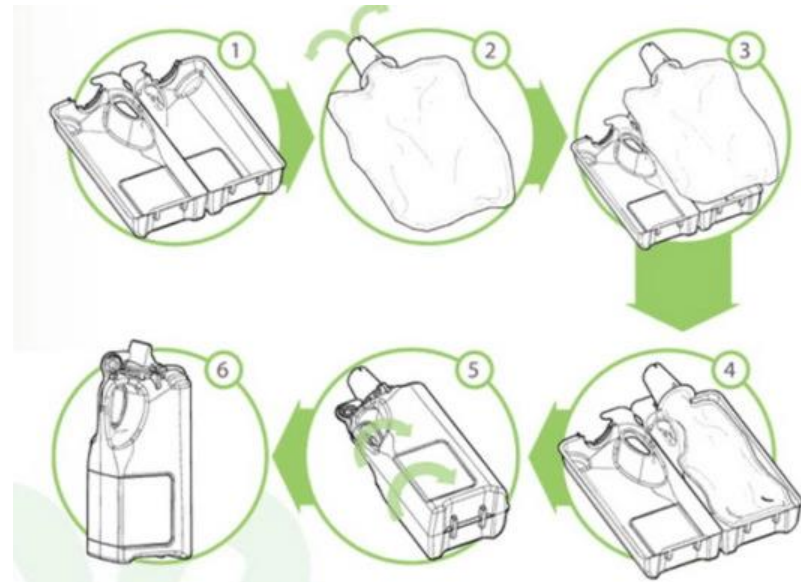
# Sustainability: Alphabet soup



- PCL = Poly (ε-caprolactone)
- PBAT = Poly(butylene adipate-co-terephthalate)
- PBS = Polybutylene succinate
- PE = Polyethylene
- bPE = Bioderived Polyethylene
- PP = Polypropylene
- PS = Polystyrene
- PET = Polyethyleneterephthalate
- bPET = Bioderived Polyethyleneterephthalate
- PVC = Polyvinylchloride
- PLA = Polylactic Acid (Polylaktate)
- PHA = Polyhydroksyalkanoate
- PTF = Polytrimethylene furandicarboxylate
- PEF = Polyethylene furanoate

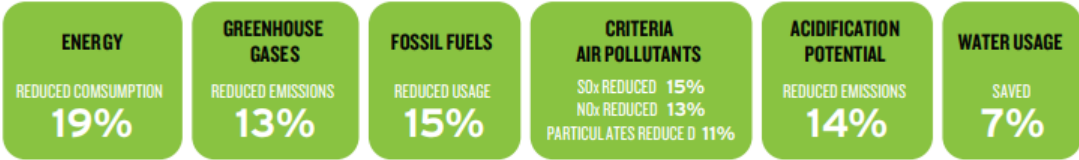


# Sustainability: More sustainable choices



Seventh Generation bottle  
Consumes about 33% less energy to produce  
Carbon Footprint that is 48% lower than plastic

# Sustainability: More sustainable choices






Calcium Carbonate stiffens HDPE



# Sustainability: VC derived labels

The image displays three recycling labels in a grid format. Each label consists of a top section with a recycling symbol and a bottom section with text. The first label shows a standard recycling symbol with the text 'PAPER BOX'. The second label shows a recycling symbol with a diagonal slash through it, indicating it is not recycled, with the text 'PLASTIC FILM'. The third label shows a recycling symbol with the text 'Check Locally\*' inside it, with 'PLASTIC TRAY' below. To the right of the grid is the vertical text 'how2recycle.info'. Below the grid is a note: '\*Not recycled in all communities'.

		
<b>PAPER BOX</b>	<b>PLASTIC FILM</b>	<b>PLASTIC TRAY</b>

**how2recycle.info**

\*Not recycled in all communities



# Sustainability: Links with packaging

- New partnerships address shared value
  - Resources
    - Coke and BFS
    - Earthwise Environmental-water
    - Design for Recovery
    - Build Composting and Recycling Infrastructure
  - Retailers & Distributors
    - Enable recycling on site
    - EVOH and Dow
    - Closed loop returnables
    - DC optimization (rings)



# How to leverage sustainable links in FaB



- Identify new partnerships as a group that address shared value in sustainability (for example):
  - Manufacturing
    - Common resources and learning curves in lowering energy costs
  - Resources
    - Common resources and sustainability goals
  - Retailers & Distributors
    - Link with retailers to help solve joint issues with packaging and product solutions-mutual benefit to address e-commerce
    - E-commerce-link with to meet packaging and product needs
  - Packaging suppliers
    - New materials with common packaging structures

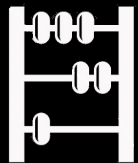
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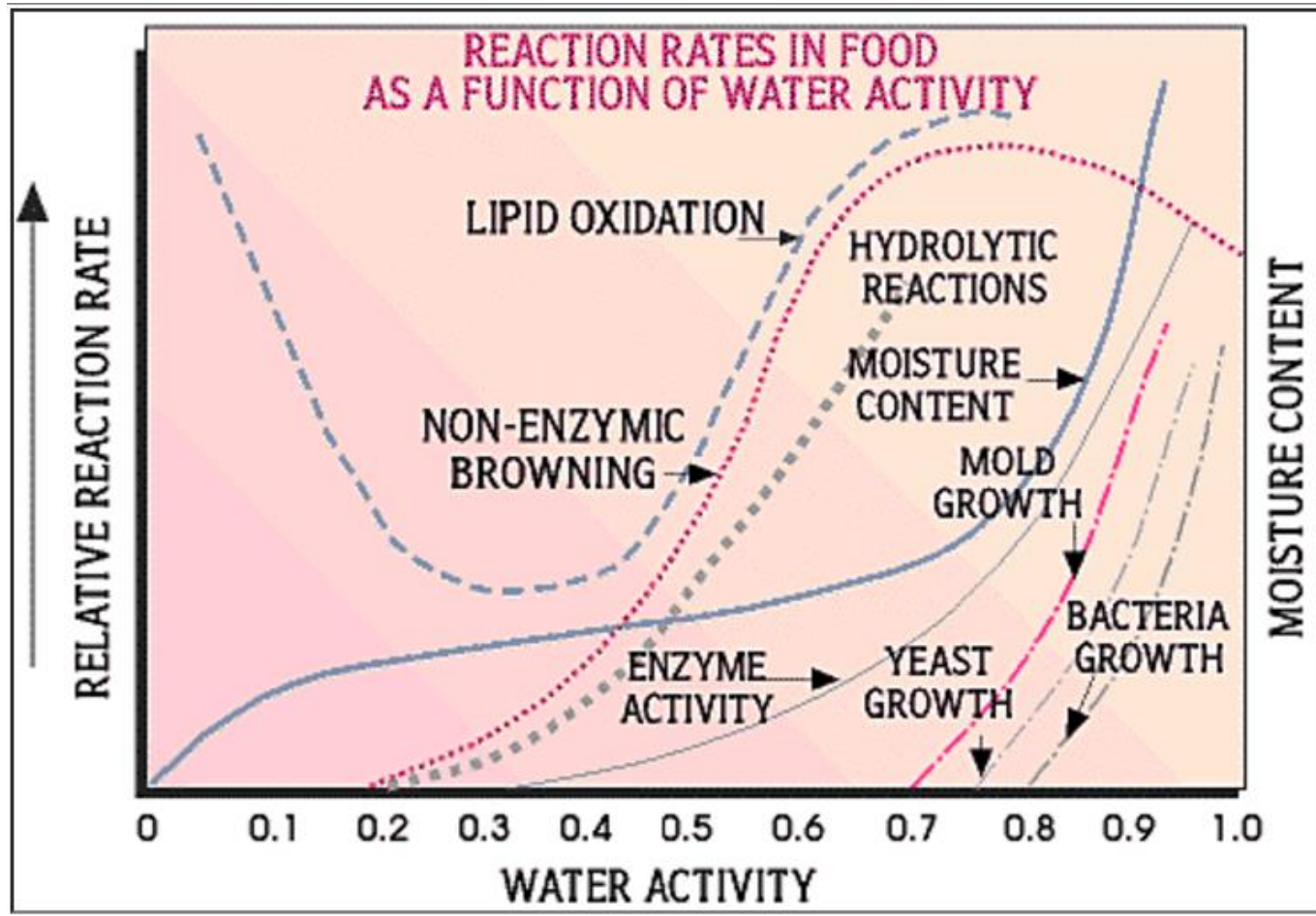
# Build Intelligent links

# Build intelligent links



- Connect food spoilage solutions
  - Barriers
  - Technology in packaging and process
- Access to intelligent packaging
  - Branding and communication
  - Fraud
  - Value chain

# Intelligence: Food spoilage commonalities



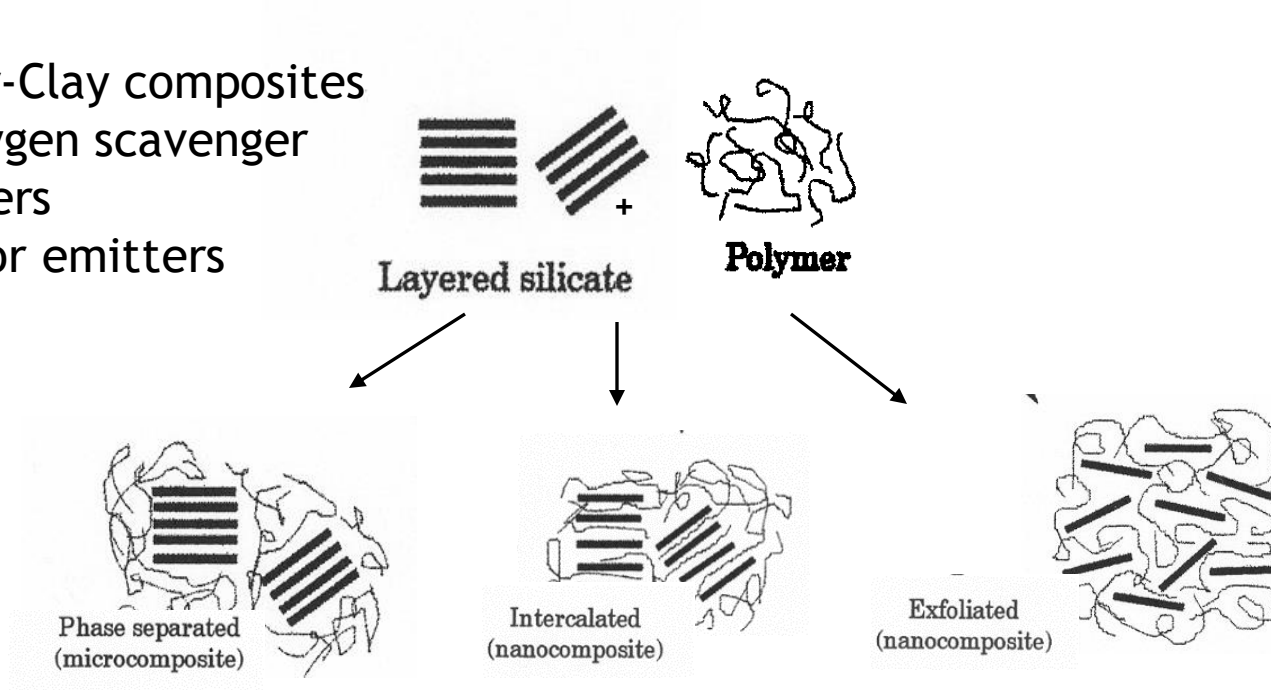
# Intelligence: Common barrier technologies



- Common OTRs (cc/m<sup>2</sup>dayatm)
  - PET - 0.22
  - HDPE - 2.6
  - PP - 11
  - LDPE - 20
  - Paper/polymer - variable
  - Combinations paper-metal-polymer - ~0

# Intelligence: Better barriers w nanotech

- Polymer-Clay composites
  - Oxygen scavenger layers
  - Odor emitters





# Intelligence: Barriers and controlled release

- Humidity from respiring produce triggers the release of  $\text{ClO}_2$  at low, sustained doses to enhance product safety, shelf-life, and quality
- Controlled release of  $\text{ClO}_2$  in polymers



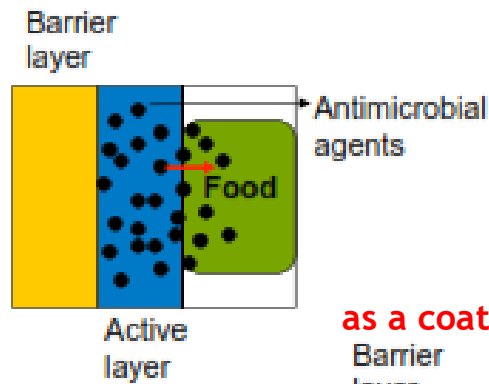
# Intelligence: Edible film tech



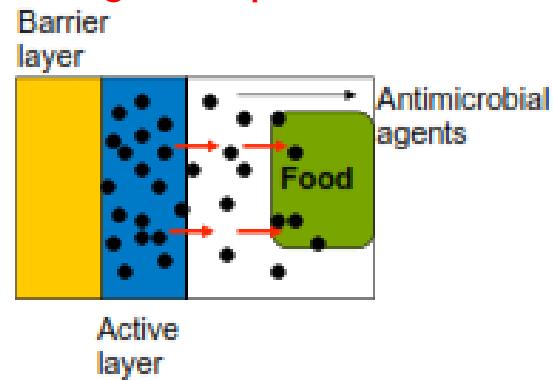
- Films and coatings
  - Moisture barriers
  - Antimicrobials
  - Glazes, etc.

# Intelligence: Antimicrobial tech

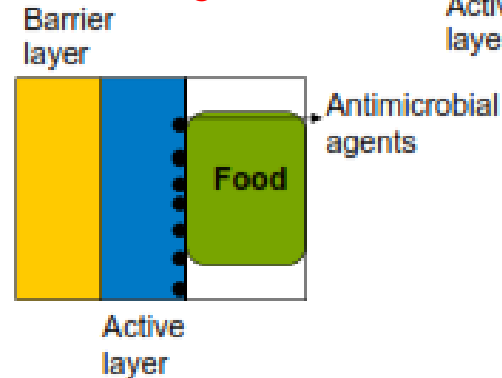
## within a structure



## through headspace



## as a coating



# Intelligence: Antimicrobial

Antimicrobial	Food Safety Microbes	Food Quality Microbes	Categories Tested	Packaging Materials Tested	FDA	EU	FAO/WHO	Manufacturers	Economic	Social Issues	Technology	Innovation	Recommendation
<b>Nisin</b>	Listeria (with Lysozyme); E. coli (with EDTA); Salmonella	Not assessed	Meat, cheese, seafood, perishable processed food	Cellulose and SPI, zein, WPI, LDPE, cellophane, paper, chitosan	GRAS	E234; Restrictions to cheese, eggs, puddings	Approved	Numerous	Costs are not standard and are based on desired result; concern with resistance promotes use of other bacteriocins in tandem	Increased resistance possible; considered natural	Abundance of studies due to nisin's commercial availability	Use bacteriocins synergistically; bioengineering for increased efficacy; refine coating distribution	Pursue
<b>Pediocin</b>	Listeria	S. aureus and B. cereus	Processed meat (ham, bologna, smoked fish)	WPI coated PP, Cellulose	GRAS	Not approved		Minimal	Concern with resistance promotes use of other bacteriocins in tandem	Increased resistance possible; considered natural	Limited studies	Use bacteriocins synergistically; bioengineering for increased efficacy; refine coating distribution	
<b>Lacticin</b>	Clostridia and Listeria	S. aureus, Bacillus, Lactococcus, Lactobacillus	Cottage cheese, cheese, milk, orange juice, egg, water, ham, turkey breast, smoked salmon	Zein, WPI, Paper board with AP; PE, Pectin/PLA composite Cellophane	GRAS	Not approved	Approved by 50+ countries	Laboratories	Concern with resistance promotes use of other bacteriocins in tandem	Increased resistance possible; considered natural	Limited understanding beyond use as additive	Use bacteriocins synergistically; bioengineering for increased efficacy; refine coating distribution	Pursue
<b>Chitosan</b>	E. coli	S. Aureus, P. fragi, B. subtilis	Seafood	PVA, PE, carrier of other antimicrobials	GRAS	Not approved		Multiple	Innovations and use in water quality and fuel cells may lower prices or increase demand to increase prices	Non-toxic, biodegradable, and biocompatible	Abundance of research; variability of results due to natural origin	Combining with other antimicrobials to increase spectrum; identify optimum molecular weight and polymerization	
<b>Lysozyme</b>	Listeria; E.coli (with lactoferrin or EDTA)	S. Aureus, P. fragi, B. subtilis, L. platarum	Tuna; sushi, raw and processed meat	Cellulose, paper, zein, SPI, PVOH, surface immobilization	GRAS	E1105; approved for cheese and beer		Numerous chemical companies	Need to combine with lactoferrin or EDTA to inhibit E.coli	Considered natural	Abundance of research; variability of results due to natural origin	To attain both Listeria and E. coli inactivity, determine optimum EDTA or lactoferrin concentration	Pursue
<b>Lactoperoxidase</b>	Listeria; E. coli	Yeasts, Molds	Salmon and roasted turkey, milk, cheese, vegetables	WPI, alginate	GRAS	No approved	Recommended when adequate cooling unavailable in dairy	Numerous chemical companies	Whey derivation lowers cost	Advocacy by FAO has increased awareness	Efficacy a function of LPS, thiocyanate, and H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Activation by H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Pursue
<b>Plant Extracts</b>	E. coli (Oregano); Listeria (Neem)	S. aureus (Grapefruit seed, green tea)		SPI, WPI, chitosan, casein	GRAS	Approved	Approved	Numerous	Costly due to extraction	Taste preferences inhibit use; no labeling issues	Not applied beyond laboratory stages	Natural/organic platform; improving efficacy	Pursue as natural/organic platform
<b>Metal ions</b>	E.coli, Listeria (Titanium), Zinc, Silver, Copper; Salmonella (Zinc and nisin)	S. aureus	Meat, sliced fruit, eggs, orange juice	Glass, metal, polymers, chitosan, zein, cellulose	Defined amounts	Defined amounts	Defined amounts	Numerous	Silver most costly	Consumer familiarity; Environmental and increased resistance; Limit migration into food is paramount	Nanoparticles most effective due to high surface area	Medical research applicable to food packaging	
<b>Surface Treatments</b>	E. coli	Antifungal	Meat, produce	Paperboard, polymers	by-products would need approval	by-products would need approval	by-products would need approval	Internal	Variable	resultant additives require acceptance	Skill set within converters	Adapt processes from medical packaging; plasma activation; GRAS by-products	Pursue to expand core competency
<b>Acids, Salts, Anhydrides</b>	Listeria and E.coli (Sorbic Acid); Listeria (Lauric acid and EDTA)	Yeasts, Molds	Meat, produce	Coatings on various substrates	Most are GRAS	Defined amounts allowed	Defined amounts allowed	Numerous	Variable	Consumer familiarity	Processes of inactivation are well known	Refined efficacy	Pursue
<b>Chlorine Dioxide</b>	Listeria, Salmonella	Not Evaluated	Produce	Known permeability to ClO <sub>2</sub>	Considered a treatment	E296 under consideration		Numerous	Systems in place lowers cost	Color issues; Connected to household disinfectant	Technology well known	Explore ability to recharge system	

# Intelligence: New and emerging technologies in processing

- HPP
- MATS
- Ohmic
- PL
- ?



# Intelligent Packaging



- Branding & communication
- Temperature/etc. monitoring
- Track and trace-fraud

# Intelligent Packaging: Branding & communication

- Intelligent packaging expands brand image potential
- Canadian brand with pulses



# Intelligent Packaging: TTIs

- *FreshCode, Varcode and Tempix, Tempix*
  - fading barcodes



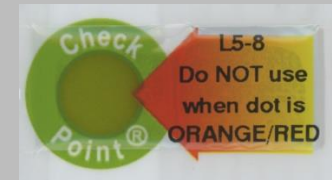
- *CoolVu*
  - aluminum layer thins causing a reaction



- *FreshMeter*
  - turns from blue to gray via benzopyridine photoactivation



- *L5-8 Smart Seafood*
  - irreversible color change from the hydrolysis of triglycerides





# Intelligent Packaging: Degradation sensors

- High surface to volume ratio of nanofibrous membranes and electrospun sensors
- Based on surface enhanced Raman spectroscopy (SERS)
  - Measures total volatile basic nitrogen (TVBN)
  - Monitors cysteine loss via hydrogen sulfide
  - Color change indicator that activates as microbial growth increases
- Advances in wireless nanosensor networks (WNSNs)
  - Graphene printing and conductive polymers
    - enables wireless communication between nanosystems
- Incorporate antibodies (for detection) within polymer films

# Intelligent Packaging: Responsive sensors

- Responsive sensors that detect then act to reduce deteriorative reactions
  - Through the release of CO<sub>2</sub>, antioxidants or pH change agents
- Tremendous amount of IP in this area

## Current solutions

- Measures total volatile basic nitrogen (TVBN)
- Monitors cysteine loss via hydrogen sulfide
- CO<sub>2</sub> sensors indicate freshness loss as produce respire
- Color change indicator that activates with microbial growth



# Intelligent Packaging: Reduce fraud

Need to reduce fraud is high:

# \$62.5

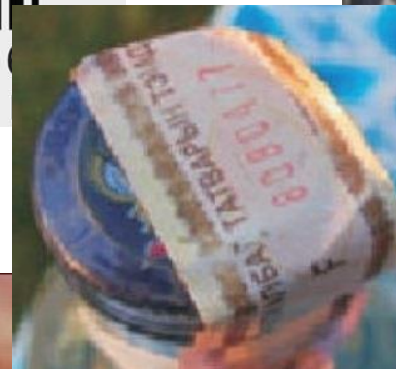
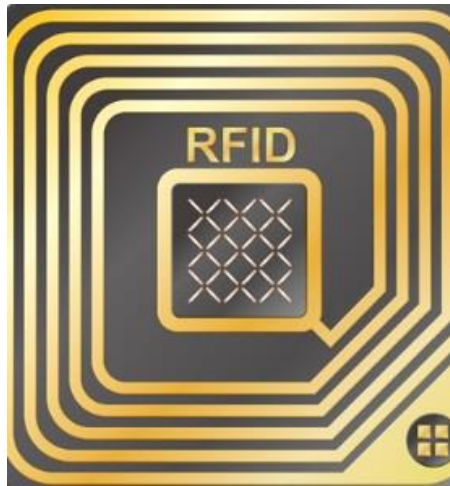
billion industry by 2020

Food and packaging fraud are intertwined from ingredients to finished goods

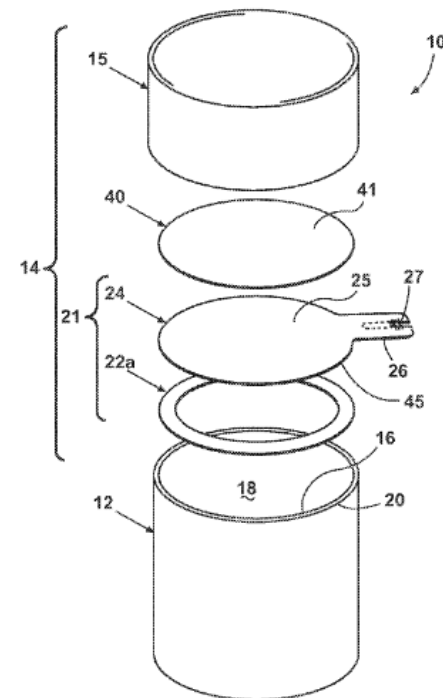


# Intelligent Packaging: Deter fraud (overt)

Overt authenticity is refined and solutions exist



# Intelligent Packaging: Detect fraud (covert)



# Intelligent Packaging: Status



- TTIs continue to be the standard
- For optimum safety, focus on degradation sensors in 3-5 years
- Assess branding and authenticity link to balance costs
- For nutritional waste reduction and safety, focus on responsive sensors in 3-5 years

# How to Leverage Intelligence in FaB



- Identify new partnerships as a group that address shared value in intelligence:
  - Marketing
    - Branding and communication
  - Barriers & Shelf life
    - Common technology access
  - Retailers & Distributors
    - Track and trace
    - Fraud (FIDES)
    - Branding
  - Packaging suppliers and food suppliers
    - New materials with common packaging structures

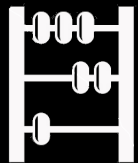
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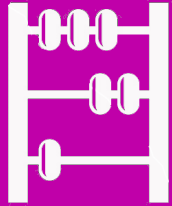


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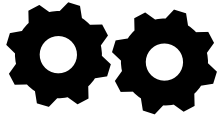
# Innovate with agility



- Innovation requires the agility to meet changing value chain needs
- Need shared value in relationships
  - Consumer-fickle
  - Distributor/Retailer-real or virtual
  - Manufacturing - copacker or you
  - Packaging supplier

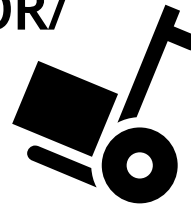
# Packaging Challenges that Need Innovation/agility

## MANUFACTURER



- Reduce contamination during product fill
- Assess initial microbial load
- Reduce initial microbial load
- Enable HACCP, etc.
- Address chilled worker conditions

## DISTRIBUTOR/ RETAILER



- Enable stock rotation
- Time &Temp monitoring system
- Oxygen level monitoring system
- Control temperature
- Control microbial load at POS

## CONSUMER/SOCIETY



- Enable safe package reuse
- Reduce consumer contamination from repeat use
- Expand time for safe product use
- Enable storage
- Portions
- Sustainability

# Innovation/agility: Connect beyond immediate



- Gain tactical knowledge
- Expand value chain focused on needs at each point
- Use less internal resources to address problems
- Build structure for continual innovation

# Innovation/agility: Economic reshuffling

- Packaging can **enable** affordable choices the 4 billion+ consumers at pyramid's base
- Packaging needs to technically **leapfrog** to provide product protection and a market
- Packaging can **facilitate** manufacturing value added goods versus raw material exports
  - Reveals opportunity to use **historically** indigenous materials (jute)
- Research **potential** in facilitating leapfrogging in technology is high



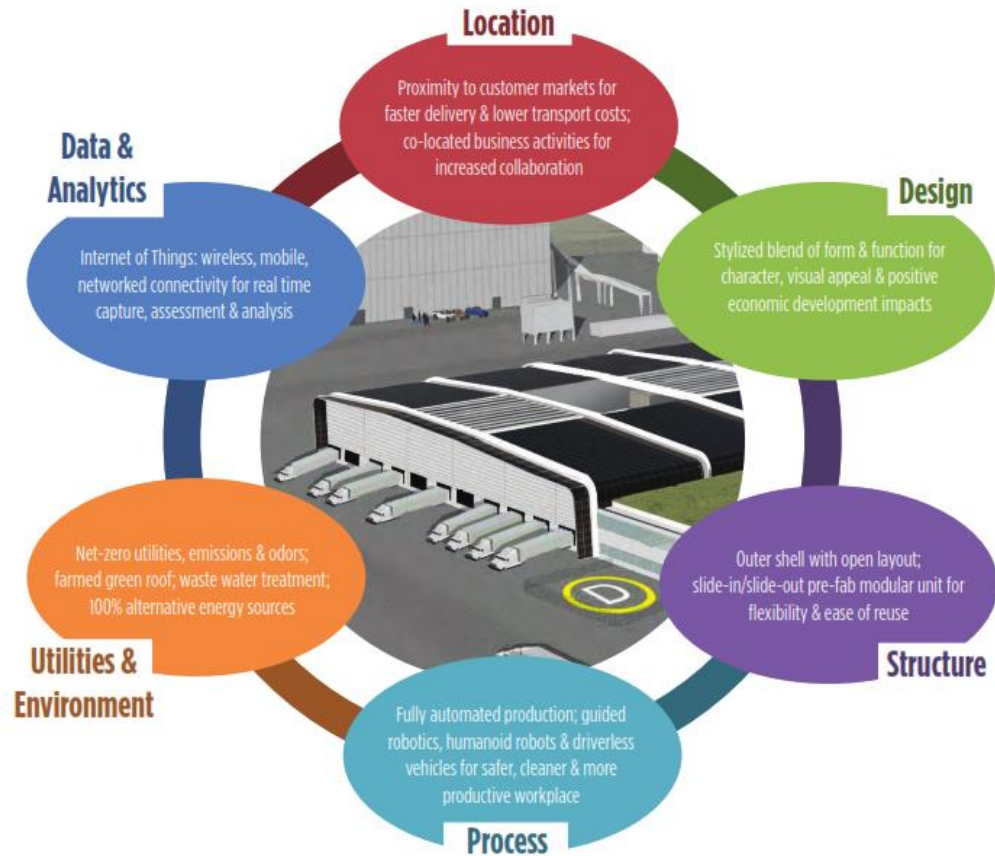
# Innovation/agility: Refine/flex distribution

- Packaging can **facilitate** the distribution via alternative channels (versus traditional models) to meet urban needs
  - A future value chain defined by consumer led value will optimize packaging based on global urban and rural consumers
    - Example-Medical contract packaging & Anderson's window walls & UHP
  - Optimal packaging technology focuses on post consumer **disposal** in urban areas (DSD)
  - Consumer specific packaging is growing
  - Packaging research on **predictive** restocking (beyond RFID) to make consumer and post consumer packaging seamless



# Innovation/agility: Provides inherent opp.

- 6 weeks from idea to nationwide launch to *immediate* launch
- Data tracking



# Yogurt Example



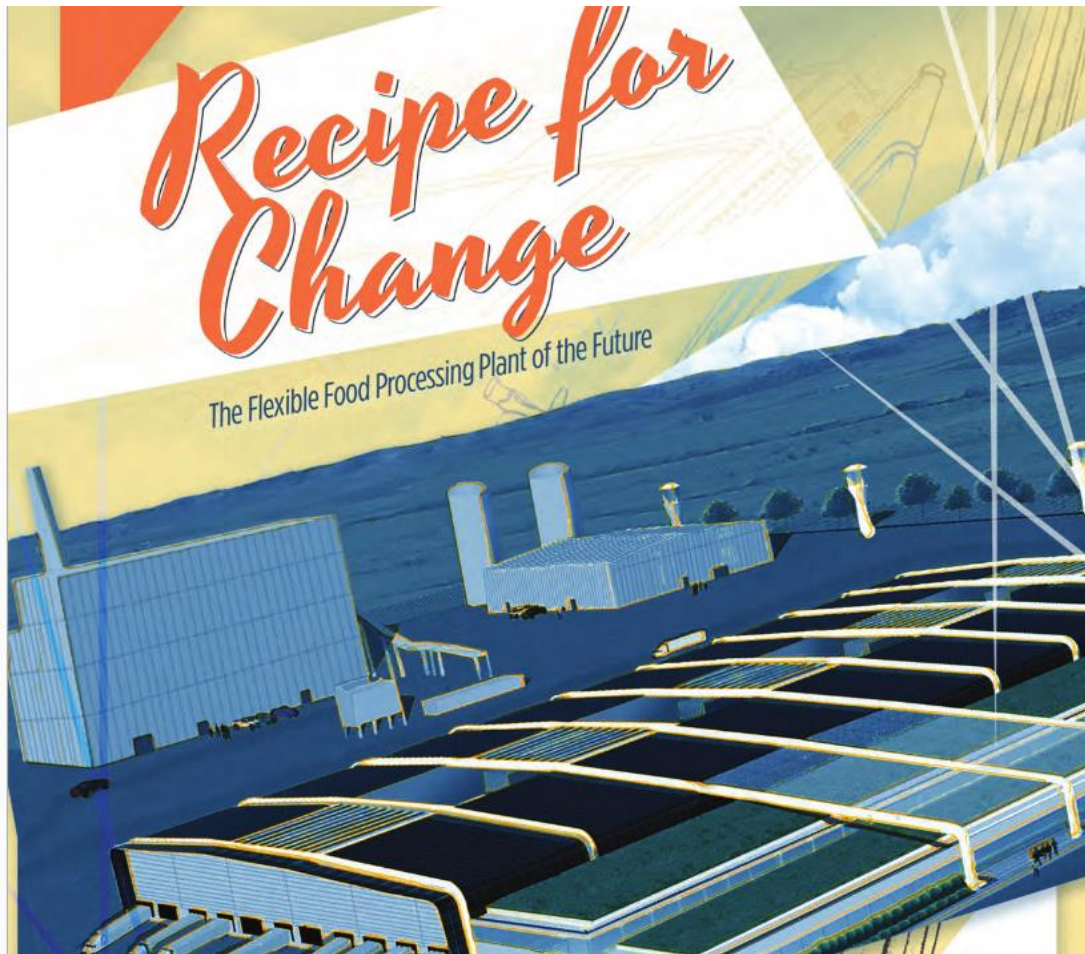
- Changing retail
- Product on market 2 years
- Disconnect to health for many ages
- Experience Solutions
  - Retail
  - In home
- Product (aging men, teens now)
- Packaging
  - Why?



# Yogurt: everyone gets a golden ticket



# Innovation/agility: Manufacturing



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## THE FLEXIBLE FOOD PROCESSING PLANT OF THE FUTURE

- » Architecturally significant, energy efficient building envelope with sleek design features and attractive landscaping
- » Single level, open plan to facilitate modular conversion within production areas and interaction and collaboration among user groups
- » Minimal use of hard-to-remove concrete
- » Light-weight materials like polyurethane core-filled stainless steel
- » Self-contained modular buildings-within-buildings for efficient conversion to future uses
- » Modular floor drain system installed over base level floor with sub-floor in between to enable draining
- » Retractable and expandable walls and roof system for module transfer and higher ceiling heights for future uses
- » Maximized roof span and minimized roof-top equipment; farmed green roof
- » Robotic transportation routes for material flow; 3-D printers for parts replacement
- » Air filtration system for reduced risk of air-borne contaminants and elimination of biological odors
- » Segregated spaces to minimize risk of cross-contamination, contain noise, and reduce downtime during a conversion process
- » Sustainable on-site renewable energy, with wind, solar, battery-enabled energy storage, and maximized use of natural light
- » On-site water generation and waste water treatment
- » LED lighting and lighting control systems
- » Centralized distribution of utilities and flexible connections
- » Environmentally-benign refrigerants
- » Perimeter employee amenities such as outdoor break and activity areas
- » Co-located research and development, packaging for grocery shelves, marketing, offices, cold storage
- » On-site rendering plant to prepare animal by-products for sale in secondary markets
- » Net-zero utilities, waste, and emissions
- » Internet of Things: fully networked facility connecting food safety, environment, quality, operations, inventory, process, packaging, facility monitoring and management

# How to leverage agility links in FaB

- Identify new partnerships as a group that address shared value in agility (for example):
  - Manufacturing
    - Common resources needed to fast launches
  - Retailers & Distributors
    - Leverage location to meet needs better
    - LED lights
    - Packaging can help Retailers drive fast launches
    - Enable co-distribution, shelf in and outs
    - E-commerce-link launches
  - Packaging suppliers
    - Beyond price and into shared agility in response
    - Build in agility in machinery, materials, plans
    - Fused Deposition Modeling
      - Molded pulp mold cost from \$30,000 and 2 weeks to \$500 and 2 days

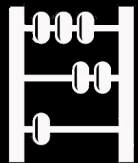
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# Key Takeaways: Recap

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

Sustainable

Agile  
Innovation

Intelligence

# Recap-How to leverage packaging with links in FaB

- **Resources**

- Common resources and sustainability goals

- **Manufacturing**

- Common resources needed to fast launches
- Common resources and learning curves in lowering energy costs

- **Packaging suppliers-machinery, barriers, etc.**

- Beyond price and into shared agility in response
- Build in agility in machinery, materials, plans
- Materials with common packaging structures
- Common technology access

- **Retailers & Distributors**

- Leverage location to meet needs better
- LED lights
- Help Retailers drive fast launches
- Enable co-distribution, shelf in and outs
- Brick-retailers to help solve joint issues with packaging and product solutions-mutual benefit to address e-commerce
- E-commerce-link with to meet packaging and product needs
- Track and trace
- Fraud
- Branding

- **Marketing**

- Branding and communication



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