

Current issues of waste across the food chain

By-products, co-products and waste utilisation

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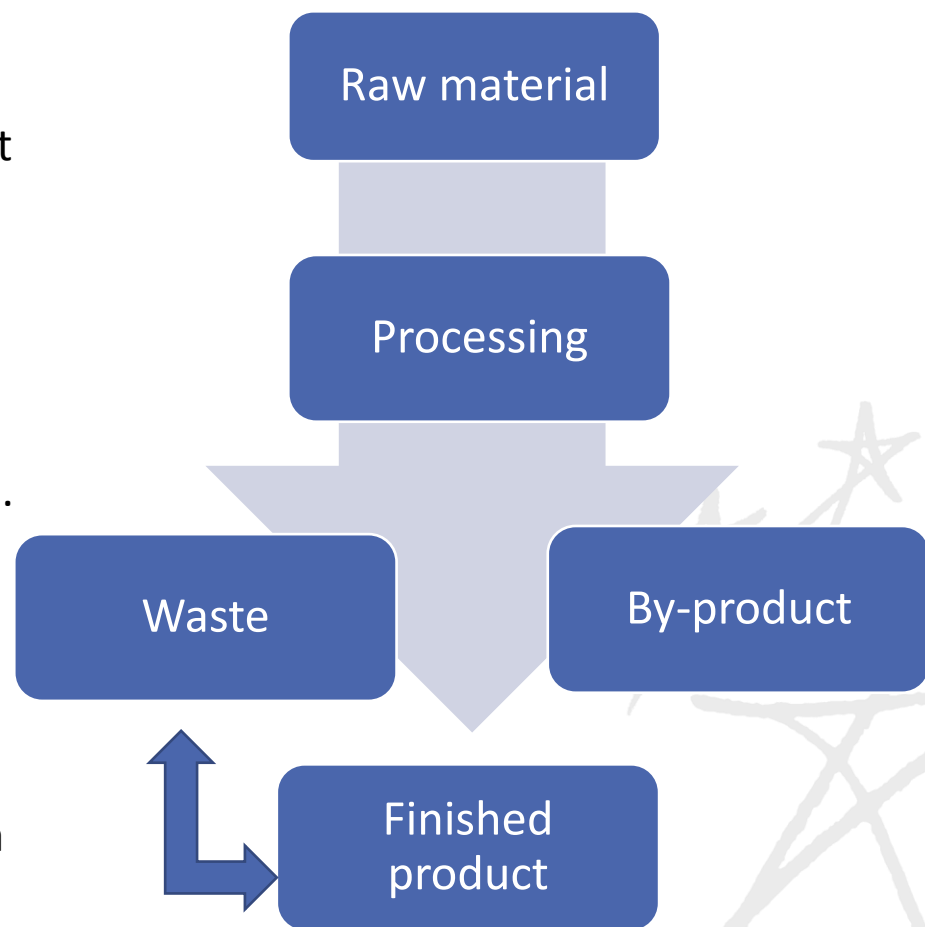
Definitions

Food Loss: The decrease in edible food mass at production, postharvest, processing, and distribution in value chains directed to human consumption.

Food Waste: Food fit for human consumption being discarded at the retail or consumer level.

Food Wastage: Encompasses “food loss” and “food waste.”

By-product: Something produced in the making of something else or a secondary result.



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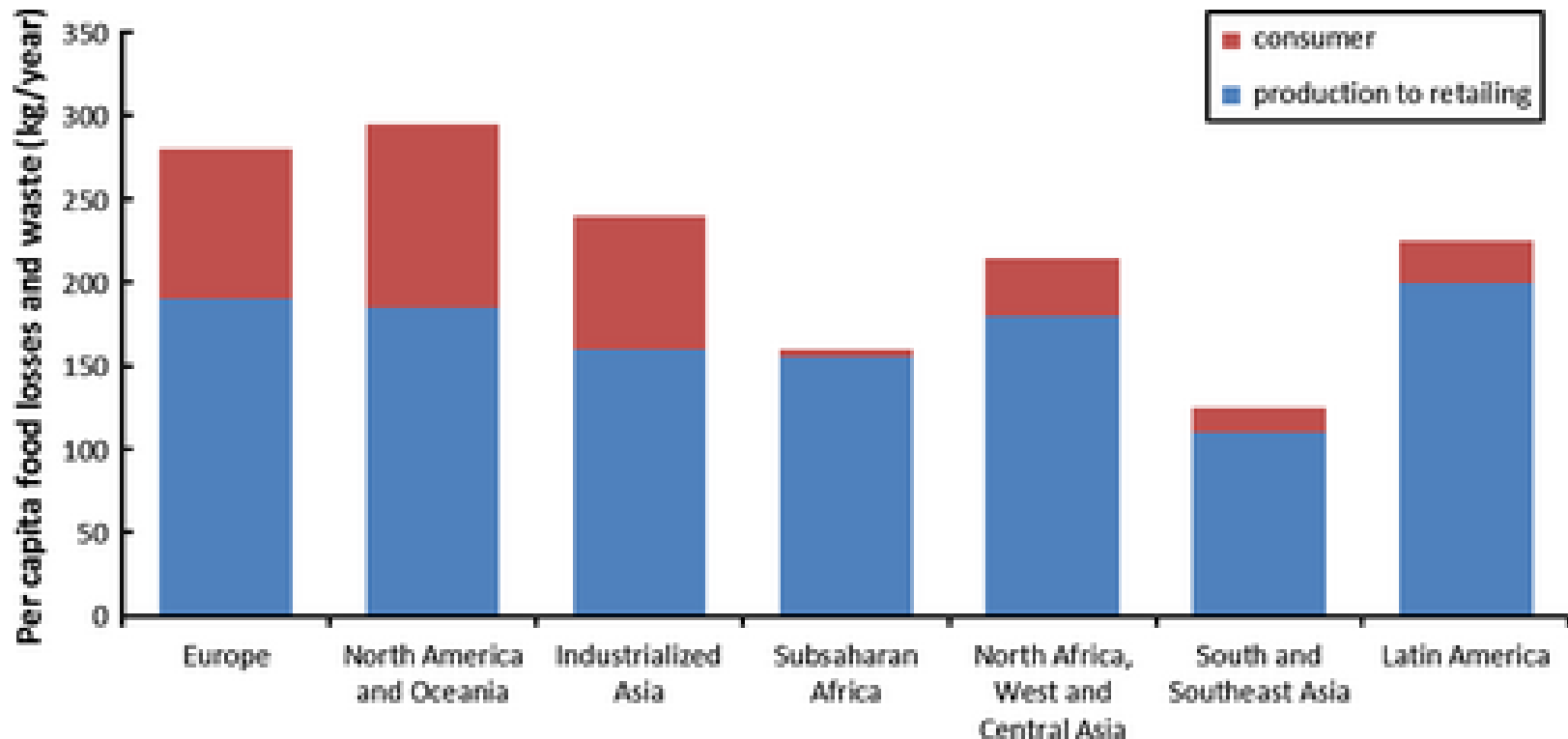
- What proofs are relevant for *prima facie* evidence of a product/by-product ?
 - Economic value
 - Produced intentionally
 - Subject to product/use regulations
 - Use is permitted
 - Use for purpose intended
- In the case of a product the presumption is that they are not waste until proven otherwise.

What is waste ?

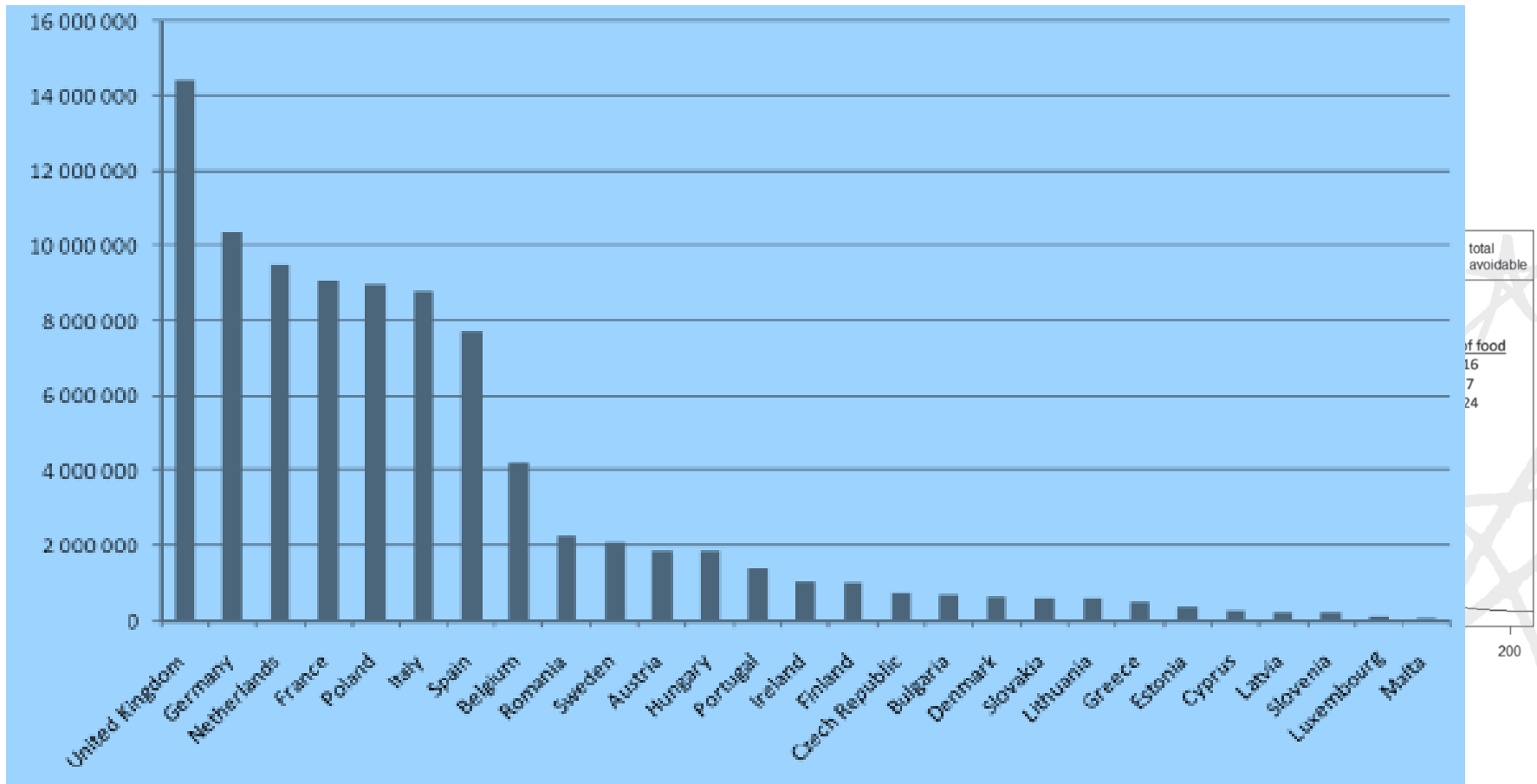


Around one third of the food produced globally is lost or wasted

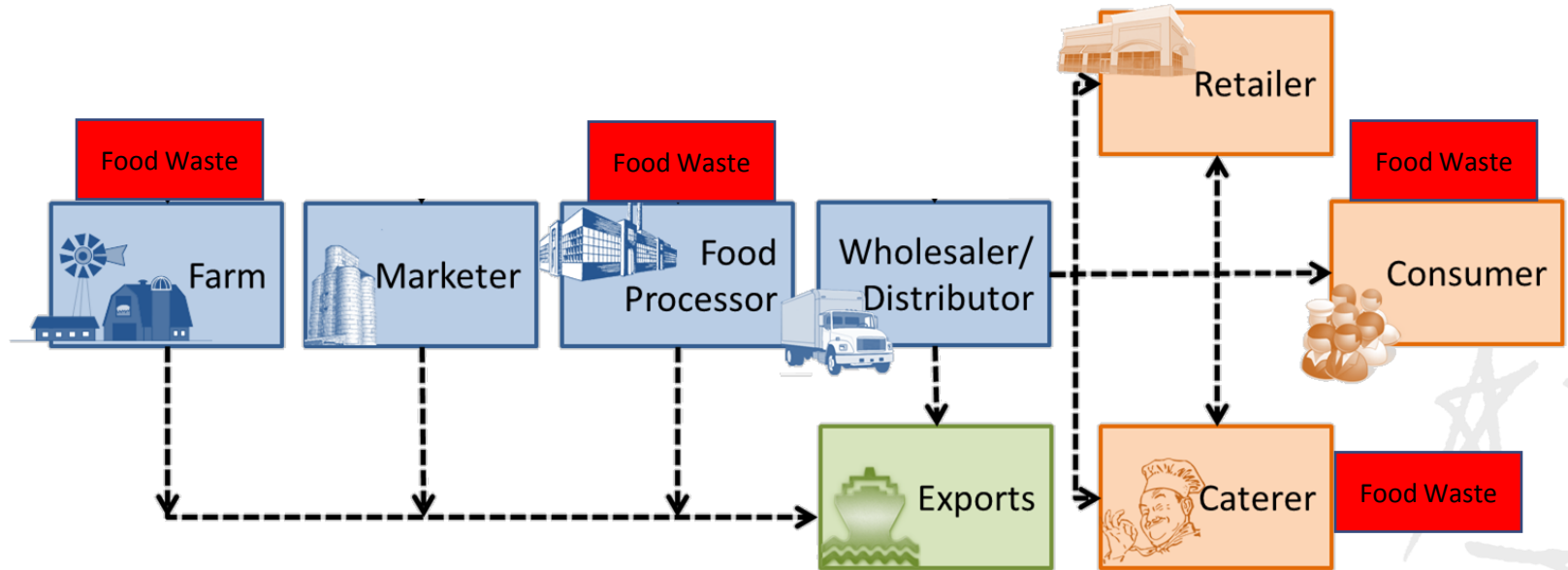
Per capita food losses and waste, at consumption and pre-consumption stages, in different regions



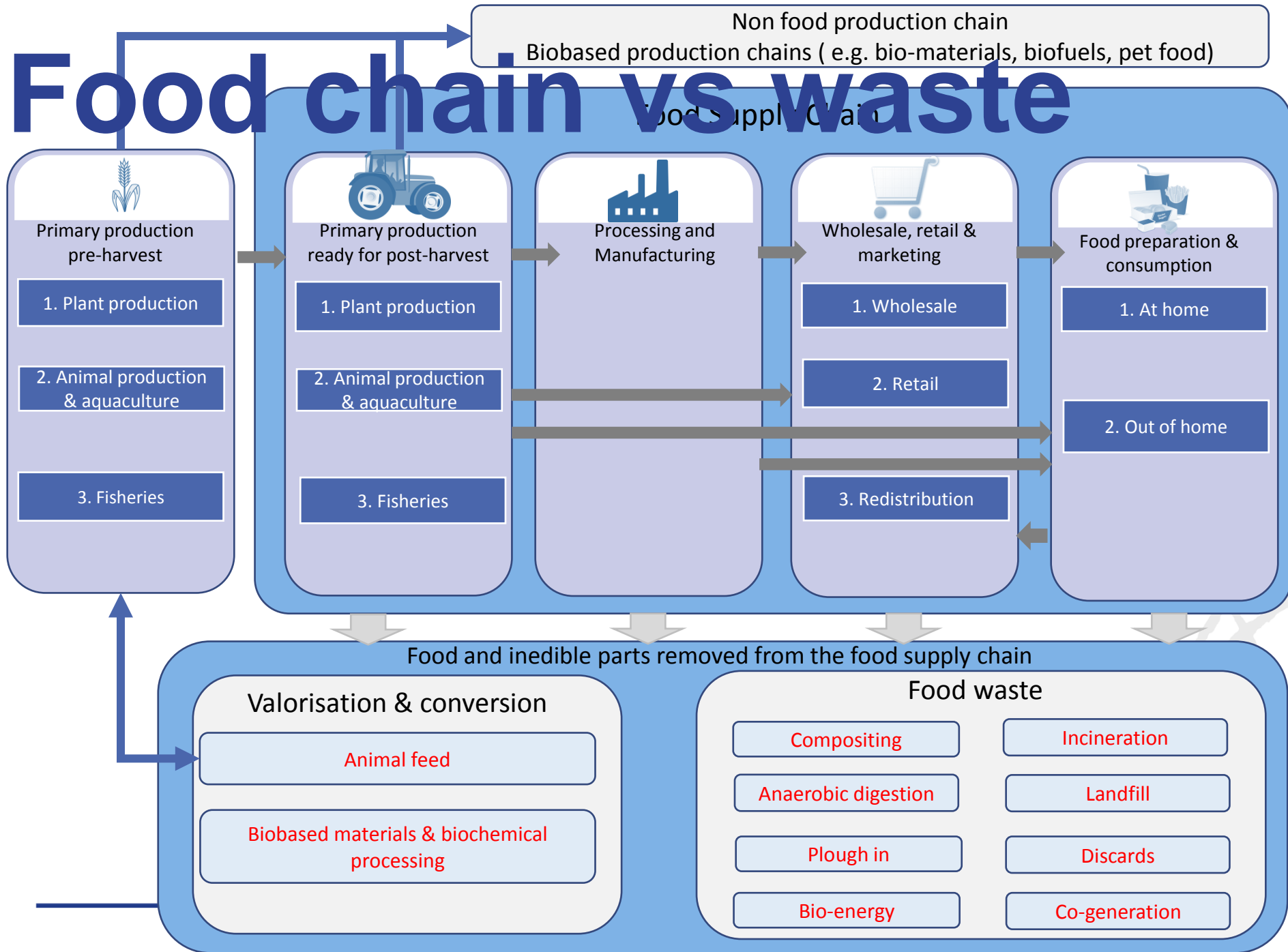
Food waste in Europe



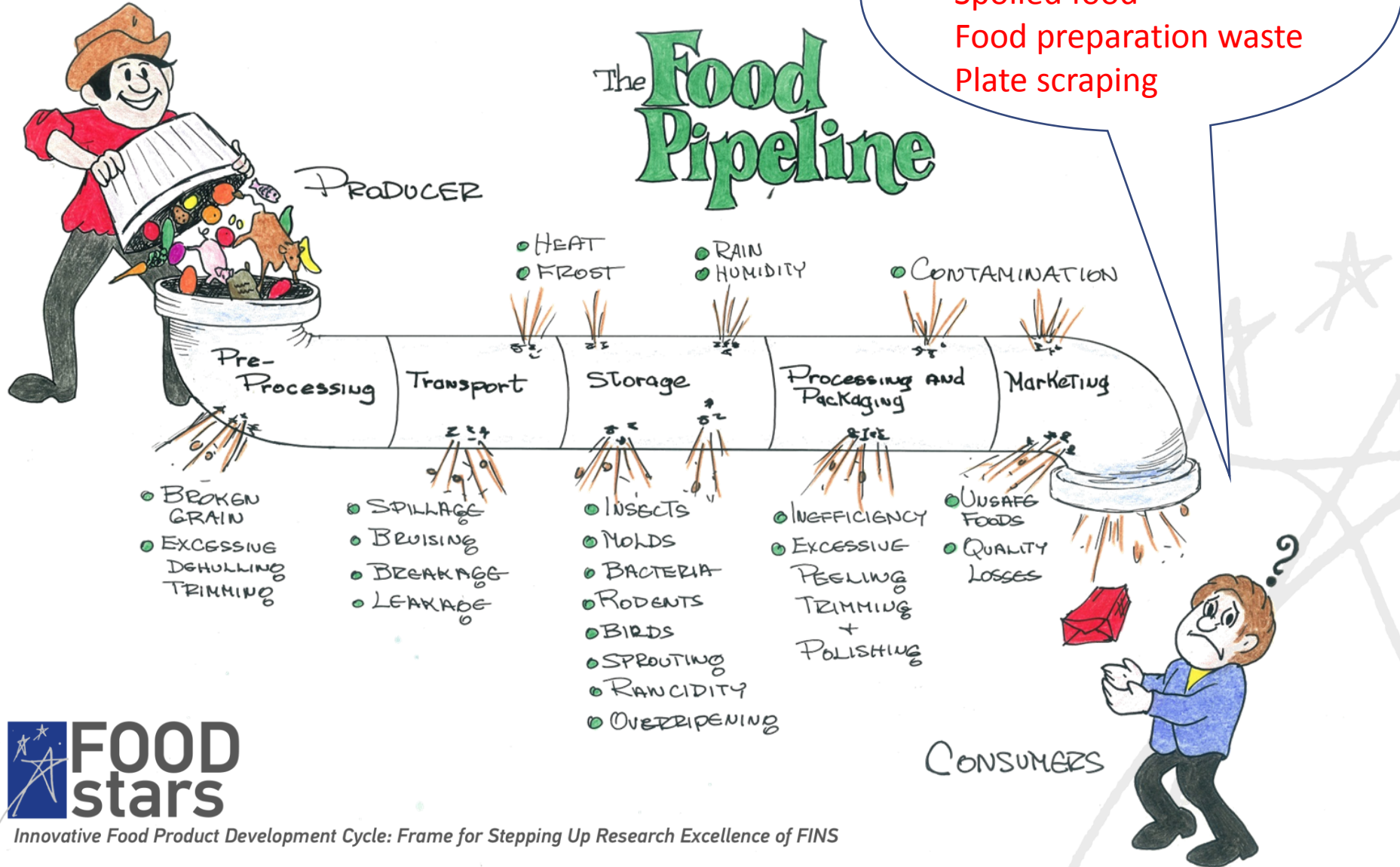
Food chain



Food chain vs waste



Types of losses



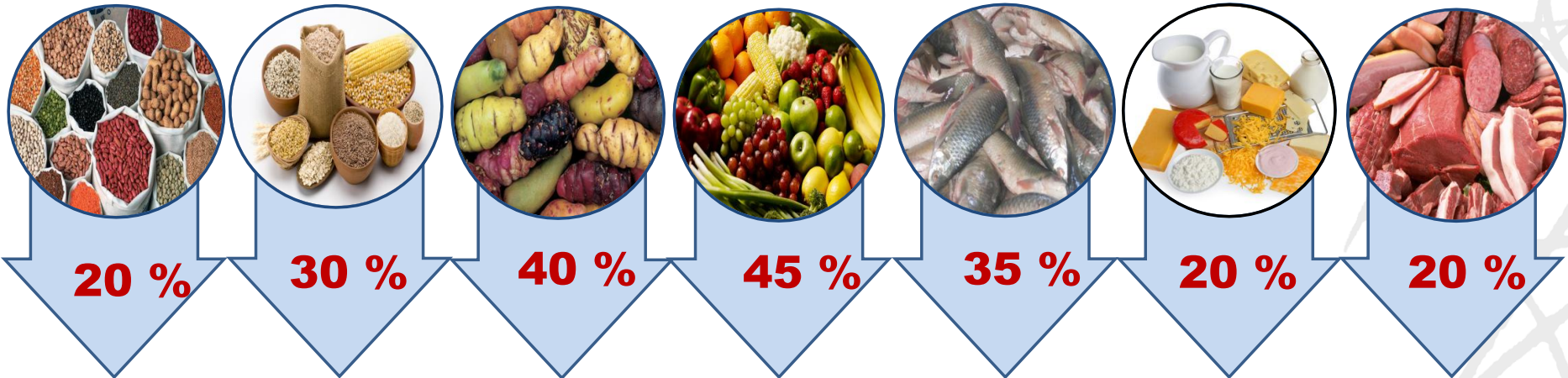
Loss Across the Value Chain

- **Agricultural Production Loss:** Spilled or damaged agricultural output during harvest, sorting, and handling.
- **Postharvest Handling and Storage Losses:** Losses due to spillage and degradation during handling, storage, and transportation off the farm.
- **Processing Losses:** Losses due to spillage and degradation during industrial or domestic processing, including crops sorted out or lost during process interruptions.
- **Distribution Losses:** Losses experienced while in the market system, e.g., in wholesale markets, supermarkets, retailers, and wet markets.
- **Consumption Waste:** Waste incurred at the household level, typically due to discards.

Where food waste occurs



Where food waste occurs



20%

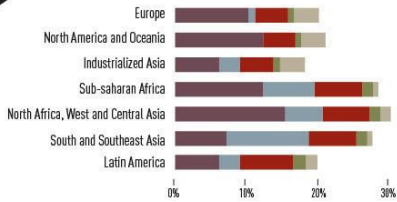
OILSEEDS & PULSES FOOD LOSSES

Every year, 22% of the global production of oilseeds and pulses is lost or wasted.



This is the same as the olives needed to produce enough olive oil to fill nearly 11 000 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

■ Agriculture ■ Distribution
■ Post-harvest ■ Consumption
■ Processing



30%

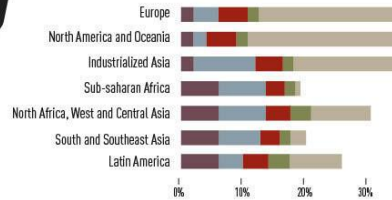
CEREALS FOOD LOSSES

In industrialized countries, consumers throw away 286 million tonnes of cereal products.



763 billion boxes of pasta

■ Agriculture ■ Distribution
■ Post-harvest ■ Consumption
■ Processing



45%

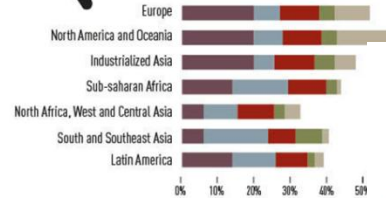
ROOTS & TUBERS FOOD LOSSES

In North America & Oceania alone, 5 814 000 tonnes of roots and tubers are wasted at the consumption stage alone.



This equates to just over 1 billion bags of potatoes.

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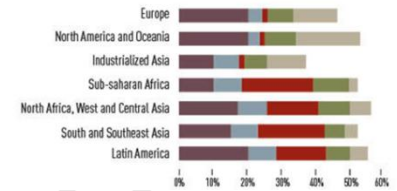
FRUIT & VEGETABLES FOOD LOSSES

Along with roots and tubers, fruit and vegetables have the highest wastage rates of any food products; almost half of all the fruit and vegetables produced are wasted.



3.7 trillion apples

■ Agriculture ■ Distribution
■ Post-harvest ■ Consumption
■ Processing

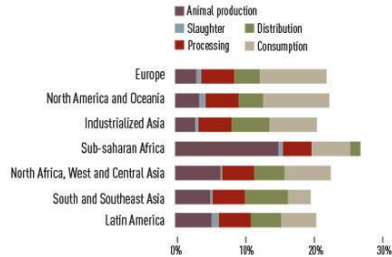




20% MEAT FOOD LOSSES

Of the 263 million tonnes of meat produced globally, over 20% is lost or wasted.

 This is equivalent to 75 million cows.



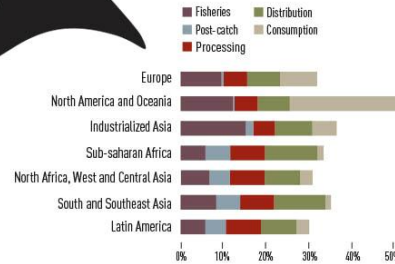
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35% FISH & SEAFOOD FOOD LOSSES

8% of fish caught globally is thrown back into the sea. In most cases they are dead, dying or badly damaged.

 This is equal to almost 3 billion Atlantic salmon.



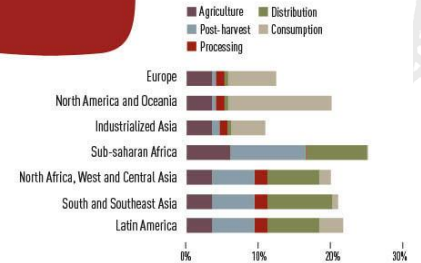
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20% DAIRY FOOD LOSSES

In Europe alone, 29 million tonnes of dairy products are lost or wasted every year.

 This is the same as 574 billion eggs.



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Impact of food waste

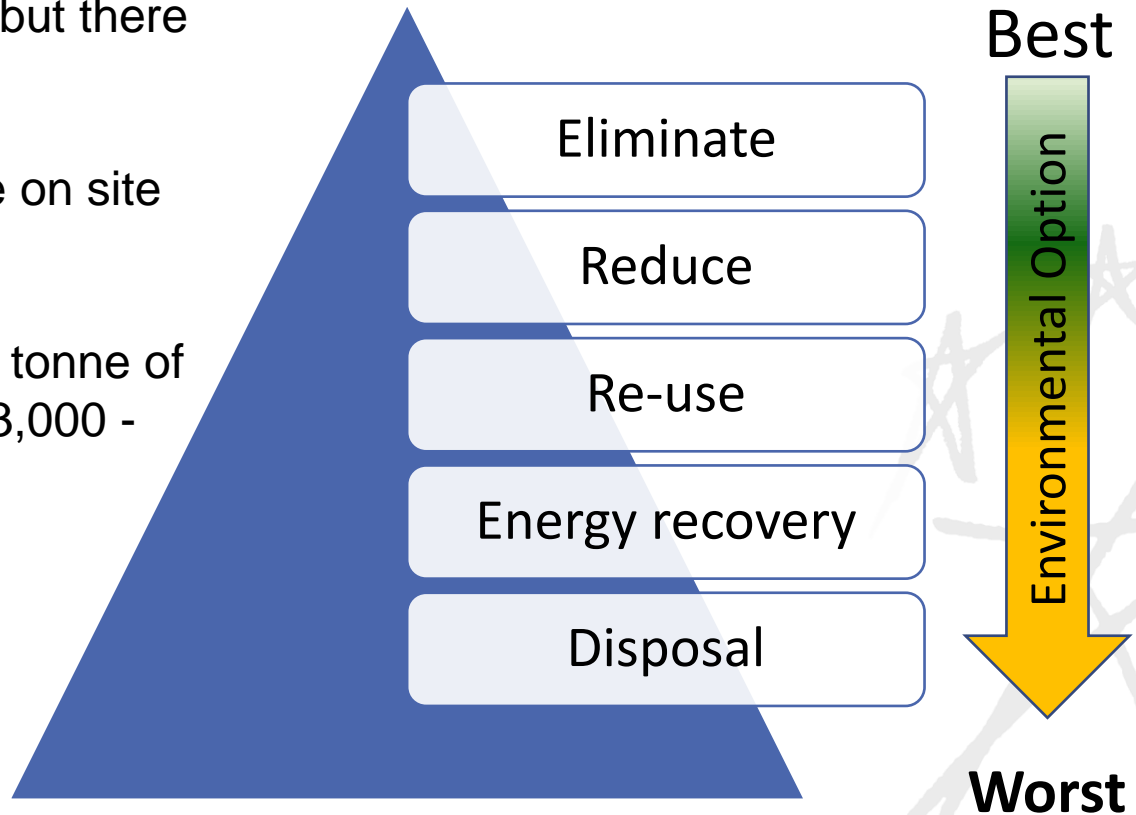


Environmental impact of food waste in North America and Europe. BCFN 2013.

Waste utilisation

- Not just the disposal costs – but there are other costs to consider
 - Costs to buy
 - Costs to cook & manage on site
 - Cost of disposal

It has been estimated that each tonne of food waste can cost between €3,000 - €4,000



Food waste – possible solutions

Preventing food waste = **1st priority**

- Awareness raising, information & education
- Food redistribution programmes
- Logistical improvements
- Role of food packaging

Transforming unavoidable food waste into a resource

- Feed & energy recovery → separate collection of food waste necessary



What food is being throwing out?

60% Avoidable:

- plate scrapings
- leftovers
- gone off fruit and veg etables
- Best before date items
- damaged stock which cannot be used due to H&S, etc.

20% Potentially Avoidable

- bread crusts or heels made into bread crumbs
- vegetable trimmings used for stock and soups
- meat and fish bones used for stock
- discarded butter for cooking
- old fruit for jams and smoothies, etc.

20% Unavoidable

- banana skins
- animal bones (before or after used to make stock),
- unusable prep waste (e.g. potato peels with soil on them), etc.

Challenges!!!



Business challenges

- Raw materials availability (volumes, seasonality)
- Logistics
- Market potential of products (volumes, value)
- Investment – Reducing risk
- Business models
- Economic and environmental impact

Research challenges

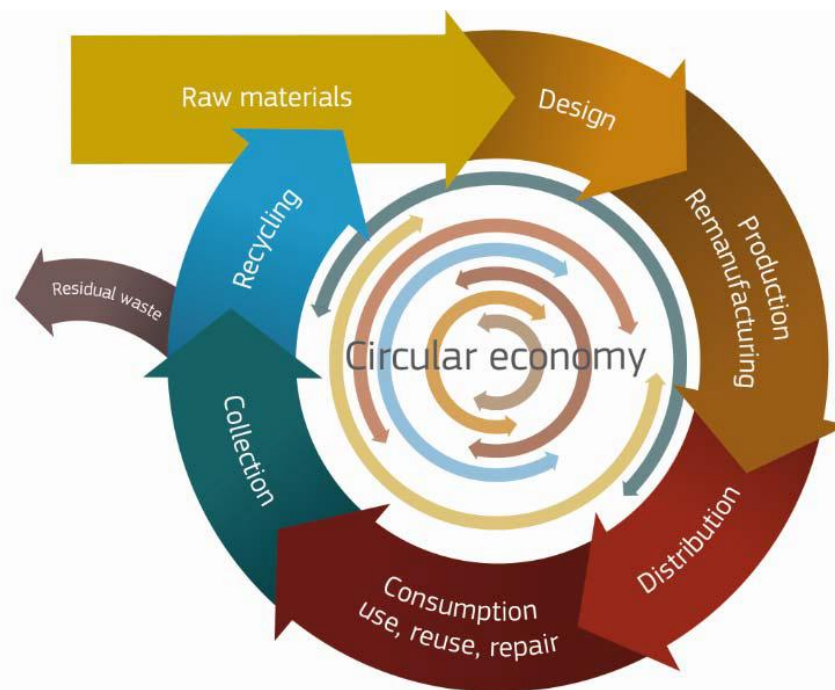
- Detailed compositional data of food waste materials
- Implementation of green processing technologies
- Integration of processing with technologies
- Process scalability & process economics
- Functionalisation of molecules to suit market applications/Consumer

Possible solutions

- Reduce waste
- Utilise waste for valuable compounds
- 'Design out' waste involving innovation throughout the value chain

Targets by 2030

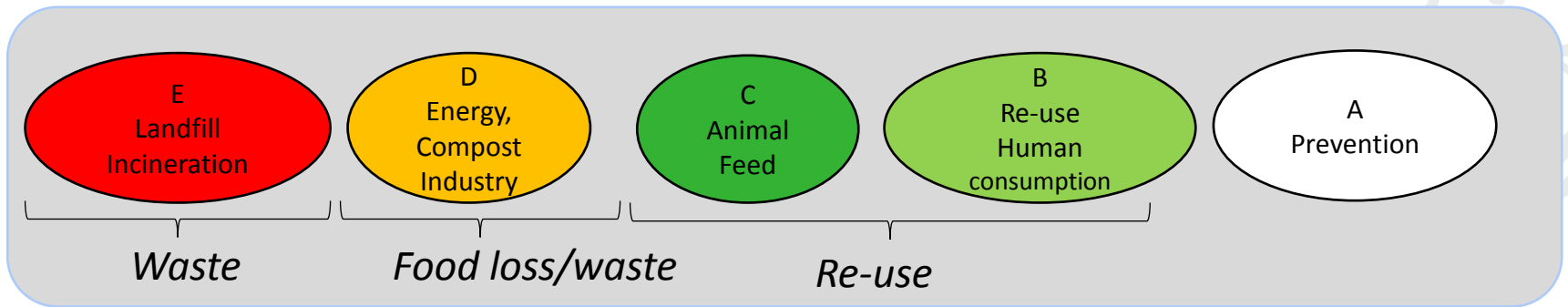
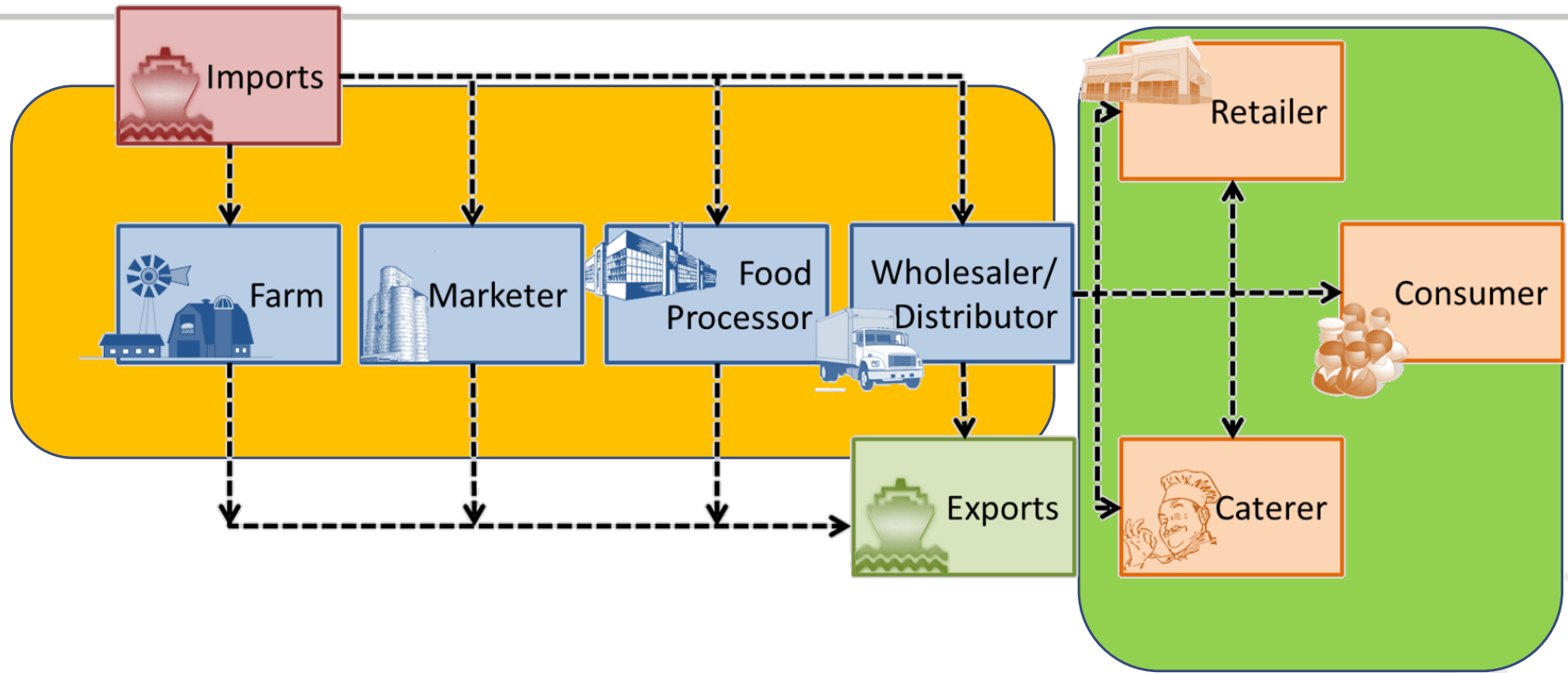
- Reduce material input by 17-24
- Saving potential €630 bn
- Reduce total GHG emissions



Towards a circular economy: A zero waste programme for Europe, European Commission, 2014 value chain

Bakery waste composition (per 100 g)

Content	Pastry	Cake	Wheat bran
	1.N/A, data not available.		
Moisture	34.5 g	45.0 g	N/A
Starch (dry basis)	44.6 g	12.6 g	N/A
Carbohydrate	33.5 g	62.0 g	15.0 g
Lipids	35.2 g	19.0 g	6 g
Sucrose	4.5 g	22.7 g	N/A
Fructose	2.3 g	11.9 g	N/A
Free sugar			1.5 g
Fiber	N/A	N/A	50 g
Protein (TN × 5.7) (dry basis)	7.1 g	17.0 g	14.0 g
Total phosphorus (dry basis)	1.7 g	1.5 g	N/A
Ash (dry basis)	2.5 g	1.6 g	N/A



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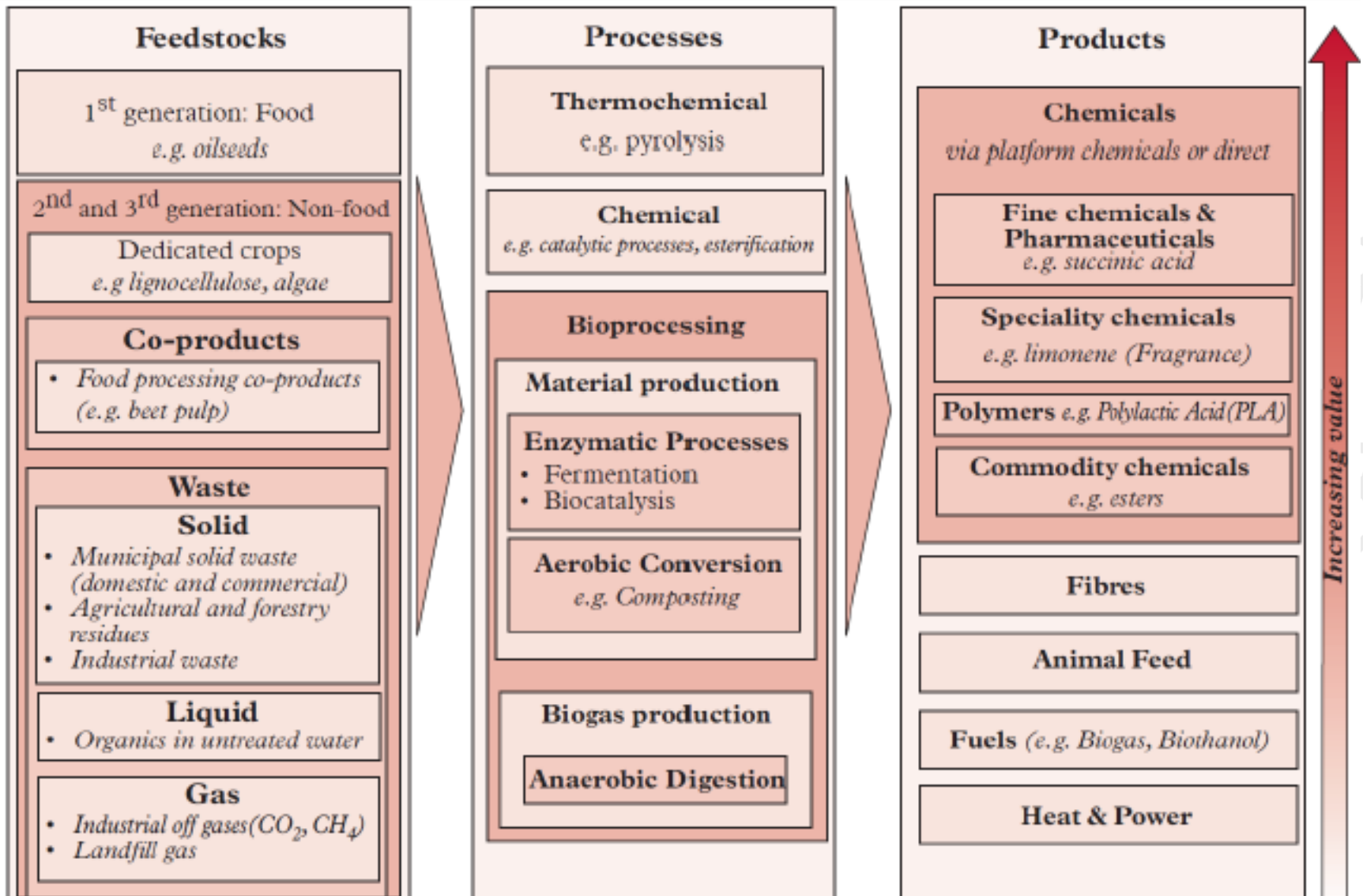


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By-product/Waste utilisation

Feedstocks, processes and products in a bioeconomy



Carrot (Harvested)

POST - HARVEST

Storage Conditions
(days & temperature)

Transport &
Pre-cleaning

Grading-root size

Processing

FOOD PROCESSING

Minimal
processing

Peeling, Washing,
Cutting & storage

Blanching (time &
temperature)

Domestic
processing

Boiling (time &
temperature)

Carrot based products [peeled or
cuts (disk / baton / cube / shreds),
blanched – salad & boiled - stew)

Human Consumption

PRE - HARVEST

Agronomic
Practice

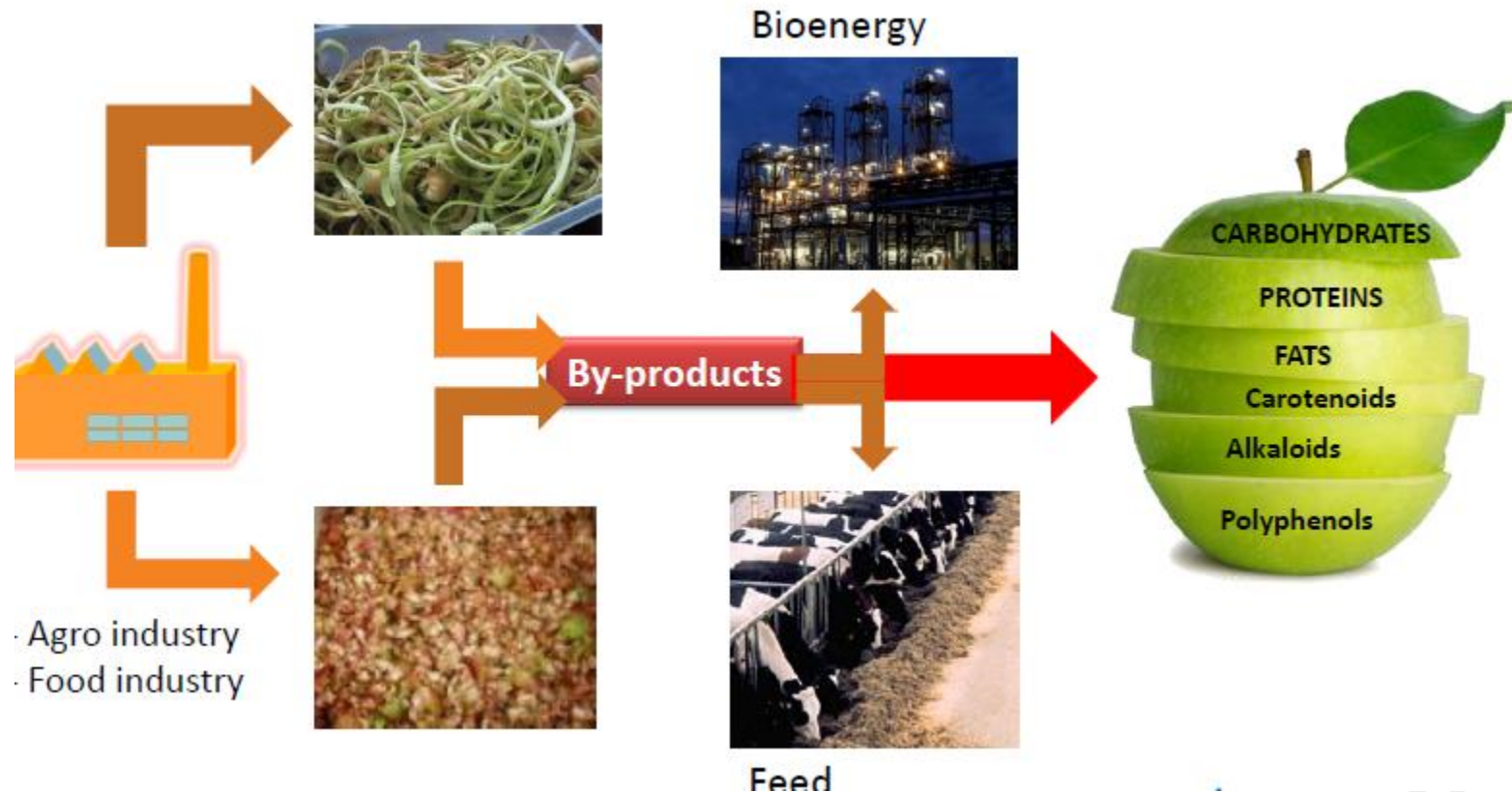
- Convention grown
- Organic grown
- Irrigation
- Harvest delay

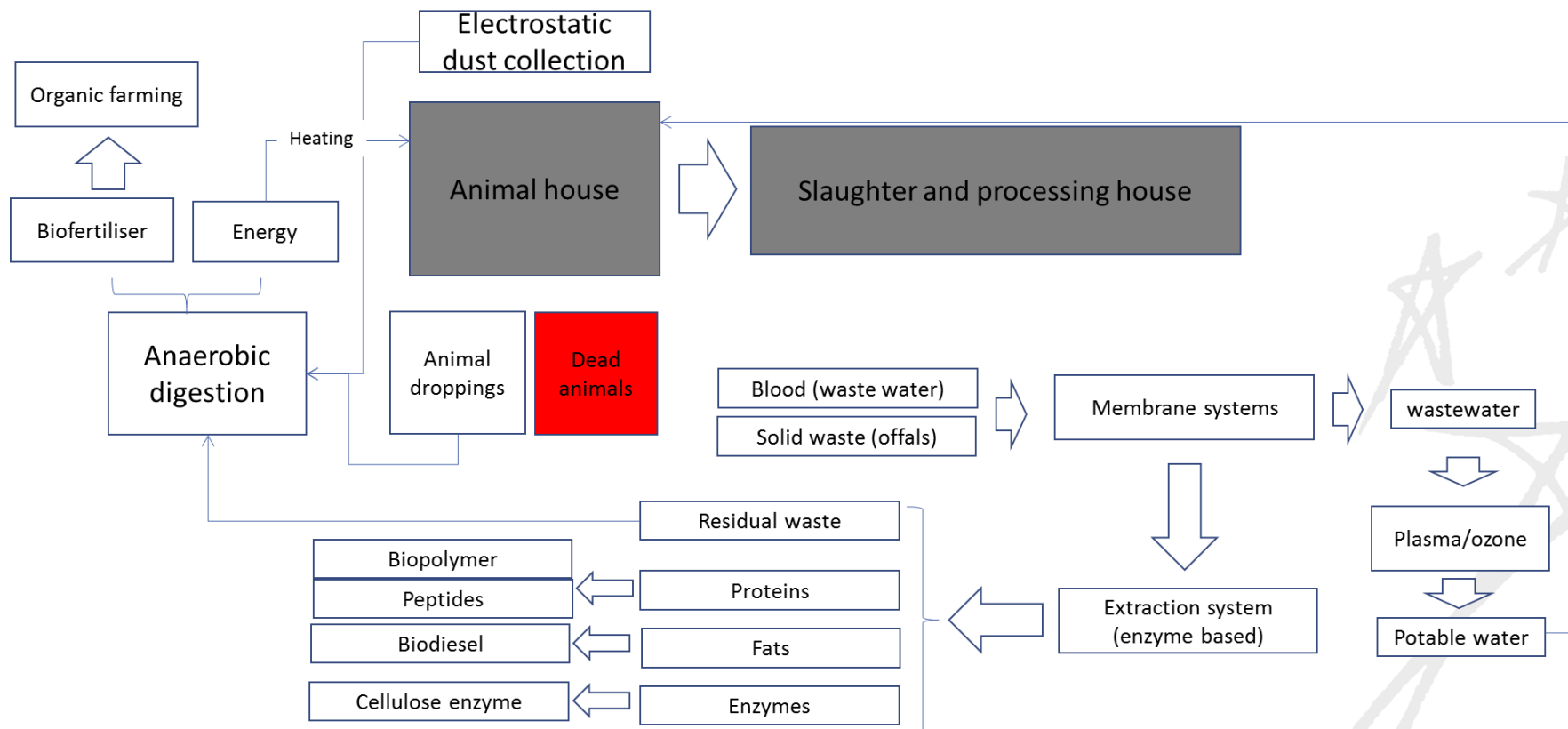
Location &
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Conditions

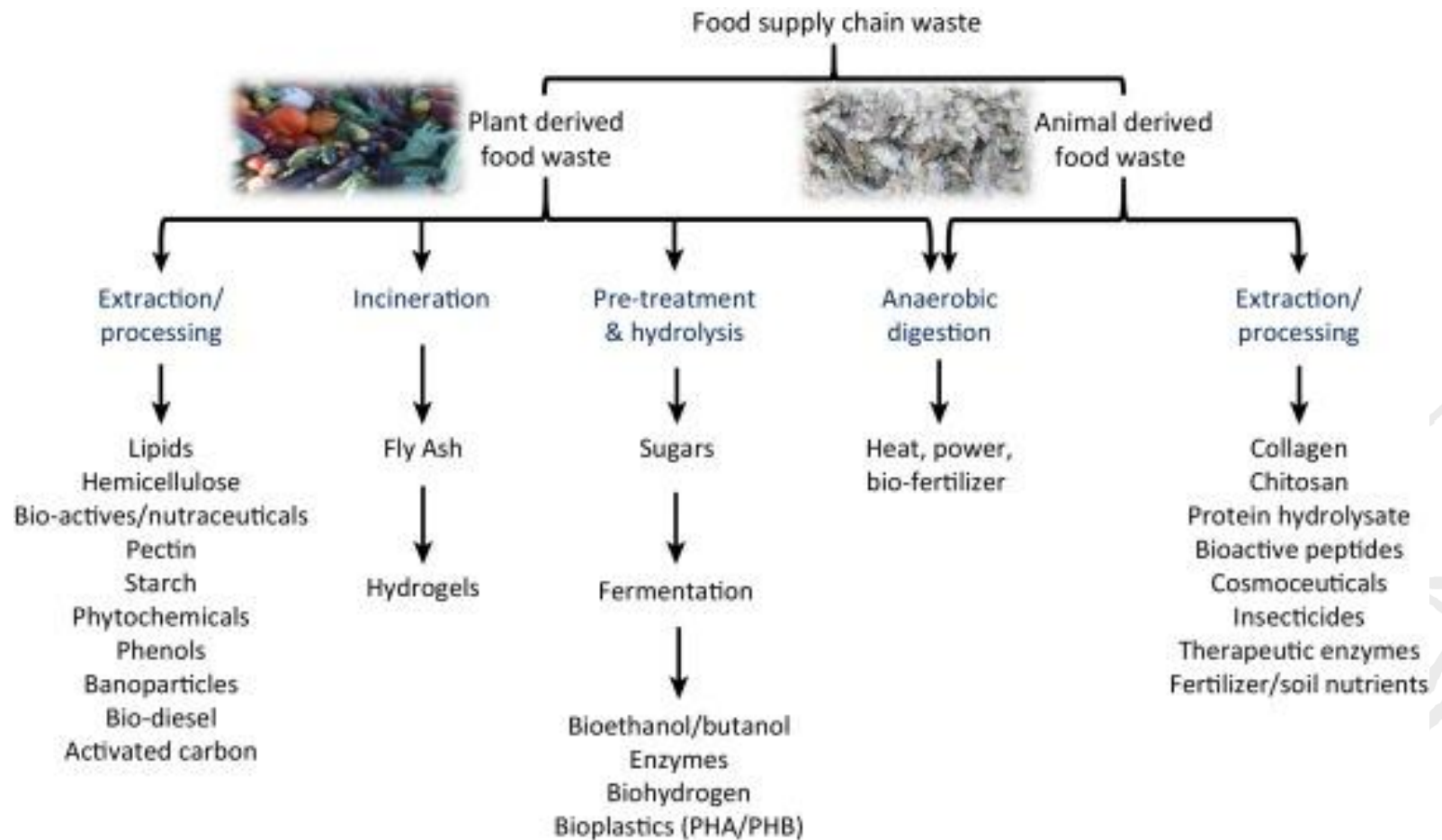
- Soil Types
- Climatic Conditions
(Rainfall & Temperature)

Losses in terms of peel

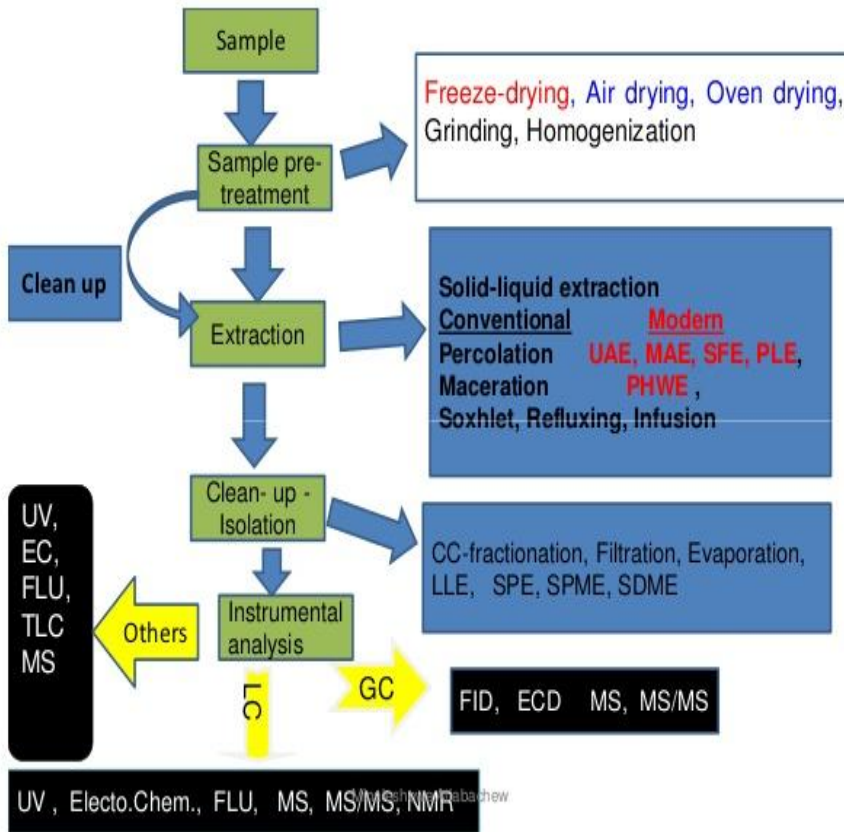
Food processing by-product valorisation







Extraction ?



WASTE VALORIZATION



GREEN PROCESSING TECHNOLOGIES

- Flow Technology
- Microwaves
- Pyrolysis/gasification
- Solid State Fermentation
- Microbial Digestion

High value chemicals

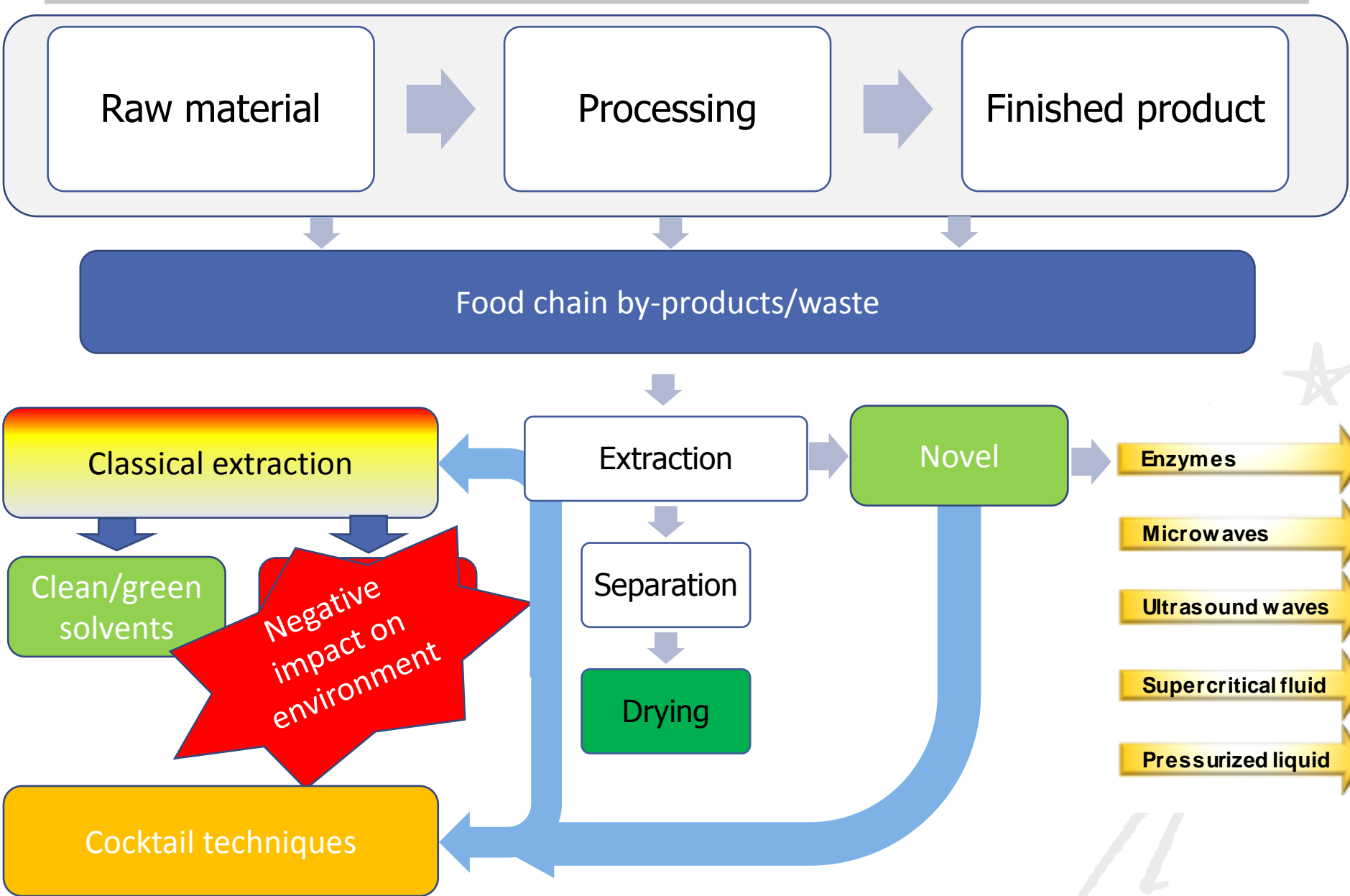
- Bioplastics
- Organic acids
- Furans
- Essential oils

Fuels

- Biodiesel
- Bio-alcohols
- Syngas/Biogas
- Biofuels from pyrolysis oils

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION





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