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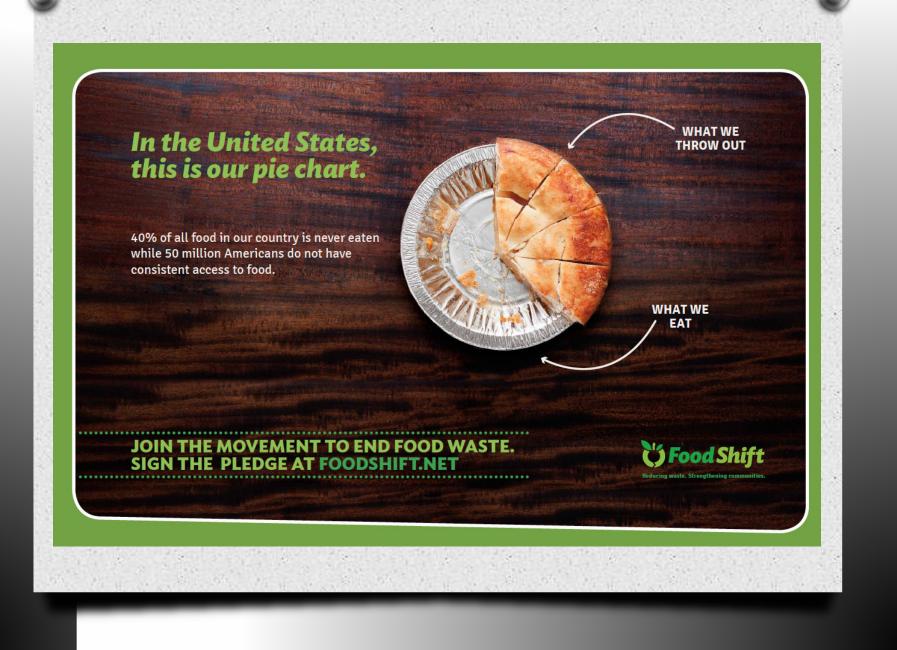
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### **DIVE!** A film by Jeremy Seifert





### Statistics on Hunger

Food insecurity: limited access, chronic or acute, to food

1 of every 6 Americans is food insecure

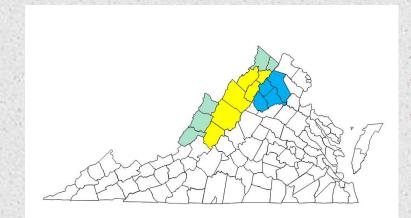
US national average = 14.6% households were food insecure (b/t 2011-2013). Eight states were significantly higher:

- Arkansas 21.2%
- Mississippi 21.1%
- Texas 18.0%
- Tennessee 17.4%
- North Carolina 17.3%
- Missouri 16.9%
- Georgia 16.6%
- Ohio 16.0%

http://www.feedingamerica.org/

#### Food in the Valley

aka: the Shenandoah Valley, VA



- Rich agriculture history, and home to the whole agriculture spectrum
- Diverse population
- Farm to Institution working group housed within Virginia Cooperative Extension with a focus on food systems
  - Community Outreach + Partnerships
  - Institutions: K-12, Collegiate, Other







#### **Resources:**

- USDA: U.S. Food Waste Challenge resources:
  - http://www.usda.gov/oce/foodwaste/
- Tips for reducing food waste at your school:
  - http://blogs.usda.gov/2014/08/26/creative-solutions-to-endingschool-food-waste/
- How about a lesson plan or two?
  - http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2008/05/19/clean-yourplate/?\_r=0
  - http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lessonplans/finding-solutions-food-waste-30950.html?tab=1#tabs
- General teacher resources:
  - http://humaneeducation.org/blog/2013/09/23/12-resourcesteaching-food-waste/
- General home food waste resources:
  - <u>http://foodshift.net/reduce-your-waste/</u>
- Archived webinars for your viewing enjoyment:
  - http://www.usda.gov/oce/foodwaste/webinars.html

\*Resources listed are for you to explore! Listing does not equal endorsement by this presenter or Virginia Cooperative Extension.

# What can you do?

As a teacher, administrator, state contact, human, etc. 🙂



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