

UNITED STATES FOOD SITUATION

- THE UNITED STATES POPULATION IS CURRENTLY AT 311,591,917
- ROUGHLY \$375 BILLION WORTH OF FOOD IS CIRCULATED INTO THE UNITED STATES EACH YEAR
- THE AVERAGE AMERICAN FAMILY SPENDS \$3,300 PER YEAR AT GROCERY STORES
- 19% OF THE POPULATION EXPERIENCES FOOD INSECURITY OR VERY LOW FOOD SUPPLY
- 76 OF 38,431 PEOPLE DIE OF REASONS RELATING TO LOW FOOD LEVELS

WORLD HUNGER

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MAURITANIA FOOD SITUATION

- THE POPULATION OF MAURITANIA IS 3,451,451
- ROUGHLY \$1,000,000 WORTH OF FOOD IS BROUGHT INTO MAURITANIA YEARLY
- THE DEATH RATE IN MAURITANIA IS 8.66/1,000, WITH HUNGER RELATED DEATHS BEING THE MAIN CAUSE OF DEATH
- THE FOOD SITUATION IN MAURITANIA HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AT CRISIS LEVEL
- LESS THAN 2% OF FOOD IS USED TO GENERATE REVENUE

U.S. TO MAURITANIA COMPARISONS

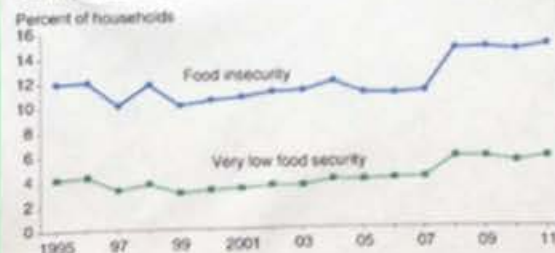
- 40% OF FOOD PROCESSED IN THE UNITED STATES IS THROWN AWAY
- 1.3 BILLION TONS OF FOOD, MORE THAN 1/3 OF THE WORLD'S FOOD PRODUCTION, ARE LOST OR WASTED ANNUALLY
- IF FOOD WASTE IN THE UNITED STATES WAS REDUCED BY 15%, THE AMOUNT OF FOOD COULD FEED 25 MILLION PEOPLE (FIVE TIMES THE POPULATION OF MAURITANIA) FOR A YEAR



UNITED STATES GROCERY

- THE AVERAGE GROCERY STORE HAS SUPPLIES FOR ANYWHERE BETWEEN 6,000-9,000 CUSTOMERS DAILY
- MANY PRODUCTS SOLD IN GROCERY STORES ARE FRESH FRUIT OR FISH WHICH CAN ONLY BE SOLD FOR ONE DAY
- MANY OF THE PROMINENT GROCERY STORES ARE OWNED BY LARGE, PROFIT ORIENTED CORPORATIONS
- GROCERY STORES GENERATE ABOUT \$550 BILLION IN REVENUE YEARLY IN THE UNITED STATES

Trends in the prevalence of food insecurity and very low food security in U.S. households, 1995-2011¹



¹Prevalence rates for 1996 and 1997 were adjusted for the estimated effects of differences in data collection screening protocols used in those years.
Source: Calculated by USDA, Economic Research Service based on Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement data.



FOOD RELATED HEALTH CONCERNS

- MALNUTRITION, DYSENTERY, GERM-SPREAD VIRUSES AND OTHER RELATED DISEASES MAKE UP FOR A PERCENTAGE OF THE DEATHS IN MAURITANIA
- THE LACK OF READILY AVAILABLE FOOD HAS CAUSED PEOPLE TO SEEK OUT DIRTY AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SOURCES OF NUTRITION