



Ending Food Waste: Prevention, Donation, and Upcycling

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Our “why”

These are the issues
underpinning our work



31% of available food in the U.S. goes unsold or uneaten.

That food has a value of \$382 billion – and 88% of it (\$338 billion worth) goes directly to waste according to ReFED.



1 in 6 Massachusetts households grapples with food insecurity.

That represents 18.4% of the Commonwealth's population according to Project Bread.

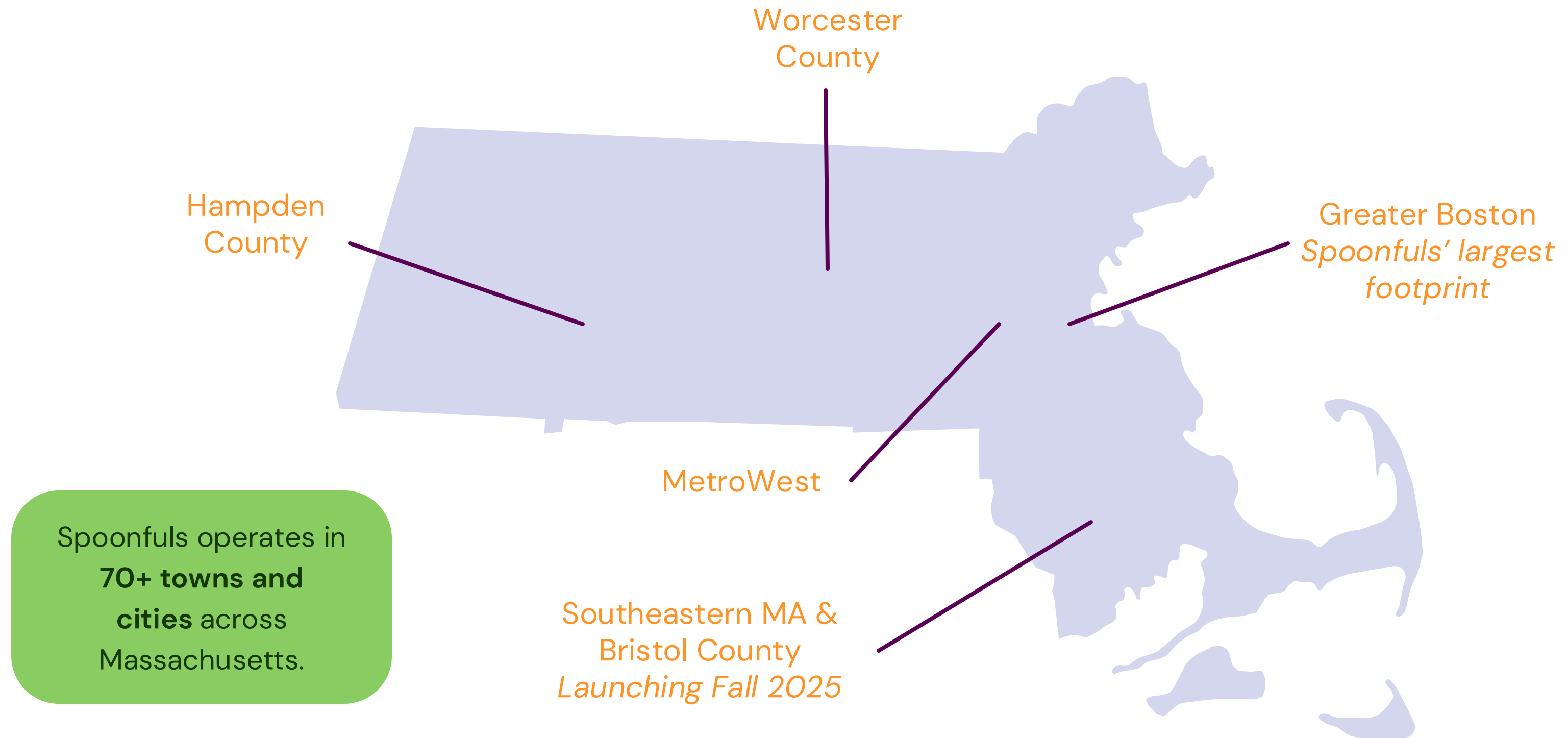


Food waste is the #1 material in landfills.

80% of it is perishable food (ReFED).



Spoonfuls is New England's largest food recovery organization. Through food recovery and distribution, education, and advocacy, we work to address the health, environmental, and economic impact that wasted food has on the planet.



Typical reasons food is available to recover:



Surplus



"Imperfect"
(but still good)



Nearing the
date on its
label

"Made fresh
daily"
(and the day
is done)



Factory
mistakes



We work with **over 90 food retailers and brands** – grocery stores, produce wholesalers, and farms – each week to source still-good, unsold food. Our partners include:

TRADER JOE'S



Wegmans





We distribute the fresh, nutritious food we recover to **200+ community-based organizations serving people facing food insecurity** – pantries, meal programs, afterschool programs, and more.

Our partners include:





Recovery

Transportation



Distribution



Spoonfuls has recovered and distributed
40+ million pounds of good food to date.

In 2025 alone, we project the more than 5.8 million pounds of food we pick-up will:

- ✓ reach
500,000 people
- ✓ be enough to create
4,600,000+ meals
- ✓ prevent the same greenhouse gas emissions as cars driven
6,000,000+ miles
- ✓ be worth more than
\$10,800,000+



MA Organics Waste Ban

Diversion of organic waste – including food – from the waste stream when reaching ½ ton/week threshold.

One of the most successful in the country.

We promote it in alignment with the EPA's Wasted Food Scale.

When food waste occurs, food donation is the FIRST and BEST option for diversion from the waste stream.



An Act encouraging the donation of food to persons in need

- Moving through the State House, building momentum for several years;
- Builds on liability protections offered federally by the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act/Food Donation Improvement Act; *and*
- Offers a tax incentives up to \$25K for donating entities.



Food Date Labeling Act

Standardize and clarify date labels. Two simple options:

- **“USE by”** as a safety label *or*
- **“BEST IF USED by”** as a quality label.

Consumer awareness campaign to reduce the amount of needless waste happening in U.S. households.

Reintroduced this session with, for the first time, bi-partisan sponsors in both the House and Senate.



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