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Report Highlights:

The German Agriculture Minister is partnering with celebrity chefs to promote a smart phone app designed to cut down on food waste.

“Too good to go to waste” recipe app helps to avoid food waste in Germany

Last week, German Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection (BMELV) Minister Ilse Aigner, joined with celebrity chef to kick off “Too good to go to waste,” a recipe application (app) for smart phones designed to reduce food waste. In all, fifty of Germany’s top chefs and celebrities have provided recipes and best practices to help consumers make use of leftover food.



The “Too good to go to waste” app running on an iPhone. (Photo from BMELV)

For the consumers, the app provides information/knowledge on food products, appropriate storage, and shelf life. It currently offers 244 recipe ideas especially designed to use leftovers. In addition, interactive shopping lists for each recipe help consumers in the meal planning process. The “Too good to go to waste” app can be downloaded free of charge.

According to recent studies, per capita about 82 kg of food is wasted in Germany each year. This corresponds with about an eighth of overall food purchases. Combating food waste is a signature issue for Minister Aigner.

Links

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