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ADDRESSING THE COMPLEXITIES OF ON-FARM FOOD LOSSES

How to demystify the nature of food loss on farms will be addressed by the researcher instrumental in the development of the international Food Loss and Waste Accounting and Reporting Standard (*or FLW Standard*), a global standard for tracking and measuring how much and where food is lost or wasted before it reaches people's mouths.

Brian Lipinski from the World Resources Institute (WRI) will be addressing the Crawford Fund's food security conference 'Waste Not, Want Not: The Circular Economy to Food Security,' on 30 August. The event brings international and Australian specialists together to draw national attention to food loss and waste (FLW) issues in production, in getting product to market, and in the management and reuse of waste, with a special presentation on the role of supermarkets and the private sector.

"There are many good reasons for families, regions and countries to reduce food loss and waste—food security, economic gains and environmental sustainability, just to cite a few."

"With global awareness of FLW at an all-time high, it's time to start making changes. From the subsistence farmer to the wealthy agribusiness operator, there is much to be done on the farm."

"Losses at the farm level are among the least understood aspects of food loss and waste. Estimates differ greatly, and depending on the crop, geographic region, and infrastructure available, drivers behind on-farm losses differ greatly as well, as do the solutions necessary to address these losses," explained Mr Lipinski, Associate with WRI's Food Program.

Mr Lipinski will examine what is known about on-farm losses, identify major gaps in knowledge, and propose steps forward for reducing losses.

A set of innovative case studies from Australia and around the world will highlight positive examples of what can be achieved to reduce food loss and waste and reuse wasted food.

Other speakers will include:

- Dr Karen Brooks, Director, CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions and Markets, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) who will look at the research and policy solutions needed to reduce losses and waste, improve livelihoods of small producers and benefit the environment
- Professor Louise Fresco, President of Wageningen University and Research, addressing 'The Future of Food' and her new book "Hamburgers in Paradise"
- Dr Arief Daryanto, Director of the Graduate Program of Management and Business at Bogor Agricultural University will address the role of supermarkets in reducing food waste
- Mr Daniel Lagger, Executive Director, Technical and Production, Nestlé Oceania will explain how the private sector can help with food waste