AMERIPEN believes there is value in developing integrated policies which address the value of packaging in reducing food waste as well as strategies to manage packaging recovery after final use.

Countries with the least amount of food waste have higher volumes of packaging.

An estimated 20-25% of food waste could be avoided through better packaging practices and design.

25% of consumers will shift their shopping habits when educated about the value packaging can play in reducing food waste.

Upon arrival home, nearly half of consumers take food out of packaging designed to extend the longevity of the food.

Preventing 1 ton of food from being wasted results in 6 to 7 times larger greenhouse gas benefits, on average, than recycling one ton of food through composting or anaerobic digestion, respectively.

Sources of food waste generation:
- Households: 43%
- Farms: 16%
- Manufacturers: 2%
- Grocery & Distribution: 13%
- Restaurants: 18%
- Institutional & Foodservice: 8%

2. AMERIPEN (2018). "Quantifying the Value of Packaging as a Strategy to Prevent Food Waste in America".