

Resource recycling

Reducing waste

■ Initiatives at Yakult Honsha plants and bottling companies

Yakult Honsha plants and bottling companies are implementing measures to curb waste generation as well as promote recycling, and are aiming to reach zero waste generation.*

Waste generated by Yakult Honsha plants and bottling companies in fiscal 2021 totaled approximately 2,571 tons (approx. 1,732 tons by Yakult Honsha plants and approx. 839 tons by bottling companies). As a result of diverse efforts made to reduce waste, we successfully reduced waste generation by 26.7%

compared to that of fiscal 2010, an action target of Environmental Actions (2021–2024).

We also strive to further promote the reuse of packing materials and the introduction of returnable packing materials. In addition, we are changing our waste recycling programs from thermal recycling at waste disposal contractor facilities to material recycling. We will continue to make improvements in our recycling programs while reducing processing expenses.

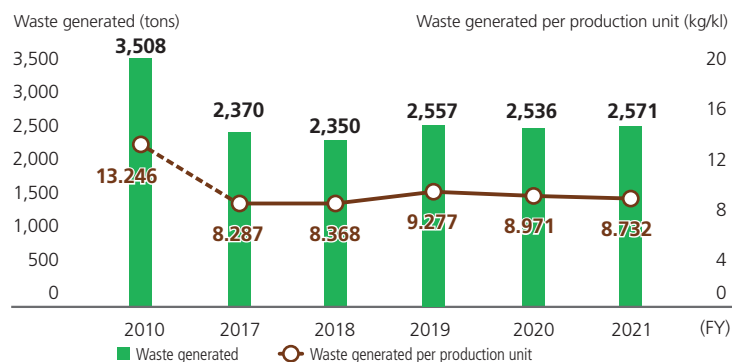
* Yakult's definition of zero waste generation: A state achieved when the amount of waste for final disposal (landfill) from plants (excluding specially controlled industrial waste) is less than 1% of waste generated



Eco station at Fukushima Plant

Waste generated at Yakult Honsha plants and bottling companies

Note: The amount of waste generated per production unit is calculated using data from bottling companies and five Yakult Honsha plants, excluding plants that produce cosmetics and pharmaceuticals.



■ Initiatives at the building occupied by the head office

We have introduced wastepaper recycling boxes on each floor along with waste sorting bins, and are working to properly separate each kind of waste. In fiscal 2021, the recycling rate for waste generated at the head office was 81.8%.

To raise employees' awareness of these efforts, we engage in awareness raising activities on an ongoing basis. These include posting our performance on waste disposal and recycling rates on our intranet.

■ Initiatives at the Yakult Central Institute

The Institute generates a wide variety of waste in its research. This waste is separated and collected properly at the Institute, and disposal is conducted by licensed waste disposal contractors. The fiscal 2021 recycling rate for the Institute was 100%.

Initiatives to reduce food loss and waste

Yakult's dairy products are made to order and produced through a lean production system. We strive to reduce our food loss and waste by limiting excess inventory and other measures.

In fiscal 2021, as an initiative to reduce food waste, we donated a portion of our products marked for disposal (soft drinks in easily manageable paper packages and plastic containers) to food bank organizations. In June 2021, we donated 2,952 cases of soft drinks in plastic containers to the NPO Food Bank Yamagata, and in March 2022, following a soft drink product redesign, we provided former versions of the products in paper packaging to 37 food banks through Food Bank All Japan.

List of recipients of soft drinks in paper packaging

(Unit: Items)

Recipient	Amount	Recipient	Amount
1 Food Bank Ikor Sapporo	3,600	20 Second Harvest Kyoto	1,260
2 Food Bank Iwate	720	21 Food Bank Nara	1,080
3 Food Bank Ishinomaki	2,160	22 Food Bank Wakayama	1,800
4 Food Bank Iwaki	720	23 Junsei Delicious Food Kids Club	720
5 Food Bank Ibaraki	3,600	24 Harmony Net Mirai	1,800
6 Food Bank Net West Saitama	3,600	25 Live-ing Shimonoseki Food Bank	1,080
7 Food Bank Iruma	720	26 Food Bank Tokushima	1,800
8 Food Bank Chiba	1,800	27 Food Bank Kitakyushu Life Again	3,600
9 Food Bank Funabashi	720	28 Food Bank Fukuoka	6,732
10 Tokatsu Kusanone Food Bank	10,800	29 FBQ Food Bank Omuta	1,440
11 Food Bank Chofu	4,320	30 Iruka	6,696
12 Food Bank Komae	720	31 Food Bank Saga	1,080
13 Food Bank Mitaka	360	32 Single-parent Family Welfare Group Nagasaki	3,600
14 Food Bank Shonan	3,600	33 Food Bank Kumamoto	6,696
15 Food Bank Niigata	7,200	34 Food Bank Hyuga	180
16 Food Bank Shibata	10,800	35 Food Bank Miyazaki	360
17 Hotline Shinshu	13,896	36 Food Bank Teshiote	3,600
18 Food Bank Aichi	3,600	37 Food Bank Soo	2,880
19 Food Bank Shiga	144	Total	119,484