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**KCPT to air Tossed Out in Conjunction with NET News/Harvest Public Media
Friday, September 26 at 8:00 pm**

Farmers and growers have made gigantic advancements in food production over the last century, ensuring more food flows from farm to table than at any time in human history. Yet, some estimates say as much as 40 percent of the food produced in the U.S. goes uneaten.

Food waste is the single-largest source of waste in municipal landfills. According to the EPA, 36 billion pounds of food were thrown away in 2011. As it decomposes in landfills, the waste releases methane and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Meanwhile, 1 in 7 Americans struggles with hunger and the world wonders how to address the challenge of feeding 9 billion people by 2050.

NET Nebraska and Harvest Public Media produced a public television program that details the detrimental effects of squandering such an enormous amount of food, and examines programs working to eliminate waste. Among those organizations is After the Harvest, a food gleaning operation based in Kansas City.

Visit harvestpublicmedia.org for special, online-only content exploring these issues. Tune in [89.3 KCUR](http://89.3KCUR) to listen to the six-part radio series. The television program airs Friday, September 26, at 8:00 pm on KCPT.

Rebroadcasts:

Sunday, September 28, 05:00 pm on 19.1 HD

Monday, September 29, 10:30 pm on 19.1 HD

Monday, October 6, 08:30 pm on 19.2

Tuesday, October 7, 02:30 am on 19.2

Wednesday, October 8, 10:30 pm on 19.2

Sunday, October 12, 04:30 pm on 19.1 HD

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KCPT is a nonprofit, community-owned television station serving the greater Kansas City area that provides programming and services—on air and off—that entertain, educate and enrich the community. For more information about KCPT's programs and services, or to become a member and support public television in Kansas City, please go to www.KCPT.org.