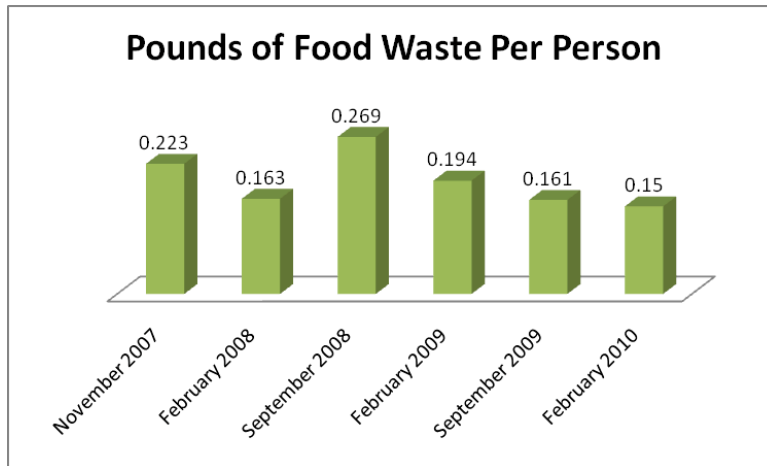


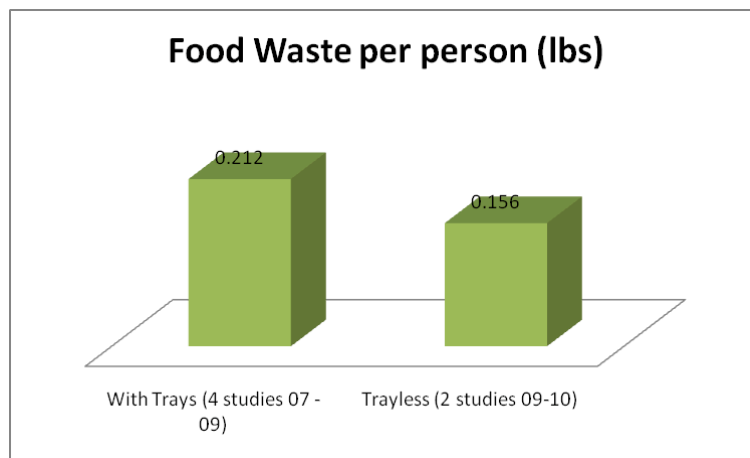
Small Change Produces Huge Results

Moorhead, Minn. - Dining Services recently conducted their annual spring plate waste study in Anderson Commons. The results from this study have proven yet again how the move to trayless has significantly reduced the amount of food waste generated in the facility.

The most recent study saw the least amount of food waste per person ever recorded in Anderson Commons, with only .15 pounds of waste per person.



To get a more accurate reading of the overall food waste reduction, Dining Services took the average of the four plate waste studies that took place since Anderson Commons opened in fall 2007 compared to two plate waste studies since the move to trayless. Overall, Anderson Commons as a trayless dining facility has reduced food waste by 26.42 percent or 56 pounds of food for every 1,000 customers.



“The evidence that these studies provide illustrates how much of a difference each person can make. It is great that such a small change, like reducing your personal food waste can add up to hundreds of pounds of food saved daily. Think about what we could do as a group if everyone made small changes in other ways,” said Sabrina Whiting, Dining Services Marketing Supervisor.

Dining Services is continuously looking for ways to incorporate more renewable resources and reduce food waste, the amount of electricity used, water usage and more. If you are making a small change that could make a huge difference, or have an idea on how students could help Dining Services be more sustainable, contact diningservices@cord.edu.