

2019 Across North Carolina Fact Sheet

Polystyrene Trays



- **144 Million**—the number of trays used each year by our schools in North Carolina
- **19 million**—the total number of trays eliminated from the waste stream by ETC since it was established
- **9 million**—the number of trays eliminated just in last year's 2018-2019 school year

We Need Your Help

Help us eliminate the next 10 million polystyrene trays

Help us divert 100 more tons of compostable waste

PLEASE VISIT <http://www.everytraycounts.org>

READ our guide and watch our videos

CONTACT ETC to start an ETC Group in your district

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North Carolina Facts

Number of School Districts	115
Number of Schools	2,443
Number of Public School Students	1.5 Million+
Number of Public Schools Students (non-charter)	1.4 Million+
% Students Eligible for Free & Reduced Lunches	59.36%
Number of Students Eligible for Free & Reduced Lunches	800,000+

Compostable Lunchroom Waste



- **12,000–25,000 Tons**—waste each year from NC Schools that could be composted
- **646 Tons**—Compostable waste diverted from landfills since ETC was established
- **131 Tons**—Compostable waste diverted by ETC during the 2018-19 school year

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