Why are we wasting so much food?

Fill in the gaps in the following sentences:

1) Even in the wealthiest nations millions suffer from food poverty.

2) One in four Americans says they struggle to afford food.

3) Over 30% of America’s food or a hundred and sixty billion dollars worth gets wasted just by grocery stores and their customers.

4) Growing food demands land, water, fossil fuels, and soil.

5) The tragedy is that some farmers can’t sell half of what they’ve grown due to cosmetic standards dictated by supermarkets.

6) Supermarkets purposefully create an image of overflowing abundance.

7) […] meanwhile over cautious date labels confused and frightened customers so they tossed out what is still good to eat.

8) From 1982 to 2002 the average pizza slice grew 70% in calories and the average chocolate chip cookie quadrupled.

9) Food donations from retailers and restaurants are proven ways of redistributing some of this nutritious surplus while is still fit for consumption.

10) Instead of tossing this food, supermarkets manufactures and caterers must be pushed to directed charities that feed hungry people.

11) Governments should use the vast subsidies they offer to incentivize farmers to look after the land in ways that protect the planet.