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Trash Audit Information

On March 9th after the Husky Men's Basketball last game of the season, we conducted a trash audit. This game was chosen because the men's basketball events typically have the largest turnout of fans. The hypothesis is that auditing after this game would give us an idea of the maximum amount of waste that is typically produced at a sporting event.

Main Objectives:

- Find out the total amount of trash (not recycling and compost) produced in a single game.
- Look at how much contamination is produced.
 - Contamination means the amount of recyclable and compostable materials that are placed in the garbage instead of the proper receptacle.

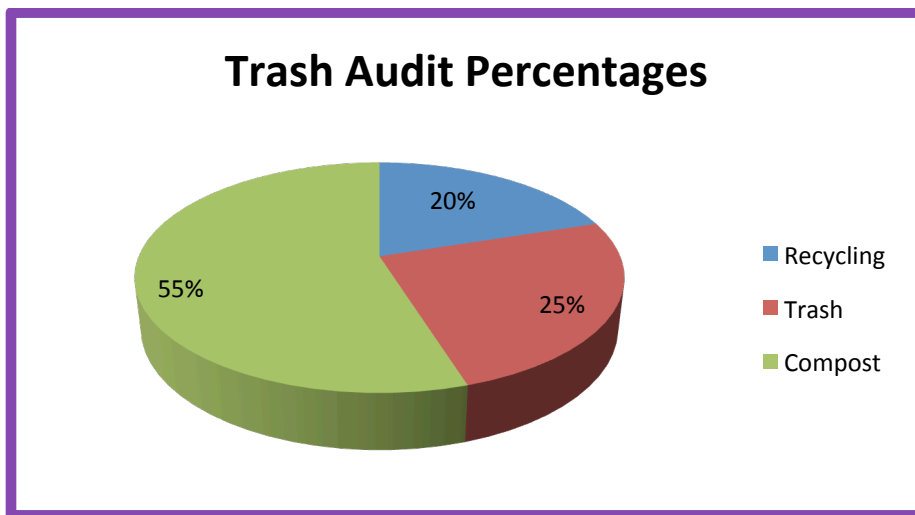
Results:

Total Amount of Waste Found in Trash: **207.125 lbs**

Amount of Recycling Found in Trash: **41.45 lbs**

Amount of Compost Found in Trash: **113.646 lbs**

Amount of Actual Trash: **52.029 lbs**



Observations:

We discovered that the items that were thrown away improperly the most were coca-cola brand drinking cups, lids, and straws.

Almost all packaging in the arena is compostable and recyclable, hence the reason why majority of the contamination was compostable.