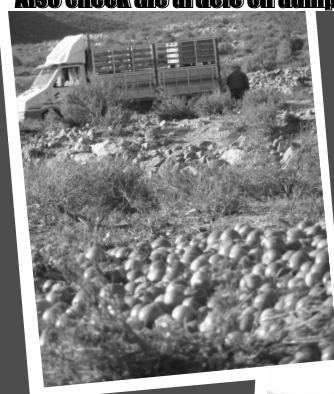




Also check the article on dumpster diving/food destruction!



The men are coming 2 times a day, they tell us, to bring fresh tomatos to the desert. They are friendly, asking us if we'd like some tomatos...



In the year 2001 more than 100.000 tons of tomatos were destroyed, around Almeria....



while the goats and pigs of the farm we stay at don't think about where their yummie food comes from, we are getting crazy about having to see all this destruction and in a state of cynical helplessness, wondering what to do with so many tomatos, we start to fight a tomato battle. Bad kids playing with food!

What to do with all the tomatos ?

We visited a small community near Campohermoso, a small workers city in the middle of the greenhouse-desert north-east from Almeria. From this base we organized some excursions into the plastic landscape.

A few times a day, a truck drove from the greenhouses to the halfdesert around the community to through tons of fresh tomatos on the ground and to let them rot in the midday sun. The goats of the farm where happy about it.

Walking to the top of a hill closeby and looking down to the valleys around, you are able to see huge orange-red layers of trash-tomatos allover from one horizont to the other, as far as your eyes can see. Its the destruction of an unbelievable surplus production to raise and stabilize the prices on the european vegetable market.

The more that is produced, the less value it has, cause there is enough or too much of it. To give the product more value and higher prices, you have to destroy as much as you can, cause the less of the product exists, the higher the value and the price, cause the product is more "rare". Old story, but maybe it's new words for some of you...



...to the trash!