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Classification of Recyclable and Compostable Materials, 1992

(in millions of tons)

| Table 3.4 | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Recyclable Materials | Quantity Generated | Recovered Recycling | Established Market | Emerging Market | Potential Market |
| Newspaper | 10.70 | 6.13 | х | | |
| Glass Containers | 8.95 | 3.02 | х | | |
| Aluminum Cans | 1.27 | 0.88 | Х | | |
| Steel Cans | 2.25 | 0.74 | х | | |
| PETE Soft Drink Bottles | 0.41 | 0.20 | х | | |
| HDPE Natural Bottles | 0.39 | 0.11 | х | | |
| Magazines | 3.37 | 0.64 | х | х | |
| Corrugated Boxes | 2.54 | 0.13 | х | | |
| Telephone Directories | 0.41 | 0.03 | х | х | |
| Milk/Juice Cartons | 0.41 | 0.01 | | х | х |
| Paper Grocery Sacks | 1.33 | 0.33 | х | | |
| Paperboard Beverage Carriers | 0.46 | 0.04 | | х | х |
| Other Mixed Papers | 8.80 | 1.25 | | х | х |
| Other Plastic Bottles | 0.92 | 0.06 | | х | х |
| Polyethylene Film | 1.35 | 0.02 | | х | х |
| Textiles | 3.08 | 0.16 | | х | |
| Yard Trimmings | 31.50 | 5.65 | | x | |

Source: Franklin Associates, The Role of Recycling in Integrated Solid Waste Management to the Year 2000 (Stamford, CT: Keep America Beautiful, 1994).

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