

**Table 4. Factors that discouraged non-participating districts from implementing food recovery<sup>a</sup>**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Operating factors (n=582)</b>		
Not enough edible food to donate	373	64.1
Lack of knowledge about options available	95	16.3
Concern about food safety	33	5.7
Need for special equipment	13	2.2
Labor availability	12	2.1
Lack of employee support	4	0.7
Fear of poor evaluation	1	0.2
Other	51	8.8
<b>Administrative/regulatory factors (n=540)</b>		
Lack of information about regulations	186	34.4
Cost of implementing a program	98	18.2
Fear of legal liability	69	12.8
Difficulty in obtaining school board's/ administrator's approval	22	4.1
Laws that prevent donation	5	0.9
Other	160	29.6
<b>Information needs<sup>b</sup> (n=504)</b>		
State and USDA regulations	344	68.3
Examples of participating schools	274	54.4
Cost of implementing the program	258	51.2
Availability of food banks	238	47.2
Food safety requirements	208	41.3
Other	43	8.5

<sup>a</sup>Non-participating schools were those schools that donated neither perishable nor non-perishable foods (N=586)

<sup>b</sup>Respondents were allowed to select more than one choice; therefore, the sum of the percentages is