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Next week, as millions of families gather for their Thanksgiving feasts, many other Americans will go without. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, more than 12 million households lack enough food for everyone in their family at some time during the year-including holidays. Hunger is surprisingly widespread in our country-one of the world ' s wealthiest-yet the government estimates that we waste almost 100 billion pounds of food each year, more than one-quarter of our total supply. Reducing this improper distribution of resources is a goal of America ' s Second Harvest, the nation ' s largest domestic hunger-relief organization. Last year, it distributed nearly 2 billion pounds of food to more than 23 million people in need. America ' s Second Harvest is a network of 214 inter-connected food banks and other organizations that gather food from growers, processors, grocery stores and restaurants. In turn, the network distributes food to some 50,000 soup kitchens, homeless shelters and old people ' s centers in every county of every state. A great deal of work is involved in distributing tons of food from thousand of donors(捐赠)to hundreds of small, nonprofit organizations. Until a few years ago, America ' s Second Harvest lacked any effective way to manage their inventory. Without accurate and timely information, soup kitchens were sometimes empty while food was left to spoil in loading places. In 2000, America ' s Second

Harvest began to use a new inventory and financial-management system-Ceres. It is software designed specifically for hunger-relief operations. It is used by more than 100 America ' s Second Harvest organizations to track food from donation to distribution.Ceres has helped reduce the spoiling of food and improve distribution. An evaluation found that the software streamlined food banks ' operations by 23 percent in the first year alone.With more accurate and timely reports, Ceres saves time, frees staff members to focus on finding new donors, and promises more efficient use of donations.Hunger in America remains a troubling social problem. Technology alone cannot solve it. But in the hands of organizations such as America ' s Second Harvest, it is a powerful tool that is helping to make a difference-and helping more Americans to join in the feast.41. According to the passage, the total supply of food in America every year reaches A. 12 million pounds B. more than 12 million poundsC. almost 100 billion pounds D. about 400 billion pounds42. By “ this improper distribution of resources ” in Paragraph 3, the writer means that many Americans lack enough food while A. their country is one of the richest in the world B. much food is left to spoilC. others waste too much food D. others consume too much food 43. A problem for America ' s Second Harvest a few years ago was that A. it did not get enough food from donorsB. it did not have a large enough networkC. it did not have enough soup kitchensD. it did not have a good way to manage its food stock44. With Ceres, America ' s Second Harvest is now able to A. enlarge its networkB. prevent food from spoilingC. give out food more

efficientlyD. solve the hunger problem in the country45. The main idea of the passage is that A. technology can help in the fight against hungerB. America ' s Second Harvest has found more donorsC. America ' s Second Harvest promotes the development of technologyD. hunger is a problem even in the wealthiest country in the world 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)