

# AGRICULTURE SERVICE PROVIDER

## Northeast Carcass Compost Professional Development 2011

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Thank you for filling out the survey. The first 15 people responding will receive a Compost hat. You must provide your contact information to receive the hat.

### 1. What state is your business in?

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| <input type="radio"/> Vermont       | <input type="radio"/> Rhode Island                 |
| <input type="radio"/> New Hampshire | <input type="radio"/> Other : Please specify _____ |

### 2. Which one below best describes your business?

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| <input type="radio"/> Equine center     | <input type="radio"/> Agriculture Service Provider |
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**1. Have you attended a workshop, training or demonstration on carcass composting?**

- Yes  
 No

**2. Did you participate in any of the carcass management webinars offered from October 2009 through December 2009 by NESARE?**

- Yes  
 No

**3. Was the program offered through Cooperative Extension and or NESARE?**

- Yes  
 No

**4. Which agricultural sector do you work with most frequently?**

- Dairy  
 Beef  
 Poultry  
 Equine  
 Other

**5. Do you recommend composting as a sound environmental option for carcass management?**

- Yes  
 No

**6. Please rank 1- 4 (1 being the most common) the reasons you hear producers use composting as a management tool.**

Fast and easy	<input type="text"/>
Less expensive than other alternatives	<input type="text"/>
Environmentally sustainable	<input type="text"/>
Mandated by best management practices	<input type="text"/>



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7. Please rank 1-4 (1 being the most common) the reasons that you hear why producers do not use compost as a management tool.

- Expensive
- Lack of carbon source
- doesn't work with the materials on hand
- Time consuming
- Not sure what to do with the bones
- Rendering is available
- Vector issues in piles

8. What additional information on carcass composting would be beneficial to you, your operation, business or agency?

9. What is your preferred method of receiving new information on carcass composting?

- Webinars
- Conference
- Small on farm workshop
- Electronic News letters
- Posters
- On line fact sheets



**8. Contact information: Optional**

**1. Additional Comments:**

**2. Optional: If you are interested in receiving updates on carcass compost best management practices and workshop notices please provide your contact information below.**

**Name:**

**Company:**

**Address:**

**Address 2:**

**City/Town:**

**State:**

**ZIP:**

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**Email Address:**



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## 4. Livestock Producers

1. Please indicate the number of livestock (all) on your farm or animals processed per year.

0-50

501-1000

51-100

1001-1500

101-200

>1500

201-500

2. Have you attended a workshop or demonstration on carcass compost management in the past 4 years?

Yes

No

3. Was the program offered through Cooperative Extension and or NESARE?

Yes

No

Unknown

4. Do you currently compost animal mortalities?

Yes ----- go to page 7

No ----- go to page 6



5. Alternative methods of carcass management

1. What method of disposal do you use?

- Landfill
- Drag to the woods
- Rendering
- Burial
- Alkaline hydrolysis
- Other

2. What has prevented you from composting?

- Lack of knowledge of the compost process
- Lack of carbon source
- Lack of space to compost
- Not sure how to deal with the bones
- Too many vectors in the pile
- Too costly
- Too much time
- Rendering is still available in our area

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## 6. Carcass Compost Management

### 1. How many years have you used compost as a management tool?

- Just starting
- 1-4
- 5-10
- 10 or more

### 2. I started to compost carcass mortalities after attending a workshop or demonstration.

- Yes
- No

### 3. How would you describe your carcass compost management style?

- windrow system (no more than 10feet wide and 6 feet high with unlimited length)
- large continuous pile (unlimited size in all directions)
- individual piles

### 4. What do you do with the finished compost?

- Apply to crop land
- Sell to general public unscreened
- Sell to general public after screening
- Pile is still there
- Other

### 5. What do you do with bones?

- Not a problem
- Field applied
- Grind
- Put into the next compost pile
- Screen/sort and put in a pile
- other



**6. Carcass composting has had an economic benefit to our operation.**

Yes

No

**7. Mark as many answers as you think applies.**

Composting is less expensive than rendering (if available in your area)

Composting is less expensive than burial

Composting is a better environmental choice than burial

Composting reduces pathogen populations which may have existed in carcasses.

**8. Do you have a specific site for composting?**

Yes ----- go to page 9

No ----- go to page 10

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**7. Compost Site Information**

**1. The compost site is accessible year round.**

- Yes
- No

**2. The compost surface is**

- asphalt
- concrete
- gravel
- grass/soil
- other

**3. Is the compost area under a roof?**

- Yes
- No

**4. Was the compost site designed by NRCS?**

- Yes
- No

**5. What additional information on site management would be beneficial to your operation, business or agency?**



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