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Composting partnership

Yahara Pride Farms is currently seeking participant-farms for a manure composting program. Interested in learning more? Contact Pat Murphy, YPF's conservation planner, at murphpa58@gmail.com or (608) 772-2602.

Handling compost

Biological activity in compost maximizes for 7-10 days following turning. Uniform compost heats more consistently and loses moisture and weight easier. Highly managed compost piles can reduce manure leachate and nutrient loss to surrounding area.



Compost best-practices

A minimum of four turns (45 days) is needed for noticeable change. Compost sites closer to the farmstead are more consistently managed when compared to remote sites. Compost applied after harvest resulted in increased alfalfa regrowth compared to adjacent areas without compost.



2018 incentive payments

Farmers will receive \$1,100 to build and haul a minimum 220 cubic yard bedded pack manure composting pile. YPF will provide compost turning service at no charge to the farmer. YPF will provide before/after nutrient analysis of the compost and assist with planning land application.

