



# Livestock Mortality Composting Certification

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The livestock industry is faced with discovering innovative and economical ways to dispose of mortality losses. This need has been brought on by the disappearance of rendering plants, concerns over potential ground water pollution from burial, and the economic and environmental issues of incineration. Composting of dead animals is an option that is available to all livestock producers but producer need to obtain a certification by attending a training session. Composting is a natural process in which the livestock carcass is bio-degraded by bacteria to avoid pollution of air and water.

The process of composting dead animals allows bacteria and fungi to decompose the animal carcasses in an aerobic environment. By providing oxygen to this environment, the microbes are able to decompose the animal without the production of objectionable odors and gasses. When done properly, composting destroys disease causing bacteria or viruses and reduces problems associated with flies, vermin, and scavenging animals at the composting site.

**In the state of Ohio, you must be certified in livestock mortality composting.**

Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

At 6:30 pm

Cost: \$10-Registration required  
RSVP By: January 20th

Location: Crawford County Courthouse  
Lower Level Conference Room 112 East  
Mansfield Street Bucyrus Ohio 44820

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