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CWMI Update – October 2010

<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/updates.htm>

Educational Events

Worm Power Open House – October 7, 2010 in Avon, NY. Visit the new earthworm composting production facility. For more information, call 716-574-8494 or sferro@wormpower.net.

<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/wormpower.pdf>.

Master Composting Workshop – November 13, 2010 in Greenwich, NY. A workshop to learn to reduce garbage, make your own organic soil amendment, and inspire and teach others to compost, presented by Jean Bonhotal and Bunny Goodwin.

<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/november13workshop.pdf>

2010 NYS Recycling Conference – November 17-18, 2010 in Cooperstown, NY.

<http://www.nysar3.org/events/arc.htm>.

Making Your Compost Product Work For You – January 12, 2011 at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Please check our web site as details become available. <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu>.

NOFA-NY 2011 Annual Conference – January 21-23, 2011 in Saratoga Springs.

<http://www.nofany.org/events/winter-conference>.

US Composting Council's 19th Annual Conference and Tradeshow – January 23-26, 2011 in Santa Clara/San Jose, CA. <http://www.compostingcouncil.org/conference/>

Educational Resources

Vermicompost – A Living Soil Amendment – A new website with information about the vermicomposting process as a technology that transforms organic wastes into resources and the uses of vermicompost for plant nutrient management and the suppression of plant diseases. A 9-minute video is posted here as well. <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/vermicompost.htm>.

The Space It Takes, Footprint Calculator for Composting Butcher Waste – A new fact sheet addressing butcher waste composting. <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/spaceittakes.pdf>.

NYS Organics Recycling Portal – Developed by NYS Empire State Development. This portal lists many resources to help you divert organics into value added products. Use for networking, finding information, or locate composters or other businesses that recycle organics.

<http://esd.ny.gov/businessprograms/OrganicsRecyclingPortal.html>

NY Ag Trader – Allows farmers and others to buy, sell, trade or donate agricultural products and services locally such as manure, compost, hay, fodder crops, fruits and vegetables, organics, equipment, livestock, and more. Works like a classified ads section and is free.
<http://www.nyagtrader.org/>.

NY Food Trader – Helps you find locally produced food or donate food to those in need. It's like a local, online farmers' market and food-bank. <http://nyfoodtrader.org/>.

Food Waste Management Cost Calculator – A tool developed by US EPA that estimates the cost of competitiveness of alternatives to food waste disposal, including source reduction, donation, composting, and recycling of yellow grease.
<http://www.epa.gov/osw/conservation/materials/organics/food/tools/>.

Staff Update

Dr. Metka Udovic, newly appointed Visiting Fellow for the next six months, is working with Dr. Murray McBride conducting research on the use of bioassays involving soil invertebrates to determine the bioavailability of toxic heavy metals in urban soils. Metka's research will complement Murray's work in urban garden soils. <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/healthysoils.htm>.