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CWMI Update: September 2007

1. **Compost Training Workshop; CWMI is co-sponsoring a day and a half Compost Training on November 14-15.** Being held in conjunction with the annual conference of the NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling at Cooperstown, this training is oriented towards “beginners” and will feature Jean Bonhotal (CWMI) and Bob Rynk (SUNY Cobleskill) as the primary instructors. Gary Feinland (DEC) and Jeff Cooper (Onondaga County) are helping to organize the training. See <http://www.nysar3.org/events/arc.htm> for the course agenda and registration information.
2. **Composting Liquids Fact Sheet: While it sounds improbable, “Composting Liquids” is a new CWMI fact sheet** (<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/compostfs8.pdf>) that describes how to successfully include liquids in compost piles.
3. **Roadkill Composting:** Through workshops around NYS, a new DVD, poster and fact sheet, CWMI continues to help educate highway officials about composting as an option for managing road-killed deer. The workshop schedule, directions and the written materials are available at: <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/tirc/tirc.htm>. We are working to post the DVD on the WWW. All are welcome to attend the up-coming demonstrations/workshops on October 11 in Highland, NY (near New Paltz) and on November 13 in Syracuse.
4. **Use of compost in turf maintenance and landscape construction:** The results of a study conducted by CWMI and the Department of Horticulture at Cornell are available at: <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/composttv.htm>. The site provides links to a fact sheet, two articles in BioCycle, and a final report (with more detail).
5. **Dairy Bedding with Dried Manure Solids (DMS):** CWMI work on the use of dried manure solids for dairy barn bedding continues, with a new project focusing on the impact of rebedding frequency on pathogens in the bedding (re-bedding daily vs. weekly). Another project, based in Wyoming County, is looking at a composted bedded pack barn. The bedding work is described at <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/bedding.htm>.

6. **Revised "Guidelines for Application of Sewage Biosolids to Agricultural Lands in the Northeastern U.S."** are the result of several years of effort by a committee of scientists at Land Grant universities in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Published by Rutgers University Agricultural Experiment Station (Bulletin E317), the guidelines are available at <http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/7934>

7. **New video on plastic water bottles:** The huge number of plastic bottles that end up in the waste stream is dramatically portrayed in a short video produced by Cornell computer science professor, Doug James. View it at: <http://www.cs.cornell.edu/%7Edjames/bottledWater/> and consider how it might be useful in educating policy-makers and consumers.