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CWMI Update – October 2011

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

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Lower Hudson Compost Facility Tour & Workshop – October 27, 2011, Pocantico Hills, NY. Hosted by the Environmental Finance Center at SyracuseCoE, Cornell Waste Management Institute, Watershed Agricultural Council and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit and learn about four on-site composting systems at local farms, schools and municipalities in the lower Hudson Valley. During and following the tours, participants will discuss composting systems and methods, successes and challenges associated with different technologies, and how to improve management of organic materials. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch. Please **register by October 20, 2011**, [click here](#). For more information, contact Anna Snider at: als227@cornell.edu or 914-285-4617.

Adding Food Residuals to Yard Trimmings Compost Sites – Webinar – October 20, 2011. Hosted by the US Composting Council. <http://compostingcouncil.org/adding-food-residuals-to-yard-trimmings-compost-sites/>.

BioCycle's 11th Annual Conference on Renewable Energy From Organics Recycling - October 31-November 2, 2011. Madison, WI. <http://www.igpress.com/biocyclus.htm>.

22nd Annual Recycling Conference & Vendor Show - November 16-17, 2011, Otesaga Resort Hotel, Cooperstown, NY. [Click here](#) for hotel and conference registration. Opening plenary will focus on **organics diversion. Featuring two Northeast communities that have successfully incorporated organics into their recycling programs**. Immediately following the plenary, an organics recycling discussion, "Tips and Tools for Managing Organics: A Forum" and will share ideas, collaborate on solutions and overcome challenges to move organics diversion/recycling forward.

The Vendor Show will highlight new technologies and services and will include several organics vendors providing opportunity for learning and the potential for more organics diversion. Explore options for organics (and other) recycling at businesses and institutions. If you cannot join the sessions, please stop by and visit the Vendor Show to get some good information.

Call for Papers and Posters - 4th International Symposium on Managing Animal Mortality, Products, By Products, and Associated Health Risk: Connecting Research, Regulations, and Response – May 21-24, 2012 in Dearborn, MI. **CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS DEADLINE: JANUARY 6, 2011**. <http://umaine.edu/byproducts-symposium/call-for-papers-and-posters/>.



US Composting Council 20th Annual Conference & Tradeshow – The Soil & Water Connection, January 17-20, 2012 in Austin, TX. <http://compostingcouncil.org/conference/>.

USCC has recently announced the hiring of their new Executive Director, Michael Virga, [more...](#)

PROGRAM UPDATE

EVALUATION REQUEST - How You Are Disposing of Livestock Mortality?

Sustainable livestock mortality management is a critical issue for livestock and poultry operators to maintain healthy and productive farms. Issues have developed that restrict producers' management options. Composting is a viable alternative. Over the years, CWMI has supplied interested parties with information on mortality composting in the form of web-based materials, demonstrations and workshops. Many of you have implemented composting as your carcass management practice. We would like to hear your thoughts on mortality composting and how widely it is being used on your farm, in your veterinary practice, your extension area or other related operation. Please [click here](#) and share your thoughts via this survey (approximately 10 minutes). *The first 15 people responding will receive a Compost hat!* **Please respond by October 31, 2011.** Thanks for your help!

CU COMPOST CLUB - Jean Bonhotal is the advisor for a new Cornell University student organization dedicated to expand and promote compost practices on campus and in Collegetown community.

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

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Home Composting Slide Show has recently been updated. This PowerPoint presentation (PDF) can be accessed at: <http://compost.css.cornell.edu/homecompostingslides.pdf>.

New York Biomass Trader – Where organic waste becomes a resource. <http://www.biomastrader.org/ny/>.

Waste Hierarchy For Organics – Poster displaying the organics hierarchy: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Landfill, Incineration. http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/waste_hierarchy_for_organics_8x11.pdf.