



**US COMPOSTING
COUNCIL**

*Seal of Testing
Assurance*

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Tel: 315-295-0734
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Product Name: 1/4" Premium Compost
Lab ID: C10614

Report Date: 06/20/2018

Compost Technical Data Sheet

<i>Compost Parameters</i>	<i>Reported as (units of measure)</i>	<i>Test Results</i>	<i>Test Results</i>
<i>Plant Nutrients:</i>	<i>%, weight basis</i>	<i>% wet weight basis</i>	<i>% dry weight basis</i>
Nitrogen	Total N	0.99	1.69
Phosphorus	P ₂ O ₅	0.35	0.60
Potassium	K ₂ O	0.44	0.74
Calcium	Ca	3.97	6.78
Magnesium	Mg	0.52	0.89
Moisture Content	%, wet weight basis	41.48	
Organic Matter Content	%, dry weight basis	54.00	
pH	unitless	8.08	
Soluble Salts <i>(electrical conductivity)</i>	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	4.00	
Particle Size	< 9.5 mm	99.30	
Stability Indicator (<i>respirometry</i>) CO ₂ Evolution	mg CO ₂ -C/G TS/day, AND mg CO ₂ -C/G OM/day	1.89 3.47	
Maturity Indicator (<i>bioassay</i>) Percent Emergence, AND Percent Seedling Vigor	% of control %	96.67 100.00	
Select Pathogens	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.32(a)	PASS: Salmonella < 3 MPN per 4-g of dry solids	
Trace Metals	PASS/FAIL: per US EPA Class A standard, 40 CFR § 503.13, Tables 1 and 3	PASS: As, Cd, Cu, Pb, Hg, Mo, Ni, Se, and Zn are less than limits specified by US EPA Class A Standard 40 CFR § 503.13, Tables 1 and 3	

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INTERPRETATION

pH	pH is a measure of active acidity in the feedstock or compost. The pH scale is 0 (acidic) to 14 (basic) with 7 being neutral. Most finished composts will have pH values in the range of 5.0 to 8.5. Ideal pH depends on compost use. A lower pH is preferred for certain ornamental plants while a neutral pH is suitable for most other applications. pH is not a measure of the total acidity or alkalinity and cannot be used to predict the effect of compost on soil pH.
Soluble Salts	Soluble salts are determined by measuring electrical conductivity (EC) in a 1:5 (compost:water, weight ratio) slurry. EC is related to the total soluble salts dissolved in the slurry and is measured in units of millimhos/cm (mmhos/cm). Compost soluble salt levels typically range from 1 to 10 mmhos/cm. High salinity may be toxic to plants. Ideal soluble salt levels will depend on the end use of the compost. Final compost blends with soil or container media/potting mixes should be tested for soluble salts.
% Solids, % Moisture	The ideal moisture content for composting will depend on the water holding capacity of the materials being composted. In general, high organic matter materials have a higher water holding capacity and a higher ideal moisture content. A typical starting compost mix will have an ideal % solids content of 35-55 % (65-45 % moisture). Finished compost should have a % solids content of 50-60 % (50-40 % moisture).
% Organic Matter	There is no ideal organic matter level for feedstocks or finished compost. Organic matter content will decrease during composting. The organic matter content (dry weight basis) of typical feedstocks and starting mixes will be greater than 60 % while that of finished compost will be in the range of 30-70 %. An organic matter content (dry weight basis) of 50-60 % is desirable for most compost uses.
Nitrogen : Total, Organic, Ammonium, and Nitrate	Total nitrogen (N) includes all forms of nitrogen: organic N, ammonium N (NH ₄ -N), and nitrate N (NO ₃ -N). Total N will normally range from less than 1 % to around 5 % (dry weight basis) in most feedstocks and from 0.5 to 2.5 % (dry weight basis) in finished composts. NO ₃ -N (an optional test) is generally present in only low concentrations in immature composts, although it may increase as the compost matures. NH ₄ -N levels may be high during initial stages of the composting process, but decrease as maturity increases. Organic N is determined by subtracting the inorganic N forms, NH ₄ -N and NO ₃ -N, from total N. However, because NO ₃ -N levels are generally very low, total nitrogen minus NH ₄ -N provides a good estimate of organic N in most composts and is the value shown on the front of this report. In stable, finished composts, most of the N should be in the organic form. While NH ₄ -N and NO ₃ -N are immediately available to plants, organic N is only slowly available, approximately 10 to 20 % per year. However, mineralization or break-down of organic N into available inorganic forms depends on the C:N ratio (see below) as well as factors such as soil moisture and temperature.
Total Carbon	Total carbon (C) is a direct measurement of all organic and inorganic carbon in the compost sample. Unless the sample has a high pH (> 8.3) or is known to contain carbonates, essentially all carbon will be in the organic form. Compost organic matter typically contains around 54 % organic carbon by weight. The carbon content of individual feedstocks may vary from this ratio.
Carbon: Nitrogen Ratio	This is the ratio of total carbon (C) to total nitrogen (N) in the compost sample provided. C:N ratio may be used as an indicator of compost stability and N availability. Compost C:N ratio typically decreases during composting if the starting C:N ratio is > 25, but may increase if the starting C:N ratio is low (< 15) and N is lost during the composting process. Composts with high C:N ratios (> 30) will likely immobilize or tie-up N if applied to soil, while those with low C:N ratios (< 20) will mineralize or break-down organic N to inorganic (plant-available) N.
Phosphorus, Potassium	Phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) are plant macronutrients. Values reported are for total amounts given in the oxide forms (P ₂ O ₅ and K ₂ O). These results provide an indication of the nutrient value of the compost sample. However, plant availability of total phosphorus and potassium in compost has not yet been established.
Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium Balance	When compost is applied on the basis of nitrogen (N), most composts will have an excess of phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) relative to crop demand. These mineral elements and salts can accumulate to above optimum levels with repeated application. Growers using compost should regularly soil test to monitor P, K and salt accumulation and should consider using other nutrient sources or nitrogen fixing legumes in their crop rotation especially when P and K levels are above optimum.



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Potassium	K ₂ O	0.40	0.75
Calcium	Ca	2.80	5.25
Magnesium	Mg	0.36	0.68
Moisture Content	%, wet weight basis	46.66	
Organic Matter Content	%, dry weight basis	59.05	
pH	unitless	8.07	
Soluble Salts <i>(electrical conductivity)</i>	dS/m (mmhos/cm)	4.91	
Particle Size	< 9.5 mm	99.56	
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Laboratory Analysis Report

For

O.C.R.R.A.

Client Project ID:

Compost Samples "Salmonella"

LSL Project ID: **1808016**

Receive Date/Time: 05/29/18 9:05

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-- LABORATORY ANALYSIS REPORT --

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Sample ID: Amboy 1/2" screen Comp. LSL Sample ID: 1808016-001
Location:
Sampled: 05/29/18 8:15 Sampled By: Client
Sample Matrix: SHW Dry Wt, Compost

Analytical Method	Prep Method	Prep Date	Analysis Date & Time	Analyst Initials
Analyte	Result Units			
(1) SM 2540 B-97,-11 Total Solids				
Total Solids @ 103-105 C	58 %		5/29/18	MM
<i>The NYS DOH ELAP does not offer certification for this method in this matrix.</i>				
(1) Std. Methods 18th 9260D Salmonella MPN				
Salmonella	<3 MPN/4g Dry		5/29/18 13:45	DA

Sample ID: Amboy 1/4" Premium Comp. LSL Sample ID: 1808016-002
Location:
Sampled: 05/29/18 8:00 Sampled By: Client
Sample Matrix: SHW Dry Wt, Compost

Analytical Method	Prep Method	Prep Date	Analysis Date & Time	Analyst Initials
Analyte	Result Units			
(1) SM 2540 B-97,-11 Total Solids				
Total Solids @ 103-105 C	61 %		5/29/18	MM
<i>The NYS DOH ELAP does not offer certification for this method in this matrix.</i>				
(1) Std. Methods 18th 9260D Salmonella MPN				
Salmonella	<3 MPN/4g Dry		5/29/18 13:45	DA



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CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

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Turnaround Time	
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14 DAY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Next Day* <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Day* <input type="checkbox"/>
	2-Day* <input type="checkbox"/> 7-Day* <input type="checkbox"/>

*Additional Charges may apply

Date Needed or Special Instructions:

Authorization or P.O. #
Blanket

Client Project ID/Client Site ID
Compost Samples "Salmonella"

Client's Sample Identifications	Sample Date	Sample Time	Type		Preserv. Added	Containers		Analyses	Preserv Check	LSL ID#
			grab/comp	Matrix		#	size/type			
<u>Ambony 1/2" screen</u>	<u>5/29/18</u>	<u>0815</u>	<u>Comp</u>	<u>Compost</u>	<u>Ice</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1 gal/bag</u>	<u>Salmonella</u>		<u>001</u>
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LSL use only:		Custody Transfers		Date	Time
Samples Received <u>4.00</u> Temp. of samples <u>On Ice</u> Containers this C-O-C:	Sampled By: <u>[Signature]</u>	Received By: <u>[Signature]</u>			
	Relinquished By: <u>[Signature]</u>	Received By: <u>[Signature]</u>			
	Relinquished By: <u>[Signature]</u>	Rec'd for Lab By: <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>5/29/18</u>	<u>0905</u>	
	Shipment Method:	Received Intact: <u>Y/N</u>			

*** All areas of this Chain of Custody Record MUST be filled out in order to process samples in a timely manner IN PEN ONLY***