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Client: Mother Dirt Co	Product: Compost 2025	Date Reported: 08/25/25
Attn: Penny CanTassel	Date Sampled: 07/20/25	Testing: \$ 345.00
9411 Country Rd WW	Date Received: 07/31/25	Cooler return: \$ -
Rapids WI	Laboratory/ Invoice # C25-01002	Amount: \$ 345.00
715-421-1220	PO #	Reviewed by: Emmalee Slack

Nutrients

	Method	As Received	Dry Wt.	Units	Low	Normal	High	Typical Range
Moisture	70 C	55		%	*****			15 to 40
Solids	70 C	45		%	*****			60 to 85
pH	1:5	7.4	NA	SU	*****			5.5 to 8.5
E.C. (Sol. Salts)	1:5	0.60	1.33	mmhos/cm	*****			below 5.0
Total N	TMECC 04.02D	0.75	1.66	%	*****			1 to 5
Organic C	TMECC 04.01A	9.4	20.8	%	*****			18 to 45
Organic Matter	TMECC 05.07A	17.5	38.8	%	*****			40 to 60
Ash	550 C	27.6	61.2	%	*****			40 to 60
Ammonium -N	TMECC 05.02C	129	286	mg/kg	*****			90 to 450
Nitrate-N	TMECC 04.02B	71	158	mg/kg	*****			50 to 250
Chloride	TMECC 04.12D	925	2048	mg/kg	*****			500 to 5000
Sulfate-S	TMECC 04.12D	262	580	mg/kg	*****			
CaCO₃	TMECC 04.08A	35	78	lbs/T	*****			20 to 80
Phosphorous	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.13	0.29	%				
P₂O₅	calculation	0.30	0.67	%	*****			1 to 8
Potassium	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.29	0.64	%				
K₂O	calculation	0.35	0.76	%	****			3 to 12
Calcium	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.89	2.0	%	*****			0.5 to 10
Magnesium	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.20	0.43	%	*****			0.05 to 0.7
Sodium	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.01	0.03	%	****			0.05 to 0.7
Sulfur	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.09	0.20	%	*****			0.1 to 1.0
Boron	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	5.3	11.7	mg/kg	*****			25 to 150
Zinc	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	38	84	mg/kg	*****			100 to 600
Manganese	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	161	357	mg/kg	*****			250 to 750
Copper	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	20	45	mg/kg	***			100 to 500
Iron	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	5981	13244	mg/kg	*****			1000 to 25000
C/N ratio		13		ratio	*****			18 to 24
C/P Ratio		71		ratio	*****			80 to 140
Ag Index		11		ratio	*****			3 to 10

Respiration & Stability

	Method	Units	Low	Normal	High	Normal
CO₂ Evolution	TMECC 05.08	0.3	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	**		1 to 7
	TMECC 05.08	0.3	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	*****		0.5 to 5
Stability Rating	Very Stable					

Sample was received, handled and tested in accordance with TMECC procedures

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Cucumber Bioassay

Method	Units	Low	Normal	Normal
Emergence TMECC 05.05A Very Mature 100 %		*****	*****	80 to 100
Vigor TMECC 05.05A Very Mature 100 %		*****	*****	85 to 100

Pathogens

Method	Date Tested	units	8/13/2025	Low	Normal	High	Normal
Fecal Coliforms TMECC 07.01AB 51 MPN/g Pass				****			Less than 1000
Salmonella TMECC 07.02A Not Tested MPN/4g							Less than 3

ND = None Detected Fecal Coliforms MDL 5.1 MPN/g Salmonella MDL 1 MPN/4g

EPA 503 Metals

Method	Dry Wt.	Units	Low	Normal	High	MDL	EPA Limit
Arsenic TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	<MDL	mg/kg				2.21	41
Cadmium TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	<MDL	mg/kg				0.31	39
Chromium TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	4.10	mg/kg				0.39	-
Cobalt TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.38	mg/kg	****			0.35	1200
Copper TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	44.9	mg/kg	****			0.39	1500
Mercury TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.031	mg/kg	****			0.007	17
Molybdenum TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	1.06	mg/kg				0.19	-
Nickel TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	2.61	mg/kg	****			0.52	420
Lead TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	<MDL	mg/kg				0.75	300
Selenium TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	10.3	mg/kg	*****			1.04	36
Zinc TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	84	mg/kg	****			1.87	2800

Metals Assay Pass

Particle Size Distribution TMECC 2.02 B & C

inches	mm	% Passing	Inerts	% by wt.
3	76.2	100		
2	50	100	Total Plastic	0.00
1	25	100	Film Plastic	0.00
3/4	19.1	100	Glass	0.00
5/8	16	100	Metal	0.00
1/2	12.5	100		0.00
3/8	9.5	98		
1/4	6.3	87		

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NUTRIENT REPORT

SAMPLE I.D.: Compost 2025

	<u>%SOLIDS</u>	<u>%WATER</u>
As Received:	45.16	54.84

TOTAL ELEMENTS	-----100% DRY-----		----AS RECEIVED-----	
	%	lbs/ton	%	lbs/ton
TN	1.66	33.20	0.75	15.0
P	0.29	5.89	0.13	2.7
P205	0.68	13.55	0.31	6.1
K	0.64	12.74	0.29	5.8
K20	0.76	15.29	0.35	6.9
S	0.20	4.00	0.09	1.8
Ca	1.97	39.4	0.89	17.8
Mg	0.43	8.65	0.20	3.9
Na	0.03	0.53	0.01	0.2
C	20.80	416	9.4	188
	mg/kg	lbs/ton	mg/kg	lbs/ton
Zn	84	0.17	38	0.08
Mn	357	0.71	161	0.32
Cu	45	0.09	20	0.04
Fe	13244	26.49	5981	11.96
B	12	0.02	5.29	0.01
Nitrate N	158	0.32	71.2	0.14
Ammonium N	286	0.57	129	0.26
C:N Ratio			13	
pH			7.4	
E.C.	1.33		0.60	



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INTERPRETATION GUIDE

SAFETY INTERPRETATIONS

Pathogens

Fecal coliform bacteria are present in the gut and fecal mater of warm-blooded animals. Their presence is used as an indicator of the presence of possible human pathogens. The heat generated during proper composting is lethal to fecal coliform and other human pathogens. A test value below 1,000 per gram of compost is considered generally safe for human contact. As the compost is stored or transported, the temperature is no longer lethal for coliform bacteria and there is the possibility for regrowth or contamination by birds or other animals.

Your compost was tested for fecal coliform and found to be: VERY SAFE

Salmonella is a human pathogenic bacteria and a good indicator of other human pathogens. It is regularly used to monitor the likelihood of human pathogen presence in biosolids.

Your compost was not tested for salmonella bacteria.

Heavy Metals

9 heavy metals were identified with maximum concentration limits for land application in biosolids by USEPA in 40 CFR Part 503.B. Ongoing applications to the land are prohibited if any metal concentration exceed the limits in Table 3 of Part 503.13.

If the bars on the "Heavy Metals" for your compost are within or below the "Normal" range, your compost is safe to use as a soil amendment.

COMPOST STABILITY AND MATURITY

Respiration

Respiration is the measurement of microbially generated CO₂ from the compost when incubated at optimal temperature and moisture. It provides an indication of whether the composting process is complete and whether the compost is mature and ready for use. However, other factors may be limiting microbial activity (see C:N Ratio below)

Your Compost was rated as Very Stable: well cured, finished compost; no odors or plant toxicity

Maturity

Bioassay

Cucumbers are grown in a fixed blend of your compost and a commercial potting mix maintained at optimum moisture and temperature. Cucumbers are relatively insensitive to salinity, but very sensitive to ammonia, organic acids and herbicide residue. Emergence and Vigor are rated: results greater than 80% indicate that your compost is mature and/or contains no herbicide carryover. Very high salinity can also reduce assay results.

Your Compost Emergence % 100 Your Compost vigor % 100

Total Nitrogen, Nitrate & Ammonium

Ammonia is produced as a gas in the early stages of composting. The ammonium is nitrified to nitrate as the compost matures. Ammonia is toxic to plants at relatively low concentrations but under moist conditions is converted to ammonium which is less toxic. Nitrate is not toxic, but does contribute to overall salinity if very high. The pH of the compost typically starts out low as organic acids are released, then increases as ammonia is produced, then settles back towards neutral (7.0) as ammonium is nitrified and the compost matures.

Your Compost Ammonium level was 286 Your Compost Ammonium:Nitrate ratio was 2
Your Compost Ammonium:Total N ratio was 2% Your Compost pH was 7.4

Considering all the factors above, your Compost is Very Mature: safe for use in containers

FERTILITY INTERPRETATIONS

C:N Ratio

The carbon to nitrogen ratio is important to determine 1) if the composting process is complete or simply stalled out because of lack of nitrogen and 2) whether the compost, when applied to the soil, will act as a source of nitrogen for the crop or become a sink causing the crops to starve for nitrogen.

Your C:N ratio was 13 Your compost will tend to release available N for crop use.

Ag Index

The Ag Index is the sum of nutrients N, P & K divided by the sum of non-nutrient salts Na & Cl. It provides an indication of whether your compost is a reasonable source of nutrients or primarily a source of organic matter for your soil.

Your Ag index was 11 Your compost is a good source of nutrients and organic matter

Electrical Conductivity/Salinity

Electrical Conductivity is a convenient way to evaluate the soluble salts or salinity of a compost. High salinity is damaging to plants.

The EC of your Compost was 1.3 M. Low: generally safe to use directly as a topsoil