



## Horse Manure Composting: Specific Steps to Start or Improve the Process

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Horses can be significant contributors to water quality impairment with the 50 pounds of manure they produce every day. Horse manure composting is one way to reduce this impairment. This webcast will discuss various aspects of composting horse manure. Bedding options and how they impact the composting process as well as basic design considerations in large and small operations will be discussed. *An application for continuing education credit for Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs) and members of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) has been submitted.*



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### For More Information

- \* Composting and the Benefits: Achieving Practice Change through Education to Reduce Nutrient Loads and Increase Adoption of Best Management Practices – [www.extension.org/72780](http://www.extension.org/72780)
- \* Benefits of Bedding Reuse for the Equine Industry – [www.extension.org/67724](http://www.extension.org/67724)
- \* Effects of bedding type on compost quality of equine stall waste: Implications for small horse farms – <http://www.extension.org/sites/default/files/Komar%20composting%20reprint%202012.pdf>
- \* Manure Management Strategies Webinar -- Help Your Horse, Help the Farm AND Protect Our Water – <https://connect.msu.edu/p8yko9zhhoq/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>
- \* Pasture Soil Health Brings Great Benefits – <http://issuu.com/floridahorse/docs/nov2014fhhbinder/0>