



AN INTRODUCTION TO
**ON-FARM
COMPOSTING**

Alberta's On-Farm Composting Guide

The benefits and possibilities of on-farm composting in Alberta

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The Opportunity

COMPOSTING CAPACITY

Organics represent a large portion of the waste stream

- Readily diverted and processed locally
- There is a lack of composting capacity Alberta
- Challenge for municipal and ICI organic diversion programs
- Opportunity for farmers
- Opportunity for collaboration

A COMPOSTING CYCLE THAT BENEFITS EVERYONE

Compostable material containing nutrients and organic matter is delivered to the farm.



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The Outcomes

COMPOSTING BENEFITS

Composting provides economic, environmental and social benefits

- Diverts organic waste from landfills
- Replenishes soils
- Revitalizes water sources
- Fosters food security



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The Initiative

ON-FARM COMPOSTING GUIDE

Goals:

- Demonstrate the value in composting operations
- Encourage landowners to consider on-farm composting
- Provide interested landowners with the resources they need to get started



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Project Partners

- Recycling Council of Alberta
- Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
(Canadian Agricultural Partnership)
- Olds College
- Stickland Farms

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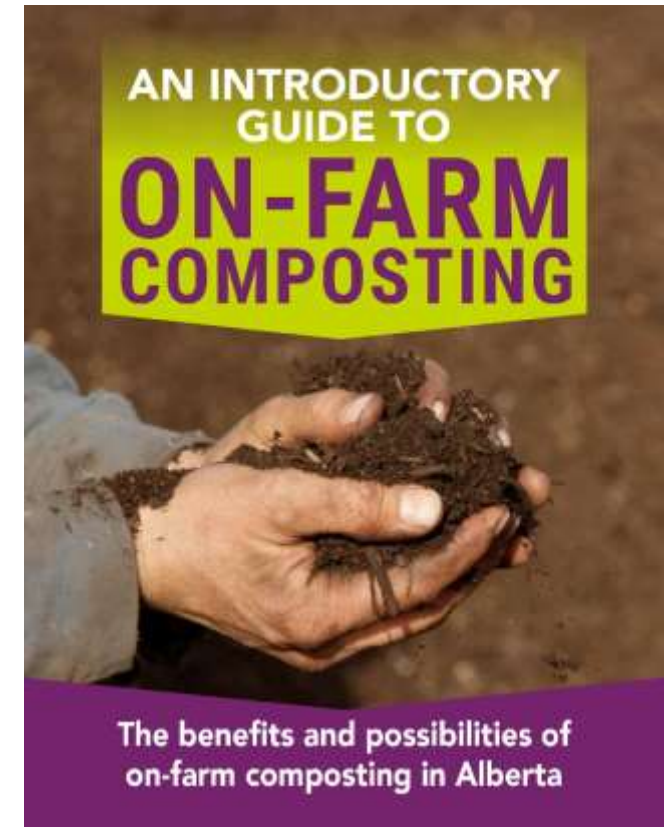
The Collaboration



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- Recycling Council of Alberta established a Project Team
- Developed project relationship with Stickland Farms
- Completed funding applications
- Built partnership with Olds College
 - Stickland Farms case study
 - applied research project
- Developed On-Farm Composting Guide
- Released to agriculture stakeholders
- Held webinars to share information
- Plans to continue to share Guide to more stakeholders

The Project



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