Livestock Mortality Composting Demonstration

December 15, 2015, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Christenson Research & Education Bldg.
UNL Agricultural Research & Development Center

On-Farm Composting of Livestock Mortalities: Planning, Constructing and Managing a Compost Pile

Nebraska Extension is hosting a mortality composting event for livestock producers and those who support the livestock industry. This event will include speakers from Nebraska Extension, the USDA-NRCS, and NDEQ discussing planning, construction, and management of a compost pile. On-farm composting of livestock—from poultry to mature beef and dairy cattle—is a biosecure method of mortality disposal that results in a valuable soil amendment capable of improving soil fertility.

This event will include short presentations and discussion with UNL Extension educators, soil health and conservation specialists, a veterinarian, the manager of the ARDC compost pile, and other experts. A visit to an on-site mortality composting pile will provide attendees an opportunity to view the compost process up close, see how the pile is managed, and learn how to establish a new pile during a demonstration process.

Topics to be Covered

- Mortality Compost as Part of a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
  - Renee Hancock, NRCS Water Quality Specialist

- Biosecurity Considerations When Composting Mortalities
  - Dr. Kelly Heath, UNL Attending Veterinarian

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Cost Share Opportunities
  - Renee Hancock, NRCS

- Compost Site Design, Construction, and Operation
  - Dr. Amy Schmidt, UNL Livestock Bioenvironmental Engineer

- Compost Pile Management: Lessons Learned
  - Henry Hilscher, ARDC Research Manager

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Lunch generously provided by A-FAN!

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