## FUNDS AVAILABLE: COMPOST TRIALS

<u>Seeking farmers!</u> The U.S. Composting Council (USCC) and Zero Foodprint (ZFP) were recently awarded a USDA Conservation Innovation Grant to study the benefits of compost application. The team is looking for farmers in California, Washington, and Colorado interested in participating in either a variable-rate compost trial or an agronomic compost trial for a duration of 3 years.



## Variable Rate Trials

Evaluate soil health outcomes after application of two different types of compost at low and high rates on cropland or orchard land.

## Agronomic Trials

Evaluate the agronomic and economic benefits of compost application to orchard, crop, or range land. Requires participation in up to three interviews and/or surveys.

Growers interested in applying compost to their orchard, cropland, or rangeland can **benefit from up to \$10,500** towards the cost of delivery, application, and compost material – plus free technical assistance.

## To participate, growers must:

Be NRCS EQIP
eligible with a
current FSA
number

Be located in California, Colorado, or Washington state

Be willing to share historic management info

Commit to 3 years of engagement

Source compost from an STA-approved facility

If you're a farmer in Eastern Washington and interested, please fill out this interest form: <a href="http://bit.ly/4nCit4P">http://bit.ly/4nCit4P</a> The Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF) will coordinate and oversee compost application trials in Eastern Washington state.

If you're a farmer in Western Washington, Colorado, or California and want to learn more about this opportunity, please complete this interest form: <a href="http://bit.ly/46oC3Ls">http://bit.ly/46oC3Ls</a>





