

Progress Report to FORCE October 4, 2004

Training in Production and Utilization of Composts for Florida

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Part 1 - Work performed during the reporting period

- A. Color brochures (400) and digital e-mail flyer/invitations with the agenda were mailed to waste industry (RFT), citrus, vegetable, ornamental & turf growers, dairy, horse & poultry manure handlers, organic growers, DEP, NRCS, and the water district to attend the September 15, 2004 training in Sumter County, Central Florida.
- B. A 200 CD's training, pre and post-test and other materials were produced for Sumter County compost training.
- C. Since the grant doesn't cover the lunch for the attendees a \$300 donation was solicited from Organic matter, Inc. and Synagro.
- D. Training CCE and CCA and units were solicited from the Extension Service for the citrus, vegetable, turf and ornamental growers as continuing education for their licenses. Also we got Florida and International SWANA CCE units for the Sumter County training.
- E. A total of 55 were register for the Sumter County training from waste industry (RFT), citrus, vegetable, ornamental & turf growers, dairy, horse & poultry manure handlers, organic growers, DEP, NRCS, and the water district. Unfortunately, due to the threat of Hurricane Ivan and the workload generated by Hurricane Frances in Sumter County hosting the workshop and tour the workshop was cancelled.

F. The Sumter County compost training was reschedule for October 27, 2004, so again color brochures (400) and digital e-mail flyer/invitations with the agenda were mailed to waste industry (RFT), citrus, vegetable, ornamental & turf growers, dairy, horse & poultry manure handlers, organic growers, DEP, NRCS, and the water district to the new reschedule compost training date.

Part 2 - Work scheduled for the next reporting period

- A. Do the Sumter County training and pre and post-test for the October 27, 2004 training.
- B. Write final report.