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EVALUATION OF DIFFERENT COMPOST TYPES PROPERTIES AND THEIR FERTILIZATION VALUE

S.A. Abou El-Naga, O.N. Massoud and S.A. Abdel-Gawad Dept. Soil Sci., Fac. Agric., Minufiya University, Shibin Elkom, Egypt. (Received: May 4, 2010) منسّق منسّق ABSTRACT: Two different types of compost, namely plant residues compost (PRC) and cattle manure compost (CMC), were characterized, irrespectively, for their physico-chemical, nutritional and microbiological, as well as maturity indices. Results cleared that different characteristics of the used compost types, Physico - chemical and nutritional properties, i.e., bulk density and منسّة . C/N ratio of the two composts had a suitable values and both composts منسّق contained appreciable contents of macro- and micro-nutrients, particularly منسّق the CMC. -Microbiological aspects, both composts exhibited a distinct microbial منسّق potency, which was reflected by high numbers of the main groups of منسّق microorganisms, as well as the activity of dehydrogenase enzyme. CMC منسّق exhibited more microbial numbers than PRC, and the main groups of microorganisms, such as cellulose - decomposing and N2 fixers were منسّق identified. The dominant mesophilic species isolated from PRC and CMC منسّق were Bacillus, Trichoderma and Streptomyces منسّق منسّق Maturity and stability indices of the two composts (e.g. C/N ratio, pH منسّق value, E₄/E₆ ratio, NH₄+N / NO₃ -N ratio, seed germination index (for each of cress, barley, and faba bean, "as indicator plants") and evolution of CO2 منسّق indicated that such composts are well matured and may be used without any _ منسّق restrictions. منسّة ، words Words Compost, plant residues, cattle manure, dehydrogenase enzyme and seed germination index. منسّة ، منسّق INTRODUCTION منسّق One method of improving the quality of soils involves recycling of crop residues. The use of agricultural and municipal wastes through composting is increasing in many countries. Therefore, the recent trends in recycling of منسّق crop residues indicate the possibility of using certain efficient microflora منسّق particularly basidiomycetes, which are the best known cellulose and legnin degraders. If the microflora are added during composting process the time of منسّق composting might be reduced without deterioration of compost quality منسّق

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(Buswell et al., 1994). The incorporation of organic remains in the form of compost, farmyard manure, crop residues and green manure is known to influence favorably the physical, chemical, and biological properties of soil (Gaur, 1987). Composts used as substrates should have a high degree of maturity, and adequate physical and chemical properties, such as particle size, porosity, water-holding capacity, air capacity, electrical conductivity and pH, which are even more important than the concentrations of nutrients, because these latter can be added by fertilization (Gouin, 1998). Composts usually show high porosity and air capacity, and a low water-holding capacity (Abad et al., 2001). They also have high salt and nutrient contents (Lopez-Real et al., 1989). (Sanchez-Monedero et al., 1997 and Eklind et al., 1998).

Benefits of animal manure compost have been attributed to the diversity of its microbial populations (Scheuerell, 2002) or to higher levels of available phosphorus, calcium and trace elements compared to garden organics and lawn trimmings derived composts (Pittaway, 2003). (Ingham,2005); claimed that composts produced from woody materials (resistant to rapid decay) with some manure or green vegetation material were likely to produce composts dominated by active fungal populations whilst composts produced from predominantly green material or manure with less woody material claimed to produce composts dominated by active bacterial populations. Disease suppression results are highly variable, as is to be expected where composts are indiscriminately applied in an emerging area with a limited knowledge of preferred characteristics, application rates and application timing, and the impact of environmental conditions, for example.

The objective of this work is to examine the different types of compost, namely plant residues compost and cattle manure compost for their physicochemical, nutritional and microbiological properties.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two mature composts obtained from different sources were used in this work. The first was a plant residues compost (PRC), supplied by Ismailia Agricultural Research Station, ARC., it was made from rice straw and guava burning wastes amended with amount of natural soil. The second was a cattle manure compost (CMC), supplied by a private compost plant at El-Khatatba City, Minufiya Governorate. Representative samples from both composts were subjected for analyses to evaluate their chemical, nutritional and microbiological properties, as well as to detect some maturity and stability indices to satisfy the first aim of the present study.

A- Isolation and enumeration of most common microorganisms.

Samples were taken from the fresh composts to isolate and count the most common microbes, i.e., bacteria, fungi and actinomycetes by means of the dilution plate technique using nutrient agar media (Difico, 1984),

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B. Purification and identification of selected microbes

Further purification was carried out for some selected isolates on different media, as follows: Nutrient agar medium for purification and identification of: bacteria (Difco, 1984), actinomycetes (Allen, 1950), fungal isolates were identified by specialists in the Faculty of Science, Cairo University, Egypt, according to Gilman, (1957), Ainsworth et al. (1973), bacterial isolates were identified in the Biotechnology and Applied Microbiology Center (BAMC), Al-Azhar Univ., Cairo, Egypt. Actinomycetes were identified in Microbiology Department National Research Center, Cairo; Egypt.

—C. Chemical and physical determinations of Compost:

- pH was determined in 1:10 (compost: water) suspension (w/v), using glass electrode pH-meter, and Electrical conductivity "EC"(dS/m at 25°C), was determined in 1:10 (compost: water) extract as described by Jackson (1973).
- Organic carbon (%), was determined according to Walkley and Black method using O-phenanthroline as an indicator (Black et al., 1965).
- Organic matter was content (%), calculated by multiplying organic carbon percent by 1.72 (Page et al., 1982).
- Total nitrogen content, was determined in the dried compost samples using Kjeldahl digestion method as described by Jackson (1973).
- Total soluble nitrogen, content (ammoniacal and nitrate-N), was determined by steam distillation procedure using Mg Oxide-Devarda alloy method according to Black *et al.* (1965).
- Total phosphorus was determined Spectrophotometrically as described by Page et al. (1982).
- Total potassium was determined according to Page et al. (1982).
- Total iron, manganese, zinc and copper were determined by using atomic absorption spectrophotometer (model Phillips PU 9100), according to Jackson (1973).

Determination of microbial population:

Total counts of mesophilic and thermophilic bacteria were determined according to Clark (1965)., total counts of mesophilic and thermophilic fungi were determined according to Martin (1950), total counts of mesophilic and thermophilic actinomycetes were determined using Jensen,s medium as recommended by Allen (1959), counts of cellulose decomposers were estimated using Dubo,s cellulose medium (Dubos, 1928), counts of Azotobacter sp were determined using Ashby's medium as recommended by Allen (1959), counts of Azospirillum sp were determined using N-deficient medium, as recommended by Dobereiner et al. (1976), counts of N2-Fixing Bacilli bacteria were determined, as recommended by Hino and Wilson (1958), viable numbers of Azotobacter, cellulose decomposers,

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Azospirillum and N₂. Fixing Bacilli bacteria were calculated on the basis of the most probable numbers (MPN), according to Cochran,s Table (1950).

- Measurement of compost maturity:

Seed germination test, according to Pare et al. (1997), pH under anaerobic conditions was measured as an indicator for compost maturity according to Jann et al. (1959), C/N ratio could be considered as an important indicator for maturity,

E4/E6 ratio, Extinction coefficient (extinction factor or humification test) in aqueous and alkaline extract of compost was measured, according to Page et al. (1982), mesophilic/thermophilic microbial population ratio in composts could be considered as an indicator for maturity, according to Jimenez and Garcia (1989),

Dehydrogenase activity (DHA) was assayed, according to Page et al. (1982).

Nitrogenase activity (N₂-ase) was measured according to Hardy et al. (1973).

Microbial Respiration (CO₂ evolution): was determined by the procedure of Alef, and Nannipieri (1995).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Compost is an end product, resulting from organic raw materials that exposed to decomposition process by numerous microbial communities. Therefore, monitoring the different characteristics of composts originated from different sources of raw materials, mainly plant residues or cattle manure may be a good indicator to judge their efficiency and quality as a growth media and biological control agent. These characteristics are including physco-chemical and microbiological properties as well as their curing aspects.

-A. Physico – chemical and nutritional properties

The main physical and chemical properties of the two composts namely, plant Residue compost (PRC) and Cattle manure Compost (CMC), are presented in Table (41). It is evident that their bulk density and water holding capacity had reasonable values, indicating that these composts were at a considerable state of decomposition. Values of bulk density (591 and 594 kg/m ³/_m for PRC and CMC, respectively) are indicative incidence of intensive reduction of the volume of raw materials, as a result of decomposition process. These values are feasible of their incorporation with other mineral and organic materials, handling and transportation (Rynk , 1992 and Abdel-Wahab , 1999).

Regarding the chemical properties, data in Table (21) exerted that values of pH and EC were relatively high for the two tested composts, with CMC

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having higher values than PRC. The high values of EC may be due to a release of soluble salts during the decomposition of easily biodegradable organic substances (Wong et al., 2001 and Gomez-Brandon et al., 2008),

Data revealed that C/N ratio of the two composts had a suitable value i.e. 16. In this concern, many investigators stated that, when the C/N ratio is less than 20, the compost is considered mature and can be used without any restrictions Vuorinen and Saharinen, 1997.

From the agricultural standpoint, the nutrient contents of compost are very important aspect, hence the fertilizing value is evaluated through measurement of macro- and micro-nutrients. It was evident that our both composts contained appreciable contents of N, P and K, in total and available forms, beside their high contents of micronutrients, particularly the (CMC). Additionally, the presence of nutrients together with decomposing organic materials and humic substances in composts keep nutrients against loss by leaching, volatilization, precipitation or fixation, leading to increase their availability to plants (Manna et al., 2003 and Abdel Wahab, 2008).

Table (21): The main physico-chemical and nutrional properties of both used composts

Property	Plant residue compost (PRC)	Cattle manure compost (CMC)
 Bulk density (kg/m³) 	591	594
Moisture content (%)	25.7	27.4
➤ WHC (%)*	134.6	121.5
pH (in 1:10 water suspension)	7.3	8.2
EC (in 1:10 water extract) (dSm ⁻¹)	3.45	3.95
Organic C (%)	17.28	20.19
Organic matter (%)	29.72	34.73
Total N (%)	1.03	1.25
C/N ratio	16.78	16.15
Total P (%)	0.52	0.57
Total K (%)	0.61	0.77
NH, TN (ppm)	56.5	74.2
NO _{su} - N(ppm)	78.2	99.4
Total Fe (ppm)	135.4	178.8
Total Mn (ppm)	21.1	30.3
Total Zn (ppm)	27.3	43.3
Total Cu (ppm)	6.5	13.6

*Water holding capacity.

B. Microbiological aspects

Some microbiological aspects of plant residues compost (PRC) and cattle manure compost (CMC) are presented in Table (32). In general, both composts exhibited a distinct biotic potency—, being reflected by the total numbers of main groups of microorganisms and confirmed by activity of dehydrogenase enzyme (172.3 and 180.0 mg TPF/ 100g compost respectively, for PRC and CMC). Such major enzyme is considered a good and real

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indicator of overall microbial activity, as -it is involved in the respiratory chains of all organisms and it refers to bioorganic catalytic groups of most endocellular enzymes, responsible for energy acquisition (Foster et -al., 1993).-. In addition, the two composts attained high numbers of the mesophilic microorganisms than the thermophilic ones, particularly, bacteria, this indicated that these composts reached maturity. Moreover, data exerted that such compost samples displayed a high numbers of some beneficial microorganisms, and confirmed by the activity of nitrogenase enzyme (Table 32). In other words, CMC contained 0.62×10^4 , 0.55×10^4 , 0.57x 10 and 0.56 10 for Bacillus, Azospirillum, Azotobacter and cellulose decomposing bacteria, respectively. The corresponding values attained by PRC were 0.6 $\times 10^{7}$, 0.47 $\times 10^{7}$, 0.55 $\times 10^{7}$ and 0.51 $\times 10^{7}$, respectively . These results mean that these composts had diverse microbial communities and biochemical activities, which certainly leads to increase the plant growth promoting substances (Alvarez et al., 1995 and Abdel-Wahab, 2008) .Additionally, presence of these beneficial microorganisms in compost media act to maintain their survival and sustain their activities resulting in increasing their ability to suppress soil borne diseases (Hoitink and Changa,

Table (32): Microbiological aspects of both used compost

<u></u>	Plant residues compost (PRC)	Cattle manure compost (CMC)
No. of mesoophilic bacteria (x 10 ⁷ cfu/g)	7.63	7.74
No.of thermophilic bacteria (x 10/cfu/g)	0.39	0.37
No.of mesoophilic fungi (x 10 cfu/g)	6.45	6.48
No.of thermophilic fungi(x 10/cfu/g)	0.023	0.020
No.of mesoophilic actinomycets(x 10/cfu/g)	6.85	6.95
No.of thermophilic actinomycets(x10/cfu/g)	0.033	0.030
No. of <i>Bacillus</i> sp. (x 10 ⁷ cfu/g)	0.60	0.62
No.of <i>Azospirillum</i> (x 10 ⁷ cfu/g)	0.47	0.55
No.of Azotobacter (x 10 cfu/g)	0.55	0.57
No.of Cellulose dec. bact. (x 10 ⁷ cfu/g)	0.51	0.56
Dehydrogenase activity (mg TPF/ g compost)	172.3	180.0
Nitrogenase activity (nmol C ₂ H ₄ /g compost/ hr)	139.7	155.6
CO ₂ -evolution (mg CO ₂ /g)	1.67	1.73

Results illustrated in Table (43) show the common main groups of mesophilic and thermophilic microorganisms (bacteria, fungi and actinomycetes), isolated from the two compost types. As for bacteria ,the dominant mesophilic species isolated from PRC were Bacillus subtilis, B.polymyxa and B.badies, which had presence frequencies of 46.51,34.88 and 18.61 %, respectively, with one species of thermophilic bacteria identified as Bacillus stearothermophilus, which had a frequency of 100%. The dominant species inhabiting the CMC were B.Subtilis, B.Polymyxa and

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B.brevis. with frequencies of, 36.36,36.36and 27.28, respectively, and the same thermophilic species, dominating in PRC.

Regarding the fungal species, data in Table (43) reveal that the dominant mesophilic fungi inhabitating the PRC were *Trichoderma viride* and *Fusarium solani*, having frequencies of 70 and 30%, respectively. Whereas, the dominant species of mesophilic fungi in CMC were *Trichoderma ressei* and *Penicillum citrinum*, with frequencies of 66.66 and 33.34%, respectively. As for thermophilic fungal species isolated from the two compost types, they recorded markedly low numbers lower than the mesophilic ones. The two types of compost had a 100% frequency for one thermophilic fungal species, identified as *Aspergillus* sp. Concerning the actinomycetes isolated from both compost types, results in Table (43) exerted that both composts had nearly the same mesophilic —species. CMC harbored *Streptomyces antibioticus*,- *St.roseus* and -*St.gresous*, of frequencies of -44.44%, 33.33 and 22.23 %, respectively.

Table (43): The common main groups of microorganisms colonizing both used composts

Microbial groups	No. of Colonies	<u>Freq.</u> (%)	Identified microbial colony
Plan	t Residues C	ompost (PF	(C)
Mesophilic bacteria	20	46.51	Bacillus Subtilis
Mesophilic bacteria	20 15 8 3	34.88	Bacillus polymyxa
Mesophilic bacteria	<u>8</u>	<u>18.61</u>	Bacillus badies
Thermophilic bacteria	<u>3</u>	100.00	Bacillus sterothermophilic
Mesophilic fungi	<u>2</u> 1	70.00	Trichoderma viridi
Mesophilic fungi	<u>1</u>	30.00	Fusarium solani
Thermophilic fungi	<u>1</u>	100.00	Aspergillus sp.
Mesophilic actionmycetes	<u>5</u>	<u>71.42</u>	St. Antibioticus
Mesophilic actionmycetes	<u>5</u> <u>2</u>	<u>28.58</u>	St. Roseus
Thermophilic actinomycetes	<u>1</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>Thermoactinomycisdischot</u>
Thermophilic actinomycetes	<u>1</u>	50.00	Thermophilicactinomyces sp
Cat	le Manure Co	ompost (CMC	<u>C)</u>
Mesophilic bacteria	20	36.36	Bacillus subtilis
Mesophilic bacteria	20 20 15 4	36.36	Bacillus polymyxa
Mesophilic bacteria	<u>15</u>	27.28	Bacillus brevis
Thermophilic bacteria	<u>4</u>	80.00	B. stearothermophilus
Thermophilic bacteria	<u>1</u>	20.00	Bacillus sp.
Mesophilic fungi.	<u>2</u> 1	66.66	Trichoderma ressie
Mesophilic fungi	<u>1</u>	33.34	Pencillum citrinum
Thermophilic fungi	<u>1</u>	100.00	Aspergillus funigatus
Mesophilic actinomycetes	4	44.44	Streptomyces antibioticus
Mesophilic actinomycetes	4 3 2 2	33.33	Stroseus
Mesophilic actinomycetes	<u>2</u>	22.23	Stgresous
Thermophilic actinomycetes	<u>2</u>	<u>66.66</u>	<u>Thermodischotomicus</u>
Thermophilic actinomycetes	<u>1</u>	33.34	Thermoactinomyces sp.

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While in the PRC, there were only two species, St. Antibioticus and St. roseus, with frequencies of 71.42 and 28.58 %-, respectively . Regarding the thermophilic actinomycetes, two species were identified in both compost namely types. Thermoactinomycetes dischotomicus Thermoactinomycetes sp., having high frequencies. From the mentioned results, it is obvious that Bacillus subtilis and B. polymyxa are the most dominant mesophilic bacterial species, whereas the most isolated fungi were belonged to the Deteyromycetes where the prevalent genera in the two compost types were Trichoderma, Pencillum and Aspergillus . Also, the genus Streptomyces was the most prevailing mesophilic genus of actinomycetes inhabitating the composts. In fact, composition of the microbial community during composting process of manures is determined by many factors. Temperature represents a major selective factor under aerobic conditions for populations determining the rate of metabolic activities. Since the kind of starting materials and process conditions determine the community composition to a large degree, it is difficult to generalize (Ryckeboer et al., 2003). Hence, the microbiology of compost is very complex and the isolation of all bacterial species present in the compost cannot be fully accomplished (Beffa et al., 1996 and Hassen et al., 2001). However, identification of the main genera of microbial communities is very important practice for the finished composts. The genera Bacillus, Streptomyces, Trichoderma, Pencillum and Aspergillus have a vital role beside bio- degradation of organic wastes, that their ability to suppress the soil borne phytopathogens and nematodes (Oka and Yermiyahu, 2003), as well as their ability to promote grown plants through their beneficial effects such as producing the growth promoting substances and improving the nutrient availability (Vessey, 2003).

Lable (4): The common main groups of microorganisms colonizing both used composts

	Microbial groups	No. of Colonies	Freq. (%)	-Identified microbial colony
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	Mesophilic bacteria	20	46.51	Bacillus Subtilis
ı	Mesophilic bacteria	15	34.88	Bacillus polymyxa
ı	Mesophilic bacteria	8	18.61	Bacillus badies
ı	Thermophilic bacteria	3	100.00	Bacillus sterothermophilic
	Mesophilic fungi	2	70.00	Trichoderma viridi
ı	Mesophilic fungi	4	30.00	Fusarium solani
	Thermophilic fungi	4	100.00	Aspergillus sp.
I	Mesophilic actionmycetes	5	71.42	St. Antibioticus
ı	Mesophilic actionmycetes	<u>2</u>	28.58	St. Roseus
I	Thermophilic actinomycetes	4	50.00	Thermoactinomycisdischot
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Mesophilic bacteria	20	36.36	Bacillus subtilis
Mesophilic bacteria	20	36.36	Bacillus polymyxa
Mesophilic bacteria	15	27.28	Bacillus brevis
Thermophilic bacteria	4	80.00	B. stearothermophilus
Thermophilic bacteria	4	20.00	Bacillus sp.
Mesophilic fungi.	2	66.66	Trichoderma ressie
Mesophilic fungi	4	33.34	Pencillum citrinum
Thermophilic fungi	4	100.00	Aspergillus funigatus
Mesophilic actinomycetes	4	44.44	Streptomyces antibioticus
Mesophilic actinomycetes	3	33.33	Stroseus
Mesophilic actinomycetes	2	22.23	Stgresous
Thermophilic actinomycetes	2	66.66	Thermodischotomicus
Thermophilic actinomycetes	4	33.34	Thermoactinomyces sp.

the main genera of microbial communities is very important practice for the finished composts. The genera Bacillus, Streptomyces, Trichoderma, Pencillum and Aspergillus have a vital role beside bio- degradation of organic wastes, that their ability to suppress the soil borne phytopathogens and nematodes (Oka and Yermiyahu, 2003), as well as their ability to promote grown plants through their beneficial effects such as producing the growth promoting substances and improving the nutrient availability (Vessey, 2003).

C. Some maturity and stability indices

The successful utility a of compost for agricultural purposes critically depends on maturity / stability degree. Some indices of maturity and stability of the two tested composts are presented in Table (54). It is apparent that C/N ratio of both composts is at acceptable levels (16.75 and 16.15 for PRC and CMC, respectively.)— in relation to the compost maturity. Composts are usually used when their C/N ratio lies between 15 and 20, without any restrictions (Vuorinen and Saharinen (1997), pH value of the saturated compost samples, after incubation at 55°C for 24 hr., tended to remain almost neutral or slightly alkaline, confirming their maturity (Jiminez and Garcia ,1989). Ratio of optical densities of the composts extracts, at 460 and 660 nm (E_d(E_b) reflected the degree of condensation of aromatic humus nuclei, indicating thus their maturity—(-Schnitzer et al., 1993), E_d(E_b, ratios of both tested composts were relatively higher in the aqueous extracts (particularly for CMC), than those in the alkaline one. The lower values of E4/E6 ratios shown in the alkaline extracts for the two composts may indicate higher rates of humification process (Wong et al., 2001).

Germination index (GI), which combines the measure of relative seed germination and relative root elongation of cress seeds (as a reference), is the most sensitive parameter used to evaluate the toxicity and degree of

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maturity of compost (Zucconi et al.1981), The GI values of three tested reference plants, namely cress, barley and faba bean are shown in Table (5). It is evident that the obtained data for the two tested composts gave high GI values, which greatly exceeded 50 - 60 %, the values, which has been suggested as an indication of phytotoxin – free compost (Zucconi and de Bertoldi, 1987).

——In— respect to NH*_a-N / NO_{a3}-N ratio, as an index for nitrification process—, the two composts attained low values (–nitrates were more than ammonium) of such ratio, indicating that these composts had a prolonged curing stage. This means that the obtained values of NH*_a / NO_{a3} ratio reflect the maturity of both composts. These finding are in accordance with those of Bernal et al. (1998), Bentio et al. (2003) and Gomez-Brandon et al. (2008), who reported that nitrification process handily occurred under thermophilic conditions—, since temperatures greater than 40 0c inhibit the activity and growth of nitrifiers—. Hence, A NH*_a / NO_{a3}-N ratio, in favor of the oxidized form, is considered desirable for a mature compost. Accumulative CO₂ — evolution after 5 days for the two composts is considered a real index of their stability.

Data in Table (54) demonstrated that CO₂, values did not give a clear trend, and the overall CO₂, evolution rates were relatively low, indicating that the two tested composts were at a reasonable degree of stability. These results are in accordance with those obtained by Wu and Ma (2001), Bentio et al. (2003), and Abdel –Wahab et al. (2008), who found that the CO₂, evolution rate remained nearly stable during the curing phase of composting. Moreover, the high ratio between mesophilic and thermophilic bacteria confirmed the alleviation of the active composting stage, which means that these composts reached the maturity stage.

Table (54): Some maturity and stability indices of the used composts

4	Parameter	Plant residues compost (PRC)	Cattle manure compost (CMC)
	C/N ratio	16.78	16.15
V	PH of saturated water sample, at 55-A C	7.28	7.10
U	E _A /E ₆ ratio in aqueous extract (1:10)	3.62	4.91
V	E ₄ /E ₆ ratio in alkaline extract (1:10)	1.58	1.60
U	NH _a +-N/ NO ₃ - N ratio	0.72	0.75
	Seed germination index (%), for each of: *		
V	Cress	91.15	87.80
U	Barley	92.89	90.14
	faba bean	100.43	98.02
Ú	COgevolution (mgCOg/g/day), after:		
	1st day	1.33	1.40

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	2st day	1.57	1.50
	3st day	1.27	1.37
	4st day	1.33	1.27
	5st day	1.17	1.20
¢	Ratio of meso/ thermophilic bacteria	2.09	2.19

*Reference plasnts.

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تقييم خواص أنواع مختلفة من الكمبوست وكذا القيمة التسميديه لهما

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تم استخدام نوعين مختلفين من الكمبوست (كمبوست نباتي وكمبوست حيواني-)-، لدراسة م الصفات الميكروبية والفيزيوكيماوية وكذا المحتوى الغذائى لكلا النوعين وايضا صفات النضج والثبات للكمبوست.

أظهرت النتائج تباين واضح للصفات القيزوكيماوية لكلا النوعين من الكمبوست مثل الكثافة الظاهرية ، نسبة النيتروجين الى الكربون وكانت ذات قيم مناسبة وكلا النوعين يحتوى على كمية كبيرة من العناصر الغذائية وخاصة الكمبوست الحيواني-.

أظهرت الصفات الميكروبية تواجد عالى للمحتوى الميكروبي للمجموعات الرئيسية وكذلك انزيم الديهيدروجينيز وتفوق الكومبوست الحيوانى فى المحتوى الميكروبي مقارنة بالكومبوست النباتي وكانت أهم المجاميع الميكروبية المتواجدة هى : محللات السيليلوز - مثبتات النيتروجين الجوى وقد تم عمل عزلات منها وتعريفها وكانت اهم الانواع الميزوفيلية المتواجدة هي : الباسلس والترايكودرما والاستربتومايسس.

وتم فحص دلائل النضج والثبات لكلا النوعين للتأكد من جودة الكومبوست نسبة النيتروجين الى الكربون، رقم الحموضة والقلوية ، معامل الانطفاء ونسبة الامونيا الى النترات و دليل الإنبات ، وتقدير ثانى أعسيد أكسيد الكربون والذين أعطوا - دليلاً جيداً لنضج الكمبوست وثباته للاستخدام دون الى أي مشاكل .

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منسّق:الحدود: أسفل: (خط متصل فردي، تلقائي، 5.1 نقطة عرض الخط)

منسّق:الخط: ١٤ نقطة، خط اللغة العربية وغيرها: ١٤ نقطة

منسّق: المسافة البادئة: السطر الأول: 5.0 سم

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منسّق:الخط: ١٢ نقطة، دون غامق، خط اللغة العربية وغيرها: ١٦ نقطة، دون غامق منسّق:كشيدة صغيرة، اليسار لليمين

منسّق:الخط: (افتراضي) ۱۱ ،Arial نقطة، غامق، خط اللغة العربية وغيرها: Arial ،۱۱ ، نقطة، غامق

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