

## "Piled higher and deeper"- a guide to on-farm composting scheduled April 10, 2013 from 1 pm until 5 pm at SWMREC (Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center)



Have you been looking for solutions to manage the cull piles and vegetable waste that accumulate at your farm every year ?



Would you like to find a method other than burning to dispose of brush generated by-pruning operations?



During "Piled Higher and Deeper", a beginner's guide to on-farm composting, you will learn how to recycle plant waste and use it to create your own 'black gold"-a soil amendment that when made properly will increase soil organic matter, provide micronutrients and increase retention of soil moisture.



The workshop, led by MSUE's Beth Clawson and MSUE vegetable expert Dr. Ron Goldy, will cover biology and core principles of composting, site design, management and operations, precautions when making and using compost, the economics of composting, and troubleshooting. Handouts and light refreshments are included in the registration cost of \$30.00. Deadline to sign up is Friday, April 5th.



Reserve your space in this workshop to learn how you can begin creating your own "black gold".



**On-farm composting workshop, April 10, 2013 1-5 pm Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center, 1791 Hillandale Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49022 \$30/person**

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