



Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont

An organization of farmers, gardeners, and consumers working to promote an economically viable and ecologically sound Vermont food system

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Vermont Compost Company
1996 Main St
Montpelier, VT
05602

Re: VOF Approval of Vermont Compost Company Compost

To Whom It May Concern:

We have received and reviewed the procedures for producing compost from the Vermont Compost Company (VCC) located in Montpelier, Vermont. We have reviewed these procedures and have found the compost to be in compliance with the National Organic Program compost regulations. This means that producers certified by Vermont Organic Farmers LLC may use VCC compost without the waiting period that accompanies the use of raw manure.

In addition, VOF has reviewed the following compost based products and found them to be in compliance with the National Organic Program Rule and compost regulations. These are:

- 1) Compost Plus (Also referred to as Transplant Booster Mix)
- 2) Fort Vee
- 3) Lite Fortified
- 4) Perennial Container Mix
- 5) Manure Compost

Please note that the NOP has indicated that the use of the word "organic" to describe a product must be limited to those products that are certified organic under the National Organic Standards. In order to be certified a product must be agricultural. Compost and compost based products are not considered agricultural under the NOP Rule. Compost producers whose products are allowed under the standards may describe their products as "Approved for use on organic farms" or a similar statement. Currently, VOF does not allow the use of the VOF name or logo on non-certified product promotional materials or advertising.

Sincerely,

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Certification Administrator



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