Soil Life: Beyond Dirt!

Compost's Empowering Role in Sustainable Soils





Let's Grow Together

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PLANTWTHPURPOSE

When the land heals, people find hope

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ASK THE TEAM

WHERE TO BUY

Poverty and the environment are more closely connected than we might think. In fact, the majority of the world's poorest people live in rural areas. Equipped with the knowledge, tools and resources to restore and develop their land sustainably, impoverished communities are able to lift themselves out of poverty and achieve self-reliance.

This is the mission behind Kellogg's partnership with Plant With Purpose, a humanitarian organization dedicated to helping rural poor around the globe adopt sustainable farming practices that protect the land and



68.5% of PWP **Court** households in Haiti are practicing composting







Affirming THEIR Journey Plant with Purpose







The Importance of Compost for Landscape & Gardens





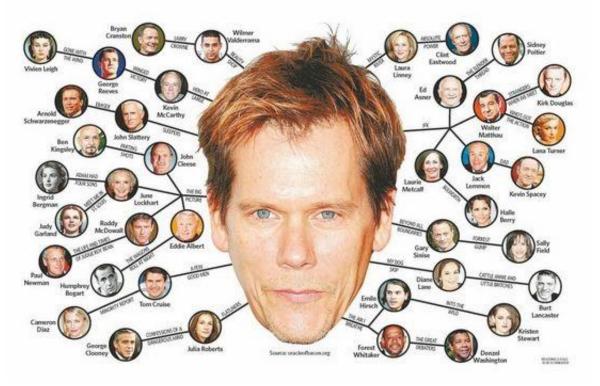




Compost – The Swiss Army Knife of Environmental Solutions!



6 Degrees of Compost

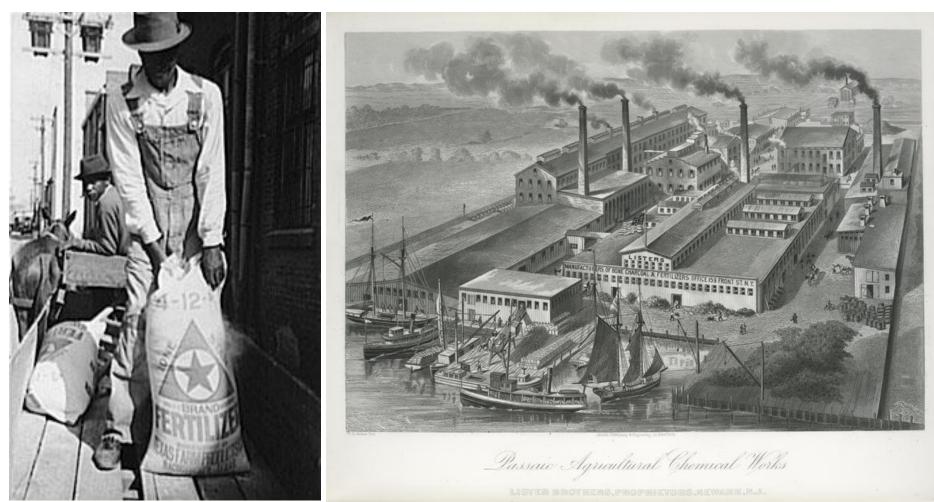


Inspired by "six degrees of separation," the theory that nobody is more than six relationships away from any other person in the world, the game was dreamed up in 1994 by Brian Turtle and two classmates at Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania. They were watching "Footloose" on TV when it was followed by another Kevin Bacon movie, and then another.

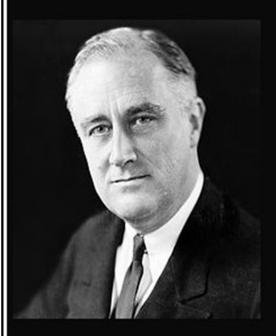




The War To End All Wars







A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people.

(Franklin D. Roosevelt) CIRCA 1937





"Much like the accidental discovery of vulcanized rubber and penicillin, Nitrohumus was discovered quite by accident."

H. Clay Kellogg CIRCA 1930's







We Were ORGANIC ...



When ORGANIC wasn't Cool!

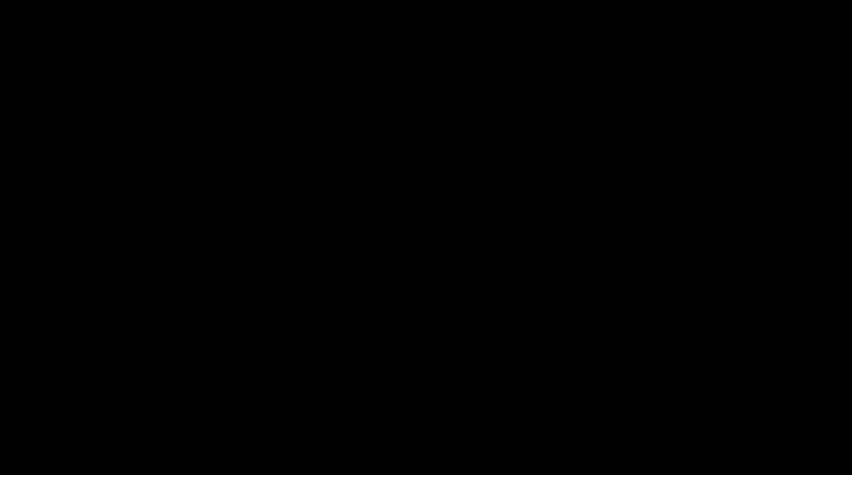












A Wonderful Life??







Research Highlights

- CO2_e Impact from:
 - Energy savings
 - Buying *RECYCLED*
 - Water conservation in our operations
 - Waste recovery
 - Displacement of chemical fertilizers
 - Water savings with use of organics in soil



What is CO2_e?

- CARBON EQUIVALENTS
- Contributing to Green House Gas
- A TON OF CO2_e IS ONE passenger's Share of a round trip flight from Seattle to London



If You Have Energy Data

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If You Have Emissions Data

Please note that these estimates are approximate and should not be used for emission inventory or formal carbon footprinting exercises. Read more about the caveats and explanations on the <u>Calculations and References page</u>

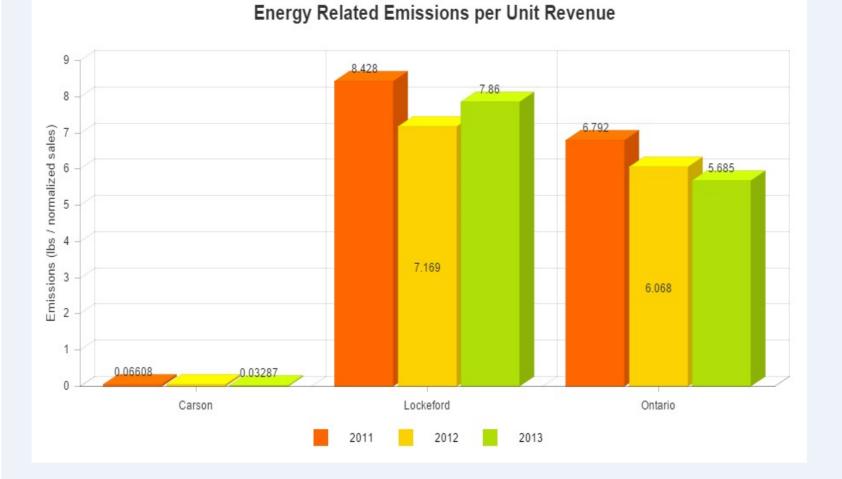
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	Metric Tons 🔹	N ₂ O - <u>Nitrous Oxide</u>
	Metric Tons 🔹	HFC-23 • Hydrofluorocarbon gases
	Metric Tons 🔹 🔹	CF4 • Perfluorocarbon gases
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How Can a Company Reduce CO2e?





Solar Panels





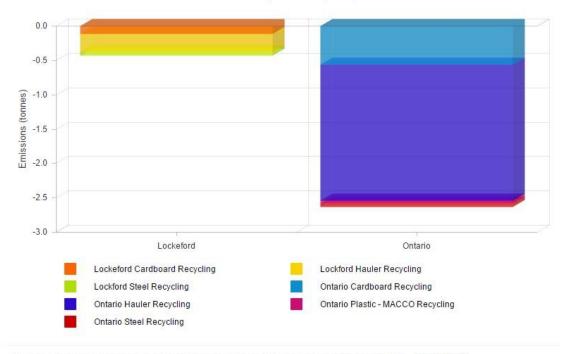
Emissions Avoided by Recycling



Kellogg Emissions in tonnes, 2011 - 2013

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9 Selected Trackers of 33 Available Trackers. (2 Excluded) Data from: 00:37 UTC on Tuesday, December 9th, 2014 🛭 🔁 🗎 🕂



Displacement of Synthetics

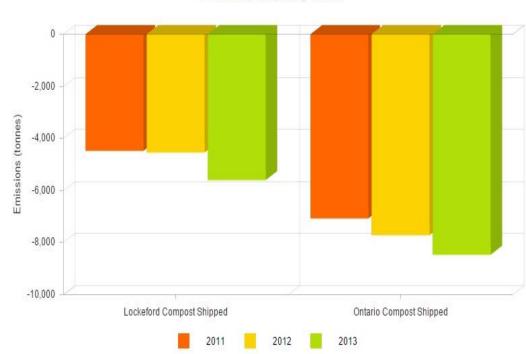
Product Benefits

Kellogg manufactures compost and mulch, each of which lead to significant environmental benefits.

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Displacement of Synthetic Fertilizer

In shipping organic compost, Kellogg and its customers displace the use of emissions intensive synthetic fertilizers. This results in significant avoided emissions.

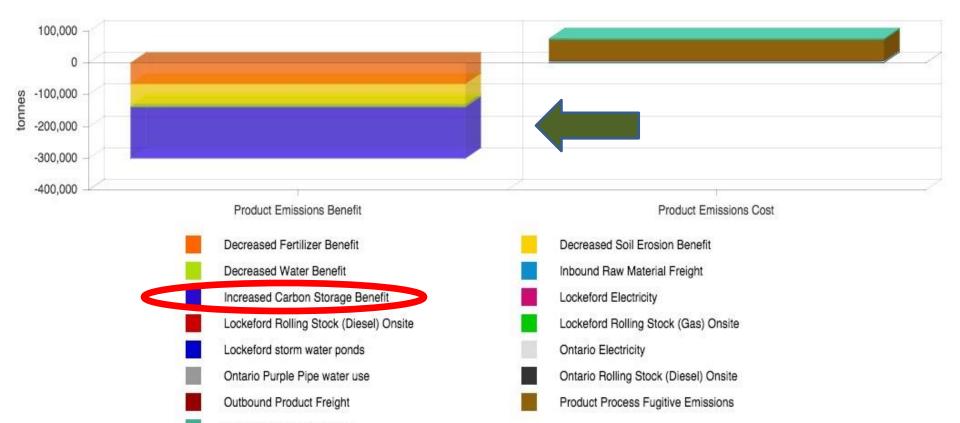


Kellogg Emissions in tonnes, 2011 - 2013 2 Trackers, Grouped by Tracker + / 🖬 🖻



Compost USE in Soil Benefits Outweigh Costs

Emissions, 2014



one teaspoon of healthy soil contains...

100 million -200 loillion -

did you know?

Millions of species and billions of organisms—bacteria, algae, microscopic insects, earthworms, beetles, ants, mites, fungi and more reside in the soil—representing the greatest concentration of biomass anywhere on the planet.

Microbes, which make up only 1-half of 1 percent of the total soil mass, are the yeasts, algae, protozoa, bacteria, nematodes, and fungi that process organic matter into rich, dark, stable humus in the soil.

individual bacteria

Microscopic life and processes below ground are more abundant than life above the ground.



LET'S SEE WHAT KIND OF LIFE IS LIVING

IN ORGANIC SOIL



Gromulch Under Microscope





THERE ARE 4 main organisms THAT MUST BE PRESENT TO PROVIDE



all of the **NUTRIENTS** and **PROTECTION** *NEEDED FOR*



MAXIMUM PLANT GROWTH





Bacteria Nematodes





Fungi Protozoa





So what do they do?







Bacteria





- Decomposes Organic Matter
- Nutrients locked in the bodies are cycled and consumed
- Suppress Disease
- Breakdown of hard to decompose compounds
- Starburst of Fertilizer for roots



Nematodes – Top of the Food Chain



- Control disease
- Cycle nutrients
- Disperse bacteria & fungi
- Predator for

root-feeding nematode

NEMATODE PREDATOR THAT EATS BACTERIA AND OTHER HARMFUL NEMATODES

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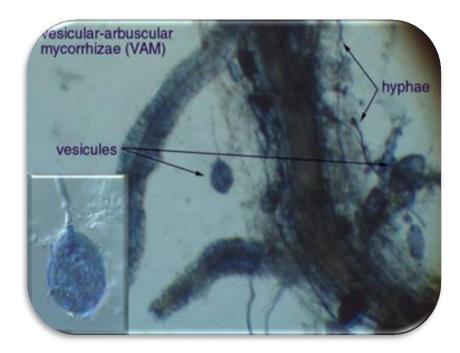
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- Decompose Organic Matter
- Glomalin secretion develops soil structure
- Extract nutrients
- Hold nutrients







MYCORRHIZAE

Mycorrhizae are fungi that attach themselves to plant roots in a mutually beneficial relationship.

Benefits to plants:

- Expands the root mass of the plant by 100 to 1000 times
- Improves nutrient and water uptake
- Improves plant growth and yield
- Reduces transplant shock
- Reduces stress from salt and drought





Compost and the Rhizosphere

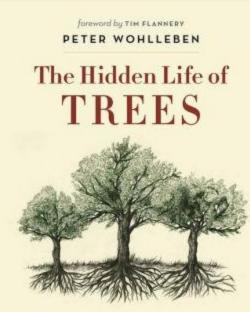


- Area immediately surrounding the plant roots
- Has the highest biological activity due to the high concentration of photosynthetically-derived carbon
- Has some of the greatest impact on soil structure
- Most impacted by aboveground management
- Living roots release exudates
- These compounds attract Bacteria that feed on the proteins and sugars
- Protozoa and Nematodes feed on the bacteria
- Nutrient cycling & disease suppression start right here



The Secret Life of Trees

- Arboreal Mutuality with fungi and roots
- Trees Communicate
- Complicated pheromones
- Protective toxins
- Distant Groves receive Information
- Amazing Life Under our Feet!



What They Feel, How They Communicate

Discoveries from a Secret World









Helping People Grow Beautiful and Healthy Gardens...Organically in the most environmentally responsible and restorative manner ...





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