



## USCC 2010 Pre-Conference Workshop

January 24, 2010

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### How to Use Compost: Fruit, Vegetables, Ornamentals, Golf Courses, Landscaping, Forestry, Diseases Suppression and Organic Agriculture

Once compost has passed regulatory health and safety standards, fruit, vegetable, ornamental and organic growers and producers are interested in potential benefits of its use. Appropriate compost utilization for agriculture, horticultural and landscape products must ensure a proper balance between organic applied nutrients and the nutrients needs of the particular crop being produce, and must consider potentially harmful effects such as plant phytotoxicity and or presence of heavy metals. Professionals who complete the training will be able to learn compost use in specific crops based in composting principles and promote the improvement of soil physical, chemical and biological properties by the correct use of composts. To evaluate the effectiveness of the training, pre and post-tests will be administered before and after the training program.

#### **Instructors:**

**Dr. Monica Ozores-Hampton**, Research Associate at the University of Florida/SWFREC more than decade researching compost production and utilization. President of Ozores-Hampton & Associates, Inc.

**Dr. Ronald French-Monar**, Texas AgriLife Extension-Texas A&M System, Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology, Amarillo, TX. *Extension Plant Pathologist and Plant Disease Diagnostician.*

**Dr. Donald Rockwood**, Professor University of Florida. Teach mensuration and conduct forest genetics research. Research include tree improvement of eucalyptus and cottonwood, development of systems for short-rotation woody crops, and phytoremediation.

## Workshop Agenda

- 8:30 am** Introductions and Pre-Test (M.O-H.)  
**9:00** Compost Benefits and Quality Considerations (M.O-H.)  
**9:30** Compost Use in Fruit production (M.O-H.)
- 10:00** Break.
- 10:30** Use of Compost in Vegetable Production Systems (M.O-H.)  
**11:00** Compost Use in Ornamental Nursery and Container Prod. (M.O-H)  
**11:30** Compost use in Golf courses and Turf Management (M.O-H)
- 12:00 pm** Lunch
- 1:00** Sustainable Landscaping (M.O-H)  
**1:30** Compost Use in Forestry Crops (Donald L. Rockwood)  
**2:00** Disease Suppression and Compost (Ronald Ronald French-Monar)  
**2:30** Compost in Organic horticulture (M.O-H.)
- 3:00** Break
- 3:15** Open Discussion of Compost Use (all)  
**4:15** Examination  
**4:45** Workshop Evaluation Form  
**5:00** Questions & Answers/Adjourn