



CCSMM

CT Coalition for Sustainable
Materials Management

Food Scraps / Organics Collection & Diversion Working Group Meeting

November 4, 2020

10:00 – 12:00

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- Welcome & Introductions, Co-chairs:
 - Katie Dykes, Commissioner
 - Ronald McDaniel, Mayor Town of Montville

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Focus of Today's Presentations/Discussion:

- **Jon Fife**, Smart Feed Tech Board Member– **Commercial Animal Feed from Food Waste**
- **Dawn Pettinelli**, UConn Master Composter Program Director, Associate Extension Educator Department of Plant Science & Landscape Architecture, University of Connecticut – **Educational Resources to Support Backyard Composting**
- **Steve Changaris**, National Waste & Recycling Association CT Chapter Director - **Co-collection of Organics from the Hauler Perspective**

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- Q & A for Panelists
- Comments/Discussion for municipal participants

NOTE: For non-municipal attendees, to submit comments, use the CHAT box or submit them through [the public engagement request for comments and solutions](#)

New Resource: DEEP Factsheet

Created by Daria Larson, an intern from UConn

Farmers throughout the state were contacted to see if they were interested in accepting food waste for animal feed.



FOOD WASTE HIERARCHY

When food waste cannot be donated for human consumption, animal feed is the next best option



Taken from: <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/food-recovery-hierarchy>

BENEFITS

- Resource and energy efficient
- Reduce feed cost
- Environmentally friendly
- Build partnerships
- Nutritious supplement for diet

EXAMPLES OF COMMONLY ACCEPTED FOOD

- Fruit/veggie scraps
- Bread/pastries
- Spent grains
- Brewery waste

MORE INFORMATION

- Before accepting prepared/hot food, please contact the Department of Consumer Protection and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Legal fact sheet, "Connecticut Food Donation: Feeding Food Scraps to Animals"
 - available through the DEEP website, use search term "Connecticut Food Donation"

FARMER TESTIMONIAL

"Anytime you can find a source of food waste it is worth it -- it's better than paying for grain or corn and better than throwing it away"

Thomas Millaras, Millaras Piggery

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ACCEPTING FOOD WASTE, CONTACT
| CAREN HARDER | CAREN.HARDER@CT.GOV | (860) 424-3277
Caren works for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to partner farmers with generators of food scraps

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Discuss Focus/S.W.O.T. (Strength/Weakness/Opportunity/Threat) of the following key solutions:

- **Policy/ Legislation**
- **Financing**
- **Infrastructure + Permitting**
- **Technical Assistance + Education**
- **Collection Systems + Storage**
- **Food Donation**

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Polling and Discussion Opportunity

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Next Steps & Schedule:

- **Nov 16th (1-3pm) - Full CCSMM Coalition meeting**
- **Nov 19th (1-3pm)** - Discussion to include an overview and update on the Organic Food Waste law and compliance support from DEEP
- **Dec 10th (1-3pm)**
- **Dec 16 (1-3pm) - Full CCSMM Coalition meeting**
- **January 5th (1-3pm) - Full CCSMM Coalition meeting**

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Submit CCSMM comments to - DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov