Intuitive Inoculation

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early inspirations







Biochar layered into piles as they are constructed from a varied and broad range of materials (what's in season?)



• When used as seed starting medium the final product is sifted Through 1/2" mesh typical from the

• typically heats up when first built

• worms appear as the pile cools down



three to four turnings over nine to twelve+ months (no hurry)





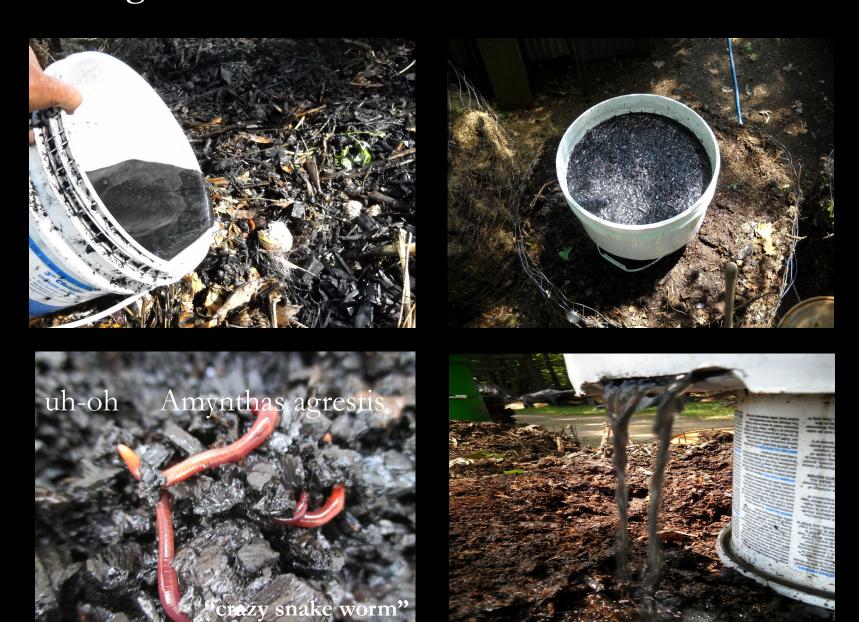
Urine soaked char often added at turnings, if available

rinal "turning" is processing through hammer mill (more uring/charadded)



Teas and ferments added sporadically (what's in eason?)

Feeding the worms ----- tens of thousands of them



ANALYSIS REPORT FOR COMPOST

SOIL AND PLANT TISSUE TESTING LABORATORY WEST EXPERIMENT STATION UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST, MA 01003

Lab Number: C120410-109

Bag Number: 107406

SAMPLE INFORMATION

DOUG CLAYTON 50 BULLARD ROAD JAFFREY, NH 03452 COMPOSTING METHOD: HAND TURNED

AGE: 9 MONTHS INTENDED USE:

COMPONENTS: MANURE, HAY, LEAVES, KI

TCHENWASTE, BIOCHAR

COMPOST ANALYSIS REPORT

SAMPLE ID: BIOCHAR ONE

Moisture As Received: 45.7 %

Moist Bulk Density: 0.56 grams/cm3 (0.47 tons/yd3)

Coarse Fragments: 24.5

pH(v:v): 6.8

Soluble Salts (Elec. Cond.): 2.71 dS/M

Total Nitrogen: 1.50 % (7.7 lbs/yd3) Nitrate-N: 757 mg/kg (0.39 lbs/yd3) Ammonium-N: 6 mg/kg (0.00 lbs/yd3)

Organic Matter: 33.2 %
Estimated Organic Carbon: 17.9 % Carbon/Nitrogen Ratio: 12.0

NUTRIENT RATING

NUTRIENT LE	VELS:	PPM	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	VERY	HIGH
Phosphorus	(P)	555	XXXXXXXXXX	xxxxxxxxxxxxx	XXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXX	
Potassium	(K)	3154	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
Calcium	(Ca)	5305	XXXXXXX				
Magnesium	(Mar)	1380	xxxxxxxxxxx	XXXX			

EQUIVALENT BASE CATION PERCENTAGES Ca = 57.8 Mg = 24.7 K = 17.6

POTENTIAL ACIDITY 0.0 lbs CaCO3/yd3

EXTRACTABLE MICRONUTRIENTS

MICRONUTR]	ENT	mg/kg	COMPOST RANGE
Boron	(B)	3.1	(0.5-20)
Manganese	(Mn)	33.1	(5-200)
Zinc	(Zn)	14.3	(5-50)
Copper	(Cu)	0.4	(0.5-5)
Iron	(Fe)	5.2	(5-200)

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Lab Number: C120531-106 Bag Number: 109689

SAMPLE INFORMATION

DOUG CLAYTON 50 BULLARD ROAD JAFFREY, NH 03452 COMPOSTING METHOD: HAND TURNED

AGE: FINSHED

INTENDED USE: GARDEN

COMPONENTS: C120410-109 AGED/EXP

OSED TO WEATHER

COMPOST ANALYSIS REPORT

SAMPLE ID: BIOCHAR-2

Moisture As Received: 51.8 %

Moist Bulk Density: 0.55 grams/cm3 (0.46 tons/yd3)

Coarse Fragments: 10.9

pH (v:v): 7.2

Soluble Salts (Elec. Cond.): 0.93 dS/M

Total Nitrogen: 1.21 % (5.4 lbs/yd3)

Nitrate-N: 156 mg/kg (0.07 lbs/yd3)

Ammonium-N: 0 mg/kg (0.00 lbs/yd3)

Organic Matter: 35.2 %

Estimated Organic Carbon: 19.0 %

Carbon/Nitrogen Ratio: 15.8

NUTRIENT RATING

EQUIVALENT BASE CATION PERCENTAGES
Ca =63.4 Mg =25.7 K =11.1

POTENTIAL ACIDITY 0.0 lbs CaCO3/yd3

EXTRACTABLE MICRONUTRIENTS

MICRONUTI		mg/kg	_COMPOST RANGE
Boron	(B)	3.0	(0.5-20)
Zinc	(Zn)	13.3	(5-50)
Copper	(Cu)	0.4	(0.5-5)
Iron	(Fe)	3.2	(5-200)





















Preparing a pepper bed with 1"of biochar compost cut into the top 6"







