



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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Karl Hammer & Jennifer Whitman
Vermont Compost Company
1996 Main St
Montpelier, VT 05602

Re: Vermont Organic Farmers Approval of Vermont Compost Company

To Whom It May Concern:

We have received and reviewed the procedures for producing compost from Vermont Compost Company located in Montpelier, Vermont. We have also conducted an on-site inspection to verify compost production practices. Vermont Organic Farmers (VOF) has reviewed Vermont Compost Company's practices and procedures and have found the compost and associated compost based products to be in compliance with the National Organic Program compost regulations. This means that producers certified by VOF may use Vermont Compost Company 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) VCC Fort Vee Potting Soil
- 2) VCC Fort Light Potting Soil
- 3) VCC Perennial Mix
- 4) VCC Compost Plus
- 5) VCC Garden Mix

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 approved by VOF under the standards may describe their products as "Approved for use on organic farms by Vermont Organic Farmers" or a similar statement. Currently, VOF does not allow the use of the VOF logo on non-certified product promotional materials or advertising.

Sincerely,

Nicole Dehne
Certification Administrator



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