

PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project Title: Dairy compost for recreational turf

Project Lead: [Texas Cooperative Extension](#)

Principal Funding Provided By: [TCEQ \(TWRI\)](#)

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Project Partner(s): [Texas Agricultural Experiment Station](#)

Project Description: Turf in parks, sports complexes or ornamental horticultural settings is widespread. The efficacy of applying dairy manure compost to these areas is being demonstrated in 28 north-central Texas counties in an effort to create markets for dairy manure compost outside impaired watersheds.

Project Benefits: If compost use on recreational turf increases, wider application of this material will result in two benefits: sequestration of manure Phosphorus (P) in stable, perennial grass systems and the export of high-P manure compost to regions whose soils are deficient in P.

Project Schedule: 2004-2005

Project Status: Demonstrations are being implemented