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Client: COUNTRY GARDEN FARMS	Product: CGF2023-01	Date Reported: 09/25/22
Attn: Jacob Odegard	Date Sampled: 09/01/22	Laboratory # C22-1108
1201 S Grover Lane	Date Received: 09/07/22	Revised by Brent Thyssen, CPSSC
Palmer, AK 99645	Invoice #: C22-1108	PO#:
907-903-6014		

Nutrients

Method	As Received	Dry Wt.	Units	Low	Normal	High	Typical Range
Moisture	70 C	39	%	*****			15 to 40
Solids	70 C	61	%	*****			60 to 85
pH	1:5	7.9	NA	SU	*****		5.5 to 8.5
E.C. (Sol. Salts)	1:5	0.86	1.42	mmhos/cm	*****		below 5.0
Total N	TMECC 04.02D	0.61	1.00	%	*****		1 to 5
Organic C	TMECC 04.01A	7.9	13.0	%	*****		18 to 45
Organic Matter	TMECC 05.07A	22.7	37.4	%	*****		40 to 60
Ash	550 C	38.1	62.6	%	*****		40 to 60
Ammonium -N	TMECC 05.02C	22	36	mg/kg	*****		90 to 450
Nitrate-N	TMECC 04.02B	54	89	mg/kg	*****		50 to 250
Chloride	TMECC 04.12D	820	1348	mg/kg	*****		500 to 5000
Sulfate-S	TMECC 04.12D	78	128	mg/kg	*****		
CaCO₃	TMECC 04.08A	32	52	lbs/T	*****		20 to 80
Phosphorous	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.19	0.32	%	*****		
P₂O₅	calculation	0.44	0.73	%	*****		1 to 8
Potassium	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.39	0.65	%	*****		
K₂O	calculation	0.47	0.78	%	*****		3 to 12
Calcium	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.80	1.3	%	*****		0.5 to 10
Magnesium	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.40	0.65	%	*****		0.05 to 0.7
Sodium	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.04	0.07	%	*****		0.05 to 0.7
Sulfur	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.09	0.15	%	*****		0.1 to 1.0
Boron	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	1	1	mg/kg	*****		25 to 150
Zinc	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	61	101	mg/kg	*****		100 to 600
Manganese	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	287	471	mg/kg	*****		250 to 750
Copper	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	23	37	mg/kg	***		100 to 500
Iron	TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	10689	17570	mg/kg	*****		1000 to 25000
C/N ratio		13	ratio	*****			18 to 24
C/P Ratio		41	ratio	*****			80 to 140
Aq Index		10	ratio	*****			3 to 10

Respiration & Stability

Method	Units	Low	Normal	High	Normal
CO₂ Evolution	TMECC 05.08	0.1	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM/day	***	1 to 7
	TMECC 05.08	0.1	mg CO ₂ -C/g TS/day	***	0.5 to 5
Stability Rating	Very Stable				

Sample was received, handled and tested in accordance with TMECC procedures

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Cucumber Bioassay

Method	Units	Low	Normal	Normal
Emergence TMECC 05.05A	93 %	*****	*****	80 to 100
Vigor TMECC 05.05A	100 %	*****	*****	85 to 100
Maturity	Very Mature: safe for use in containers			

Pathogens

			Date Tested	9/13/2022			
Method			units	Low	Normal	High	Normal
Fecal Coliforms	TMECC 07.01AB	Not Tested	MPN/g				Less than 1000
Salmonella	TMECC 07.02A	ND	MPN/4g	Pass	*		Less han 3
ND = None Detected			Fecal Coliforms MDL	3.8	MPN/g	Salmonella MDL	1 MPN/4g

EPA 503 Metals

Method	Dry Wt.	Units	Low	Normal	High	MDL	EPA Limit
Arsenic TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	3.1	mg/kg	****			0.78	41
Cadmium TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	<MDL	mg/kg				0.42	39
Chromium TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	22.2	mg/kg				0.09	-
Cobalt TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	6.5	mg/kg	****			0.07	1200
Copper TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	37.4	mg/kg	****			0.13	1500
Mercury TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	0.03	mg/kg	****			0.004	17
Molybdenum TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	9.3	mg/kg	*****			0.05	75
Nickel TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	11.0	mg/kg	****			0.36	420
Lead TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	2.4	mg/kg	****			0.60	300
Selenium TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	<MDL	mg/kg				1.40	100
Zinc TMECC 04.12B/04.14A	101	mg/kg	****			0.27	2800
Metals Assay		Pass					

Particle Size Distribution TMECC 2.02 B & C

inches	mm	% Passing	Inerts	% by wt.
3	76.2	100		
2	50	100	Total Plastic	0.00
1	25	100	Film Plastic	0.00
3/4	19.1	100	Glass	0.00
5/8	16	100	Metal	0.00
1/2	12.5	99	Sharps	0.00
3/8	9.5	97		
1/4	6.3	87		

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NUTRIENT REPORT

SAMPLE I.D.: CGF2023-01

	<u>%SOLIDS</u>	<u>%WATER</u>
As Received:	60.84	39.16

TOTAL ELEMENTS	-----100% DRY-----		----AS RECEIVED-----	
	%	lbs/ton	%	lbs/ton
TN	1.00	20.00	0.61	12.2
P	0.32	6.35	0.19	3.9
P205	0.73	14.61	0.44	8.9
K	0.65	12.92	0.39	7.9
K20	0.78	15.50	0.47	9.4
S	0.15	3.00	0.09	1.8
Ca	1.32	26.4	0.80	16.1
Mg	0.65	13.06	0.40	7.9
Na	0.07	1.30	0.04	0.8
C	13.00	260	7.9	158
	mg/kg	lbs/ton	mg/kg	lbs/ton
Zn	101	0.20	61	0.12
Mn	471	0.94	287	0.57
Cu	37	0.07	23	0.05
Fe	17570	35.14	10689	21.4
B	1	0.00	0.61	0.00
Nitrate N	89	0.18	54.0	0.11
Ammonium N	36	0.07	22	0.04
C:N Ratio			13	
pH			7.9	
E.C.	1.42		0.86	



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INTERPRETATION GUIDE	

SAFETY INTERPRETATIONS

Pathogens

Fecal coliform bacteria are present in the gut and fecal matter of warm-blooded animals. Their presence is used as an indicator of the presence of possible human pathogens. The heat generated during proper composting is lethal to fecal coliform and other human pathogens. A test value below 1,000 per gram of compost is considered generally safe for human contact. As the compost is stored or transported, the temperature is no longer lethal for coliform bacteria and there is the possibility for regrowth or contamination by birds or other animals.

Your compost was not tested for fecal coliform.

Salmonella is a human pathogenic bacteria and a good indicator of other human pathogens. It is regularly used to monitor the likelihood of human pathogen presence in biosolids.

Your compost was tested for salmonella bacteria and found to be:

VERY SAFE

Heavy Metals

9 heavy metals were identified with maximum concentration limits for land application in biosolids by USEPA in 40 CFR Part 503.B. Ongoing applications to the land are prohibited if any metal concentration exceeds the limits in Table 3 of Part 503.13.

If the bars on the "Heavy Metals" for your compost are within or below the "Normal" range, your compost is safe to use as a soil amendment.

COMPOST STABILITY AND MATURITY

Respiration

Respiration is the measurement of microbially generated CO₂ from the compost when incubated at optimal temperature and moisture. It provides an indication of whether the composting process is complete and whether the compost is mature and ready for use. However, other factors may be limiting microbial activity (see C:N Ratio below)

Your Compost was rated as Very Stable: well cured, finished compost; no odors or plant toxicity

Maturity

Bioassay

Cucumbers are grown in a fixed blend of your compost and a commercial potting mix maintained at optimum moisture and temperature. Cucumbers are relatively insensitive to salinity, but very sensitive to ammonia, organic acids and herbicide residue. Emergence and Vigor are rated: results greater than 80% indicate that your compost is mature and/or contains no herbicide carryover. Very high salinity can also reduce assay results.

Your Compost Emergence % **93** Your Compost vigor % **100**

Total Nitrogen, Nitrate & Ammonium

Ammonia is produced as a gas in the early stages of composting. The ammonium is nitrified to nitrate as the compost matures. Ammonia is toxic to plants at relatively low concentrations but under moist conditions is converted to ammonium which is less toxic. Nitrate is not toxic, but does contribute to overall salinity if very high. The pH of the compost typically starts out low as organic acids are released, then increases as ammonia is produced, then settles back towards neutral (7.0) as ammonium is nitrified and the compost matures.

Your Compost Ammonium level was **36** Your Compost Ammonium Nitrate ratio was **0**
Your Compost Ammonium:Total N ratio was **0.00** Your Compost pH was **7.9**

Considering all the factors above, your Compost is Very Mature: safe for use in containers

FERTILITY INTERPRETATIONS

C:N Ratio

The carbon to nitrogen ratio is important to determine 1) if the composting process is complete or simply stalled out because of lack of nitrogen and 2) whether the compost, when applied to the soil, will act as a source of nitrogen for the crop or become a sink causing the crops to starve for nitrogen.

Your C:N ratio was **13** **Your compost will tend to release available N for crop use.**

Ag Index

The Ag Index is the sum of nutrients N, P & K divided by the sum of non-nutrient salts Na & Cl. It provides an indication of whether your compost is a reasonable source of nutrients or primarily a source of organic matter for your soil.

Your Ag index was **10** **Your compost is a good source of nutrients and organic matter**

Electrical Conductivity/Salinity

Electrical Conductivity is a convenient way to evaluate the soluble salts or salinity of a compost. High salinity is damaging to plants.

The EC of your Compost was **1.4** **M. Low: generally safe to use directly as a topsoil**