

ANIMAL MORTALITY FACILITY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

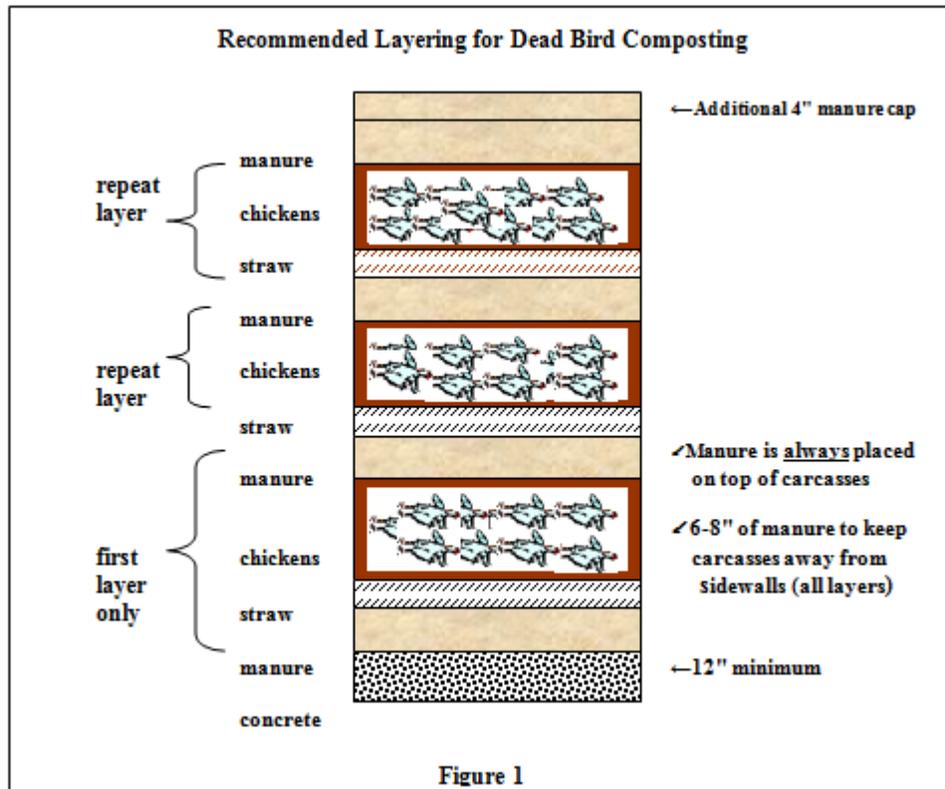
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A properly operated and maintained animal mortality facility is an asset to your farm. This structure was designed and installed to handle the normal daily mortality from your operation. The practice must be maintained for the life span of the practice which is 15 years. The life of the structure can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This structure will require you to perform periodic maintenance and may also require operational items to maintain satisfactory performance. The following actions shall be carried out to insure that the practice functions as intended throughout its life span.

1. Follow the recipe and procedures outlined in the operation and maintenance plan. (See Figure 1)
2. Fill the first primary disposal bin completely before starting the second bin. For channel type animal mortality facilities, fill channel in a manner that allows mortalities to be layered and covered daily, and subsequent daily mortalities to be layered and covered without disturbing existing material.
3. Monitor the temperature with a 36 inch "probe-type" thermometer.
4. Material in bins and channels shall obtain a temperature of 130° for at least 5 days. Closely monitor temperatures above 165°F. Take action immediately to cool piles that have reached temperatures above 185°F.
5. Best results will be achieved with storage in a covered area for 30 days. Storage depths should not exceed 7 feet.
6. Always keep the dead birds covered with a minimum of 4 inches of manure to discourage insects and vermin.
7. When channel type animal mortality facilities/animal mortality alleys are used for the disposal of mortalities, manure shall be kept under roof. Any manure outside of roof coverage shall be cleaned up and placed back inside manure structure.
8. Immediately repair any vehicular or livestock damage to the structure.
9. Repair damaged concrete surfaces.
10. Repair or replace rusted or damaged metal and paint.
11. Repair or replace rotted or damaged wood members.



SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR INSTALLATION

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE OFFICE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE YOU MIGHT NEED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR YOUR STRUCTURE.

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Landowner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Operator Signature: _____ Date: _____

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