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Compost on the Farm

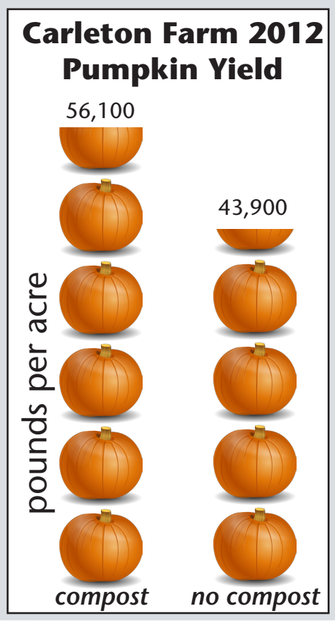
Why Foodcycle?

Recycling food waste like pumpkins after Halloween, into your yard waste cart puts them back in the loop to become compost for our farmers.

Research shows...

Research conducted by WSU Snohomish County Extension shows that using commerical food and yard waste compost can result in increased yield and better flavor.

Trials at Carleton Farm near Lake Stevens resulted in an up to 25% increase in pumpkin yield.



Sweet corn trials showed increases in marketable ear weight.

In addition, 58% of customers participating preferred the taste of sweet corn grown using compost.

sweet corn taste testers

So...what's up with these signs?

When you see these signs in a field, you'll know the farmer is experimenting with using compost and has set up a side by side trial!

Learn more about farms that are using compost at ***snohomish.wsu.edu/compost***

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