

# 5 Easy Steps for Composting Dead Livestock

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## Step 1

Place 2 feet of base material in pile or long row, depending on number of carcasses to be composted.



## Step 2

Lay carcass on top of base. Have at least 1 foot of base material between perimeter of carcass and edge of base.



## Step 3

If composting cattle, puncture the rumen to prevent it from exploding.



## Step 4

Cover carcass with 8 to 10 inches of bulking material.



## Step 5

Cover the entire pile or long row with 2 feet of cover material.



## Composting Material

- Base material: straw, old hay, coarse crop residues (corn stalks)
- Bulking material: manure or spoiled silage
- Cover material: straw, old hay, sawdust

## Things To Remember

- Make sure pile always has sufficient cover material.
- Turn pile every six months from early spring to late fall.
- To accelerate composting, turn pile every two months from early spring to late fall.
- Do not disturb pile or long row during winter months.
- Existing compost can be used to cover new piles or long row sections.

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