Check in and continental breakfast at 8:30 am. Program starts at 9:00 am.

The Big Picture
State of Composting in the U.S. | Ken McEntee, Composting News
Hear about the current trends in composting in the U.S.

Using Compost: Finding New Market Opportunities
Benefits of Organics in Crop Production | Tom Menke, Menke Consulting, Inc.
Learn about the nutrient availability of compost and other organic materials and how to assess their value in crop production.

Using Compost in Organic Food Production | Moderator: Bart Morr, Paradise Composting
Panel: Claire Saunders, Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association | Bridget Burgess, Hirzel Farms | Todd Schriver, Rock Dove Farm
Learn about the requirements for using compost in organic food production. Hear producers’ experiences in making and using compost for organic food.

New Composting Rules: The Inside Scoop | Angel Arroyo-Rodriguez, Ohio EPA
Get the latest on composting regulations in Ohio.

Creating Compost: Finding New Market Opportunities
The Big Hanna at Akron Zoo | Christopher Norman and Kathleen Balogh, Akron Zoo
Installed in 2018 as part of its green operations, this in-vessel composting system is up and running but has had a few challenges along the way.

Operator Forum: Food Waste Collection | Moderator: Marcie Kress, Summit ReWorks
Panel: David Andre, GoZERO Services | Dan Brown, Rust Belt Riders | Bob Schanz, Barnes Composting
While many schools, restaurants and others want their food scraps composted, transportation is an issue. These operators are delivering creative options.

Operator Forum: Controlling Odors | Moderator: Jim Skora, GT Environmental
Panel: Fred Michel, Ohio State University | John Ries, Pond Lift | Gary Tomlinson, Drylet
Odors are the #1 reason compost facilities close, but using best management practices can reduce the risk and commercial products can help.

Registration cost: Include continental breakfast and lunch. Registration is limited.
General registration: $75  Student registration: $25
Online registration only. Click here to register.

Registered Sanitarian CEUs: Continuing education units: 4.25 hours have been approved.
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