

# **Development of Vermicompost Unit**

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# **Vermicompost**

Product of decomposition process using various species of worms eg. Red worms, to create a mixture of decomposing material which can be used as compost

## **VERMICOMPOSTING METHODOLOGY**



Fig 1: Construction of enclosure unit



Fig 2: Plastering of the compost floor and walls



Fig 3: Mixing of cowdung slurry



Fig 4: Addition of dry biomass (for the 1<sup>st</sup> layer



Fig 5: Addition of cowdung slurry (for the 1<sup>st</sup> layer)



Fig 6: Addition of earthworms



Fig 7: Preparation of compost cover



Fig 8: Complete setup of vermicomposting unit

**Note:** Steps 5-7 are to be repeated for subsequent layers till the compost unit is completely filled

## **Name of Construction materials used in making the different types of Composting Unit and Size in cubic-metre (L x B x Ht/ Depth):**

<b>Composting unit</b>	<b>Bamboo (14 ft)</b>	<b>Wooden Plank</b>	<b>Clay (Kg)</b>	<b>Thatch grass</b>	<b>Size of the enclosure unit (LxBxHt)</b>
Vermicompost	7	8	50	4 bundles	2x1x1m <sup>3</sup>

### **•Name of different bio – mass used and quantity in Kg:**

<b>Composting unit</b>	<b>Cowdung (Kg)</b>	<b>Brown biomass (Kg)</b>
Vermi	150	Micrantha (200), Cynodon (200), Tender thatch grass (100), Cyperia (200), leaves of “diengngan” (100)

2000 Nos of worms

## **Time of Harvesting and Quantity harvested**

### **Vermi compost**

Harvesting time: 2 – 3 Months

Quantity-500 Kg