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Dairy Farmer

Stanhope (west of Shepparton)

ON FARM COMPOSTING WITH GROUNDSWELL SYSTEM

Organic dairy farm with around 280 milking cows

Approx 600/700 ton of compost made in 2 stacks

Components used

- **Old straw/hay bales**
- **Feedpad waste**
- **Dairy effluent – manure pit (dairy)**
- **Calf shed bedding (wood shavings)**
- **Laneway scrapings**
- **Some pig manure**
- **VRM Biologic Groundswell Multi-Feed A**
- **VRM Groundswell Multi – Feed B**

Equipment used

- **Telehandler**
- **Manure spreader**
- **Water tanker**
- **Silage pit cover**

Cost

- **Loader hire** **\$880**
 - **Spreader hire** **\$1680**
 - **Labour** **\$1920**
 - **VRM Multi Feed A** **\$4510**
 - **VRM Multi Feed B** **\$4510**
- Total** **\$13500 plus gst**
- Silage pit cover x 2** **\$1500?**

Benefits

- **Use up waste material**
- **Not time consuming process**
- **Doesn't take up a lot of space**
- **Contains emissions during process**

What would I do differently?

- **Add more pig manure**
- **Put all the product through manure spreader**
- **Use a manure spreader to spread it**