

Panel Discussion

Food Waste Management Solutions Workshop:

Getting the Most Out of Unavoidable Food Waste

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- What is missing in the equation to get more mixed food waste out of land fill and into re-use at biogas, composting or other end uses? Who needs to change or act?



- Can we actually reduce costs for food waste producers, while increasing the opportunities for the hauler/ material cleaner/ end user?



- Is there enough “pull” for food waste from end-users (biogas, compost) to drive changes in the generation, collection, and handling of food waste? Or do we need other drivers to create more and cleaner waste streams?



- If we need new drivers, what are they? Diversion objectives? Landfill bans? Landfill taxes? Michigan border closures? Incentives? New revenue streams at the end user level? Education? Extended producer responsibility?



- Audience question:
 - Mapping of destinations (compost, biogas). Can the end users do more to communicate their location and availability?
 - Will this help bring in more materials?



- Audience Question:
- Small and medium IC&I is falling thru the cracks in terms of organics service. What's the best path forward?
 - Inclusion in municipal SSO programs?
 - New multi-waste stream business model?
 - Other?



- Audience question:
 - How can we be sure that feedstocks are clean?
 - Do we need upstream standards defining what “quality” of feedstock should go to a facility?
 - How can we be sure biogas and compost facilities properly treat materials?

