

Treatment #	Aerated Compost Tea +	Relative abundance in %				Brewing Time Notes	
		Enterobacter	Citrobacter	Klebsiella	Burkholdaria	12 hours	24 hours
1	No Feed						
2	Alfalfa Meal						
3	Kelp Meal						
4	Humic Acids						
5	Molasses						
6	Fish Hydrolysate						
7	Alfalfa + Kelp						
8	Alfalfa + Humic Acids						
9	Alfalfa + Molasses						
10	Alfalfa + Fish Hydrolysate						
11	Kelp + Humic Acids						
12	Kelp + Molasses						
13	Kelp + Fish Hydrolysate						
14	Humic Acids + Molasses						
15	Humic Acids + Fish Hydrolysate						
16	Molasses + Fish Hydrolysate						

			# of samples		Notes:	
2024	March	Announced Grants Awarded. Prepare for implementation by starting compost tea trials			It takes 3 months to receive a report back from a DNA Testing lab	
	April	Cultivated robust vermicompost				
	May	1st half	Brew single treatments of compost tea for 12 hours with the addition of kelp, alfalfa, molasses, fish hydrolysate, and humic acids (Treatment # 1-6 as shown in the Safety of ACT Treatments tab)		1st mailing	
			Mail samples of compost teas and their vermicompost of origin to DNA lab (Aggrego Data) for testing	7		
		2nd half	Mail samples of compost teas and their vermicompost of origin to microscopy lab (Bright Side Acres LLC) lab for microscopic identification of pathogens	7	2nd mailing	
			Conduct an on-farm water test according to Produce Safety Rule standards	1		
	June	1st half	Brew single treatments of compost tea for 24 hours with the addition of kelp, alfalfa, molasses, fish hydrolysate and humic acids (Treatment # 1-6 as shown in the Safety of ACT Treatments tab)		3rd mailing	
			Mail samples of compost teas and their vermicompost of origin to DNA lab (Aggrego Data) for testing	7		
		2nd half	Mail samples of compost teas and their vermicompost of origin to microscopy lab (Bright Side Acres LLC) for microscopic identification of pathogens	6	4th mailing	
			In-depth literature review of microbiome of vermicompost and compost tea research	6		
	July	1st half	Expected time for all completed Soil Biology Reports from Bright Side Acres received			
		2nd half	Expected time for receiving the first mailing's microbiome report from the DNA lab (Aggrego Data)			
	August	1st half	Analysis and interpretation of different microbial assessments of microorganisms in compost teas and their vermicompost of origin			
		2nd half	Updating the SARE Grant online			
	September	1st half	Expected time for receiving the second mailing's microbiome report from the DNA lab (Aggrego Data)			
		2nd half	Apply to speak at the VA Biological Farmers Conference on January 2025			
	October	1st half	Expected time for receiving the third mailing's microbiome report from the DNA lab (Aggrego Data)			
		2nd half	Updating the SARE Grant online			
	November	1st half	Build Research Garden Beds in preparation for spring planting			
		2nd half	Present current findings at the Carolina Stewardship's Sustainable Agricultural Conference			
December		Apply to be a speaker at the Organic Grower's School Spring Conference				
January		Conduct an on-farm water test according to Produce Safety Rule standards	1			
February		Conduct a literature review of current advances in compost tea safety and microbial populations				
2025	February	Present at the VA Biological Farmer's Conference				
	February	Start 32 determinate tomato seedlings				
	March	1st half	Install low tunnels on 8 research beds			
		2nd half	Transplant 32 tomato seedlings under hoops. Four for each 6 x 4 research bed			
	April	1	Treat 4 designated beds as shown in the "Layout of Beds" tab with the best performing "Safe Tea" and 4 other designated beds with control			
		2	Treat 4 designated beds as shown in the "Layout of Beds" tab with the best performing "Safe Tea" and 4 other designated beds with control			
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	May	1	Analyze current results and update SARE Grant online			
		2	Treat 4 designated beds as shown in the "Layout of Beds" tab with the best performing "Safe Tea" and 4 other designated beds with control			
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August	1	Analyze current results and update SARE Grant online				
	2	Send the first batch of tomato samples to the Bionutrient Institute for Nutrient-Dense Analysis	2	1st tomato sample		
		Treat 4 designated beds as shown in the "Layout of Beds" tab with the best performing "Safe Tea" and 4 other designated beds with control				
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August	3	Treat 4 designated beds as shown in the "Layout of Beds" tab with the best performing "Safe Tea" and 4 other designated beds with control				
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September	4	Apply to speak at the VA Biological Conference in January 2026 Analyze current results and update SARE Grant online				
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		Analyze current results from Bionutrient testing, and update SARE Grant online				
November	1st half	Research grant study, analysis of results, and writing Present current findings at the Carolina Stewardship's Sustainable Agricultural Conference				
	2nd half	Apply to be a speaker at the Organic Grower's School Spring Conference				
December	1st half	Preparation for In-Person and Online Outreach, Contact VA Tech for opportunities to do Online webinars on the topic of Safe Compost Tea				
	2nd half	Research grant study, analysis of results, and writing				
2026	January	1st half Present research findings at the VA Biological Farmers Conference				
	February					
	March	Final wrap up and writing of the Compost Tea Microbial Feed Study				

		Date of Observation																													
		March					April					May					June					July					August				
Tomato Bed	Tomato #	3/3/2025	3/10/2025	3/17/2025	3/24/2025	3/31/2025	4/7/2025	4/14/2025	4/21/2025	4/28/2025	5/5/2025	5/12/2025	5/19/2025	5/26/2025	6/2/2025	6/9/2025	6/16/2025	6/23/2025	6/30/2025	7/7/2025	7/14/2025	7/21/2025	7/28/2025	8/4/2025	8/11/2025						
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