



SEPT. 24-25, 2019

# COMPOSTING FOR PRODUCE SAFETY

## A Compost Operators Workshop in Alexandria/Pineville, LA

Do you make compost on your farm? Are you interested in starting a compost business to meet the growing demand for food safety compliant compost on fruit & vegetable farms? Would you like to learn from leading researchers and from current compost producers? Join us to discover the latest in compost microbial risk reduction and small business best practices. **Pre-registration is required. Limited seating.**



### Register Now:

<https://store.lsuagcenter.com/p-372-composting-for-produce-safety-september-2019.aspx>

Funding for this training is supported by the Food and Drug Administration through PAR-16-137 and the USDA-LDAF Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

Tour Cool-Planet and discover how biochar can play a role in soil fertility

Explore details of composting soil amendments of animal origin

Learn the latest in managing compost for on-farm food safety

Hands on activities and resources to help you grow **plus** resources for business startups

**\$75** per person / **\$40** per student or grower

*Includes course materials, refreshments and lunch on both days*

### QUESTIONS?

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**Workshop Location:** Main Street Community Center • 708 Main St, Pineville, LA 71360



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### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

8:30	9:00	Check-In
9:00		Welcome
9:10		Orientation: Meet Instructors, Intros, Goals
9:30	10:00	Federal and Market Requirements for BSAAO
10:00	10:40	Biology of Compost
10:40		Break
11:00	11:20	Feedstock Introduction
11:20	11:30	Germ City
11:30	11:45	Q & A
11:45	1:00	Lunch w/ Business Acceleration System (BAS)
1:00	1:30	Policy Discussion
1:30	2:00	Opportunity in Central Louisiana for Composting Start-Ups
2:00	2:30	Introduction to Cool-Planet and Biochar
2:30	3:00	LA Forestry Association
3:00	3:20	Break
3:20	3:40	Biology of Odor and Biofilters
3:40	4:00	Facility Considerations
4:00	4:45	Soil Science 101
4:45	5:00	Wrap It Up

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

9:00		Welcome Back
9:10	9:40	Solvita Set -up
9:40	10:30	Compost (recipes & pile building instructions)
10:30	10:45	Break
10:45	11:15	Equipment, Material Handling, and Logistics
11:15	11:45	Compost Quality Considerations by End Use Analysis/Compost Stability
11:45	12:15	Compost Calculator
12:15	1:15	Lunch (BAS on-site and available to chat)
1:15	1:45	Solvita Interpretation
1:45	2:00	Travel to Cool Planet Facility
2:00	3:00	Tour Cool Planet
3:00	3:15	Return to Workshop Location
3:15	3:30	Break
3:30	4:45	Hands on activities
		bulk density
		pH and salts measurements
		application rates
		compost moistures
		soils hands on activities
4:45	5:00	Evaluations & Closing

## ACCOMODATIONS & LOGISTICS

Welcome to Central Louisiana; we're glad you're here!

### HOTELS:

**A small of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Downtown Alexandria**

To make a reservation call 1-318-541-8333

Request the: Grow Good Stuff with CLEDA block for a rate of \$98 per night

### Additional Options Include

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson in Pineville

318-641-8332

*Please feel free to select from any number of other lodging options in Pineville or Alexandria.*

### AIRPORTS:

The nearest airport is the Alexandria International Airport (AEX), with connecting flights daily from Dallas, Houston, and Atlanta; including service from Delta Airlines, American Airlines, and United Airlines.

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

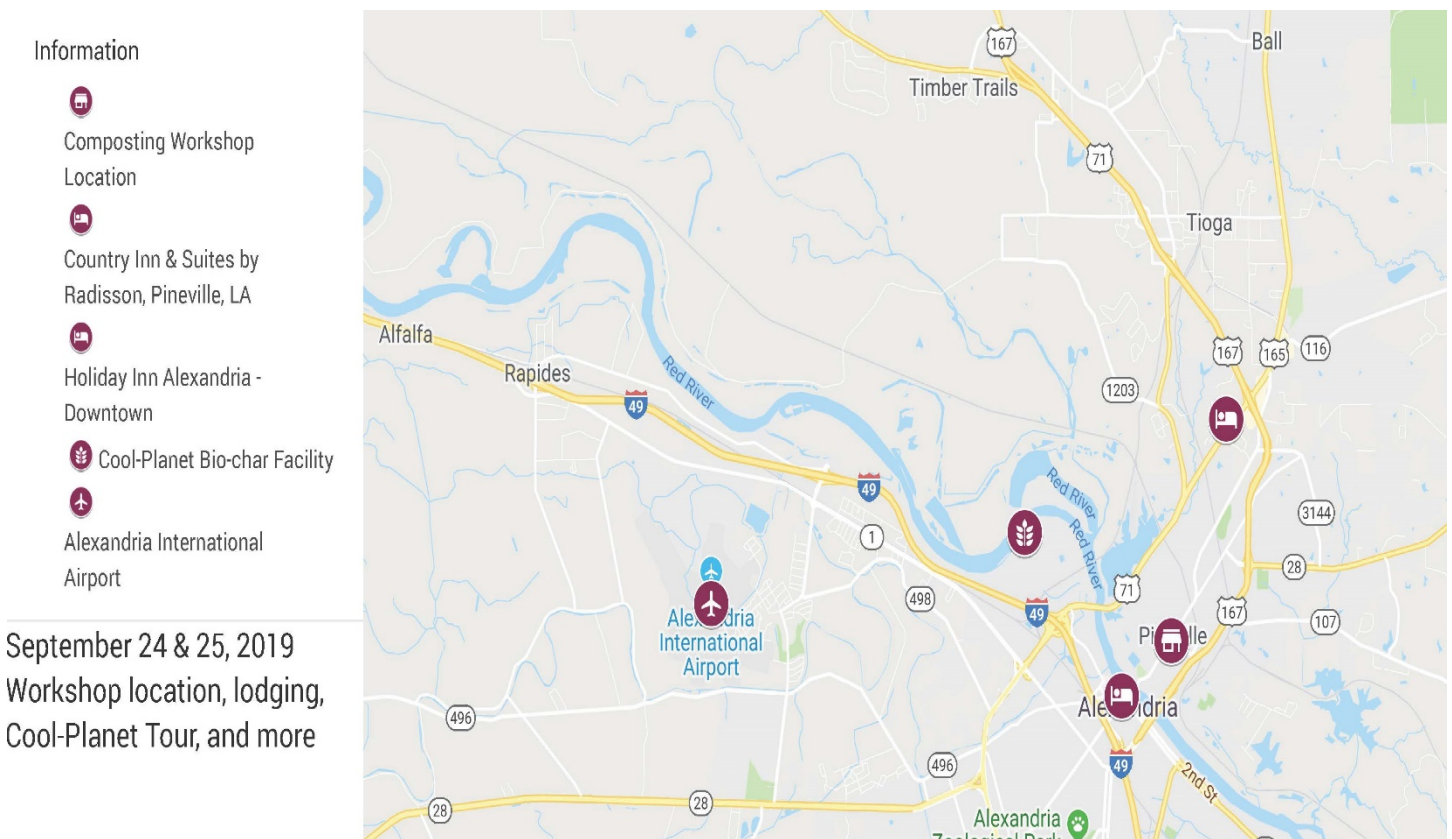
Rental cars are available at the airport from Avis, National, Budget and Hertz. Limited Uber and Lyft ridesharing is also available.

Some hotels also have shuttles available.

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### ONLINE MAP:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1fDx80QQEvHiSFmeHsBND0rEDF36w4PNF&usp=sharing>



September 24 & 25, 2019  
Workshop location, lodging,  
Cool-Planet Tour, and more

CLEDA and LSU AgCenter would like to thank the City of Pineville, LA for their gracious hospitality and for providing our workshop location in support of this event!

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