

A vibrant, close-up photograph of a fresh salad with various greens, purple onions, and other vegetables, serving as the background for the text.

Brooks Contractor

Utilize Hauling to Service
Your Community

-Amy Brooks-

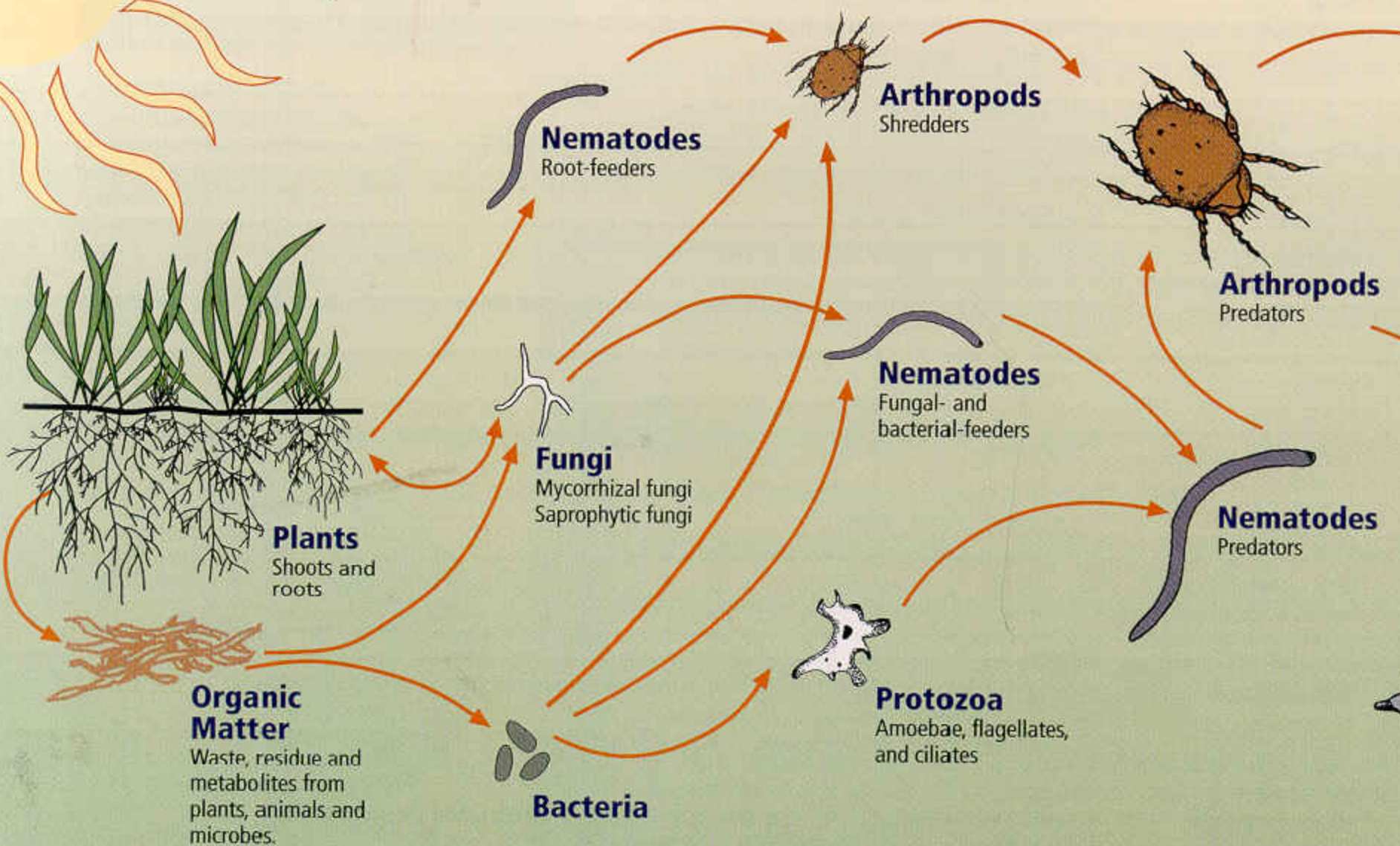
Company Overview

- Within a 60-mile radius of most major cities in central NC
- Compost facility on family's ~375-acre dairy farm (Dairy went out of business in 1991)
- Compost facility operational since 1992
- Still family-owned and managed
 - 20+ full-time employees
- Brooks Contractor owns and operates a fleet of trucks to haul incoming materials as well as finished products
- HUB contractor (minority, women-owned)

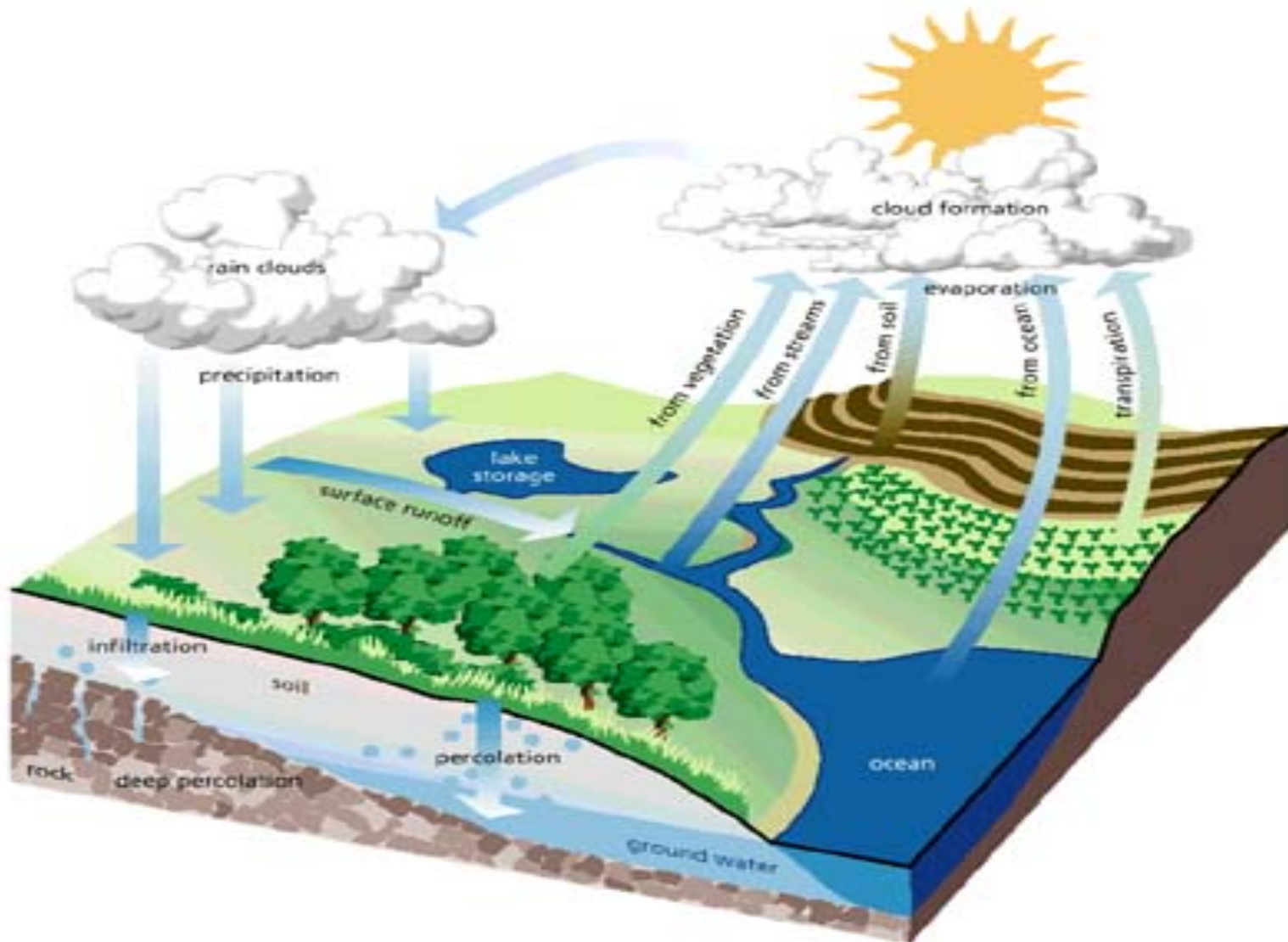


COMPOST LIFE CYCLE

The Soil Food Web



Hydrologic Cycle (courtesy EPA)



FOOD WASTE DIVERSION PROGRAM

- Started in 1999
- Service nearly 150 locations & still growing
- We've designed and built all 6 of our collection trucks in service today
- Composted over 12,000 Tons of commercial food residuals in 2012
- Also receive food production residuals on a large scale
 - (tankers, roll off, box truck/pallets)
- This is the program that has paid the bills and kept this company growing
 - Invest back into the company in order to create & maintain infrastructure





**Please Compost
plates, cups,
napkins & utensils
here!**

















COMPOST FACILITY OVERVIEW

- ~30 acre site
- Turned windrow
 - Subject to inclement weather
 - Compacted clay surface
- Privately-owned
- Level 3 state-permitted facility
- Does not accept hazardous substances or biosolids
- Currently averaging 60,000+ T/ year of incoming materials
- Compost/ compost blend sales exceeding 40,000 T/ year



Left: Excellent!

Right: What could be hidden in those bags?

















Once pathogen requirements are met, the material is put into large curing piles to mature and stabilize (on average 6-12 months curing time is allowed)



We Support Farmers & Local Food Systems!







WE DONATE COMPOST!

Donation for educational purposes or produce donation to:

- Churches
- Schools
- Non-profits
- Other organizations that promote sustainable practices

Education and outreach is crucial for growth of the compost industry

INTER-FAITH FOOD SHUTTLE IS PROUD TO BE A...



Growing Power Regional Outreach Training Center

What does it mean to be a Growing Power "ROTC"?

Together with Will Allen and Longview School in Raleigh, we host annual urban agriculture workshops for youth, established farmers, and community members. Participants receive hands-on intensive training in aquaponics, hoophouse building, composting, vermiculture, and microgreens. We are the only ROTC in the country with a specific focus on youth!

And there's more... "CRAFT-UP"

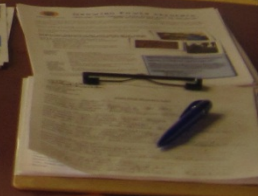
We host the Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training, United Piedmont (CRAFT-UP). CRAFT-UP is a membership-based coalition of new and established farmers dedicated to creating a more just and sustainable food system in Central NC. CRAFT-UP farmers work together to share their time, talents, and experience with beginning farmers through regular field days, workshops, and social events. Established farms, new farmers, and "farm curious" individuals are all welcome!

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TRAINING CENTER









Durham Public Schools- implementing a farm into their curriculum



MOVING FORWARD...

GO LOCAL. SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES & INSTITUTIONS

- Affordable, sustainable, earth-friendly fuel source
 - GROW IT! Oilseed crops make an easy transition
- JOBS within the consumer economy
 - Increase educational opportunities within the sustainable/green jobs sector
 - It does no good to provide a quality service/product if the business/consumer cannot afford it
- Applied research
 - Involve multiple disciplines, find solutions for the big picture
- Target audiences:
 - Veterans- able & disciplined workforce
 - Students (K- College)- stop producing generations that don't know and don't care

HOW CAN COMPOSTERS HELP TO BUILD OUR CUSTOMER BASE?

- Support and donate to local organizations dedicated to increasing quality of life and individual accomplishment, while focusing on supporting sustainable education & entrepreneurship for generations to come
- North Carolina Composting Council (NCCC)
www.carolinacompost.com
- Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA)
www.carolinafarmstewards.org
- Bringing it Home (A documentary on industrial hemp)
www.bringingithomemovie.com
- The consumer has to be educated to make good decisions, as do our elected officials

As we move forward... hold ourselves accountable to reality and common sense.

Remember the definition of insanity.

We don't have to kick the can anymore- we know how to recycle it!

If you can't be an optimist...

At least be an opportunist within the sustainable frontier.

