

# Fermented Food Scrap Systems Feedstock Balance Worksheet - Start a New Compost System

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**Purpose:** This original printable feedstock balance worksheet helps home composters, gardeners, schools and community projects work with fermented food scrap systems while pursuing one defined outcome: begin with clear inputs, ownership and a manageable first batch. Its method is to identify material role, prepare it, add a modest amount and observe the response. Use the pages as a working record, not as a substitute for local accepted-material rules, current safety guidance and qualified horticultural or environmental advice where those are needed.

## Resource Map

The subject focus is to document sealed pre-treatment before material enters a finishing stage. The six working areas below define the scope for this specific resource. Complete only the rows that matter to the present observation cycle, and date any observation that may change.

| # | Working area          | Current evidence                | Next check |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Container Seal        | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 2 | Input Size            | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 3 | Additive Record       | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 4 | Drainage Routine      | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 5 | Fermentation Time     | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 6 | Finishing Destination | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |

## Foundation Starting Brief

- Survey: Which evidence separates drainage routine from fermentation time in this case? Survey the present state before setting a target.
- Select: How does finishing destination change the interpretation of container seal? Select the smallest useful starting point.
- Bound: What boundary on input size must be checked before relying on additive record? Bound the work by time, scope and available support.
- Prepare: Which observation links fermentation time to input size, and what remains uncertain? Prepare the materials, conditions and owner.
- Begin: What alternative explanation could account for both container seal and drainage routine? Begin with one observable action.
- Edition success means: complete setup with a labelled system and first review date

## Feedstock Balance Worksheet

This format is designed to document each addition and correct visible imbalance with evidence. For fermented food scrap systems, apply the method in a deliberate sequence: identify material role, prepare it, add a modest amount and observe the response. The edition target is start a new compost system, so each entry should show what was noticed, what was tried and what changed.

| Working step                | What to record                                                                                    | Evidence or source      | Status         |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Survey Drainage Routine     | Which evidence separates drainage routine from fermentation time in this case?                    | Starting view / date    | Open / checked |
| Select Fermentation Time    | How does finishing destination change the interpretation of container seal?                       | First priority / date   | Open / checked |
| Bound Finishing Destination | What boundary on input size must be checked before relying on additive record?                    | Boundary / date         | Open / checked |
| Prepare Container Seal      | Which observation links fermentation time to input size, and what remains uncertain?              | Readiness / date        | Open / checked |
| Begin Input Size            | What alternative explanation could account for both container seal and drainage routine?          | First result / date     | Open / checked |
| Confirm Additive Record     | What next check on additive record would make the record about finishing destination more useful? | Foundation check / date | Open / checked |

### Completion Standard

- Keep the work tied to fermented food scrap systems, not to a vague general intention.
- Apply this adjustment: use only accepted materials and record the starting conditions
- Is the foundation small, clear and evidenced enough to continue?
- Expose this outcome risk if it appears: the first target is too large.
- Use original notes and explanations; quote only when necessary, lawful and properly attributed.
- Ask a experienced composter, horticulture professional or local authority contact to challenge one material assumption where appropriate.
- Close with one decision and one follow-up rather than an unranked list of ideas.

### Working Note

Edition COMP-13-02-01 pairs feedstock balance worksheet with the outcome 'Start a New Compost System'. That pairing is the boundary for this workbook: material that does not help that outcome belongs in a separate record.

## Evidence x Foundation Focused Practice Lab

This lab pairs a evidence method with a foundation outcome lens. Work through the six actions to turn the subject focus - document sealed pre-treatment before material enters a finishing stage - into evidence for start a new compost system. Preserve any gap that prevents a supported conclusion.

| # | Action                                  | Constraint                                                                                                                                  | Record                        |
|---|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Collect / Survey input size             | Which evidence separates drainage routine from fermentation time in this case? Survey the present state before setting a target.            | Evidence list / Starting view |
| 2 | Classify / Select additive record       | How does finishing destination change the interpretation of container seal? Select the smallest useful starting point.                      | Source / First priority       |
| 3 | Trace / Bound drainage routine          | What boundary on input size must be checked before relying on additive record? Bound the work by time, scope and available support.         | Trace / Boundary              |
| 4 | Verify / Prepare fermentation time      | Which observation links fermentation time to input size, and what remains uncertain? Prepare the materials, conditions and owner.           | Verification / Readiness      |
| 5 | Reconcile / Begin finishing destination | What alternative explanation could account for both container seal and drainage routine? Begin with one observable action.                  | Exception / First result      |
| 6 | Approve / Confirm container seal        | What next check on additive record would make the record about finishing destination more useful? Confirm what is ready for the next cycle. | Sign-off / Foundation check   |

### Common Failure Modes

- For input size, watch for the source has no date together with the starting state is assumed.
- For additive record, watch for the evidence is second-hand together with the first target is too large.
- For drainage routine, watch for two records disagree together with the scope has no boundary.
- For fermentation time, watch for a value lacks units together with required support is missing.
- For finishing destination, watch for the context has changed together with several actions start together.

### Independent Review Question

Format question: Which source is strongest for this decision, and what limitation remains? Outcome question: Is the foundation small, clear and evidenced enough to continue? Ask a experienced composter, horticulture professional or local authority contact where appropriate, then answer before the next observation cycle: \_\_\_\_\_

## Compost Observation Plan for Start a New Compost System

Use one defined observation cycle to test the outcome rather than attempting every possible task. This edition pairs evidence with foundation to pursue this objective: begin with clear inputs, ownership and a manageable first batch. Preserve the starting condition and both evidence trails.

| Plan field               | Entry                                                          |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Purpose                  | Start a New Compost System                                     |
| Starting condition       | _____                                                          |
| Chosen working area      | _____                                                          |
| Readiness                | use only accepted materials and record the starting conditions |
| Evidence to capture      | _____                                                          |
| Stop or review condition | _____                                                          |

### Observation and Follow-up Cycle

| Stage        | Action                                                                                                                             | Evidence                      |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Start        | Which evidence separates drainage routine from fermentation time in this case? Identify the evidence required.                     | Evidence list / Starting view |
| First action | How does finishing destination change the interpretation of container seal? Collect one traceable record.                          | Source / First priority       |
| Next check   | What boundary on input size must be checked before relying on additive record? Label its date, owner and context.                  | Trace / Boundary              |
| Follow-up    | Which observation links fermentation time to input size, and what remains uncertain? Cross-check the material independently.       | Verification / Readiness      |
| Trend review | What alternative explanation could account for both container seal and drainage routine? Resolve or expose one gap.                | Exception / First result      |
| Close-out    | What next check on additive record would make the record about finishing destination more useful? Record the supported conclusion. | Sign-off / Foundation check   |

### Evidence Record Log

| Evidence Record | Condition      | Observation | Decision              |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |
| 2               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |
| 3               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |
| 4               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |
| 5               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |

## Source and Evidence Reconciliation - Foundation Lens

This comparison tests fermented food scrap systems against start a new compost system through two independent questions. Format: Which source is strongest for this decision, and what limitation remains? Outcome: Is the foundation small, clear and evidenced enough to continue? Record material setting differences instead of averaging them away.

| Evidence area         | Baseline | Alternative | Interpretation prompt                                                                             |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Additive Record       | _____    | _____       | Which evidence separates drainage routine from fermentation time in this case?                    |
| Drainage Routine      | _____    | _____       | How does finishing destination change the interpretation of container seal?                       |
| Fermentation Time     | _____    | _____       | What boundary on input size must be checked before relying on additive record?                    |
| Finishing Destination | _____    | _____       | Which observation links fermentation time to input size, and what remains uncertain?              |
| Container Seal        | _____    | _____       | What alternative explanation could account for both container seal and drainage routine?          |
| Input Size            | _____    | _____       | What next check on additive record would make the record about finishing destination more useful? |

### Format Decision Test

| Field                          | Record                                                                    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Review question                | Which source is strongest for this decision, and what limitation remains? |
| Outcome question               | Is the foundation small, clear and evidenced enough to continue?          |
| Acceptance lens                | complete setup with a labelled system and first review date               |
| Conditions held steady         | _____                                                                     |
| Evidence supporting the choice | _____                                                                     |
| Evidence against the choice    | _____                                                                     |

### Evidence Confidence Check

- Starting view: what was actually seen, heard, measured or read?
- Format evidence: which record best demonstrates dates captured?
- Outcome evidence: which record best demonstrates first priority selected?
- Challenge: could the scope has no boundary explain the result?
- Subject boundary: what does this comparison leave unresolved about drainage routine?

## Evidence x Foundation Scenario Cards

Use these paired scenarios to rehearse judgement for start a new compost system. Each card joins a evidence failure mode to an outcome-specific risk. State what remains open and which evidence named in the final column should be collected next.

| # | Situation                                      | Review question                                                                                   | Decision         |
|---|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Drainage Routine: the evidence is second-hand. | Which evidence separates drainage routine from fermentation time in this case?                    | Starting view    |
| 2 | Fermentation Time: two records disagree.       | How does finishing destination change the interpretation of container seal?                       | First priority   |
| 3 | Finishing Destination: a value lacks units.    | What boundary on input size must be checked before relying on additive record?                    | Boundary         |
| 4 | Container Seal: the context has changed.       | Which observation links fermentation time to input size, and what remains uncertain?              | Readiness        |
| 5 | Input Size: approval is missing.               | What alternative explanation could account for both container seal and drainage routine?          | First result     |
| 6 | Additive Record: the source has no date.       | What next check on additive record would make the record about finishing destination more useful? | Foundation check |

## Decision Record

| Field                  | Notes                                                            |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chosen format scenario | _____                                                            |
| Outcome lens           | Is the foundation small, clear and evidenced enough to continue? |
| Evidence available     | _____                                                            |
| Evidence missing       | _____                                                            |
| Controlled next step   | _____                                                            |
| Person / review date   | _____                                                            |

## Eight Evidence and Foundation Evidence Tracker

Track start a new compost system across eight observation checks using the evidence method and the foundation outcome lens. Keep conditions visible and use this review question: Is the foundation small, clear and evidenced enough to continue?

| # | Focus                 | Condition | Result | Next action |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| 1 | Drainage Routine      | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 2 | Fermentation Time     | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 3 | Finishing Destination | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 4 | Container Seal        | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 5 | Input Size            | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 6 | Additive Record       | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 7 | Drainage Routine      | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 8 | Fermentation Time     | _____     | _____  | _____       |

### Evidence Evidence Dashboard

| Measure                                                              | Baseline | Current | Evidence location |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| Container Seal: Sources Identified / Starting Conditions Recorded    | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Input Size: Dates Captured / First Priority Selected                 | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Additive Record: Records Traced / Scope Boundaries Stated            | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Drainage Routine: Cross-Checks Completed / Readiness Items Confirmed | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Fermentation Time: Exceptions Resolved / First Actions Completed     | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Finishing Destination: Conclusions Supported / Next Cycles Approved  | _____    | _____   | _____             |

### Interpret the Trend

- I recorded a real starting point rather than an idealised one.
- I chose a first step that can be checked before the work expands.
- Keep the method only when the evidence for start a new compost system improves without hiding the scope has no boundary.
- How does finishing destination change the interpretation of container seal?
- Use a experienced composter, horticulture professional or local authority contact when the evidence crosses a safety, rights, health or authority boundary.

## Evidence x Foundation Next Step Plan

Finish by turning the paired format and outcome record into one owned action. For this feedstock balance worksheet, the intended result was start a new compost system; the outcome test is: Is the foundation small, clear and evidenced enough to continue? The close-out standard remains: complete setup with a labelled system and first review date.

| Close-out field      | Record                             |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Most useful evidence | _____                              |
| Important limitation | _____                              |
| Decision             | Keep / adapt / pause / seek review |
| Next action          | _____                              |
| Owner and date       | _____                              |
| Evidence location    | _____                              |

### Completion Review

- Subject check: Which evidence separates drainage routine from fermentation time in this case?
- Subject check: How does finishing destination change the interpretation of container seal?
- Format check: I left disputed or missing evidence visibly unresolved.
- Outcome check: I chose a first step that can be checked before the work expands.
- I recorded weather, recent inputs and the time between observation and follow-up.
- I made no sanitation, pathogen-destruction or crop-safety claim from temperature alone.

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