

# Moisture Management Feedstock Balance Worksheet - Reduce Odour

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**Purpose:** This original printable feedstock balance worksheet helps home composters, gardeners, schools and community projects work with moisture management while pursuing one defined outcome: find exposed food, excess moisture or poor air structure before adding products. 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 use observation and records to correct a pile that is too wet or too dry. 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 | Hand-Squeeze Observation | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 2 | Visible Free Water       | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 3 | Dry Pockets              | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 4 | Weather Exposure         | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 5 | Absorbent Additions      | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 6 | Follow-Up Check          | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |

## Precision Starting Brief

- Define: Which evidence separates follow-up check from hand-squeeze observation in this case? Define the target so two people would recognise the same result.
- Align: How does visible free water change the interpretation of dry pockets? Align the units, conditions and acceptance rule.
- Attempt: What boundary on weather exposure must be checked before relying on absorbent additions? Attempt the task without moving the standard.
- Capture: Which observation links hand-squeeze observation to weather exposure, and what remains uncertain? Capture misses as carefully as successes.
- Refine: What alternative explanation could account for both dry pockets and follow-up check? Refine one source of avoidable variation.
- Edition success means: record a clear improvement or a reason to escalate

## Feedstock Balance Worksheet

This format is designed to document each addition and correct visible imbalance with evidence. For moisture management, apply the method in a deliberate sequence: identify material role, prepare it, add a modest amount and observe the response. The edition target is reduce odour, so each entry should show what was noticed, what was tried and what changed.

| Working step                   | What to record                                                                                     | Evidence or source         | Status         |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Define Follow-Up Check         | Which evidence separates follow-up check from hand-squeeze observation in this case?               | Target definition / date   | Open / checked |
| Align Hand-Squeeze Observation | How does visible free water change the interpretation of dry pockets?                              | Test setup / date          | Open / checked |
| Attempt Visible Free Water     | What boundary on weather exposure must be checked before relying on absorbent additions?           | Observed attempt / date    | Open / checked |
| Capture Dry Pockets            | Which observation links hand-squeeze observation to weather exposure, and what remains uncertain?  | Error record / date        | Open / checked |
| Refine Weather Exposure        | What alternative explanation could account for both dry pockets and follow-up check?               | Precision change / date    | Open / checked |
| Repeat Absorbent Additions     | What next check on absorbent additions would make the record about visible free water more useful? | Repeatability check / date | Open / checked |

### Completion Standard

- Keep the work tied to moisture management, not to a vague general intention.
- Apply this adjustment: inspect recent changes, cover inputs and make one cautious correction
- Can the claimed improvement be repeated under the stated conditions?
- Expose this outcome risk if it appears: the target is subjective.
- 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-06-02-03 pairs feedstock balance worksheet with the outcome 'Reduce Odour'. That pairing is the boundary for this workbook: material that does not help that outcome belongs in a separate record.

## Evidence x Precision Focused Practice Lab

This lab pairs a evidence method with a precision outcome lens. Work through the six actions to turn the subject focus - use observation and records to correct a pile that is too wet or too dry - into evidence for reduce odour. Preserve any gap that prevents a supported conclusion.

| # | Action                                    | Constraint                                                                                                                                            | Record                            |
|---|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Collect / Define weather exposure         | Which evidence separates follow-up check from hand-squeeze observation in this case? Define the target so two people would recognise the same result. | Evidence list / Target definition |
| 2 | Classify / Align absorbent additions      | How does visible free water change the interpretation of dry pockets? Align the units, conditions and acceptance rule.                                | Source / Test setup               |
| 3 | Trace / Attempt follow-up check           | What boundary on weather exposure must be checked before relying on absorbent additions? Attempt the task without moving the standard.                | Trace / Observed attempt          |
| 4 | Verify / Capture hand-squeeze observation | Which observation links hand-squeeze observation to weather exposure, and what remains uncertain? Capture misses as carefully as successes.           | Verification / Error record       |
| 5 | Reconcile / Refine visible free water     | What alternative explanation could account for both dry pockets and follow-up check? Refine one source of avoidable variation.                        | Exception / Precision change      |
| 6 | Approve / Repeat dry pockets              | What next check on absorbent additions would make the record about visible free water more useful? Repeat under comparable conditions.                | Sign-off / Repeatability check    |

### Common Failure Modes

- For weather exposure, watch for the source has no date together with the target is subjective.
- For absorbent additions, watch for the evidence is second-hand together with units or conditions do not align.
- For follow-up check, watch for two records disagree together with the standard moves after the attempt.
- For hand-squeeze observation, watch for a value lacks units together with misses are omitted.
- For visible free water, watch for the context has changed together with the refinement changes several variables.

### Independent Review Question

Format question: Which source is strongest for this decision, and what limitation remains? Outcome question: Can the claimed improvement be repeated under the stated conditions? Ask a experienced composter, horticulture professional or local authority contact where appropriate, then answer before the next observation cycle: \_\_\_\_\_

## Compost Observation Plan for Reduce Odour

Use one defined observation cycle to test the outcome rather than attempting every possible task. This edition pairs evidence with precision to pursue this objective: find exposed food, excess moisture or poor air structure before adding products. Preserve the starting condition and both evidence trails.

| Plan field               | Entry                                                                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Purpose                  | Reduce Odour                                                          |
| Starting condition       | _____                                                                 |
| Chosen working area      | _____                                                                 |
| Error record             | inspect recent changes, cover inputs and make one cautious correction |
| Evidence to capture      | _____                                                                 |
| Stop or review condition | _____                                                                 |

### Observation and Follow-up Cycle

| Stage        | Action                                                                                                                                    | Evidence                          |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Start        | Which evidence separates follow-up check from hand-squeeze observation in this case? Identify the evidence required.                      | Evidence list / Target definition |
| First action | How does visible free water change the interpretation of dry pockets? Collect one traceable record.                                       | Source / Test setup               |
| Next check   | What boundary on weather exposure must be checked before relying on absorbent additions? Label its date, owner and context.               | Trace / Observed attempt          |
| Follow-up    | Which observation links hand-squeeze observation to weather exposure, and what remains uncertain? Cross-check the material independently. | Verification / Error record       |
| Trend review | What alternative explanation could account for both dry pockets and follow-up check? Resolve or expose one gap.                           | Exception / Precision change      |
| Close-out    | What next check on absorbent additions would make the record about visible free water more useful? Record the supported conclusion.       | Sign-off / Repeatability 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 - Precision Lens

This comparison tests moisture management against reduce odour through two independent questions. Format: Which source is strongest for this decision, and what limitation remains? Outcome: Can the claimed improvement be repeated under the stated conditions? Record material setting differences instead of averaging them away.

| Evidence area            | Baseline | Alternative | Interpretation prompt                                                                              |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dry Pockets              | _____    | _____       | Which evidence separates follow-up check from hand-squeeze observation in this case?               |
| Weather Exposure         | _____    | _____       | How does visible free water change the interpretation of dry pockets?                              |
| Absorbent Additions      | _____    | _____       | What boundary on weather exposure must be checked before relying on absorbent additions?           |
| Follow-Up Check          | _____    | _____       | Which observation links hand-squeeze observation to weather exposure, and what remains uncertain?  |
| Hand-Squeeze Observation | _____    | _____       | What alternative explanation could account for both dry pockets and follow-up check?               |
| Visible Free Water       | _____    | _____       | What next check on absorbent additions would make the record about visible free water more useful? |

### Format Decision Test

| Field                          | Record                                                                    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Review question                | Which source is strongest for this decision, and what limitation remains? |
| Outcome question               | Can the claimed improvement be repeated under the stated conditions?      |
| Acceptance lens                | record a clear improvement or a reason to escalate                        |
| Conditions held steady         | _____                                                                     |
| Evidence supporting the choice | _____                                                                     |
| Evidence against the choice    | _____                                                                     |

### Evidence Confidence Check

- Target definition: what was actually seen, heard, measured or read?
- Format evidence: which record best demonstrates cross-checks completed?
- Outcome evidence: which record best demonstrates targets defined?
- Challenge: could the standard moves after the attempt explain the result?
- Subject boundary: what does this comparison leave unresolved about follow-up check?

## Evidence x Precision Scenario Cards

Use these paired scenarios to rehearse judgement for reduce odour. 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 | Follow-Up Check: a value lacks units.              | Which evidence separates follow-up check from hand-squeeze observation in this case?               | Target definition   |
| 2 | Hand-Squeeze Observation: the context has changed. | How does visible free water change the interpretation of dry pockets?                              | Test setup          |
| 3 | Visible Free Water: approval is missing.           | What boundary on weather exposure must be checked before relying on absorbent additions?           | Observed attempt    |
| 4 | Dry Pockets: the source has no date.               | Which observation links hand-squeeze observation to weather exposure, and what remains uncertain?  | Error record        |
| 5 | Weather Exposure: the evidence is second-hand.     | What alternative explanation could account for both dry pockets and follow-up check?               | Precision change    |
| 6 | Absorbent Additions: two records disagree.         | What next check on absorbent additions would make the record about visible free water more useful? | Repeatability check |

## Decision Record

| Field                  | Notes                                                                |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chosen format scenario | _____                                                                |
| Outcome lens           | Can the claimed improvement be repeated under the stated conditions? |
| Evidence available     | _____                                                                |
| Evidence missing       | _____                                                                |
| Controlled next step   | _____                                                                |
| Person / review date   | _____                                                                |

## Eight Evidence and Precision Evidence Tracker

Track reduce odour across eight observation checks using the evidence method and the precision outcome lens. Keep conditions visible and use this review question: Can the claimed improvement be repeated under the stated conditions?

| # | Focus                    | Condition | Result | Next action |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| 1 | Weather Exposure         | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 2 | Absorbent Additions      | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 3 | Follow-Up Check          | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 4 | Hand-Squeeze Observation | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 5 | Visible Free Water       | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 6 | Dry Pockets              | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 7 | Weather Exposure         | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 8 | Absorbent Additions      | _____     | _____  | _____       |

### Evidence Evidence Dashboard

| Measure                                                              | Baseline | Current | Evidence location |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| Hand-Squeeze Observation: Sources Identified / Targets Defined       | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Visible Free Water: Dates Captured / Conditions Aligned              | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Dry Pockets: Records Traced / Attempts Completed                     | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Weather Exposure: Cross-Checks Completed / Misses Captured           | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Absorbent Additions: Exceptions Resolved / Variations Reduced        | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Follow-Up Check: Conclusions Supported / Repeatable Results Recorded | _____    | _____   | _____             |

### Interpret the Trend

- I defined the target before observing the result.
- I counted misses, skips and uncertain results as well as successes.
- Keep the method only when the evidence for reduce odour improves without hiding the standard moves after the attempt.
- Which observation links hand-squeeze observation to weather exposure, and what remains uncertain?
- Use a experienced composter, horticulture professional or local authority contact when the evidence crosses a safety, rights, health or authority boundary.

## Evidence x Precision 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 reduce odour; the outcome test is: Can the claimed improvement be repeated under the stated conditions? The close-out standard remains: record a clear improvement or a reason to escalate.

| 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 follow-up check from hand-squeeze observation in this case?
- Subject check: How does visible free water change the interpretation of dry pockets?
- Format check: I linked each conclusion to a dated, traceable source.
- Outcome check: I defined the target before observing the result.
- 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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