

## Valorization of spent mushroom compost (champost)

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## Problems/opportunities



### Problems

- Removal champost costs 19 M€/jaar (2014)
- Removal in Nederlands restricted by P+N law
- Export to Germany increasingly restricted

### Opportunities

- Champost good soil improver
- Market for soil improvers low in P+N
- New Phosphorus resources needed for P-fertilizers

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## P-extraction; preliminary results

- Orientation in lab: 50% P extracted
- Small scale installation (20 liter batches):
  - 90% phosphorus-extraction possible
  - 50% nitrogen-extraction possible
- Large scale installation Agrivalid (1 m<sup>3</sup> batches)
  - First experiment: 50-75% phosphorus-extraction

Aim: 75% phosphorus-extraction (33% nitrogen-extraction)



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## Planning

- May – October 2015:  
Optimization P-extraction proces large scale installation
- 2015/2016: demonstration soil improvement characteristics low-P-champost
  - 6 crop/soil combinations
- 2016/2017: valorization in operation



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## Thank you for your attention

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