



**Pre Conference Workshop HALF DAY
8:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

Unlock the Power of Compost in Horticulture!

Did you know the horticultural industry is the largest user of compost worldwide? That's because composting is one of the most effective and sustainable ways to recycle organic waste back into agriculture.

In this workshop, you'll discover how compost can play a vital role in growing food crops, ornamental plants, and turfgrass. However, successful compost use isn't one-size-fits-all—it depends on key factors such as soil type, climate, crop selection, compost quality, and how and when it is applied.

Whether you're a farmer, grower, or gardening enthusiast, compost can be your secret weapon, as both a soil conditioner and a valuable nutrient source that enhances your crop fertility program. Plus, compost naturally boosts soil health, improves fertilizer efficiency, and elevates the overall performance of your crop production system.

Instructor:

Monica Hampton, PhD.

Fee: \$310.00 for USCC members / \$365.00 for nonmembers

Duration: 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Date: February 1, 2027

CCOM™/CCP™ PDHs: 3.5

Agenda

- Soil 101: The Key to Thriving Crops and Sustainable Farming
- The Ultimate Compost Application Guide: Equipment, Methods, Rates & Timing for Maximum Impact
- Compost for Next-Level Organic Production: What is organic compost? What is OMRI? Etc.
- Q & A

About the Instructor

Dr. Hampton is the founder and CEO of TerraNutri, LLC., a consulting company specializing in research and development in organic and conventional agriculture. Dr. Hampton's areas of specialization include inorganic and organic nutrient management (composting), plant-soil nutrient cycling, and mineral nutrition in conventional and organic vegetable production systems.

Dr. Hampton is a book author and co-author of numerous book chapters, refereed research articles, and extension publications. She published 60 refereed research publications, one book, ten book chapters, and 135 non-refereed publications (Monica Ozores-Hampton - [Academia.edu](https://www.academia.edu) and https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Monica_Ozores-Hampton). Additionally, Dr. Hampton serves on the board of trustees and as an officer of the executive committee at the Compost Research and Education Foundation (CREF).