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The 2012 Markets for Compost in Ireland

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Compost Markets in Ireland

Compost sites in the Republic of Ireland were surveyed to determine what markets they sold compost into during 2012. The results of this survey are based on the majority of Irish composting plants - 23 plants. The 3 plants that did not respond to the survey produce about an estimated 3,000 tonnes of compost.

The main findings of the survey are:

- ▶ The total tonnes of compost produced from brown bin, garden material and sewage sludge was 111,165 tonnes.
- ▶ Tillage land is the main market for compost manufactured from brown bin material and sewage sludge (Figures 1 & 3)
- ▶ Horticulture is the main market for compost manufactured from garden material (Figure 2).
- ▶ Overall, the main market for compost is in the horticulture sector and tillage land is the second largest market for compost (Figure 4)

Figure 1: The Markets for Compost Manufactured from Brown Bin Composting Plants (figures in chart are tonnes).

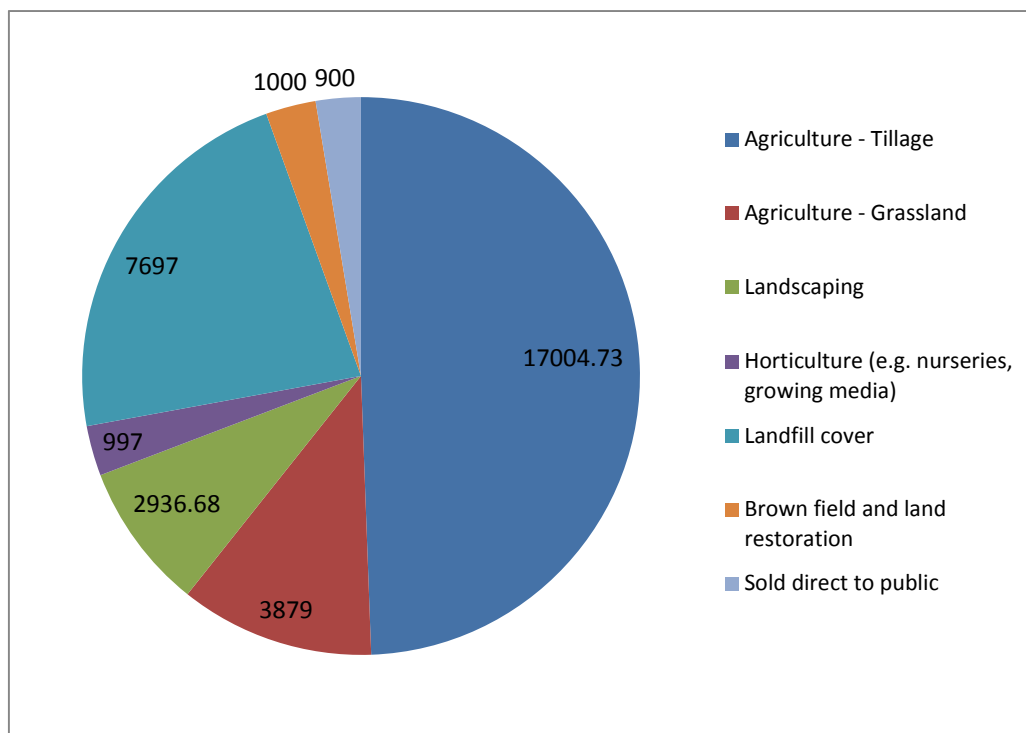


Figure 2: The Markets for Compost Manufactured from Green Waste Composting Plants (figures in chart are tonnes).

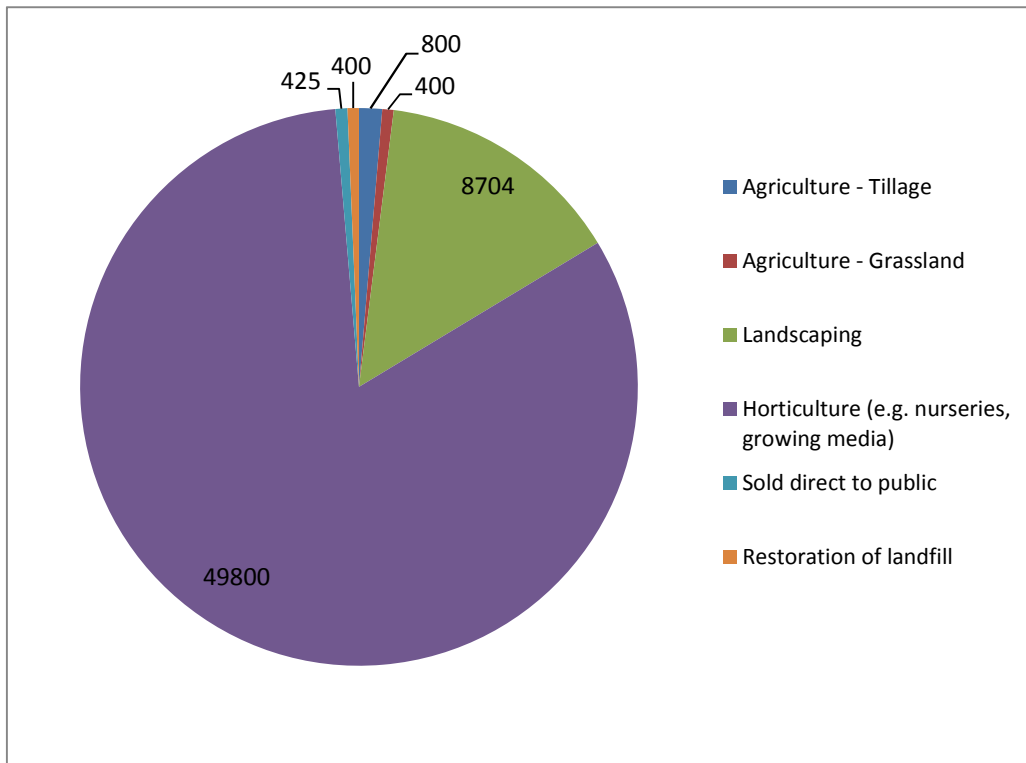


Figure 3: The Markets for Compost Manufactured from Sewage Sludge Composting Plants (figures in chart are tonnes).

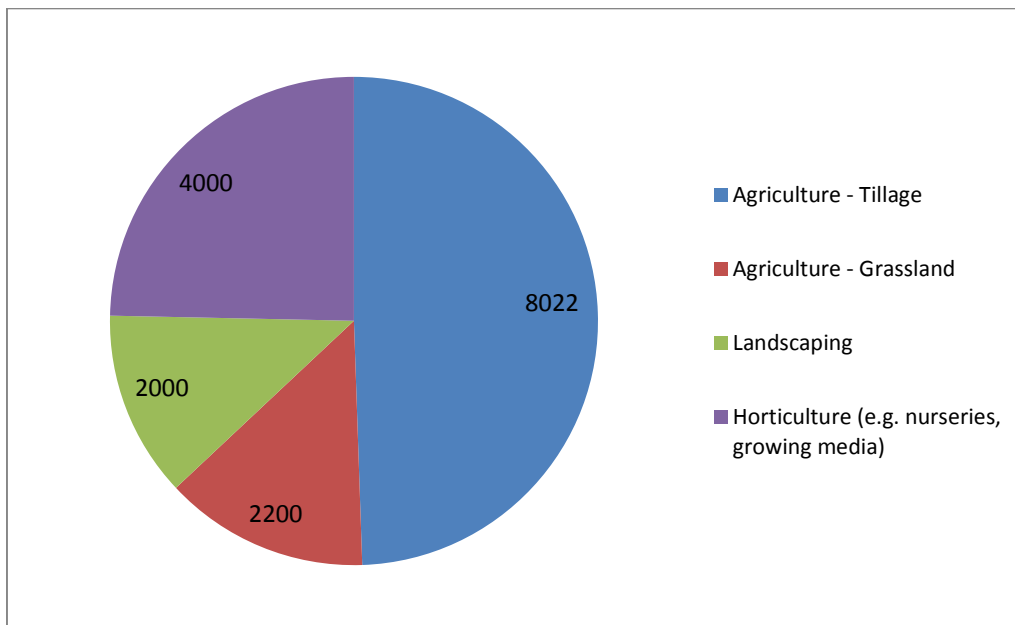
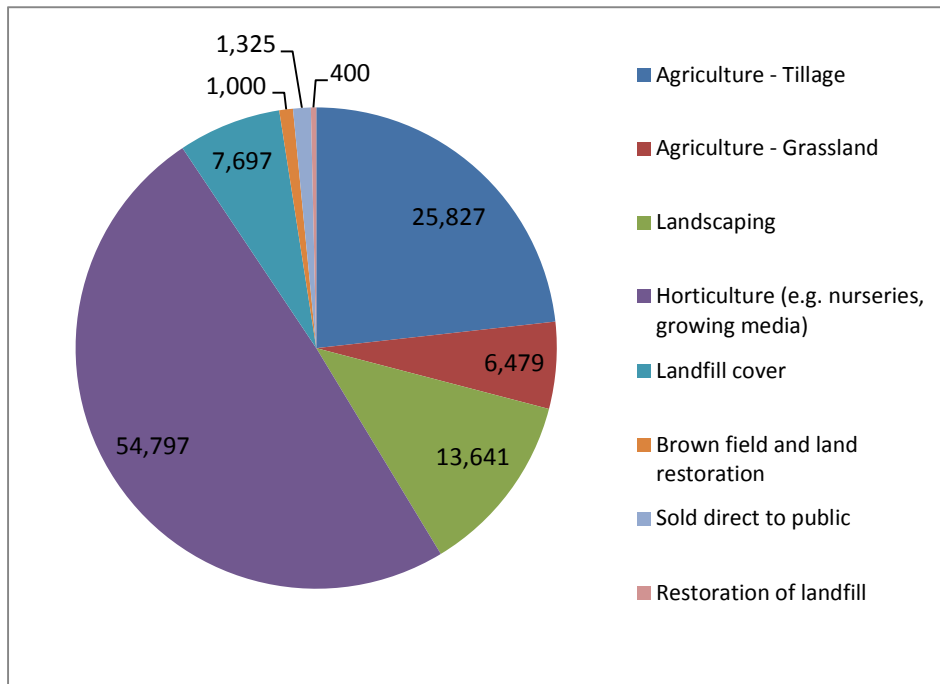


Figure 4: Total Tonnes of Compost Supplied to Markets by the Irish Composting Sector (from all Types of Composting Plants). (Figures in chart are tonnes).



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