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Lessons of the Month

New Jersey farm fields have been put to bed for the winter, so January is the perfect time to talk about what is happening beneath the soil, especially since the concept of decomposition is included in New Jersey's climate change standards. Check out this K-5 lesson:

[Decomposition: How Nature Recycles](#)

We also offer these K-5 powerpoint presentations:

[Decomposition: How Nature Recycles](#)

[Worms and Other Decomposers](#)



Middle school teachers can find similar lessons in the National Ag in the Classroom matrix [here](#).



Library Corner

Composting: Nature's Recyclers

By Robin Koontz

Dead leaves, food scraps, and grass clippings for lunch?

Small animals, fungi, and bacteria called decomposers turn trash into compost. Learn more about decomposition and how you can make compost in a bag in your classroom.

January Newsletter



There may be nothing growing here in January, but underground, bacteria and other decomposers are still at work turning organic matter into fertile soil.

News of the Month

Happy New Year!

Now is a great time to resolve to add some agricultural education into your curriculum. New Jersey Ag in the Classroom is here to help!

We know that your teaching schedules are already jam-packed, so we offer ways to sneak a lesson about agriculture into math, language arts, social studies, science, you name it! Check our [website](#) for more than 100 PreK-5 lessons in every subject.



If you teach middle or high school, you can find abundant lessons in the [curriculum matrix](#) of our parent organization National Agriculture in the Classroom.

It's so easy to use. Type in your grade level and the subject you are interested in, and the matrix will link you to lessons, activities, books, and videos.