

Greenhouse gas emissions during co-composting of cattle feedlot manure with construction and demolition (C&D) waste

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Co-composted cattle manure and construction & demolition (C&D) waste.
- Studied two types of cattle manure, from typical vs. dried distillers' grain with solubles (DDGS) diets.
- C&D waste reduces CH_4 emission from cattle manure composting.
- Cattle manure composting emits lower CH_4 than stockpiling.
- No difference in GHG emissions between types of cattle manure.

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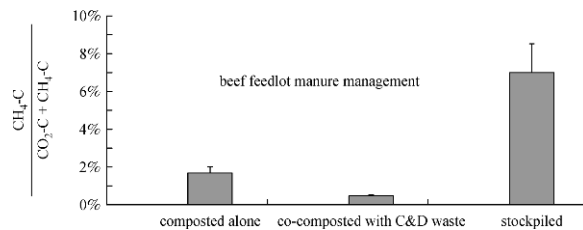
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ABSTRACT

Manure management strategies should reflect current animal feeding practices and encourage recycling of organic waste to help protect our environment. This research investigated greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions during cattle manure stockpiling or composting with and without construction and demolition (C&D) waste. Manure was collected from cattle fed a typical finishing diet (CK manure) and from cattle on diets which included 30% dried distillers grains with solubles (DG manure). The CK and DG manures were co-composted with (4:1) C&D waste (treatments: CK_CD, DG_CD), composted alone (treatments: CK and DG) in 13 m³ bins or stockpiled without C&D waste (treatments: CK_ST and DG_ST) for 99 days. Manure type (CK vs. DG manure) had no effect on GHG emissions over the 99 day manure composting or stockpiling. Composting with C&D waste produced similar CO_2 emissions, about double that from manure stockpiling (7.0 kgC·m⁻²). In contrast, CH_4 emissions were reduced by the inclusion of C&D waste (64 gC·m⁻² with C&D vs. 244 gC·m⁻² without C&D) while the manure stockpile emitted the greatest amount of CH_4 (464 gC·m⁻²). Additionally, only 0.48% of C was emitted in CH_4 form with C&D waste, compared to 1.68% when composting without C&D waste and 7.00% when cattle manure was stockpiled. The N_2O emissions (12.4 to 18.0 gN·m⁻²) were similar across all treatments. The lower CH_4 emissions with C&D waste are beneficial in reducing overall GHG emissions from manure composting, while reducing the amount of material entering landfills.

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1 Introduction

In 2006, 180 million Mg of manure were produced

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annually by Canadian livestock [1] and manure management emitted 8 Mt CO_2 equivalents, accounting for 17% of total agriculture sector emissions and 1.1% of the total 2014 Canadian inventory [2]. According to Statistics Canada [3], about 16% of Canadian farms reported using composting as one of their livestock manure management strategies in order to reduce total weight and volume, weed seed viability and odour during field application [4,5]. However, increased CH_4 and N_2O emissions have been

reported during livestock manure composting [6,7]. For the United States, manure also contributed 1.1% of the total CO₂ equivalents USA 2014 inventory [8].

Dried distillers grains with solubles (DDGS), an ethanol energy industry co-product, is increasingly used in livestock diets. Replacing 40% of barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.) grain with corn (*Zea mays* L.)-based DDGS reduced enteric CH₄ emissions while replacing 40% of barley grain with wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.)-based DDGS had no effect [9,10]. The reduction with corn-based DDGS was mainly due to its higher level of fat than wheat DDGS. Manure and compost from cattle on DDGS diets has been reported to have higher nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and soluble salt content [11,12].

Using life cycle assessment techniques, feeding cattle either corn- or wheat-based DDGS at 40% of dietary dry matter (DM) is estimated to increase both total (in CO₂ equivalent) GHG emissions and their intensity compared to the baseline scenario [13]. This increase is mainly attributed to estimated higher emissions of N₂O from manure as cattle N excretion increases. Increased N₂O, but not CO₂ and CH₄, emissions during cattle manure composting have been reported when replacing 60% barley grain with wheat-based DDGS [14]. However, there were no differences in CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O emissions when composting manure from cattle on diets with or without corn-based DDGS replacing 40% barley grain [12].

Landfills accounted for approximately 25.7% of total US anthropogenic methane (CH₄) emissions in 2014 [15] and 20% of Canadian CH₄ emissions [16]. As much as one-third of the 20 million tonnes of solid waste in municipal waste streams is generated by construction, renovation and demolition activities in Canada [17]; thus, any diversion of construction and demolition (C&D) waste, particularly lumber and drywall, can potentially reduce CH₄ emissions from landfills.

Recently in Alberta, Canada, C&D waste, particularly the wood and drywall fractions, has been diverted to replace cereal straw for bedding cattle feedlot pens in winter months or for co-composting with livestock manure. Composting various types of C&D wood waste with poultry manure and green waste produces compost which enhances plant growth [18]. Higher Ca levels in the final compost were reported after co-composting dairy manure with paper scraps from drywall production at a manure/paper ratio of 2.5:1 (fresh weight) [19]. Compost produced by adding drywall to biosolids or manure is a good soil amendment with no detrimental effects on vegetation when establishing native and non-native plant species on reclamation sites [20].

With the increased availability of DDGS as cattle feed and the need to recycle organic waste, particularly C&D waste, the possibility of co-composting C&D waste with cattle feedlot manure deserves to be studied. Therefore, the overall objectives of our research were to assess (1) the

feasibility of co-composting cattle manure with C&D waste, (2) agronomic properties of the final compost and (3) greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions during C&D waste and cattle manure co-composting relative to the typical farm practice of manure stockpiling. Results for objectives (1) and (2) were published following completion of the experiment and we demonstrated that it is feasible to co-compost C&D waste with cattle feedlot manure and the resulting compost has higher sulfur (S) content that is beneficial to crops with high S requirements, such as canola (*Brassica napus* L.) [21]. We are now reporting the results for our third objective that compares GHG emissions during manure stockpiling and co-composting with C&D waste.

2 Materials and methods

2.1 Experiment design

The experimental site, design, materials used, compost temperature and properties were previously reported [21]. Briefly, the compost experiment was conducted from 8 Apr. to 16 July, 2013 (99 days) in a semiarid climate at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) Research and Development Centre in Lethbridge, AB, Canada, centered in the major beef production area in Canada. The weather data were downloaded from an AAFC weather station located < 500 m from the experimental site (Fig. 1). Temperature was more variable during the first 29 days (−5°C to 15°C), then increased over time and became less variable (Fig. 1). During the first two weeks, there was 25 mm precipitation in the form of snow, and 66 mm rain fell on Day 72.

Two types of beef feedlot manure were collected: (1) CK manure, from cattle fed a typical western Canada finishing diet containing 860 g rolled barley grain, 100 g barley silage, and 40 g supplement · kg⁻¹ DM, and (2) DG manure, from cattle fed a diet similar to CK manure but with 300 g · kg⁻¹ DM barley grain replaced by corn DDGS. The

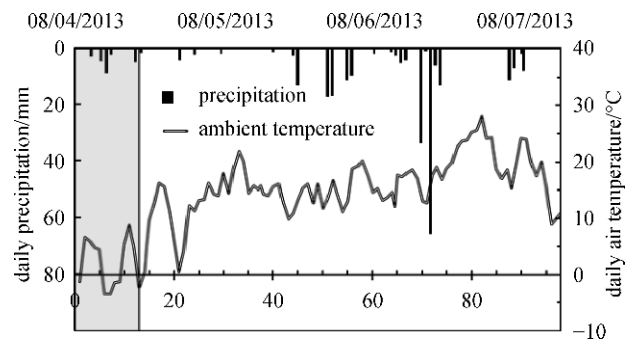


Fig. 1 Daily precipitation and ambient temperatures during the composting period (precipitation covered by shaded area from Day 0 to 14 was in the form of snow while the remaining compost period precipitation was in the form of rain)

C&D waste, supplied by Desviar (High River, AB), was mainly lumber and drywall wastage from new housing construction in southern Alberta, Canada which they chipped to < 5 cm for use in their composting operations. A truck load of the chipped C&D waste was delivered to our experimental site two weeks prior to the start of our compost experiment.

At the start of experiment, 13 m³ compost bins, (each 2.50 m long by 2.22 m wide by 2.35 m high), were constructed by stacking rectangular-shaped cereal straw bales. Bales were used to construct relatively small bins to retain heat because limited DG manure was produced from the feeding trial. On composting Day 1 (8 and 9 Apr. 2013), the CK and DG manures were mixed with or without C&D waste (treatments: CK_CD, DG_CD, CK and DG) and randomly placed into the 13 m³ bins with three replications per treatment. About 7028±17 kg (wet weight) of materials (averaging 1.75±0.04 m in height) were placed into each compost bin with a top surface area of 5.6 m². The manure to C&D waste ratio was 5:0 without (-) and 4:1 with (+) C&D addition. Compost materials were turned on Days 14, 37, and 64 with a front-end loader by flipping materials to adjacent empty bins. For comparison, both CK and DG manure (shaped in open windrow style) were also stockpiled (treatments CK_ST and DG_ST), each with three replications, for the same length of time as the composting treatments. The average manure stockpile windrow was about 4522±429 kg (wet weight), 1.8±0.1 m in height, and 8.4±0.8 m long, with an emitting surface area of 42.6±3.7 m².

2.2 Temperature monitoring

Compost temperatures in each compost bin were measured at 40, 70, and 100 cm below the compost surface by thermocouple sensors connected to a CR8 data logger (Campbell Scientific, Edmonton, Canada). The temperatures were recorded every 20 min and averaged to give mean hourly values. The temperature devices were installed on Days 0 and 1 (April 8 and 9, 2013), removed just before each turning, and reinstalled immediately thereafter. The hourly ambient temperature was also monitored over the experimental period. Temperatures were not monitored in the manure stockpiles (CK_ST, CK_DG).

2.3 Solid sample collection and analyses

Solid samples were collected at the start (Day 1), before each turning event (Days 14, 37, and 64), and at the end of the experiment (Day 99). For stockpiled manure, samples were collected on Days 1 and 99. Compost and stockpiled manure samples (1 kg wet weight) were collected at 7, 20, 50, 90, and 140 cm below the compost surface. Samples from each depth were manually homogenized and divided into two portions for analysis.

For water-extractable C and N determination, methods similar to Hao et al. [7,12] were used. Briefly, 25 g samples (wet weight) were placed into 100 mL of deionized water, shaken for 15 min, and filtered (0.45 µm filter), with the supernatant solution used to determine the water-extractable organic C, water-extractable N, and NH₄⁺ concentrations. The water-extractable OC and N contents were measured with a Shimadzu TOC-Vcsh/TNM-1 analyzer (Shimadzu Corporation, Kyoto, Japan) and NH₄⁺ with a Dionex ICS-1000/DX-600 (Dionex Corporation, Sunnyvale, California, USA). Water-extractable N includes both mineral and organic N that dissolves in water. For water-extractable NO₃ and SO₄ determination, 1 g of finely ground freeze-dried sample was placed into 25 mL of ultrapure water and shaken for 15 min. After filtering (0.45 µm filter), NO₃ and SO₄ concentrations in the supernatant solution were determined using a Dionex ICS-1000/DX-600. The moisture content was calculated using the weight difference before and after freeze drying.

2.4 Greenhouse gas emission determination

Greenhouse gas (GHG) surface fluxes were measured twice in the first week and weekly thereafter with a vented static chamber technique [6]. One static chamber was placed at the center of the top surface for each composting bin. Similarly, one chamber was also placed at the peak of each open windrow manure stockpile. Surface gas flux samples were collected 0, 5, 10, 20 and 30 min after chamber lid closure. Each gas sample was extracted with an air-tight syringe and injected into a 5.9 mL pre-evacuated, septum-sealed vial (Exetainer; Labco Limited, High Wycombe, Bucks., UK). Samples were analyzed for CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O contents using a gas chromatograph (Varian 3800; Varian Instruments, Walnut Creek, CA) equipped with an electron capture detector, flame ionization detector, thermal conductivity detector, and a micro-gas chromatograph (Varian 4900) equipped with an electron capture detector and thermal conductivity detector. The concentration versus time relationships for each GHG in each chamber were fitted with a second-order polynomial equation for each sampling time, and the flux at $t = 0$ was calculated by taking derivatives of the 2nd order polynomials [6]. Cumulative emissions were approximated by assuming that daily fluxes represented the average for each period. Cumulative GHG emissions over 99 days were expressed on both a per surface area and initial DM basis.

2.5 Data handling and statistical analysis

The mean daily temperature (Fig. 2) was calculated based on the hourly data previously reported by Hao et al. [21]. The weekly GHG surface fluxes were analyzed using Proc MIXED [22] with treatment (manure type and management strategies), sampling date, and treatment × sampling

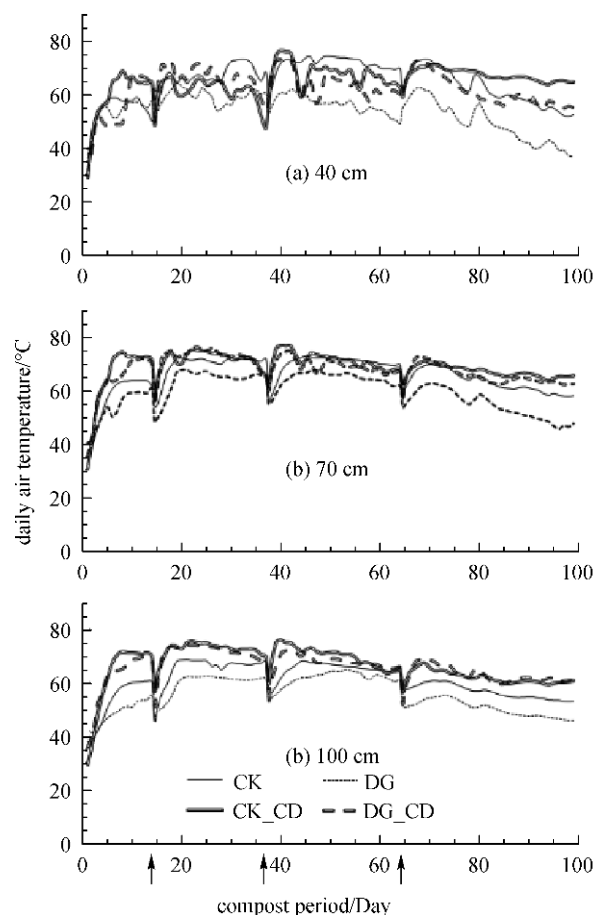


Fig. 2 Daily compost temperatures as affected by C&D waste addition. Arrows indicate dates (Day 14, 37 and 64) when compost was turned

date in the model as fixed effects and replicate \times treatment as a random effect. Sampling date was treated as a repeated measure to account for potential correlations and different variances between phases. The cumulative GHG emissions over the 99 days were reported as per initial surface area,

per initial total dry matter (DM) and per initial TC or TN amount. In addition, we also calculated the cumulative N_2O emissions per initial $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ amount and the percentage of CH_4 in the total C emissions ($\text{CO}_2 + \text{CH}_4$) and CO_2 -equivalent ($\text{CO}_2\text{-eq}$) emissions per unit weight manure composted ($\text{kgCO}_2\text{-eq}\cdot\text{Mg}^{-1}\cdot\text{DM}$) using global warming potentials of 26 for CH_4 and 298 for N_2O . The cumulative emissions, CH_4 percentage and $\text{CO}_2\text{-eq}$ were analyzed using Proc MIXED with treatment in the model as a fixed effect. The UNIVARIATE procedure was used to check residuals for normality and potential outliers. When treatment effects were not significant, data were pooled and re-analyzed. When any of the fixed effects were significant ($P < 0.05$), means were compared using a protected LSD test ($P < 0.05$).

3 Results and discussion

3.1 Initial materials used for composting

As previously reported [21], the DG manure had higher water-extractable N, $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ and $\text{SO}_4\text{-S}$ contents but similar moisture content, pH, TC, TN, and C/N ratio (Table 1). The higher water-extractable N, $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ and $\text{SO}_4\text{-S}$ reflect the higher N and S content in DDGS compared to barley grain in cattle diets, while similar pH, TC, TN C/N ratio and water-extractable OC resulted from animal treading in the feedlot pen that mixed urine and dung with soil particles, narrowing any difference between the two types of manure. The C&D waste used consisted mainly of chopped drywall and wood, so it had lower moisture, pH, TN, water-extractable OC, N and $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$, but higher TC content C/N ratio and $\text{SO}_4\text{-S}$ content, than both types of manure (Table 1).

3.2 Daily compost temperatures

At the start of the composting experiment, daily average

Table 1 Selected basic properties ^{a)} of the materials used in the compost experiment

property	C&D waste	CK manure	DG manure
water content/($\text{kg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$)	0.144 \pm 0.010 ^{b)}	0.609 \pm 0.014	0.619 \pm 0.010
pH	7.6 \pm 0.1	8.0 \pm 0.1	8.1 \pm 0.0
total C/($\text{g}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$)	312.2 \pm 23.6	266.2 \pm 12.5	275.5 \pm 17.2
total N/($\text{g}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$)	3.47 \pm 0.19	15.15 \pm 0.87	16.46 \pm 0.89
C/N ratio	90.4 \pm 6.1	17.7 \pm 0.6	16.8 \pm 0.6
NPOC/($\text{g}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$)	0.9 \pm 0.1	16.9 \pm 2.5	19.5 \pm 2.2
water-extractable N/($\text{g}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$)	0.05 \pm 0.01	4.26 \pm 0.65	6.19 \pm 0.43
water-extractable $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ /($\text{mg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$)	43 \pm 3	2489 \pm 443	4207 \pm 512
water-extractable $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ /($\text{mg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$)	– ^{c)}	–	–
water-extractable $\text{SO}_4\text{-S}$ /($\text{mg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$)	11212 \pm 192	518 \pm 114	1690 \pm 200

Notes: a) adapted from Hao et al. [21]; b) Mean \pm standard error ($n = 6$), and c) Below the detection limit. All properties are expressed on a dry matter weight basis, except water content, which is based on wet weight.

temperature increased to $>55^{\circ}\text{C}$ within 3 to 6 days at all three monitoring depths (40 cm, 70 cm and 100 cm below the compost surface), one or two days sooner with C&D waste (CK_CD and DG_CD treatments) than without (CK and DG). The exception was at the bottom depth for the DG_CD treatment, which took 18 days to reach 55°C , four days after the first compost turning on Day 14 (Fig. 2). Daily compost temperatures at 40 cm depth were more variable than values at 70 and 100 cm, largely reflecting the impact of ambient temperature fluctuation and precipitation (Fig. 1), and greater heat loss through the compost surface. On average, temperatures after turning generally increased faster and reached new maximum values three days sooner with C&D waste than without. Daily compost temperatures remained $>55^{\circ}\text{C}$ for most of the 99 day composting period with C&D added (except on the day of turning). However, daily temperatures dropped below 55°C on Day 75 for DG manure and on Day 86 for CK manure without the C&D waste addition (Fig. 2). The narrow differences in daily temperature between the two manure types largely reflect the similar manure properties while faster increases and higher temperatures associated with C&D waste addition were mainly due to improved aeration and a greater rate of O_2 supply that promotes organic matter degradation.

Temperatures in the stockpiled manure were not monitored, but they should be similar to those for composting during the first 14 days prior to first compost turning. Xu et al. [23] found that stockpile manure temperatures were generally lower than compost manure temperatures; stockpiles were $>55^{\circ}\text{C}$ for only 2 days compared to 35 days for compost manure treatments, over a 100 day monitoring period.

3.3 Changes in selected solid properties during the 99 day composting

Moisture content on Day 1 ranged from 0.57 to 0.62 $\text{kg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$, increased to their highest values on Day 14 (0.58 to 0.66 $\text{kg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$), then decreased steadily afterwards reaching their lowest values on Day 99 (0.43 to 0.58 $\text{kg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$). The high moisture values on Day 14 largely reflect snowfalls occurring between Days 4 and 12 (Fig. 1). Averaged over the 99 days, moisture content in C&D amended treatments (0.51 and 0.53 $\text{kg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ for CK_CD and DG_CD, respectively) were lower with than without C&D waste (0.59 and 0.61 $\text{kg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$, for CK and DG, respectively).

There was little difference in water-extractable OC and N content between the two types of manure; however, values in C&D amended treatments (CK_CD and DG_CD manure) were lower than the un-amended treatments (CK and DG manure) (Table 2) on most sampling dates. Additionally, water-extractable OC content peaked on Day 14 and decreased afterwards, dropping to values similar to Day 1 by Day 99. Water-extractable $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ content

followed similar patterns as water-extractable OC and N, highest on Day 14, decreasing over time, and reaching their lowest values on Day 99. Water-extractable $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ on Day 99 was similar to Day 1 for the CK, DG and CK_CD treatments; however, values on Day 99 were much lower than Day 1 for the DG_CD treatment. On the other hand, the water-extractable $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ was near zero for all sampling dates, except on Day 99 when values ranged from 1 to 54 $\text{mg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$. The peak water-extractable OC, N and $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ on Day 14 reflected the high rate of decomposition that converted organic C and N into water extractable form. The near-zero $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ and high $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ contents throughout the composting were mainly due to the inhibition of nitrification by high temperatures that prevented conversion of NH_4 to NO_3 [21].

Water-extractable $\text{SO}_4\text{-S}$ was consistently lowest in CK (349 to 541 $\text{mg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$), followed by DG (955 to 2005 $\text{mg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$) with highest values in the C&D amended treatments (3682 to 6806 $\text{mg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ for CK_CD and 4302 to 7033 $\text{mg}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ for DG_CD) throughout the 99 days (Table 2). The higher $\text{SO}_4\text{-S}$ content in C&D amended treatments reflected their higher content of CaSO_4 , which is the main ingredient of drywall in C&D waste, while higher values in the DG than CK treatment reflected the higher SO_4 in the DDGS diet which produced manure with higher SO_4 content.

3.4 CO_2 surface fluxes and cumulative emissions

The CO_2 fluxes ranged from as low as 0.3 $\text{mgC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ to as high as 387.4 $\text{mgC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ over the course of 99 days (Fig. 3(a)) and were affected by manure management strategy (compost alone, with C&D waste or stockpiled) and sampling date ($P < 0.001$), but not by ($P = 0.34$) manure type (CK vs DG manure) or any of their interactions (Table 1). The average CO_2 fluxes from CK manure (95.1 $\text{mgC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$) did not differ from DG manure (82.4 $\text{mgC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$) over the 99 day experimental period. However, CO_2 fluxes from composting alone (118.7 $\text{mgC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$) were similar to those from co-composting with C&D waste (106.0 $\text{mgC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$), and both were higher than from manure stockpiling (41.3 $\text{mgC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$). Additionally, CO_2 fluxes were generally ($P < 0.05$) higher earlier (128.9 to 219.2 $\text{mgC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ from Day 1 to 22) than later (18.6 to 71.3 $\text{mgC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ from Day 57 to 97) in the experimental period (Fig. 3(a)).

Cumulative CO_2 emissions, expressed on a per unit surface area basis, were affected ($P < 0.05$) by manure management strategy, but not by manure type ($P = 0.37$) or their interaction ($P = 0.95$) (Table 3). Composting CK and DG manure with and without C&D waste led to higher per-surface-area CO_2 emissions (12.94 to 15.99 $\text{kgC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$) than manure stockpiling (6.28 and 7.64 $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$). The higher per surface area emissions from composting than stockpiling largely reflects the greater decomposition in a compost

Table 2 Responses of selected properties to manure type and C&D waste addition over the 99 day experimental period

property	sampling date	treatment				Avg ^a	
		CK	DG	CK_CD	DG_CD		
water content/(kg·kg ⁻¹)	1	0.61	0.62	0.57	0.56	0.59	
	14	0.63	0.66	0.56	0.61	0.61	
	37	0.58	0.60	0.53	0.53	0.56	
	64	0.56	0.60	0.46	0.49	0.52	
	99	0.57	0.58	0.43	0.47	0.51	
	Avg	0.59	0.61	0.51	0.53		
water-extractable-OC/(g·kg ⁻¹)	1	16.9	19.5	10.1	13.5	15.0	
	14	29.9	30.1	32.9	26.4	29.7	
	37	30.0	28.5	28.0	25.5	28.0	
	64	29.5	25.5	27.9	25.0	26.7	
	99	22.4	21.8	11.4	9.4	15.6	
	Avg	25.7	25.1	22.1	20.0		
water-extractable N/(g·kg ⁻¹)	1	4.26	6.19	2.73	5.74	4.73	
	14	7.93	8.19	8.02	6.58	7.66	
	37	6.88	7.23	6.51	6.38	6.74	
	64	7.34	6.99	6.18	6.66	6.69	
	99	4.66	6.78	3.27	3.39	4.35	
	Avg	6.21	7.08	5.34	5.75		
water-OC/water-TN ratio	1	4.0	3.1	3.7	2.5	3.3	4.0
	14	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0
	37	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.4
	64	4.1	3.6	4.7	3.5	4.0	4.1
	99	4.8	3.2	3.6	2.8	3.6	4.8
	Avg	4.3	3.6	4.1	3.3		
water-extractable NH ₄ -N/(mg·kg ⁻¹)	1	2489	4207	1767	4095		3139
	14	5185	7236	6584	6051		6264
	37	4150	5391	3529	5806		4719
	64	3582	6213	2313	3363		3868
	99	2307	4025	1756	2231		2569
	Avg	3543	5414	3190	4309		
water-extractable NO ₃ -N/(mg·kg ⁻¹)	1	0	0	0	0		0
	14	0	0	0	0		0
	37	0	0	0	0		0
	64	0	0	0	0		0
	99	4	9	5	54		18
	Avg	1	2	1	11		
water-extractable SO ₄ -S/(mg·kg ⁻¹)	1	518	1690	6806	6018		3758
	14	532	956	6287	4302		3019
	37	349	1275	5558	5541		3181
	64	468	1084	3682	7033		3067
	99	541	2005	6318	6189		3763
	Avg	482	1402	5730	5817		

*Note ^a) adapted from Hao et al. [21], all properties are presented on a dry matter basis, except water content which is wet weight.

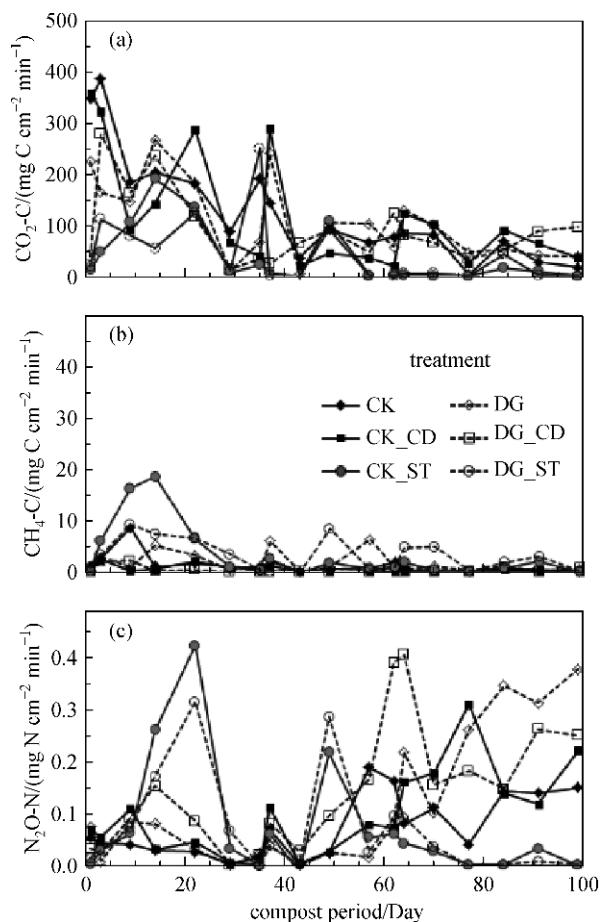


Fig. 3 Greenhouse gas fluxes over 99 days. CK and DG manure were stockpiled and co-composted with and without C&D waste. CK and DG represent composting manure from regular and DDG diets; _CD indicates C&D waste was added during composting while _ST indicates manure was stockpiled. Arrows indicate dates (Day 14, 37 and 64) when compost was turned

pile. Additionally, the rectangular shape of composting materials in the bin compared to the cone/spherical shape of stockpile means there is a greater amount of DM per unit surface area in compost than stockpiled manure, leading to the higher per surface area emissions rate. Adding C&D waste improved aeration and could potentially increase the organic matter decomposition. The similar CO₂ emission rates with and without C&D waste suggest that improved aeration did not translate into greater CO₂ emissions. The more stable and less water-extractable C in the C&D wood chips might have offset improved aeration in the C&D amended treatment. The higher temperature in the C&D amended treatment is consistent with its lower moisture content (Table 2). The heat capacity of water is much larger than air, so less heat is needed to increase the temperature with C&D waste than without it.

There were no significant differences in CO₂ emissions between the two types of manure. The CK manure emitted 7.64 to 15.99 kgC·m⁻² and the DG manure 6.28

to 14.83 kgC·m⁻². However, when CO₂ emission was expressed on a per initial DM basis, or per initial TC amount, differences among management strategies were no longer significant although cumulative emissions were still lowest when manure was stockpiled (Table 4). Compared to initial conditions, the CO₂ emissions at 277 to 578 kgC·Mg⁻¹ TC suggest that 28% to 58% TC at the start of composting was emitted as CO₂-C over the 99 days (Table 4).

The increased biological activity and gas diffusion rates due to turning led to the significantly higher CO₂ emissions from composting than stockpiling observed in our study, consistent with results [6] showing active turning produced higher CO₂ emissions than passive (no turning) open windrow composting. The greater flux rates and cumulative CO₂ emissions from composting than stockpiling reflect greater organic matter decomposition with increasing O₂ supply through compost turning than manure stockpiling, while a greater availability of more easily degraded material was responsible for the observed higher CO₂ flux at start of the experiment. Sura et al. [24] reported that the outer layer of stockpiled manure often does not achieve thermophilic temperatures, especially in environments where ambient temperatures are below freezing. Consequently, rates of organic matter decomposition and hence GHG emissions in surface layers of stockpiles may be less than compost manure treatments. As the experiment progressed, less degradable material was available resulting in a decreased rate of CO₂ emissions.

3.5 CH₄ surface fluxes and cumulative emissions

The CH₄ fluxes were both much lower than CO₂ and less variable (0.01 to 18.56 mgC·m⁻²·min⁻¹) (Fig. 3(b)), and were affected by manure management strategy ($P < 0.01$), sampling date ($P < 0.01$), and their interaction ($P < 0.01$), but not by manure type (Table 3). The average CH₄ fluxes from CK manure (1.68 mgC·m⁻²·min⁻¹) did not ($P > 0.05$) differ from DG manure (1.74 mgC·m⁻²·min⁻¹) over the 99 day experimental period. For most sampling dates, there were no differences in CH₄ surface fluxes among the three manure management strategies, except on Days 9, 14, 22 and 49, where emissions from the manure stockpile were higher ($P < 0.05$) than from composting (with and without C&D waste) (Fig. 3(b)). The CH₄ surface fluxes did not differ ($P > 0.0003$) among the 18 sampling dates when manure was composted; however, stockpiled manure had higher CH₄ fluxes on Days 9, 14 and 22 than other sampling dates ($P < 0.0003$) (Fig. 3(b)).

The cumulative CH₄ emissions, expressed on a per unit surface area basis, were affected ($P < 0.01$) by management strategy, but not by manure type or their interaction ($P > 0.05$) (Table 3). Composting with C&D waste generated the least CH₄ emissions per surface area, initial DM and initial TC amount, while manure stockpiling was the highest over the 99 days (Table 4).

Table 3 Analyses of variance of GHG fluxes and cumulative emissions over the 99 day experimental period

	CO ₂ -C	CH ₄ -C	N ₂ O-N
surface flux/(mg·m ⁻² ·min ⁻¹)		——— probability level ———	
manure type (MT)	0.34	0.91	0.05
management strategy (MS)	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.02
MT × MS	0.53	0.79	0.33
sampling date (SD)	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01
SD × MT	0.84	0.81	0.84
SD × MS	0.68	< 0.01	< 0.01
SD × MT × MS	0.56	0.65	0.82
cumulative emissions per surface area/(gC or N·m ⁻²)			
MT	0.37	0.51	0.26
MS	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.49
MT × MS	0.95	0.77	0.54
cumulative emissions per initial DM/(kgC or N·Mg ⁻¹ DM)			
MT	0.11	0.03	0.98
MS	0.13	< 0.01	0.20
MT × MS	0.82	0.07	0.23
cumulative emissions per initial TC or TN (NH ₄ -N)/(kgC·Mg ⁻¹ TC) or /(kgN·Mg ⁻¹ TN (NH ₄ -N))			
MT	0.09	0.03	0.80 (< 0.01)
MS	0.12	< 0.01	0.47 (0.09)
MT × MS	0.92	0.06	0.18 (< 0.10)
CH ₄ fraction CH ₄ -C/(CO ₂ -C + CH ₄ -C)			
MT		0.70	
MS		< 0.01	
MT × MS		0.93	

Manure type: CK vs DG manure; Management strategy: manure compost alone, co-composted with C&D waste or stockpiled; sampling dates: Days 1, 3, 9, 14, 22, 29, 35, 37, 43, 49, 57, 62, 64, 70, 77, 84, 91 and 97.

Co-composting with C&D waste led to the lowest cumulative CH₄ emissions (0.071 kgC·m⁻² for CK_CD and 0.56 kgC·m⁻² for DG_CD), followed by compost manure alone (0.173 kgC·m⁻² for CK and 0.255 kgC·m⁻² for DG), and the highest for manure stockpiling (0.455 kgC·m⁻² for CK_ST and 0.483 kgC·m⁻² for DG_ST). The cumulative CH₄ emissions from CK manure (average 0.230 kgC·m⁻²) did not differ from DG manure (average 0.285 kgC·m⁻²). Similar trends were observed when CH₄ emissions were expressed on a per initial DM or initial TC amount basis (Table 4). The CH₄ emission rates when composting with C&D manure (2.70 and 1.93 kgC·Mg⁻¹ initial TC for CK_CD and DG_CD, respectively) were reduced by 57% compared to CK manure (6.24 kgC·Mg⁻¹ initial TC) and by 77% for DG manure composting (8.32 kgC·Mg⁻¹ initial TC) without C&D waste. The reductions are even greater when comparing C&D waste co-composting to manure stockpiling, 81% compared to CK_ST (13.93 kgC·Mg⁻¹ initial TC) and 91% compared to DG_ST (21.32 kgC·Mg⁻¹ initial TC).

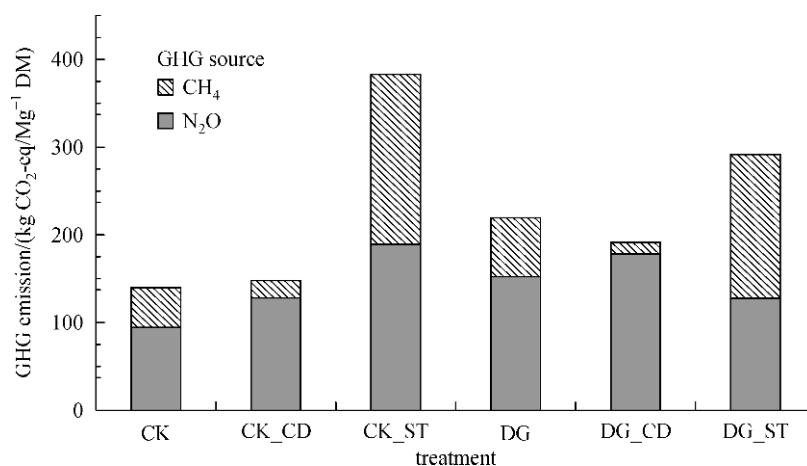
Compared to the total amount of C at the start of composting, CH₄ emissions at 1.93 to 21.32 kgC·Mg⁻¹ TC suggest that 0.19 to 2.1% of original manure C was emitted as CH₄-C over the 99 days, much smaller than the 28 to 58% C lost as CO₂-C (Table 4). Additionally, composting led to a lower fraction of total C emitted as CH₄ (0.47% to 0.50% with C&D waste and 1.13% to 1.73% without C&D waste) than manure stockpiling (6.87% to 7.13%) and reduced the proportion of CH₄ relative to the total CO₂-eq emissions (Fig. 4).

The higher CH₄ flux from manure stockpiles than compost largely reflects the poor aeration in manure stockpiling, as turning increases aeration introducing O₂ into the compost and promotes CH₄ oxidation by methanotrophs. Additionally, at a 4:1 ratio of manure:C&D waste, water-extractable SO₄ increased from 484 mg·kg⁻¹ in CK and 1402 mg·kg⁻¹ in DG treatments to 5730 mg·kg⁻¹ in CK_CD and 5817 in DG_CD treatments (Table 1), along with a decrease in pH (from 8.3 to 8.0 as previously reported [21]). The effect of C&D waste in reducing CH₄

Table 4 Cumulative CO₂ and CH₄ emissions over the 99 day experimental period

	CO ₂ -C			CH ₄ -C		
	CK	DG	Avg	CK	DG	Avg
per surface area/(kgC·m ⁻²)						
compost with C&D waste	15.39	12.94	14.1 a	0.071	0.056	0.064 c
compost without C&D waste	15.99	14.83	15.4 a	0.173	0.255	0.214 b
stockpiled	7.64	6.28	7.0 b	0.445	0.483	0.464 a
Avg	13.01 A	11.35 A		0.230 A	0.265 A	
per initial DM/(kgC·Mg ⁻¹ DM)						
compost with C&D waste	148.0	111.6	129.8 a	0.69	0.50	0.59 c
compost without C&D waste	147.7	132.4	140.0 a	1.62	2.29	1.95 b
stockpiled	114.5	73.6	94.0 a	3.71	5.66	4.68 a
Avg	136.7 A	105.9 A		2.00 B	2.82 A	
per initial TC/(kgC or N·Mg ⁻¹ C)						
compost with C&D waste	577.8	434.9	496.2 a	2.70	1.93	2.27 c
compost without C&D waste	570.4	481.2	525.8 a	6.24	8.32	7.28 b
stockpiled	430.0	277.2	348.7 a	13.93	21.32	17.64 a
Avg	519.3 A	394.5 A		7.62 B	10.52 A	
CH ₄ fraction (CH ₄ -C/(CO ₂ -C + CH ₄ -C)/%						
compost with C&D waste				0.50	0.47	
compost without C&D waste				1.13	1.73	
stockpiled				6.87	7.13 a	
Avg				2.83 a	3.27 a	

Manure type: CK vs DG manure; Management strategy: manure co-composted with C&D waste, manure composted without C&D waste or stockpiled. For each parameter, data in a column followed by different lower-case letters and in a row followed by different upper-case letters differ at 0.05 probability level.


Fig. 4 Effect of C&D waste addition on CO₂ equivalent emission for each tonne of manure (DM) composted

emission was consistent with previous studies when phosphogypsum was added to cattle manure composting [7].

The C&D waste used in our study contains drywall materials, and the main ingredient in drywall is CaSO₄. Both sulfur reducing bacteria (SRB) and methane producing bacteria (MPB) compete for the same organic C and

energy sources under anaerobic conditions [7]. Other studies have shown that the toxic effect of sulfur compounds on methanogens inhibits CH₄ production. Additionally, the reduction in pH associated with C&D waste addition from 8.3 to 8.0 [21] could increase the rate of CH₄ oxidation, as the optimum pH for CH₄ oxidation is reported to be near neutral pH [25].

3.6 N₂O surface fluxes and cumulative emissions

The N₂O fluxes, ranging from 0.001 to 0.369 mgC·m⁻²·min⁻¹ (Fig. 3(c)), were affected by manure management strategy ($P = 0.03$), sampling date ($P < 0.001$) and their interaction ($P < 0.001$), and were marginally affected by manure type ($P = 0.05$) (Table 3). The average N₂O fluxes from DG manure (0.110 mgC·m⁻²·min⁻¹) were higher ($P = 0.05$) than CK manure (0.081 mgC·m⁻²·min⁻¹). This is mainly due to the initially higher NH₄ content associated with DG manure. Among the three manure management strategies, N₂O fluxes from the manure stockpile from Days 1 to 57 were similar to those from composting (both with and without C&D waste), except on Days 14, 22 and 49, when fluxes from stockpiling were higher ($P < 0.05$) than composting. From Days 62 to 97, N₂O fluxes from manure stockpile were always lower ($P < 0.05$) than from composting. There were no differences in N₂O fluxes between composting with and without C&D waste for all sampling dates (Table 3).

The lower N₂O fluxes observed from manure composting than stockpiling during early composting might be due to the high compost temperature that inhibits nitrification and denitrification. Compost bins constructed with straw bales insulated the compost pile and maintained compost temperature > 60°C for most of the composting period [21]. Increases in N₂O flux when temperature was lowered by turning suggest that temperature is the main factor inhibiting N₂O emissions during our composting experiment. High compost temperatures hindering the nitrification of N₂O are also consistent with the high NH₄ content (2569–6264 mg·kg⁻¹) and low NO₃ content (0–18 mg·kg⁻¹) throughout the 99 day composting [21]. Venglovsky et al. [26] also reported no nitrification activities during the thermophilic stage (temperature is > 45°C) when composting the swine slurry solid fraction as the nitrification bacteria are limited by high temperatures. Although we did not monitor the temperatures in the manure stockpile, neither nitrification of NH₄ in manure nor denitrification of NO₃ were inhibited during early manure stockpiling (Days 0 to 49). Stockpiles do not encounter the early high temperatures observed for composting [23,24], thus the higher early N₂O emissions from manure stockpiling than composting. The higher N₂O fluxes during the second half of the experiment (Days 50 to 99) from composting than stockpiling were mainly due to decreases in temperature reducing inhibition to N₂O production in the compost pile. Reduced N₂O emissions at higher temperatures have also been reported elsewhere [27].

Cumulative N₂O emissions, expressed on a per initial surface area, initial DM or initial total N amount basis, were not affected by manure type, management strategy or their interaction (Table 3). The cumulative N₂O emissions, ranging from 0.107 to 0.217 kgN·m⁻² (0.099 to 0.201 kgN·Mg⁻¹ DM, or 6.65 to 14.32 kgN·Mg⁻¹ TN)

(Table 5), were similar regardless of treatment. The C&D waste addition did not affect the N₂O emissions amount (Table 5) or the contribution to the total CO₂-eq (Fig. 4).

Table 5 Cumulative N₂O emissions over the 99 day experimental period

	manure type		
	CK	DG	Avg
per surface area/(kg N ₂ O-N·m ⁻²)			
compost with C&D waste	0.0143	0.0217	0.018 a
compost without C&D waste	0.0107	0.0180	0.145 a
stockpiled	0.0133	0.0117	0.125 a
Avg	0.0128 A	0.0172 A	
per initial DM/(kg N ₂ O-N·Mg ⁻¹ DM)			
compost with C&D waste	0.135	0.188	0.162 a
compost without C&D waste	0.099	0.161	0.130 a
stockpiled	0.201	0.134	0.168 a
Avg	0.145 A	0.161 A	
per initial TN amount/(kg N ₂ O-N·Mg ⁻¹ TN)			
compost with C&D waste	8.9	14.3	11.6 a
compost without C&D waste	6.6	9.5	8.1 a
stockpiled	13.3	8.2	10.7 a
Avg	9.6 A	10.7 A	
per initial NH ₄ -N amount/(kg N ₂ O-N·Mg ⁻¹ NH ₄ -N)			
compost with C&D waste	76.6	45.9	61.3 a
compost without C&D waste	39.6	33.6	36.6 a
stockpiled	113.9	25.8	69.8 a
Avg	76.7 A	35.1 B	

Manure type: CK vs DG manure; Management strategy: manure co-composted with C&D waste, manure composted without C&D waste or stockpiled. For each parameter, data in a column followed by different lower-case letters and in a row followed by different upper-case letters differ at 0.05 probability level.

Compared to the amount of total N at the start, the N₂O emissions, ranging from 6.6 to 14.3 kgN·Mg⁻¹ TN, suggest that 0.66 to 1.43% TN was emitted as N₂O-N over the 99 days. The similar emissions among treatments mainly reflect lower N₂O fluxes during early and higher N₂O fluxes during later composting than manure stockpiling, which led to no overall difference among manure management strategies. However, when cumulative N₂O emissions are expressed on a per initial NH₄-amount basis, there is a significant manure type effect ($P < 0.01$).

The extended high daily average temperature (> 55°C to 77°C) period during most of the 99 day composting (Fig. 2) might be responsible for the low emissions and small differences among treatments in CH₄ and N₂O emissions although moisture content was lower and aeration better with C&D waste (Table 2). The extremely high temperature might have hindered microbial activity and CH₄ and N₂O production in all composting piles. The

reported higher fraction of C emitted as CH₄ for manure stockpiles than composting in our study is consistent with other studies using cattle manure [6]

4 Implications for manure management strategies

There is a need to develop on-farm strategies to mitigate net GHG emissions from livestock manure. In Canada, animal manure from confined livestock operations is most often stored on-farm before being applied to agricultural land. Increasingly, manure is composted before land application. One mitigation strategy is adding straw or woodchips (C-rich amendments) as bedding materials in the feedlot pen or during manure storage and composting to reduce CH₄ and N₂O emissions as straw influences the dry matter content, C/N ratio and aeration of the manure [28,29]. Other strategies include managing compost pile size as larger piles increase CH₄ and N₂O emissions due to poor aeration [30]; forced aeration and turning generally reduces CH₄ emissions [31] while increasing compost pile porosity could reduce N₂O emissions [32]. Co-composting with C&D waste could be one manure management strategy to reduce CH₄ emissions as demonstrated in our study. In addition to the increased available SO₄ for crop production, particularly in S-deficient sandy soil [21], there is also the added bonus of recycling the C in the C&D waste and reducing waste at landfill sites.

5 Conclusions

Co-composting cattle manure with C&D waste (mainly lumber and drywall waste materials from new housing construction) had little impact on CO₂ and N₂O emissions while CH₄ emissions were reduced. The CO₂ emissions and CH₄ emissions were lower and N₂O emissions similar when comparing stockpiling manure to composting cattle feedlot manure using small bins constructed with cereal straw bales. The lower CH₄ emissions with C&D waste is beneficial in reducing overall GHG emissions from manure composting, while reducing the amount of material entering landfills.

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