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# How compostable products are recycled in the UK

Data on the capacity for the composting of certified industrially compostable materials at certified industrial composting facilities in the UK

## Introduction

Renewable Energy Assurance Limited (REAL) administers both the Compost Certification Scheme (CCS) and Compostable Materials Certification Scheme (CMCS). This paper has been produced to share data collected through CCS, providing a snapshot of the number of compost producers managing industrial composting processes in the UK that are certified by CCS and accept compostable materials which have been certified suitable for industrial composting (compostables) for feeding into their process.

## Certified composting processes accepting and feeding in compostables

In February 2024, REAL data showed that a total of 29 CCS certified composting processes had confirmed they were accepting and feeding compostables into their processes. There were 20 processes in England, 4 in Scotland, 3 in Northern Ireland, and 2 in Wales. Data is collected on an annual basis by the Certification Bodies appointed by CCS and stored in REAL's central database – data downloaded from February 2024 was collected from certified compost producers audited before February.

Please see Figure 1 below for information about the types of compostables accepted overall.

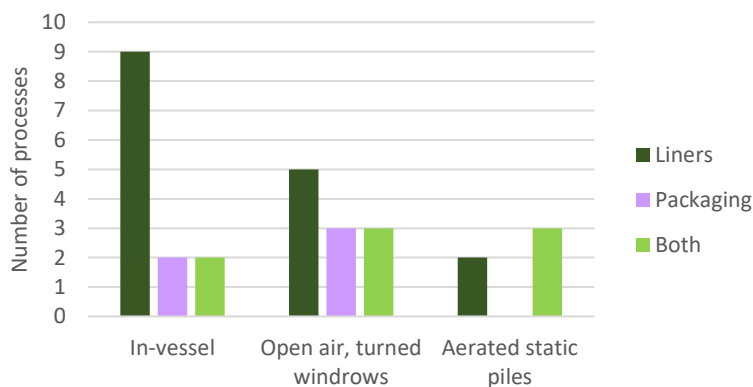


Figure 1. Total number of certified composting processes treating compostables per treatment type

Please note that the statistics are updated on a regular basis. This paper was updated in February 2024.