

# HMP WORM FARM

Prison Opportunities  
Through Vermiculture



## **Egino Emerging Vermiculture Pathway**

People who live and work in prisons can help themselves, as well as the global environment and their local communities, by developing internal vermiculture composting systems.

Prison food, paper and garden waste is quickly and efficiently transformed into rich fertilizer to use, donate or sell.

Prisons save money in waste collection fees while prisoners learn new skills that can lead to cooperative self-employment along an established pathway.

Low start up costs and easily scalable to meet the prison's needs.



## **Establish a prison worm-based waste composting system**

- 01 Save prisons money**  
Reduce waste collection fees
- 02 Pathway to employment**  
Education and experience in waste management & composting leading to cooperative self-employment
- 03 Improved local relations**  
Provide high grade fertilizer to community gardens and local authorities
- 04 New meaningful prison jobs**  
Environmentally and locally aware prison jobs for prisoners change attitudes
- 05 Very low start up costs**  
Can be started with £250 or less
- 06 Proven results**  
US prisons with composting programmes are saving £85,000 per year
- 07 Reduced carbon footprint**  
Reduced landfill use

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## The Process

Collect and sort prison waste



Compost waste in wormeries



Process compost to use, sell or donate



## Start small and scale up at your own pace

A small initial investment to build or buy a wormery and some composting worms is all that is required to get started. The operation can expand at pace to suit the prison regime.

## Egino Emerging Support

We can provide support for prison worm farming through peer support, consultancy and our book *HMP Worm Farm*.

We currently provide support for Approved Premises garden projects that are establishing their own worm composting projects.

We are developing a formal prison to cooperative self-employment vermiculture pathway, combining hands-on experience with distance learning to give prison leavers the tools and experience to succeed.

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## Prison Worm Farm Success

### Monroe Correctional Facilities, WA, USA

Saved the prison over \$100,000 in tipping fees. Donated 5000 gallons of rich organic fertilizer per month to local authority, saving local taxpayers money

### Federal Prison Camp, MN, USA

Worm farm and composting project saved \$40,000 in waste collection fees.

### RJD Correctional Facility, CA, USA

Food scraps diversion, in conjunction with other recycling programs, saves the prison over \$100,000 annually.

### Waymart State Correctional Institution, PA, USA

By reducing its waste stream, the prison saves about \$30,000 year in disposal costs

