



# **FARM FRIDAY FUN**

## **WITH ARIZONA AGRICULTURE**

### **VERMICOMPOSTING**

- Vermicomposting uses worms to help compost.
- Vermiculture is the process of breeding worms.
- Red Wigglers are the best worms for vermicomposting. They are surface dwellers meaning they don't go more than 2 inches deep. This allows for aeration and loosening the soil.
- Worms eat their body weight in food each day.
- Worms have no eyes, no ears, and no teeth.
- Worms have 5 hearts and breathe through their skin.
- Worm manure is called casting. It makes an excellent fertilizer.
- Worm bedding should be kept moist and worms should be kept in a cool place.
- Red worms are hermaphrodites but still need other worms to reproduce.
- In nature there can be 250-000 to 1.75 million worms per acre.

