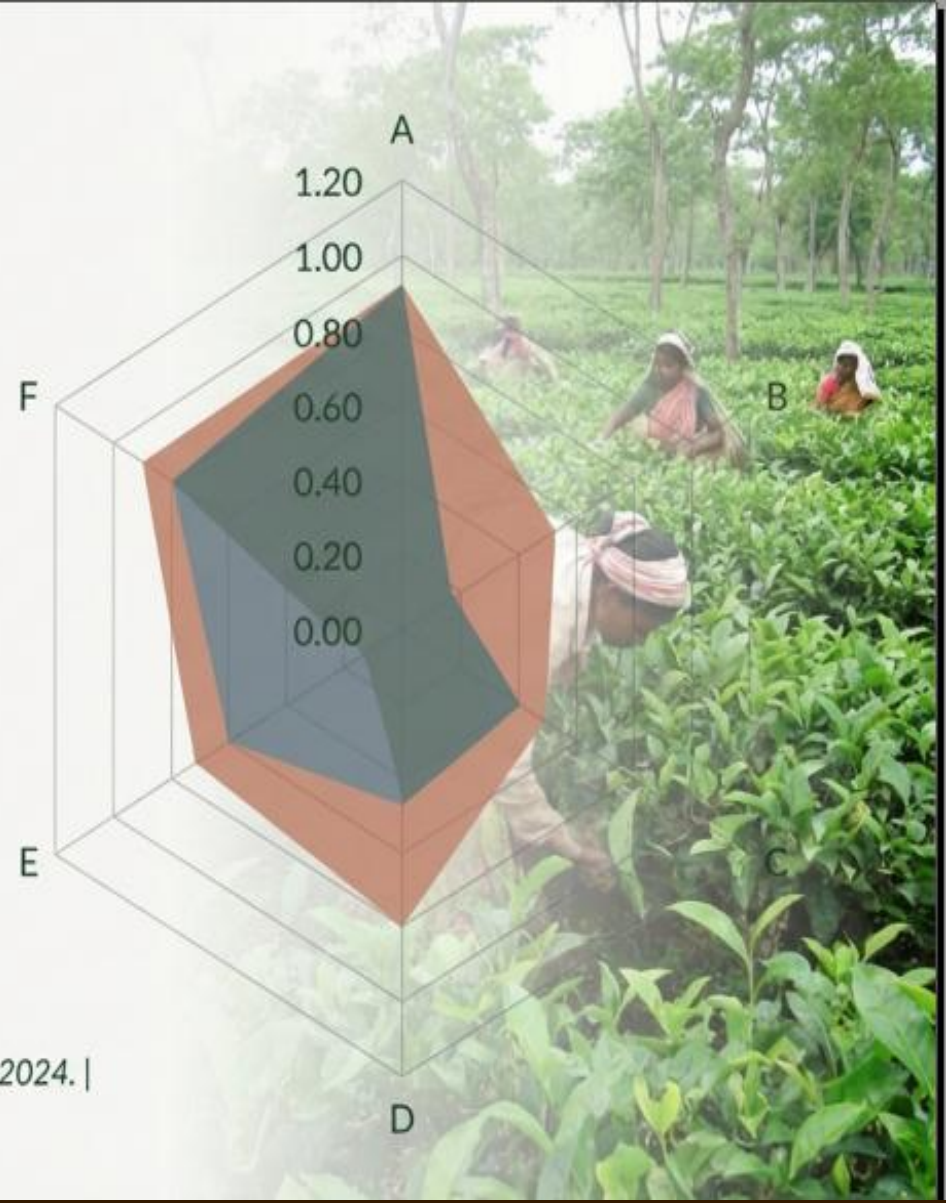
Evolution in Organic Soil Management

A Comparative Review of Composting Methods for Regenerative Agriculture, Cost Efficiency, and Climate Action.



Based on research by Bera et al., Asian Journal of Environment & Ecology, 2024. | Summary of findings from the FAO-CFC-TBI Project.

The Imperative: Soil Regeneration as a Global Priority

Compost is the engine of Regenerative Agriculture and a direct pathway to achieving United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- **Food Security (SDG 2):** Soil regeneration is critical for sustained food production.
- **Climate Action (SDG 13):** Mitigation via carbon sequestration and reduction of methane.
- **Responsible Consumption (SDG 12):** Recycling organic waste minimizes waste generation.

Current Bottleneck: Indian agriculture faces raw material scarcity and high costs. Efficiency is not just a goal; it is a survival requirement.

The Contenders: Three Methods Under Review

1. FYM / Heap Compost

Traditional aerobic stacking of weeds and green matter. **Status:** Common but slow (150–180 days).

2. Vermi Compost

Biodegradation driven by earthworms (Eisenia foetida). **Status:** Infrastructure heavy, moderate speed (60–75 days).

3. Novcom Compost

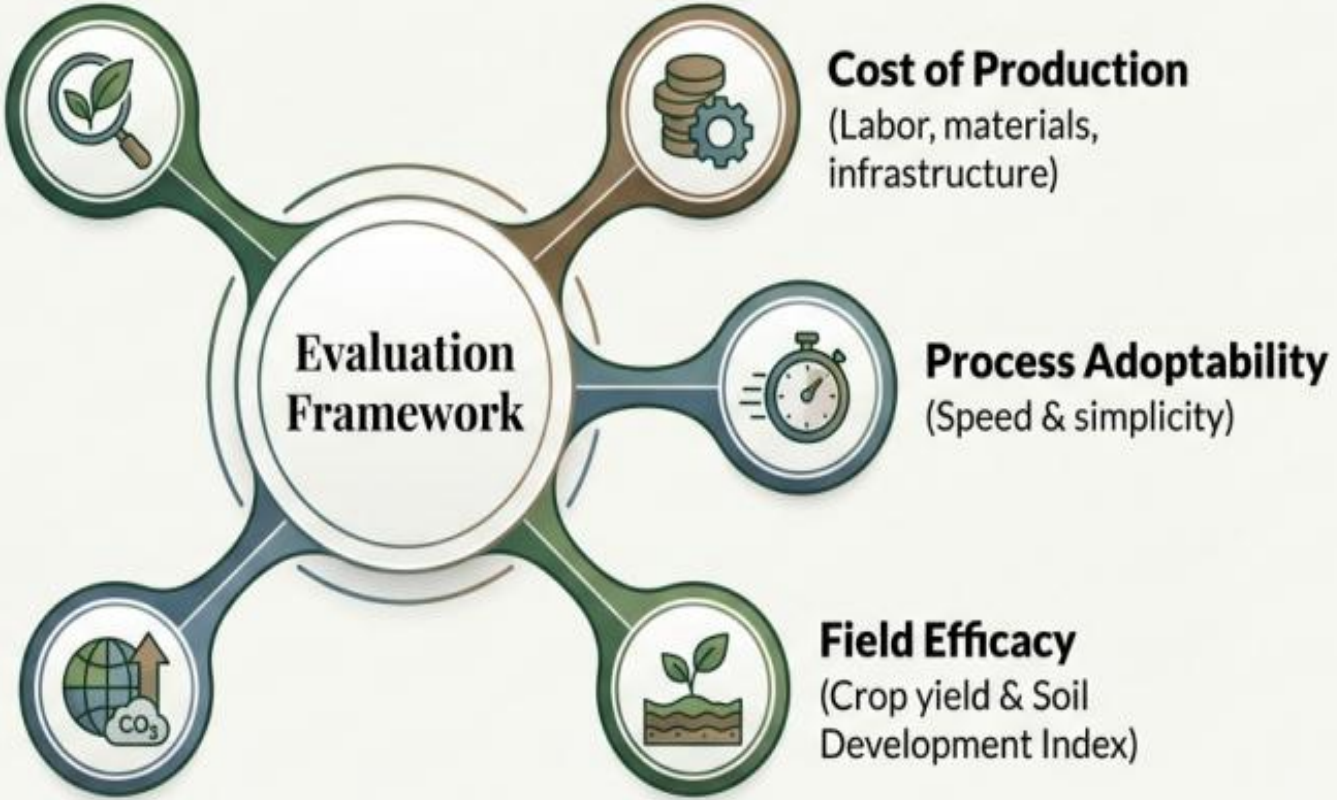
Indigenous microbial inoculation using herbal extracts. **Status:** High-speed biodegradation (21 days), no infrastructure.

The 5-Point Evaluation Framework

To determine the most effective method for Indian tea estates, the study analyzed five critical performance vectors:

End Product Quality
(Nutrient content & microbial counts)

Cost of Production
(Labor, materials, infrastructure)

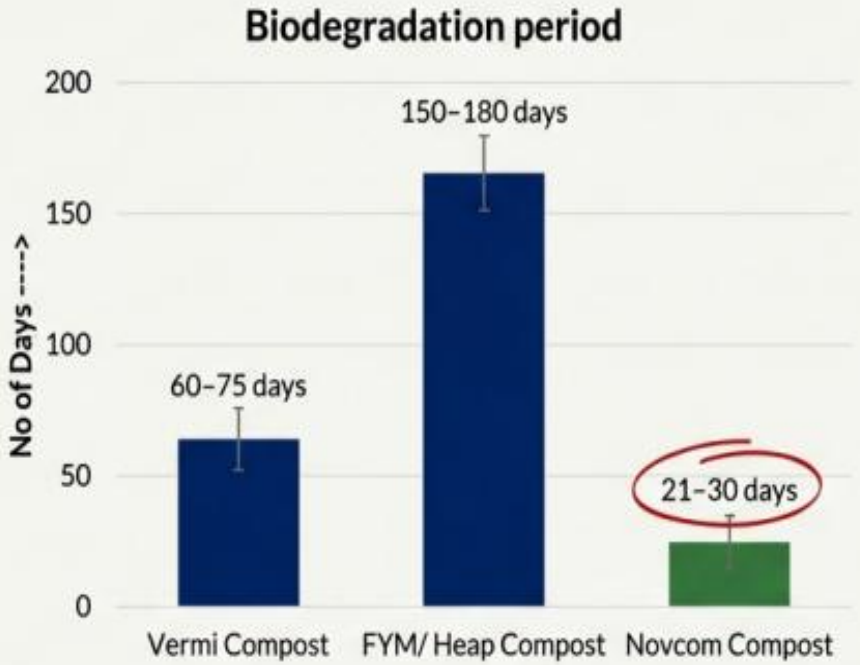


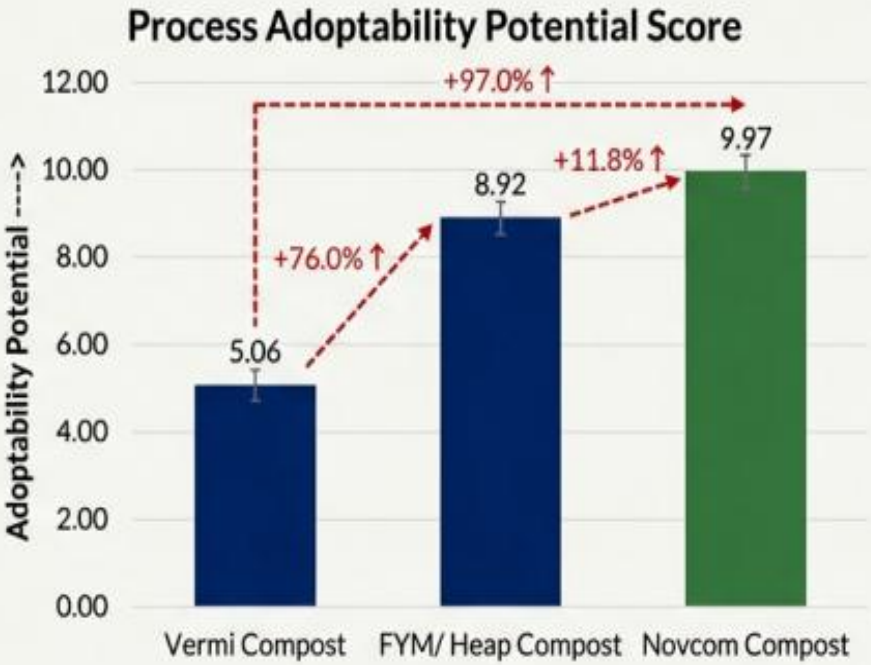
Process Adoptability
(Speed & simplicity)

GHG Mitigation
(Carbon sequestration & emission reduction)

Field Efficacy
(Crop yield & Soil Development Index)

Novcom Reduces Biodegradation Time to Just 21 Days





Novcom scores highest on adoptability due to **zero infrastructure requirements** and **non-selectivity** of **raw materials**.

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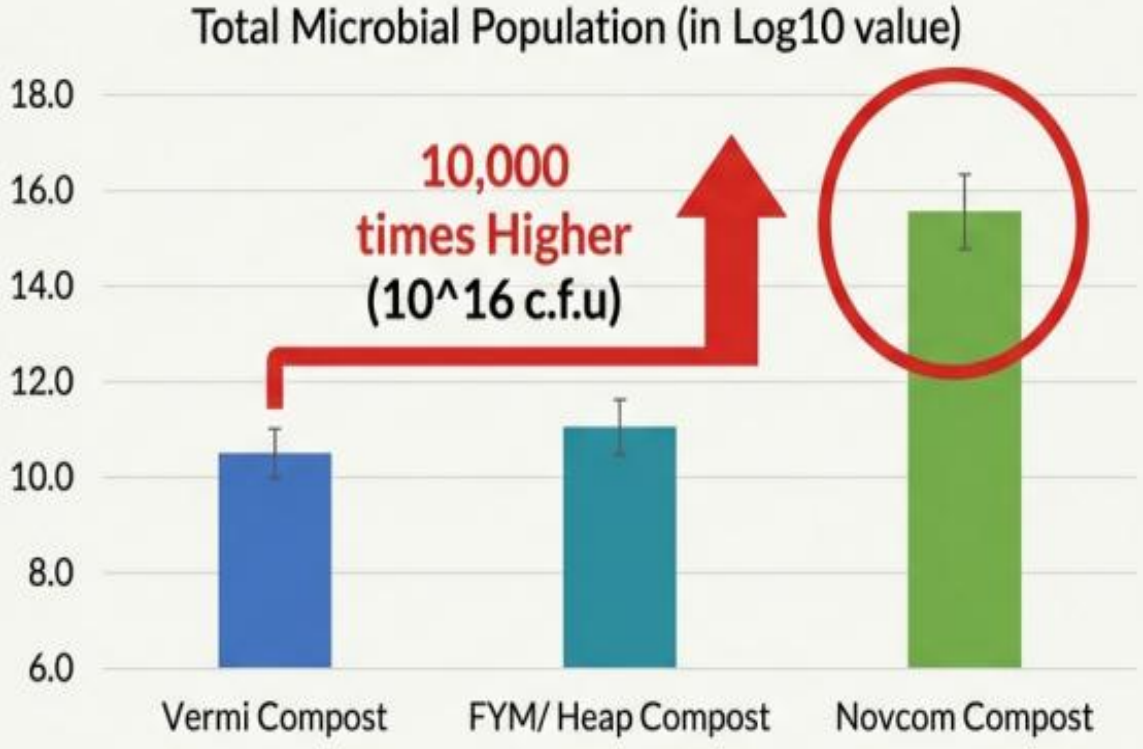
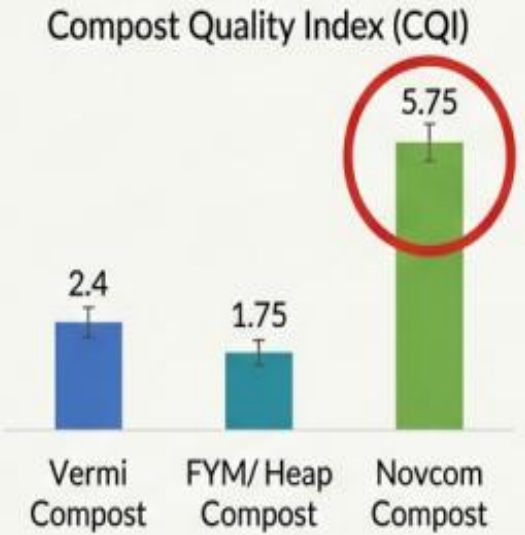
The Microbial Engine: 10,000x Higher Population

High microbial counts are the primary driver for soil rejuvenation and nutrient dynamics.





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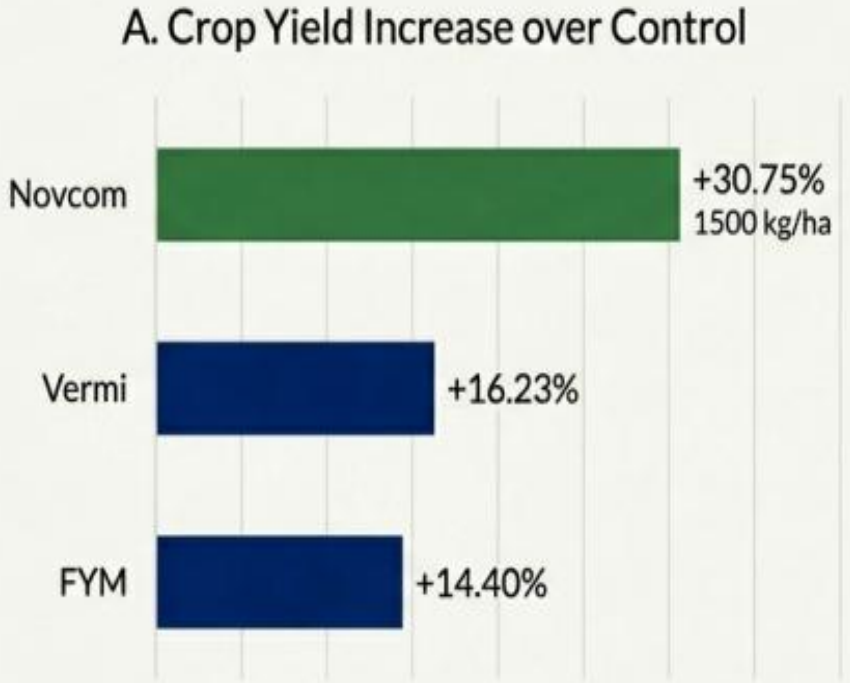
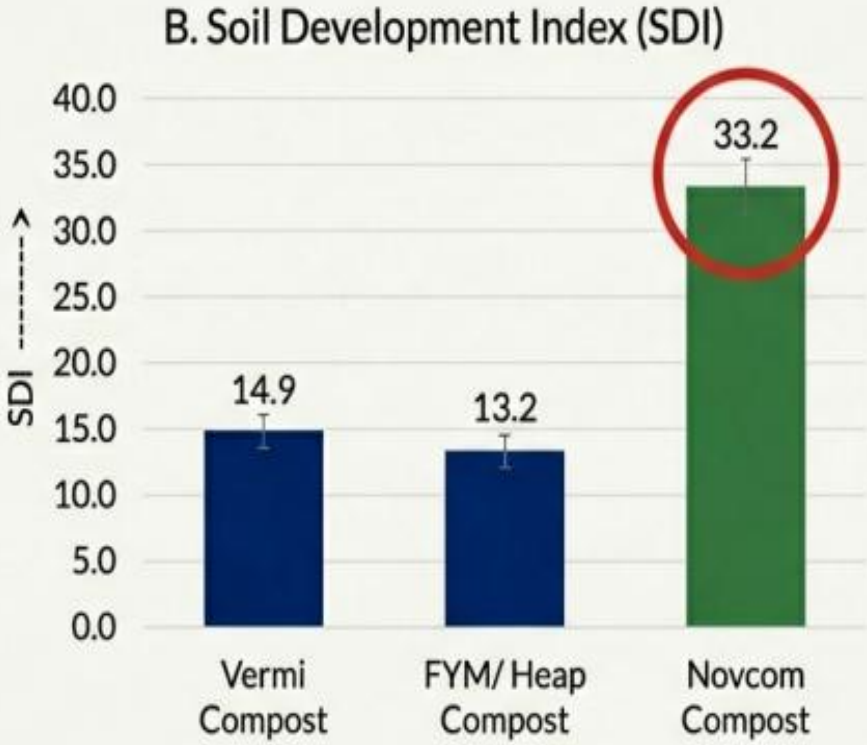
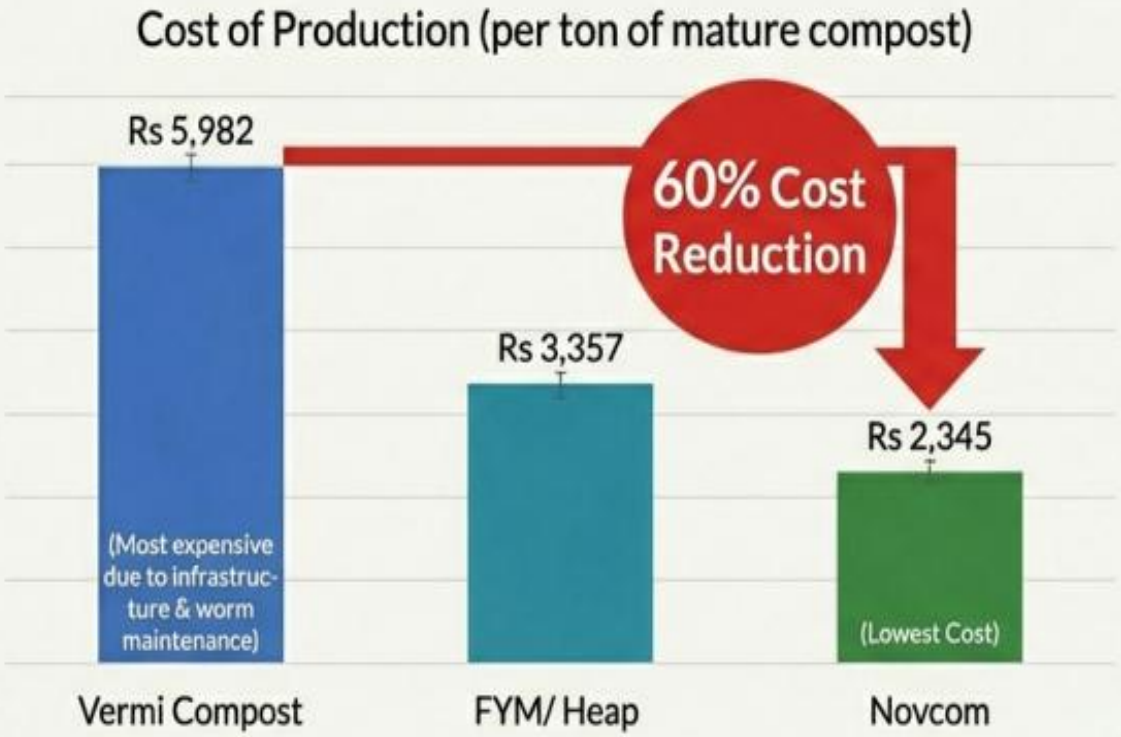
Tangible Impact on Productivity and Soil Health

Results from a 3-year study at Maud Tea Estate (FAO-CFC-TBI Project).





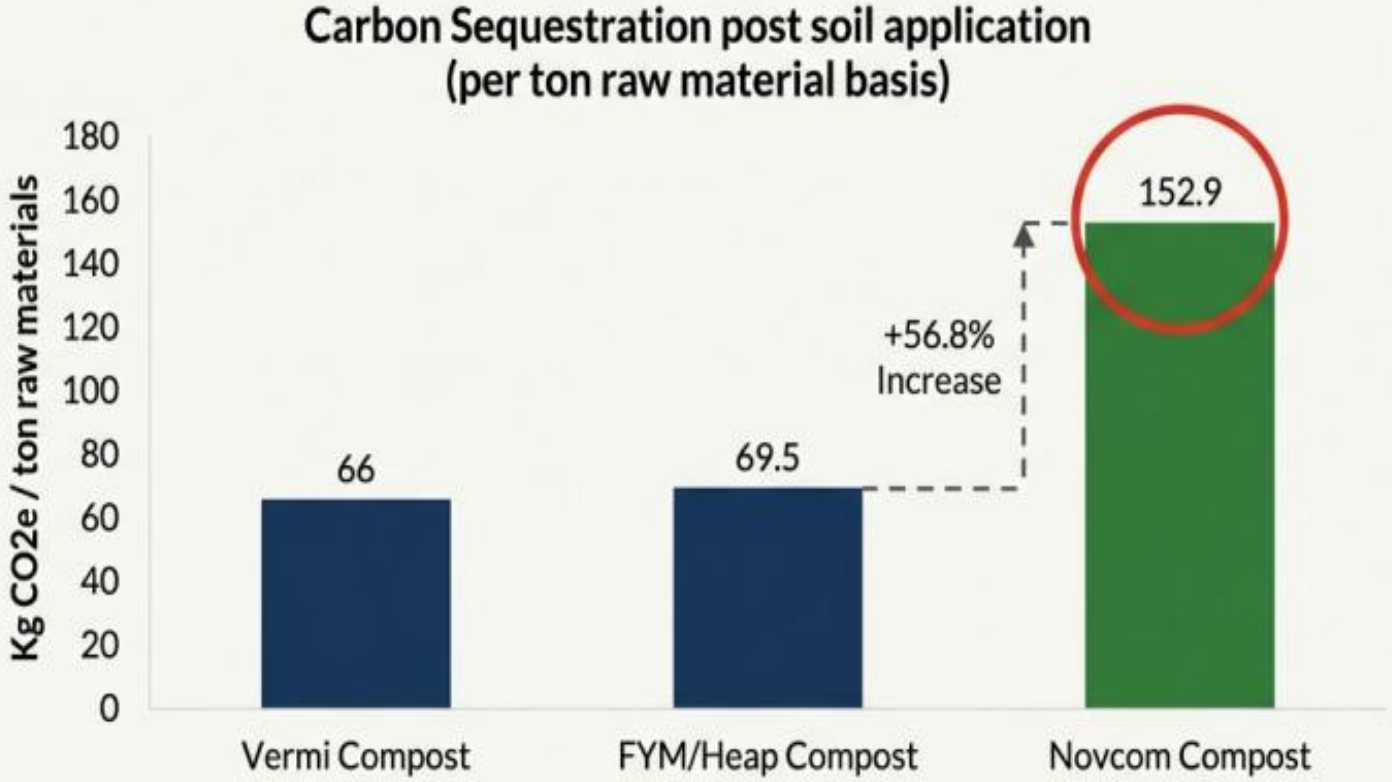
Superior Economics: 60% More Cost-Effective than Vermi



Value Cost Ratio (VCR): Novcom achieved 8.49 (Highest ROI).

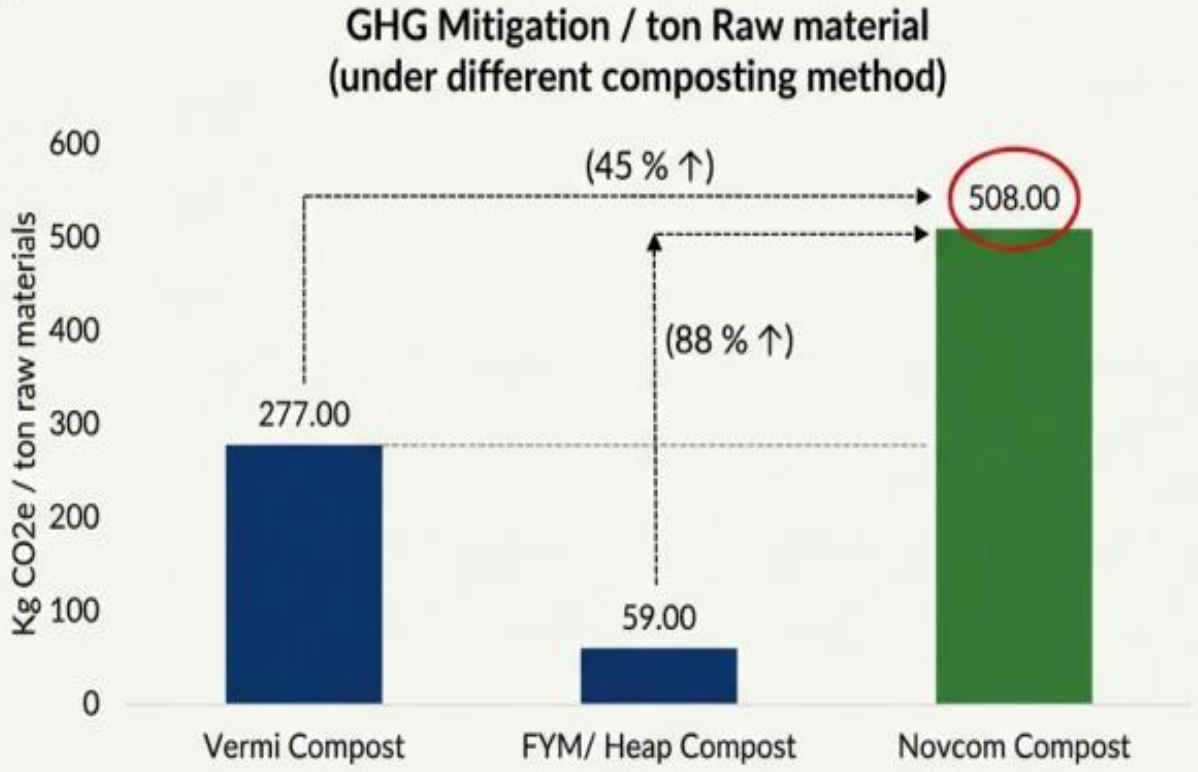
Maximizing Soil Carbon Storage

Faster biodegradation leads to higher humification and stable soil carbon.



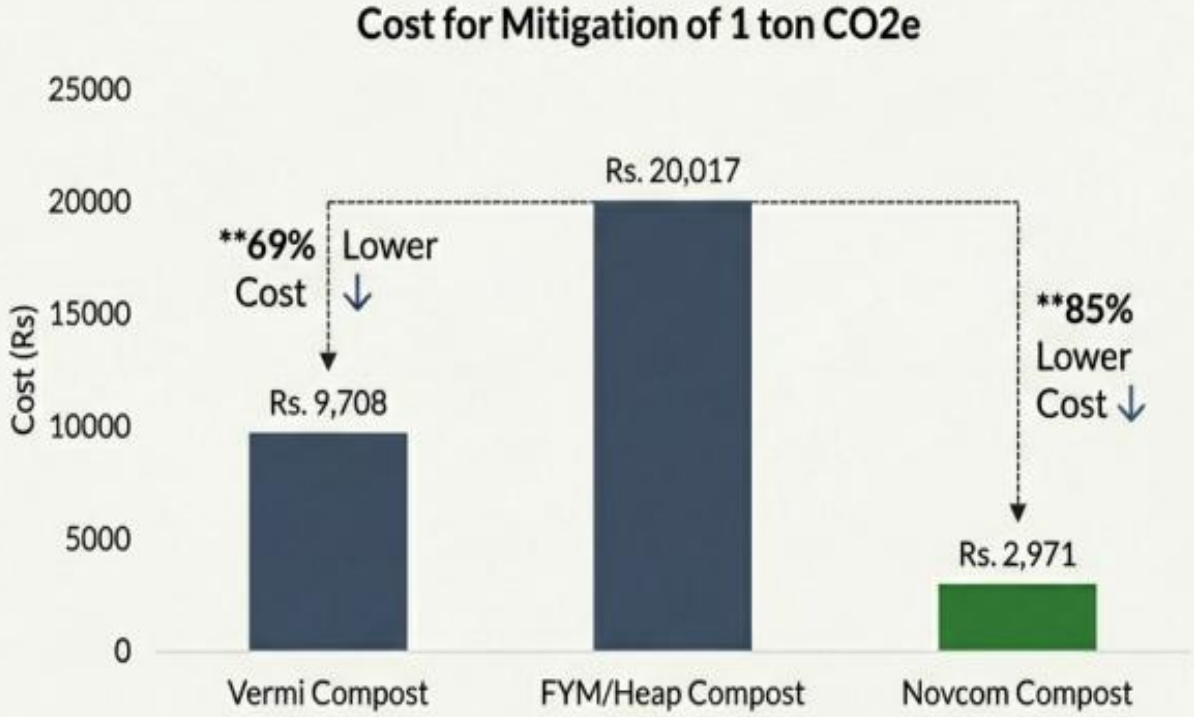
The Climate Champion: 508 kg CO2e Mitigation per Ton

Total GHG Mitigation combines process efficiency (emissions during production) with sequestration potential.



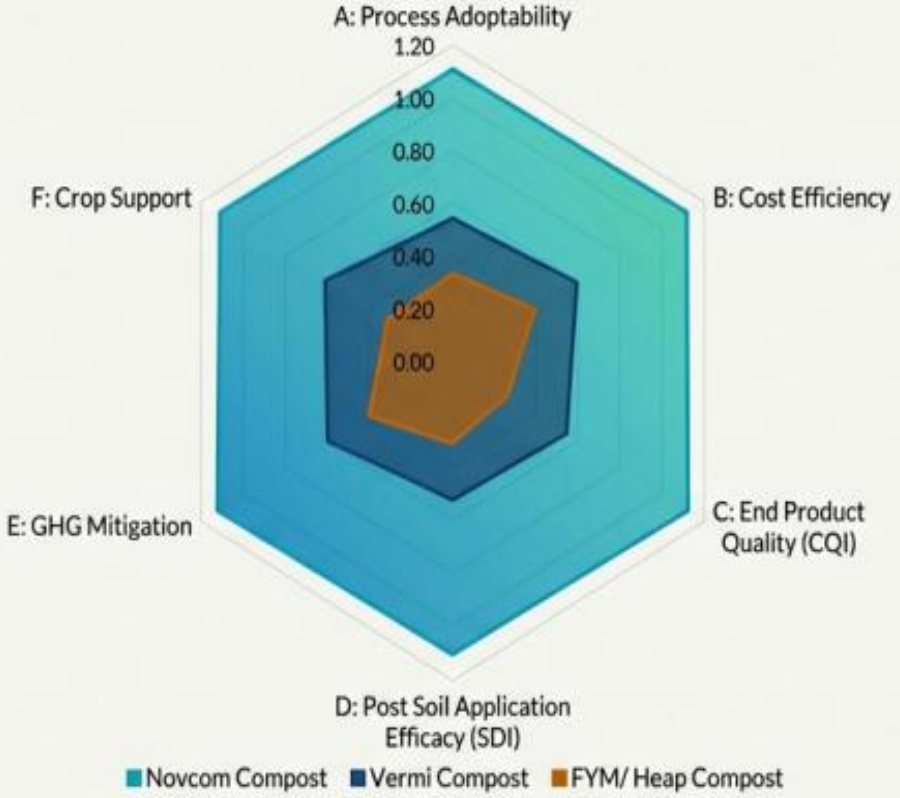
The Most Economical Path to Carbon Mitigation

Comparing the cost effectiveness of different composting methods for CO2e reduction.



For estates aiming for Net Zero, Novcom offers the only financially viable route.

The Verdict: Visualizing the Total Advantage



Novcom excels in all 6 analyzed dimensions, encompassing the largest area of impact.

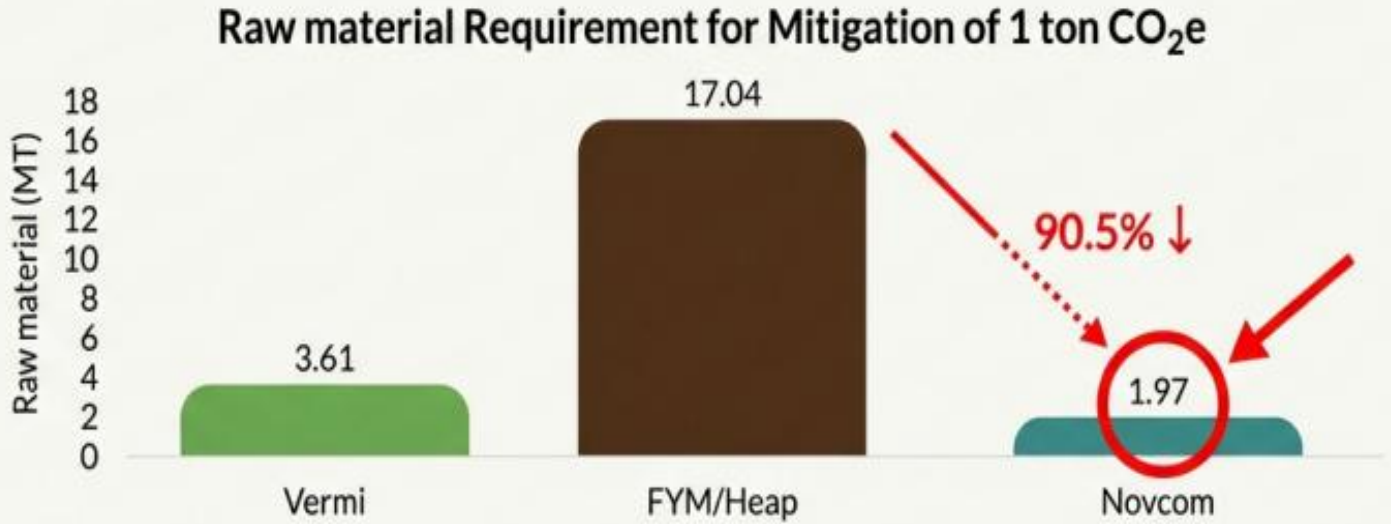
Validated by Field Results: Maud Tea Estate

Project: FAO-CFC-TBI Project (2008–2011)

Outcomes:

- Highest crop productivity achieved (1500 kg/ha).
- Best Value Cost Ratio (8.49).
- Soil acidity correction (pH improved from 4.54 to 4.72).

Strategic Implications for Stakeholders



Insight: Novcom solves the "Scarcity" bottleneck by requiring the least material for maximum impact.

Managers

Switch to Novcom to reduce labor/infrastructure costs.

Policymakers

Standardize high-efficiency composting for GHG programs.

Sustainability Leads

Utilize Novcom data for accurate carbon credit reporting.

Thank You

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