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Dean R. Donaldson, Farm Advisor, Napa County had this in Growing Points  
Central Coast Counties, Cooperative Extension, University of Calif.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU BUY FOR A PENNY A POUND?

The following information is from W. C. Fairbank, Extension Agricultural  
Engineer.

An operator on a big yellow machine gathers it into a pile; a driver on  
a \$10,000 loader elevates it into a 5-ton truckload for a 5-mile haul to  
a central location; it is added to a 100,000 cubic yard stockpile and  
aged for six months (composted, if you would). A \$15,000 (used) ele-  
vating scraper moves the material to a conveyor and \$25,000 set of class-  
ifier screens. After screening, the material will either fall into a  
bottom-dump transport truck for bulk delivery up to a hundred or more  
miles away, or will continue into a bagging operation. At this point,  
the material has a wholesale value of a-penny-a-pound--no customers  
refused.

In the plant, a crew of three men fill, seal, and load the 50-lb., 2-cu  
ft. bags onto a 400 bag truckload. Within hours it will likely be on  
sidewalk-sale in a metropolitan shopping center for 98¢ a bag. Although  
much of it came from Bossy-Cow-Cow, it's called "steer manure," because  
that's what home gardeners want it to be called. Double-strength plastic  
manure bags now cost 25¢ and the labor and equipment charges are no less  
than 25¢. (Compare this to a roll of kitchen aluminum foil which costs  
70¢ for 9¢ worth of aluminum.)

So, how does a manure firm make money? It doesn't! The livestock  
producer subsidizes the input end and the product being hauled to market  
maintains a trucking operation--a delicate profit balance, at best.  
Our intensive livestock industry needs these contracted services and the  
consuming public needs to be more understanding if it wants to continue  
enjoying animal protein at such reasonable prices.

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