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Program Outcomes (POs): Vermiculture Add-On Course

1. Understanding Vermiculture and Soil Health

Gain a comprehensive understanding of vermiculture, including the biology and behavior of earthworms, and their critical role in enhancing soil fertility and health.

2. Vermi composting Techniques

Develop practical skills in creating and managing vermiculture systems for effective composting, turning organic waste into high-quality vermicompost for agricultural and horticultural use.

3. Vermiculture System Design and Management

Learn how to set up and manage various vermiculture systems, including backyard and large-scale setups, ensuring optimal conditions for earthworm growth and compost production.

4. Organic Waste Management

Understand the process of converting organic waste materials, such as kitchen scraps and agricultural residues, into valuable compost through the use of earthworms.

5. Environmental Benefits of Vermiculture

Recognize the environmental advantages of vermiculture, such as waste reduction, carbon sequestration, and the promotion of sustainable agricultural practices.

6. Vermicompost Quality Assessment

Acquire knowledge of methods to evaluate the quality of vermicompost, including nutrient content, pH levels, and its effect on plant growth and soil structure.

7. Integration with Sustainable Agriculture

Explore the integration of vermiculture into organic farming, agroforestry, and sustainable agricultural practices to improve soil quality, reduce chemical inputs, and enhance crop yields.

8. Earthworm Species and Selection

Learn about different species of earthworms, their characteristics, and how to select the most suitable species for various climates and vermiculture systems.

9. Business Opportunities in Vermiculture

Gain entrepreneurial skills to start and manage a vermiculture business, from small-scale operations to commercial production of vermicompost, earthworms, and related products.

10. Health and Safety in Vermiculture

Understand the health and safety practices necessary for managing vermiculture systems, ensuring the well-being of both workers and the earthworms.

11. Research and Innovation in Vermiculture

Encourage research into innovative techniques in vermiculture, including improving composting efficiency, enhancing nutrient content, and exploring new applications for earthworms in various industries.

12. Market Trends and Product Diversification

Learn about market trends in organic farming and the demand for vermiculture products, including vermicompost, earthworms, and other byproducts, and explore opportunities for product diversification.

13.Soil Fertility and Crop Enhancement

Apply the knowledge gained in vermiculture to improve soil fertility, enhance crop growth, and promote ecological balance through the use of organic fertilizers and sustainable farming techniques.

14. Community and Environmental Impact

Understand the broader environmental and community benefits of vermiculture, including the promotion of waste recycling, improved agricultural practices, and environmental conservation.

