

# MyNoke Vermicast for Maize

## Practical Field Guide for North Island Growers

This checklist is designed for New Zealand maize growers (particularly in the North Island) looking to integrate **MyNoke vermicast** into their cropping system while keeping logistics and costs practical.

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### 1. Pre-Season Planning

- Confirm paddock history** (previous crops, organic matter levels, compaction issues)
  - Soil test early** (P, K, pH, organic matter, and deep N where possible)
  - Identify lower-OM or poorer-performing paddocks** as priority areas
  - Confirm distance to nearest MyNoke worm farm** to optimise freight costs
  - Talk with neighbours** about shared bulk deliveries if applicable
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### 2. Product & Logistics

- Order bulk vermicast (20–30 t loads)** where possible to reduce \$/tonne freight
  - Schedule delivery ahead of cultivation and planting**
  - Ensure access for truck and spreader on-farm**
  - Check availability of:** - Farm fertiliser spreader, or - Contractor muck/fertiliser spreader
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### 3. Application Timing

- Apply pre-planting** for best root access
  - Spread before power harrowing or final cultivation**
  - Avoid applying immediately before heavy rainfall**
  - Where irrigation is available, plan light watering post-application**
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## 4. Application Method

- Broadcast evenly across the seedbed
  - Light incorporation into topsoil recommended
  - Compatible with standard fertiliser or muck spreaders
  - Avoid excessive compaction during spreading
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## 5. Nutrient Strategy Integration

- Use vermicast as part of a **whole nutrient plan**, not a standalone input
  - Adjust synthetic N rates based on soil test results
  - Monitor early crop vigour and leaf colour
  - Top-up mineral N only if required
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## 6. In-Season Monitoring

- Check early root development
  - Monitor soil moisture retention
  - Compare crop uniformity vs untreated paddocks
  - Record observations for next season's planning
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## 7. Alternative or Complementary Options

- Discuss blended organic-alternative options with MyNoke team if required
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## 8. End-of-Season Review

- Assess yield performance
- Review fertiliser spend vs previous seasons
- Re-test soil organic matter



- Refine vermicast rates and timing for next crop

**MyNoke Vermicast** supports strong root systems, improved soil structure, and long-term soil health, helping maize growers build resilient systems without increasing input costs.

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