



Annual Report 2025





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Welcome Letter

BPI's work lives at the center of some of today's most complicated and interconnected challenges: food waste, compost access, soil health and regenerative agriculture, climate change, sustainable packaging, biomaterials, and urgency around persistent microplastics and chemicals.

Systems change requires us to lean into these complexities, to break down silos that reinforce the status quo of a linear economy. In 2025, BPI deepened its role as a convenor and catalyst, brining together stakeholders across our value chain to strengthen our certification programs, expand the impact of our advocacy, and create meaningful spaces for collaboration.

This includes not just product and packaging manufacturers, but also the restaurants and venues using compostable products, the haulers and municipalities collecting them, and the composters transforming it all into high quality soil amendments for a variety of end markets.

We launched our highly anticipated BPI Home Compost certification in 2025, achieved record growth with our Composter, Hauler, and Municipality memberships, expanded our educational content with videos and webinars, and hosted another impactful BPI Summit.

At the same time, our sector continues to face serious challenges, especially the policy uncertainty of AB 1201's requirements and timelines, which has caused financial strain and operation complexity. While this is testing our resolve, it also reinforces the importance of our work.

We remain committed to leaning into that complexity, knowing collaboration and perseverance are what's needed to effect systems change, and that the power of compost to transform trash into treasure will prevail.



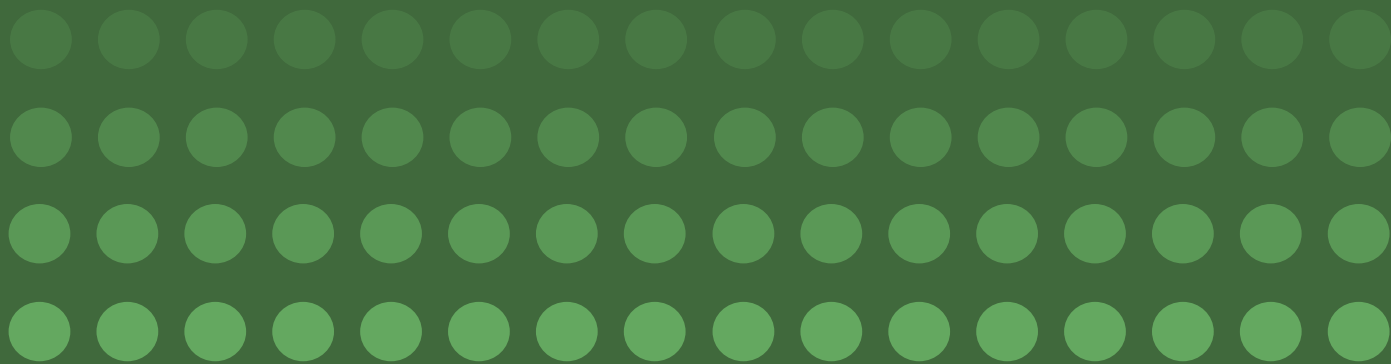
Sincerely,

Rhodes Yepsen
Executive Director





About BPI



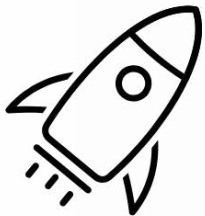
BPI 101

Founded in 1999, **BPI is the leading authority on compostable products and packaging** and is a 501(c)(6) membership-based organization of stakeholders.



VISION

A world without organic waste.



MISSION

BPI champions a transition to the circular bioeconomy by collaboratively advancing policy, standards, research, and the systematic science-based verification of claims for compostability and biomaterials.



OBJECTIVES

Three primary objectives will carry BPI forward:



Claims: Advance trusted and scientifically based standards, research, and claims



Adoption: Align and collaborate with stakeholders across the value chain to advance BPI's mission



Policy: Inform policy that supports a systems-based approach to products and materials

Support our mission and get involved with BPI



bit.ly/m/getinvolvedwithbpi

●●●● Board of Directors

As a membership-based organization, BPI's Board of Directors reflects representation from across the compostables value chain—including manufacturers, consumer packaging goods brands, composters, food and beverage, and other key stakeholders. In 2025, the Board welcomed new members, re-elected existing members, and held special elections to fill vacated seats, ensuring continued leadership and broad industry representation as BPI advances its mission.



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Organizational

In 2025, BPI advanced key organizational priorities across programs, policy, and market development, building on a year of strong momentum and industry engagement.

Home compostability certification: BPI continued to play a leading role in supporting compostable materials and organic waste diversion. A major milestone was the launch of the Commercial & Home Compostable Certification program, introduced at the 2025 BPI Summit. This new certification expands the reach of compostability by enabling products to be verified for both industrial and backyard composting environments, addressing growing consumer demand, reducing confusion in the marketplace, and unlocking new pathways for food scrap diversion at the household level.



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2024-2025 BPI Microgrants Program:

The inaugural BPI Composting Microgrants program exceeded expectations in 2024, receiving 77 applications requesting over \$300,000 in funding. With \$47,210 ultimately awarded across 12 projects nationwide, the program supported a diverse range of initiatives—from equipment upgrades and mobile operations to public education and community outreach—helping expand composting access, strengthen local infrastructure, and drive measurable impact on the ground. Impressive project results emerged in 2025. Read more here:

<http://bit.ly/bpi-microgrants>

Organizational

Policy Investment: BPI made a significant investment in policy advocacy to protect and expand market access for compostable products, with a major focus on California—the nation's largest market for compostable packaging. BPI worked closely with regulators, legislators, and industry stakeholders to secure critical market access protections while advancing long-term regulatory solutions. The organization also led advocacy efforts across the state, federal, and international levels, shaping policies related to EPR, labeling, compost infrastructure, and organic waste management. Through engagement in more than 15 states, coalition-building, and strategic policy advocacy, BPI helped advance key policy wins, prevent unfavorable regulations, and strengthen the role of composting and certified compostable products in a circular economy.



Membership & Licensing Split: Structurally, BPI implemented a significant evolution of its Membership and Licensing model, officially decoupling the two beginning in 2026. This shift, alongside a streamlined two-tier Membership Framework, creates greater flexibility and accessibility while maintaining opportunities for stakeholders across the value chain—including industry, government, and academia—to engage, vote, and help shape the organization's direction.

Together, these efforts alongside ongoing leadership in standards development such as contributions to new ASTM field testing protocols, reflect a year of meaningful progress as BPI continues to strengthen the systems, infrastructure, and trust needed to advance a circular bioeconomy.

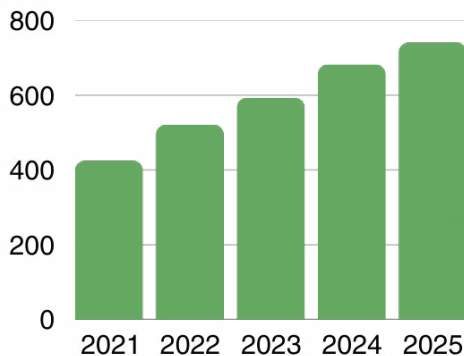


Membership

As BPI's membership continues to grow steadily year over year, the organization remains a globally recognized leader with a diverse and expanding network that includes a strong and increasing number of composters and municipal partners.

In 2025, BPI introduced a refreshed Membership and Licensing structure, effective January 1, 2026, decoupling membership from certification to provide greater flexibility and access. The new two-tier framework—Foundation and Affiliate members—maintains core benefits like voting rights, committee participation, and industry engagement, while expanding eligibility to include individuals, government, and academia. This evolution strengthens BPI's ability to convene stakeholders across the value chain and further advance its mission on an international scale.

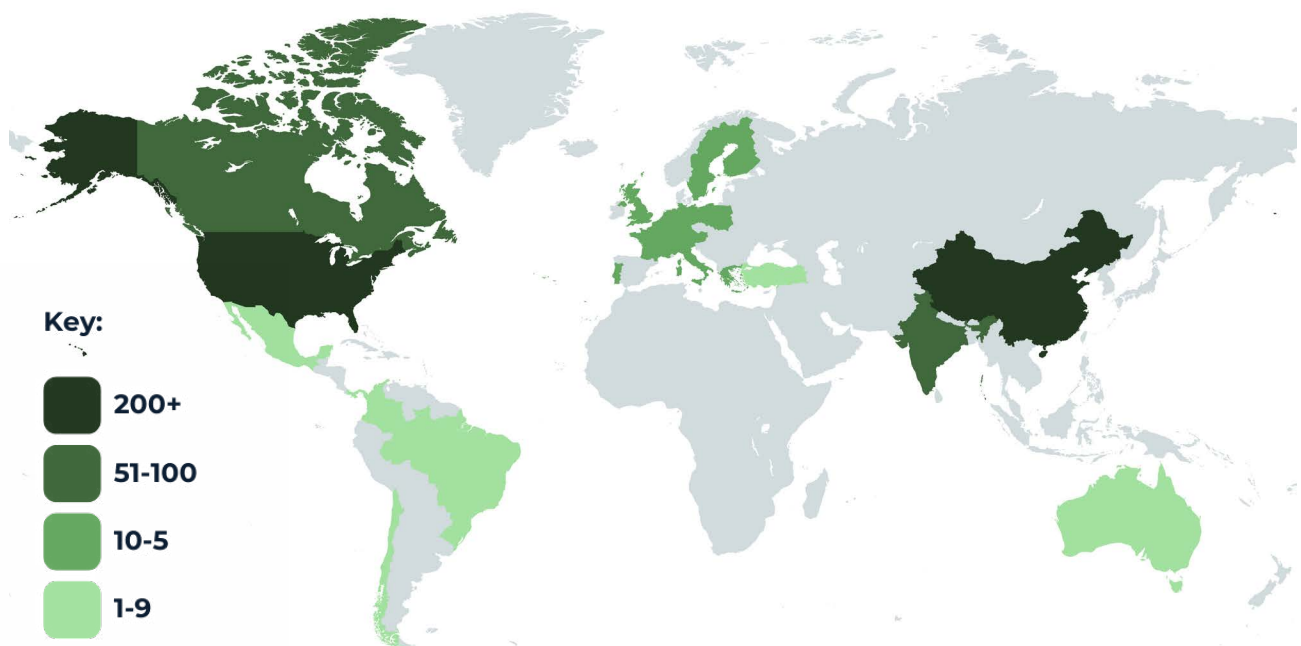
Total BPI Members Over Time



Member Type by Percentage (2025)



Members by Geography (2025)



Financial Overview

Intentional Investments: BPI closed 2025 with an annual net loss of ~\$250k, an intentional choice designed to prioritize investments in the future of our industry during a significant year of challenges. While the largest expense sector drives BPI's core certification program, significant investments continued to allow BPI to be heavily engaged externally and convene the value chain during a 3rd annual Summit in Atlanta, Georgia. Of note, policy investments almost doubled year-over-year to 16% of total expenses, reflecting an increase in BPI's presence, information sharing, and advocacy in a growing number of critical spaces. The total asset pool at the end of 2025 remained in a healthy financial position at \$3.4M.

Income

Membership & Licensing	\$2,880k (79%)
Certification Fees	\$528k (14%)
BPI Summit	\$174k (5%)
Sponsorships and Donations	\$74k (2%)
Total Income	\$3.66M

Expenses

Certification Program	\$1,679k (43%)
External Engagement	\$651k (17%)
Policy Program	\$632k (16%)
General & Administrative	\$604k (15%)
BPI Summit	\$344k (9%)
Total Expenses	\$3.91M

Total Assets at End of 2025: \$3.41M



Investment in Composting Infrastructure

Investing in Community Composting: BPI invested directly in the infrastructure needed to support a circular bioeconomy, recognizing that certified compostable products can only deliver their intended environmental benefits when robust organics recovery systems are in place. Through BPI's inaugural Composting Microgrants Program in 2024, BPI awarded \$47,210 to 12 community composting projects that expanded processing capacity, increased public awareness, and improved consumer education. While awarded in 2024, these targeted investments delivered measurable impacts in 2025, helping strengthen local composting systems and ensure food scraps and certified compostables can be effectively recovered and returned to the soil. Read more about this program at bit.ly/bpi-microgrants.



Leveraging Partnership for Greater Impact:

To further accelerate infrastructure development, in 2025 BPI partnered with Closed Loop Partners' Composting Consortium to support eight municipal and composter-led projects across the U.S. With more results coming in 2026, these investments are expanding organics collection, increasing composting capacity, and improving education around compostable packaging recovery. By supporting on-the-ground solutions, BPI is helping build the systems necessary to divert more food waste from landfill, create valuable soil amendments, and scale circular outcomes for organics and certified compostables. Read more about this project at bit.ly/bpi-partnership-grants.

Together, these projects are advancing the infrastructure needed to recover and process food scraps and certified compostables at scale, helping accelerate the transition to a circular bioeconomy.

Announcing 8 Grant Recipients Scaling Food Waste and Compostable Packaging Recovery



Projects include:

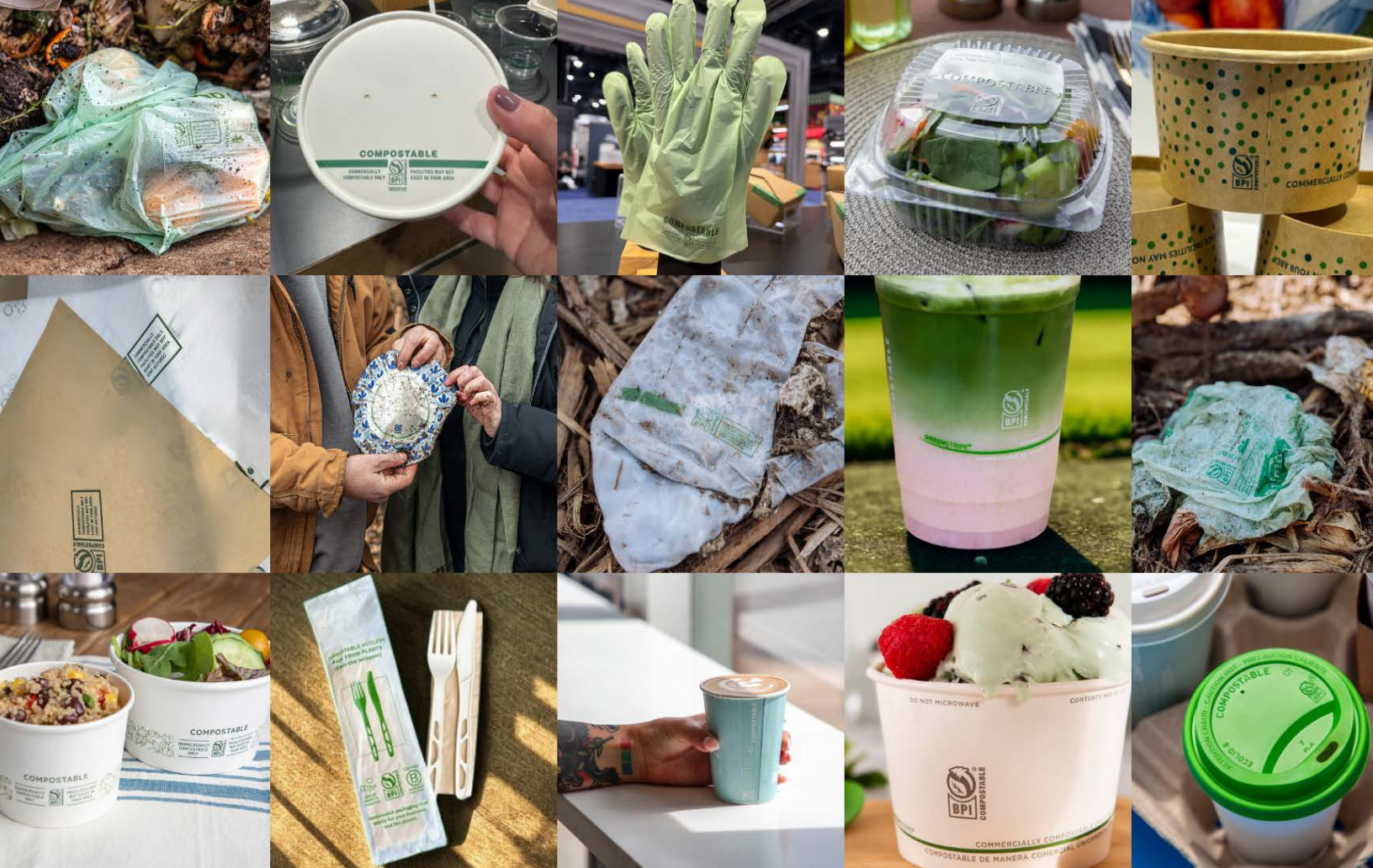
-  Funding equipment, infrastructure upgrades, new organics collection programs
-  Supporting certified compostable packaging recovery and associated marketing materials
-  Strengthening the circular economy for organics



Learn more here:

bit.ly/bpi_investment_composting_infrastructure





Certification Department

Overview

BPI Certification provides trusted, third-party verification that products and packaging meet ASTM standards for compostability. The BPI Certification Mark signals to manufacturers, consumers, and composters that a product is designed to break down with food scraps during composting without harming compost quality, while supporting confidence in environmental claims and emerging regulations.

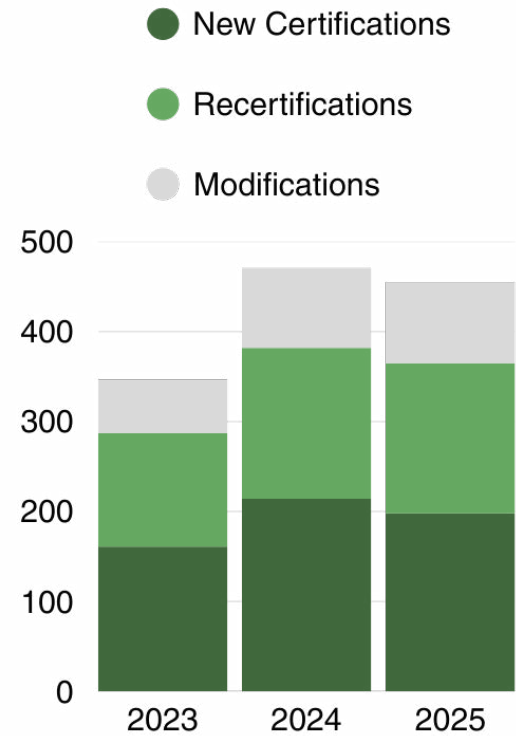
Certification Year in Review: By the Numbers

BPI-Approved Labs	+1 = 35
Active Certificates	+109 = 1155
Active Sublicenses	+134 = 1016
Certified Products	+12,864 = 51,564
Change in Application Fees	+\$0 (no change)
Additional Assessment Fees	No change from last year when additional assessment fees were introduced
Project Managers	+1 = 9

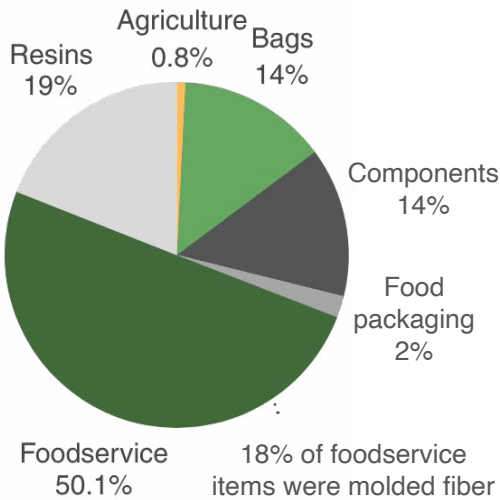
Certification Milestone: In August 2025, BPI surpassed the 50,000 mark for the number of products published in the online catalog, with 51,986 products listed as of August 22nd.

New Product Categories: BPI created a new top-level category in its online product catalog for Pet Waste Products (For Canada Only). In this new category, the Pet Waste Bags (For Canada Only) subcategory was added (which had previously been housed in the general Bags category), as well as a new subcategory for Pet Litter (For Canada Only).

Completed Project Types Over Time



Certifications Completed by Project Category





Home Compostability Certification Launch

Timeline: BPI issued its first Commercial & Home Compostability Certificate in December, shortly after launching the home compostability certification program on December 1, 2025. This eagerly awaited new certification program was four years in the making and is BPI's first new certification program since the organization's founding in 1999.

Scope: Commercial compostability remains at the core of BPI Certification, with home certification layered on top of commercial certification, which is a prerequisite for home certification. This approach is reflected in the new Commercial & Home Certification Mark created for this program. The qualifier language in the lock-up versions of the Certification Marks was also improved to better address accessibility to composting.



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BPI's Certification Mark Usage Requirements were also revised to incorporate the new Certification Marks, messaging, and expectations around the use of the BPI Certification Mark and accompanying compostability claims in response to changes in the industry like legislation, a shifting focus on product aesthetics, and desires to make broader marketing claims.

Testing & labs: The certification application and test scheme table have been updated to incorporate home certification. Nineteen of the 36 labs approved for commercial compostability testing have been approved to conduct tests for home certification.

Purpose: This new program meets market demand for expanded end-of-life options for sustainable packaging, contributes to greater food waste diversion from landfill and the associated carbon sequestration and soil health benefits, and allows for greater clarity of claims by providing a unified, third-party verified label that clearly communicates compostability and combats greenwashing.

2026 Compliance Updates + Support

Updated compliance requirements: As detailed in the BPI Compostability Certification Schemes, all certificates must be compliant with changes to biodegradation and heavy metals requirements by June 30, 2026. These rules were passed several years ago to give plenty of time for BPI Licensees to pursue any necessary innovation and changes to come into compliance.

Support: Reminders about these upcoming changes were provided by the Certification Team throughout 2025, both as part of general outreach through monthly Member Newsletters and Webinars as well as through targeted email outreach to affected certificate holders.

As of the end of 2025, less than 8% of active original certificates were noted to have 2026 compliance issues. BPI's Certification Project Managers have been providing support to the affected certificate-holders, helping these companies through the process of modifying their certificates in order to come into compliance with the new requirements ahead of the June 30, 2026 deadline.



Team Retention + Growth

For the second year in a row, the Certification Team maintained all eleven of its existing staff members. This continued retention results in an experienced team capable of handling certification inquiries in an efficient and effective manner, while making widespread programmatic improvements to enhance the overall certification experience both internally and externally.

Due to an increase in the number of licensed companies and the total number of BPI Certificates and Sublicenses held by Licensees and their customers, an additional Project Manager was hired in September. This allowed BPI to redistribute the existing workload across all nine Project Managers, ensuring that the team would be able to maintain high standards of customer service.



Policy Department

Overview

In 2025, BPI advanced a coordinated, multi-level advocacy strategy to support the growth of composting infrastructure, protect access to certified compostable products, and shape emerging policy frameworks across the United States and internationally. From statehouses to federal agencies—and even global treaty negotiations—BPI worked to ensure composting and compostable packaging remain essential components of a circular economy.

Year in Review: By the Numbers

- >25 states tracked for legislation + regulatory activity
- >15 states with active BPI engagement (testimony, amendments, or direct advocacy)
- +8 states with active EPR legislative engagement at peak session



- >5 bills passed with BPI support or influence
- >3 major Federal bills advanced with BPI support (STEWARD Act, RCAA, labeling efforts)
- >20 formal testimonies, comment letters, and regulatory submissions



- >70 organizations signed onto BPI-led USDA advocacy letter
- +19 member organizations participated in BPI's first Hill Day
- >10 federal legislative offices engaged on labeling, EPR, and compost policy
- >3 international convenings participated in (UN Plastics Treaty negotiations)



Coalition Building & Member Engagement



BPI strengthened industry engagement in 2025 through monthly member webinars on AB 1201 and other policy developments, Legislation & Advocacy Committee discussions, and bi-weekly policy updates, and retaining lobbyist representation in key states. BPI also coordinated advocacy efforts through the California NOP coalition, federal stakeholder groups, and industry-wide sign-on letters, while participating in the AMERIPEN Summit and fly-in, state advisory boards, and working groups. These efforts helped align composters, brands, policymakers, and advocates around shared policy priorities.



State Policy Impact

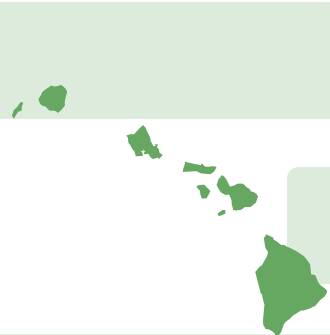
Extended Market for Compostables in California: California remained a central focus of BPI's policy efforts in 2025. Through direct engagement with regulators, legislators, and industry stakeholders, BPI helped secure an 18-month extension of AB 1201 compliance, advocated for solutions to address conflicts with the National Organic Program, and provided extensive input on SB 54 implementation. By convening coalitions and working closely with state agencies and local governments, BPI preserved near-term market access for compostable products while advancing long-term regulatory alignment in the nation's largest economy.



EPR Leadership Across the U.S.: BPI played a central role in shaping Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation nationwide. Key outcomes included:



Maryland (SB 901) - Passed & signed
BPI advocacy secured composter representation, fee modulation recognizing compostables, and funding support for composting systems



Washington (HB 1150 & HB 1497) - Passed and signed
Supported statewide EPR + compost system expansion



Hawaii (HB 750) - Passed & signed
Succesfully added compost industry representation to advisory board



Rhode Island
Needs assessment bill passed with compost included



Colorado
Influenced EPR program plan and eco-modulation criteria

Defending Against Problematic Policy: BPI sucessfully prevented or delayed multiple unfavorable bills, including **New York "Harckham/Glick" EPR model** (stalled in 2025 session), **New Hampshire labeling bill** (amended, then halted), and **Massachusetts labeling proposals** mischaracterizing compostables. This allowed for protecting industry integrity and avoiding harmful regulatory precedents. Additionally, BPI advocated for amendments in New Jersey, Maine, Minnesota, and other states.





Federal + International Advocacy & Engagement

USDA & National Organic Program (NOP): BPI advanced federal advocacy efforts with the USDA and National Organic Program (NOP) to modernize compost definitions and improve market access for compostable products. Through a formal petition, technical submissions, engagement with USDA leadership and Congressional committees, and a coalition letter supported by more than 70 organizations, BPI elevated compostables as a national policy issue connected to agriculture, soil health, and organic waste management.

Congressional & Legislative Process: Through its inaugural Hill Day and ongoing Congressional engagement, BPI strengthened the voice of the composting industry in Washington, D.C. In 2025, BPI advanced key legislative priorities, including the STEWARD Act, the Recycling and Compost Accountability Act (RCAA), and federal labeling initiatives, while advocating for policies that support compost infrastructure, EPR implementation, and consistent national standards. This work helped elevate composting and compostables within federal policy and funding frameworks.

International Leadership: BPI strengthened its international leadership by participating in the UN Plastics Treaty negotiations as a UNEP-accredited observer. Through global advocacy and the development of a position paper, BPI advanced the inclusion of composting and compostable materials within broader strategies to address plastic pollution, helping establish compostables as a recognized component of a circular economy.



Looking Ahead to 2026

Building on the progress achieved in 2025, BPI enters 2026 with strong momentum and a continued focus on advancing policies that support composting and compostable products. Priorities include securing a permanent resolution to the AB 1201/NOP conflict, advancing federal labeling legislation, expanding EPR alignment across states, continuing engagement with USDA rulemaking, and building on the global momentum generated through the UN Plastics Treaty process. Guided by science, collaboration, and persistence, BPI remains committed to strengthening the role of composting within a circular bioeconomy.





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Nonprofit championing a transition to the circular bioeconomy.



Ensuring clarity and accountability through BPI Certification.



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Marketing & Communications Department

Overview

In 2025, BPI's Marketing & Communications efforts centered on building credibility and developing strong, science-based communications assets to support certified compostable products within a circular bioeconomy—while beginning to strategically expand reach.

Through high-impact events like the BPI Summit, increased earned media, robust webinar programming, and the creation of new collateral and digital resources, BPI strengthened consistent messaging across the composting value chain.

Investments in brand alignment and multimedia infrastructure ensured members and policymakers had accessible, authoritative tools—laying the groundwork for broader engagement and impact in 2026.

Brand Update

In an effort to develop a more unified and salient brand positioning, voice, and visual identity, Marketing & Communications used the BPI Brand Guide developed in 2024 to refresh and update branding of all marketing and communications materials, including:

- Presentation templates
- Newsletter template
- One-pagers
- Leave-behinds
- Zoom backgrounds
- Taglines
- Email signatures
- Signage for events
- Website
- Social media accounts



Standard virtual meeting background



Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI)

North America's leading certifier of compostable products and packaging.
Non-profit Organizations · New York · 15K followers · 11-50 employees

Social media banner (follow BPI on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook: @BPICertified)

**North America's
Leading Authority on Compostable
Products and Packaging**

Updated tagline applied to all public-facing BPI assets

Asset Building + Media Reach

In 2025, BPI continued to expand its communications footprint by building a stronger library of assets and increasing its visibility across industry and mainstream media.

Asset Building

Outreach materials: Two Unified Messaging documents addressing California's AB 1201 legislation were developed, along with new member-exclusive resources including one-pagers on compostables, certification value, and the science behind how compostables break down. Additional materials included a BPI Hill Day leave-behind, a plastics comparison graphic for PR use, and professional photo and video assets captured at the 2025 BPI Summit.



- +2 unified messaging documents
- +3 one-pagers
- +1 graphic
- +1 leave-behind

Digital presence: BPI also strengthened its digital presence through website development and multimedia content. Six new webpages and a BPI Blog with six new blog posts were launched, navigation was optimized with new calls-to-action for certification and membership, and back-end SEO improvements enhanced search visibility. The 2025 BPI Composting Webinar Series delivered seven educational webinars (plus one member-focused session), averaging 60 attendees per event, with recordings published online to extend their reach.

- +6 new webpages
- +6 blog posts
- +8 webinars
- +44 YouTube videos

Composters and haulers were highlighted more than 20 times within these assets

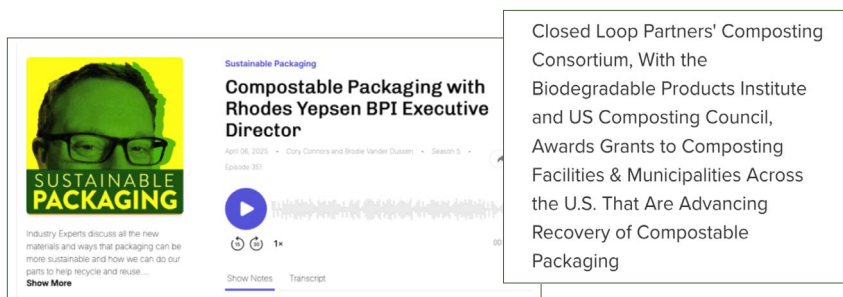
Video storytelling also expanded significantly. BPI collaborated on the documentary, "Hidden Heroes: Plastics II, *Inside the Compostable Revolution*," by Marco R. Bollinger, featuring expert insights. The documentary and teaser clips have collectively reached 18,000+ views, contributing to steady growth across BPI's YouTube channel, where 44 videos were published in 2025. The channel gained 56 new subscribers and more than 6,500 views.



Media Reach

With support from the organization's PR partner, BPI secured 20+ media placements across trade publications, podcasts, and broadcast segments—establishing BPI experts as trusted sources in conversations around compostable packaging, policy, and organics recycling.

Coverage included 17+ mentions in leading industry outlets such as BioCycle, Waste360, Waste Dive, and Packaging Dive, along with podcast appearances including Sustainable Packaging with Corry Connors. Strategic outreach resulted in 19 journalist briefings, six standalone feature stories, and 13 additional mentions and quotes, exceeding established KPI targets and building stronger relationships with key reporters covering compostables, packaging, and policy.



Closed Loop Partners' Composting Consortium, With the Biodegradable Products Institute and US Composting Council, Awards Grants to Composting Facilities & Municipalities Across the U.S. That Are Advancing Recovery of Compostable Packaging

>20 media placements
+19 journalist briefings
+6 standalone feature stories
+13 additional mentions

Together, these efforts strengthened BPI's ability to communicate with members, policymakers, and the public—while laying the groundwork for continued momentum in 2026 as the organization amplifies key narratives, expands partnerships, and continues building trusted media relationships.

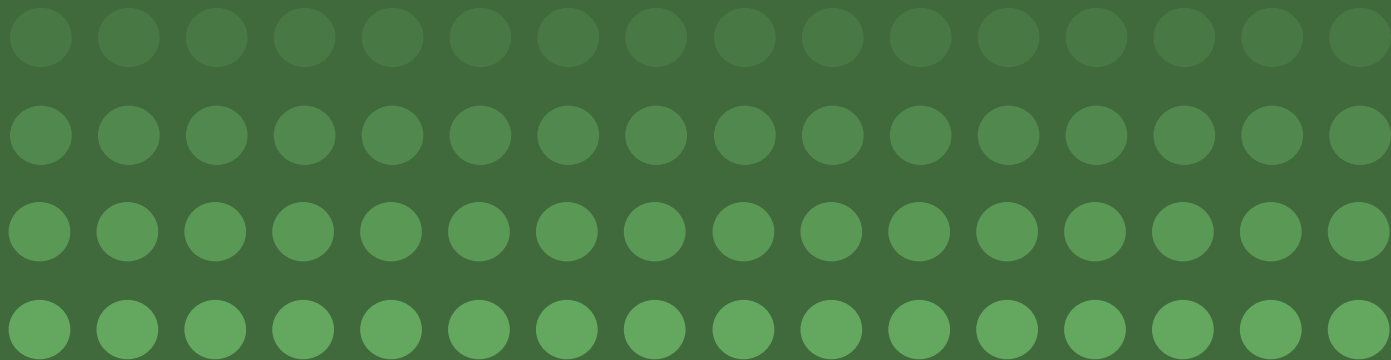
Sharing the Message

If 2025 was about building the foundation—developing credible assets, convening experts, and shaping clear, science-based collateral—2026 will focus on activation and amplification. Marketing & Communications will leverage these tools to expand reach, engage broader audiences, and elevate BPI's voice with policymakers, industry leaders, and the public to drive greater alignment and market adoption of certified compostables.





Events



2025 BPI Summit

The 2025 BPI Summit consisted of three energizing days in Atlanta, Georgia and focused on solutions, not setbacks in the journey toward a circular bioeconomy. This year's theme—trust during non-linear progress—reminded us that durable change takes collaboration, data, and shared commitment.

Three standout keynotes set the tone throughout the event, spotlighting scalable, sustainable, and impactful business models, and the power of storytelling to fuel our shared vision: real climate action and a world without organic waste.

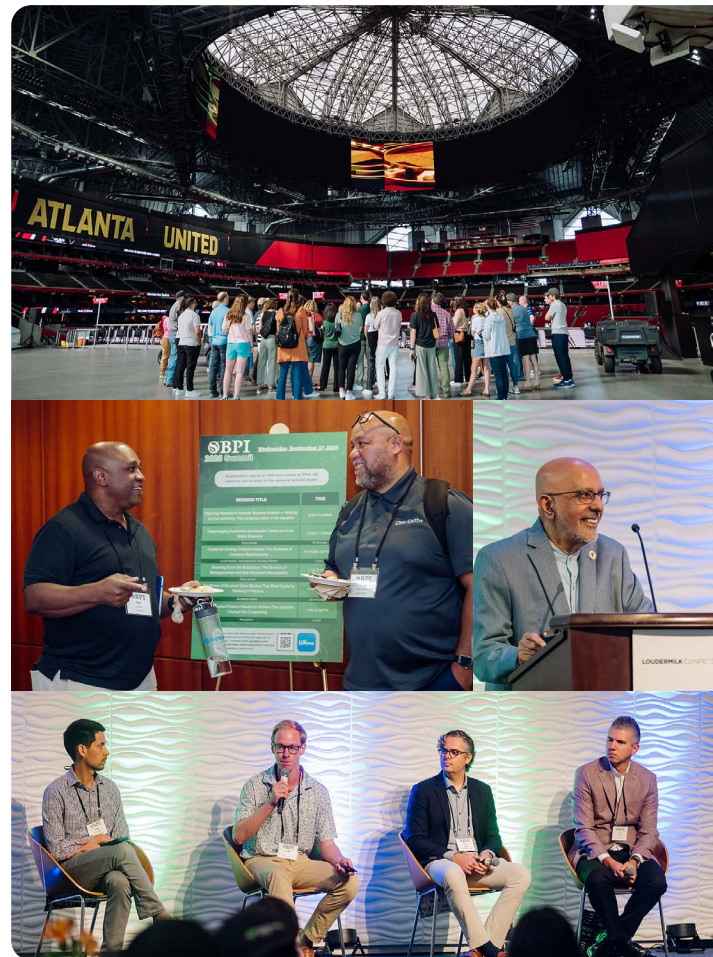


A series of sessions delivered deep value through honest dialogue, practical insights, and cross-sector collaboration, with each session striking a balance between technical expertise and real-world application. Key topics included everything from the science of biodegradation to trust through certification to end markets and quality.

Tours of CompostNow and Mercedes-Benz Stadium showed what real-world success looks like, while networking time, happy hours, and even an early morning 5K run kept the energy and ideas flowing.

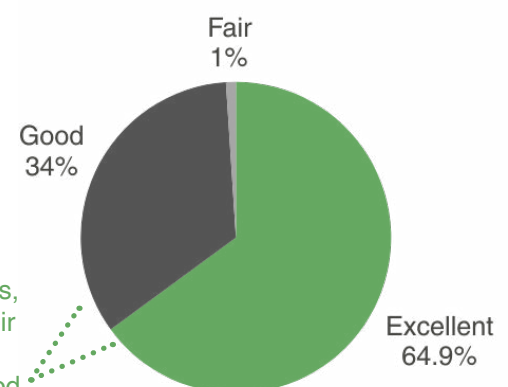
Representation from across the entire composting value chain showed up in a powerful way. BPI looks forward to continuing this momentum together in 2026 and beyond.

224 registered attendees
34 speakers
16 sponsors
30 composters attended
91 attendees on tours



Attendee Survey

With close to 200 responses, 99% of attendees rated their overall experience of the Summit as Excellent or Good



●●●● Event Highlights

BPI participated in over 30 industry events, spanning North America and globally—including the U.S., Canada, and international forums like UN INC 5.2 and AMI Bioplastics. The team spoke at 15+ conferences and panels, hosted the BPI Summit, attended 20+ meetings, and sponsored or exhibited at 5 major industry gatherings.

Events ranged from regional organics and composting conferences (e.g., Vermont Organics Recycling Summit, Michigan Recycling Coalition, NJ Composting Council) to national policy and packaging forums (e.g., SPC Impact/Advance, Product Stewardship Institute) and technical standards meetings (ASTM D20, ICTABP-11).

This wide geographic and sectoral engagement amplifies the role of compostables in the circular bioeconomy, sharing expertise, building partnerships, influencing policy, and supporting practical adoption. By speaking, hosting, attending, and sponsoring, BPI helps advance higher diversion rates, cleaner organics streams, and scalable, sustainable solutions across the U.S. and beyond.



INC-5.2: BPI Executive Director Rhodes Yepsen hosted a side event at INC-5.2 on the role of biopolymers in global plastics treaty discussions. Experts explored how compostable materials can help address plastic pollution. BPI will continue advocating for its members and the circular bioeconomy as the treaty develops.





CompostNow Tour at the BPI Summit: Summit attendees were able to see how food scraps and compostable packaging are turned into healthy soil amendments right in Atlanta at CompostNow's feedstock hub and composting facility, showing how circular systems can successfully exist at scale in large cities.



Midwestern Organics Recycling Tour in Illinois



Supporting Canada's Composting Future: BPI strengthened its engagement in Canada in 2025 through presentations and partnerships focused on expanding organics diversion and integrating certified compostable products into a circular bioeconomy. BPI also sponsored the Compost Council of Canada Annual Conference and toured Calgary's commercial composting facility.

R. Charles Loudermilk, Sr.
Center for the Regional Commu



Staff Focus

Staff Highlights

As the compostable products industry continues to grow, BPI is growing alongside it. To meet increasing demand and advance the organization's mission, BPI invested in the areas that matter most: strengthening policy engagement, expanding communications and outreach, deepening strategic partnerships, and increasing certification capacity. BPI was excited to welcome several talented new team members whose expertise have helped the organization support the industry, accelerate adoption of compostable products, and build the systems needed for a more circular future.



Michael "Doshi" Doshi,
Strategic Partnerships



Ismat Yassin, Senior
Government Affairs
Manager



Leslie Rodgers,
Marketing &
Communications
Director



Jess Brammer,
Certification Project
Manager

Celebrating 10 Years of Leadership

2025 marked a decade with BPI's Executive Director, Rhodes Yepsen. His passion, resilience, and vision have guided BPI's mission to advance a circular bioeconomy with integrity. BPI thanks Rhodes for ten years of impact—and for leading the way forward. The organization is excited for what the future holds!

Did you know? 18 BPI staff used the BPI composting stipend, and BPI staff used over 112 hours of volunteer PTO throughout 2025. These opportunities allow the BPI team to more easily access and engage with local communities.



Looking Forward to 2026

As the compostables industry continues to evolve, BPI remains focused on strengthening the systems that enable compostable products to succeed—from certification and policy to infrastructure, education, and market development. Building on the progress of 2025, the organization will continue expanding certification capacity, advancing policies that support composting and organics diversion, and fostering collaboration across the value chain.

In 2026, BPI will place increased emphasis on regional engagement through events and partnerships that reflect the local nature of composting infrastructure. By connecting with stakeholders in communities across the country, these efforts will strengthen relationships, facilitate the exchange of best practices, and create new opportunities for networking, education, and collaboration.

The transition to a circular economy depends on coordination across every stage of the system. With the support of its members, partners, policymakers, composters, manufacturers, and advocates, BPI is well-positioned to continue advancing solutions that help compostable products deliver on their intended environmental benefits and contribute to a more circular future.



Get Involved

Become a Member: Join the leading voice for compostable products and packaging. BPI membership connects organizations across the composting value chain to advance compostables, organics diversion, and the circular bioeconomy.

Visit bpiworld.org/become-a-member to learn more about membership opportunities and benefits.

Join a Committee: Foundation Members can participate in BPI Committees and working groups, helping shape industry priorities, inform advocacy efforts, and address key challenges facing compostable products and organics recycling. Committees meet regularly and are open to employees of Foundation Member organizations.

Visit bpiworld.org/committees to learn more about committee details.

Amplify the Industry's Voice: Support the growth of composting and compostables by using BPI resources, sharing educational content, advocating locally, and leveraging your purchasing power to drive demand for certified compostable products and packaging.

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