

Supplement 6
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Table 11. Manure Characteristics: Manure Management Systems Series MWPS-18, Section 1, 2 nd Edition	
a. Loose Bedding	
Material	Density (lbs per cu ft)
Straw	2.5
Wood Shavings	9
Sawdust	12
Sand	105
Non-legume Hay	4
Alfalfa	4
b. Baled Bedding	
Material	Density (lbs per cu ft)
Straw	5
Wood Shavings	20
Non-legume Hay	7
Alfalfa	8
c. Chopped Bedding	
Material	Density (lbs per cu ft)
Straw	7
Newspapers	14
Non-legume Hay	6
Alfalfa	6