

# Digging in: Earthworms

Earthworms improve soil structure and enhance soil fertility.

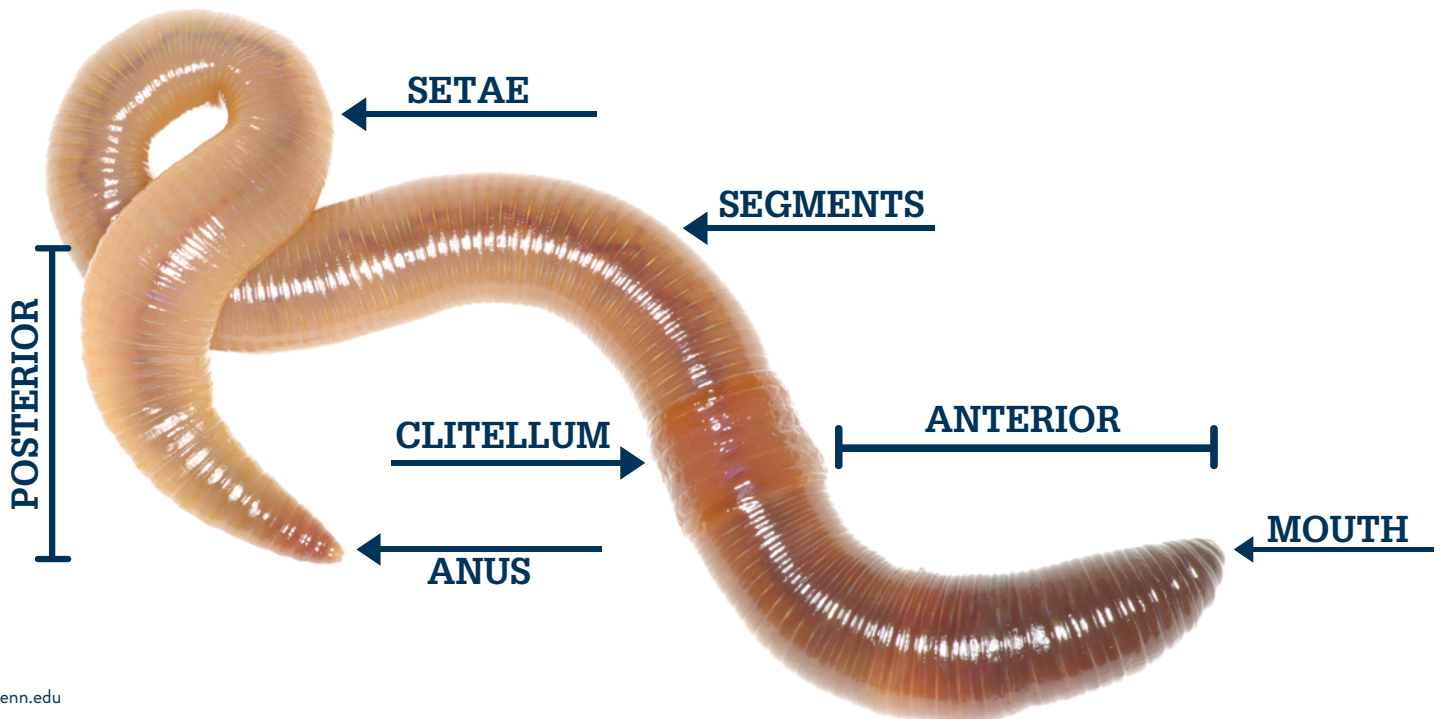
## Soil Structure

Worms burrow through the soil creating channels for air and water to flow through. The burrowing loosens compacted soil and allows roots to grow deeper and access nutrients.

## Soil Fertility

Worms eat and digest organic matter and leave behind "castings" which are nutrient-rich. Castings are full of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

## Parts of an Earthworm



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