

Anaerobic Digesters for Kentucky Dairies

Opportunities for Generating Green Energy , Carbon Credits
and Producing “Carbon Neutral” Products

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Phinix, LLC

- **Based in Lexington, KY (Minority Business Enterprise)**
- **Carbon Management & Trading**
(Partnering with First Climate , LLC)
- **Recycling & Recycling- Friendly Processes & Products**
- **Development of Renewal Energy Projects fro Landfills, Waste-to-Energy and Dairy Farms**



Dr. Subodh K Das

- **25 Years of Manufacturing and Aluminum Industry Experience**
- **Experienced in Building and Managing Industry/Academic/Government Consortia**
- **10 Years of Academic Experience at the University of Kentucky (Founded Aluminum Consortia : CAT, SECAT , CSAI – Sloan Foundation)**
- **Recognized and Published Expert in Aluminum Recycling and Development of Recycle –Friendly Aluminum Alloys**



Market Potential

Dairy Farms

No. of Cows

Number of Dairy Farms in Kentucky

976

Kentucky

90,000

Robey Dairy Farms , Adairville

1,400

Coral Hill Dairy , Glasgow

1,000

Woodall Farms , Quality

650

Stanley Wilson ,Cave City

500

Wm. Crist, Jr., Glasgow

500

Joe Bertram ,Glasgow

400

Don Kinslow ,Glasgow

400



INTRODUCTION

- Methane emissions occur wherever animal waste created
- Liquid manure management systems create oxygen free environments to capture methane
- Digester breaks down carbon based molecules to methane
- Livestock waste contributes about 8% of methane / CO2 emissions
- Emissions generated from the agriculture sector are not subject emission reporting
- Great opportunities exist to install methane capturing and conversion units to produce process heat and electricity
- Supports –
 - Governor's " Intelligent Energy Choices for Kentucky's Future - Kentucky's 7-Point Strategy for Energy Independence " (November 2008)
 - Strategy 2: Increase Kentucky's use of Renewable Energy & Strategy 3: Sustainably Grow Kentucky's Production of Biofuels



Anaerobic Digester Advantages

Larger Benefits

Generate sellable electricity from Methane

Use Methane in lieu of Natural Gas as transportation fuel

Produce waste heat / hot water as byproduct

Sell voluntary carbon credits and promote “Carbon Neutral” product

Incremental Benefits

Reuse /Sell digested liquid effluent as fertilizer to increase crop yields

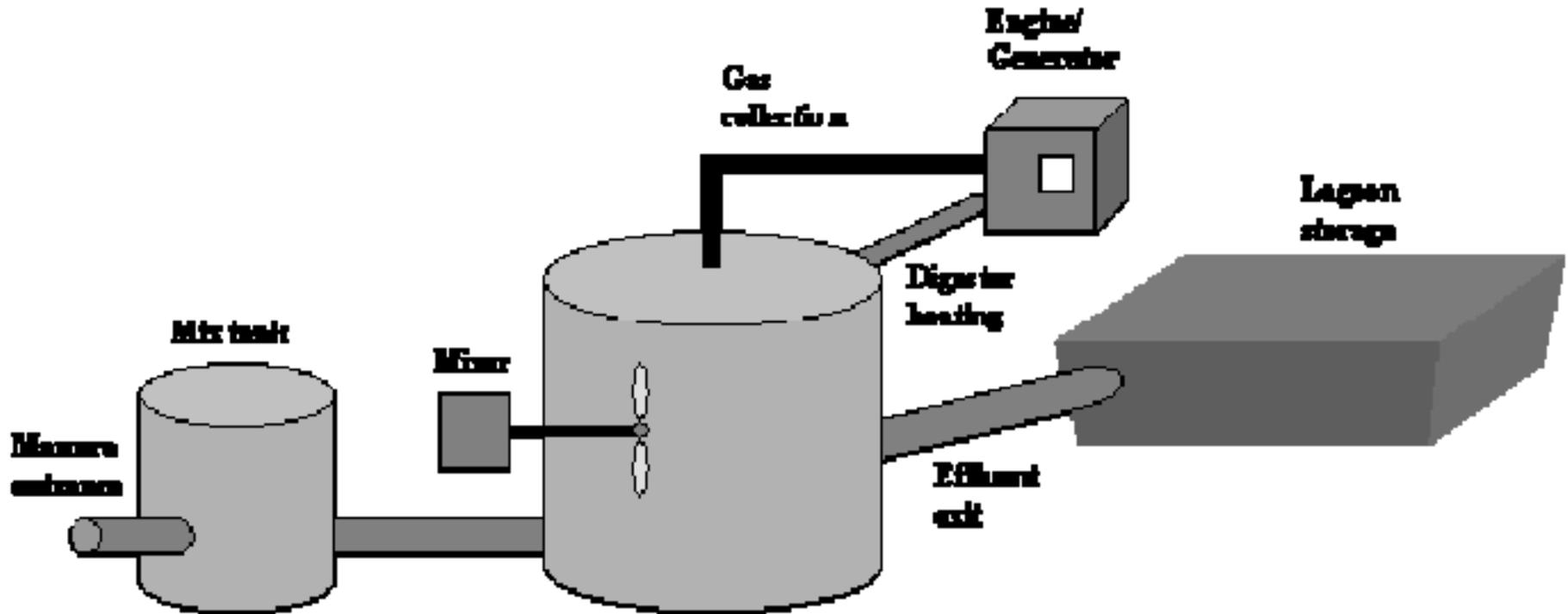
Reuse/Sell solids for bedding

Reuse/Sell solids as peat moss substitute , flower pots material, nutrient fertilizer

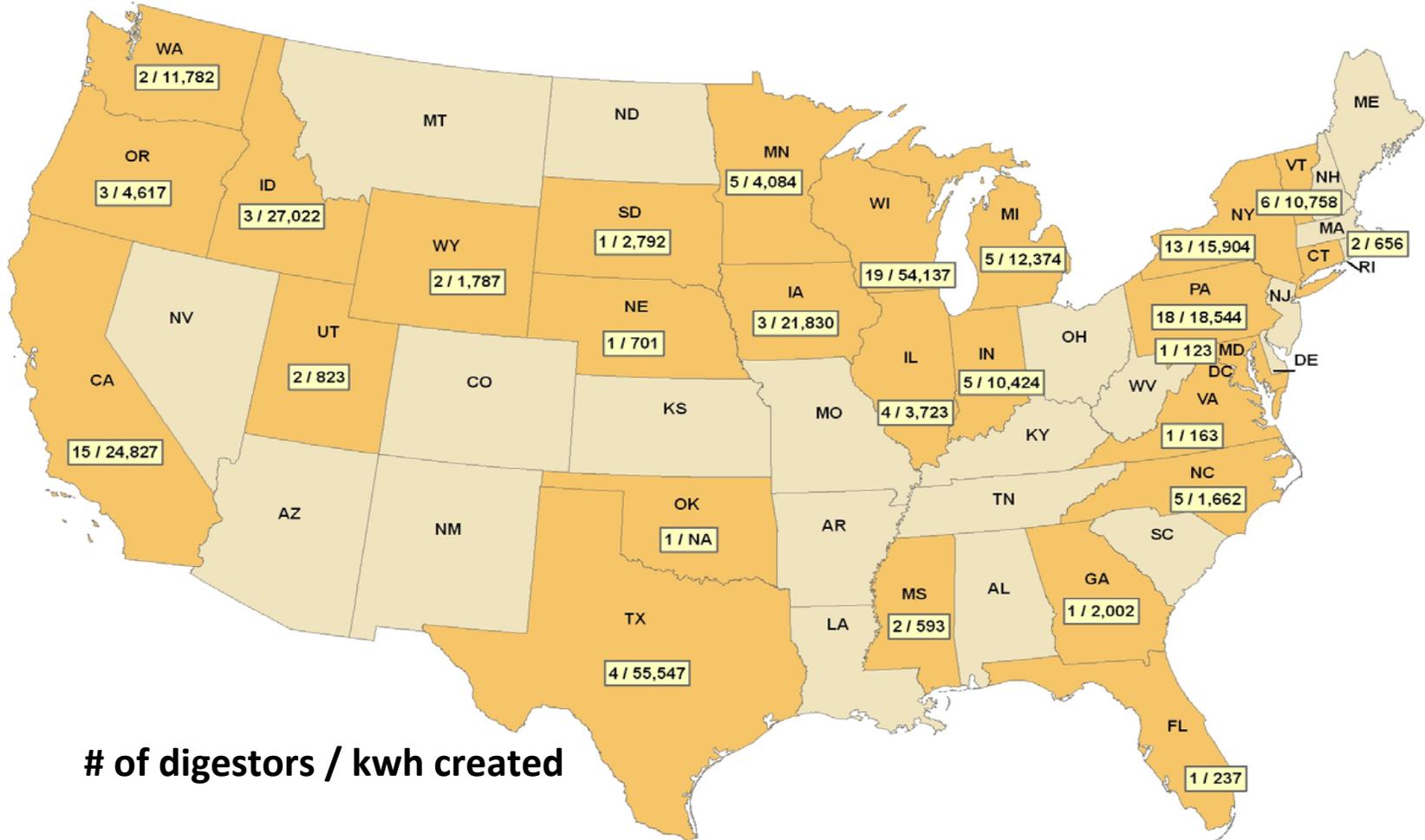


TYPICAL FARM APPLICATION

Kentucky has NO Manure Anaerobic Digester in Operation



Operating Manure Digestors in the US



of digestors / kwh created



METHANE POLLUTION

The United Nation Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimates of green house gas (GHG) impacts conclude:

The global warming potential of methane is 21 times more destructive than carbon dioxide.



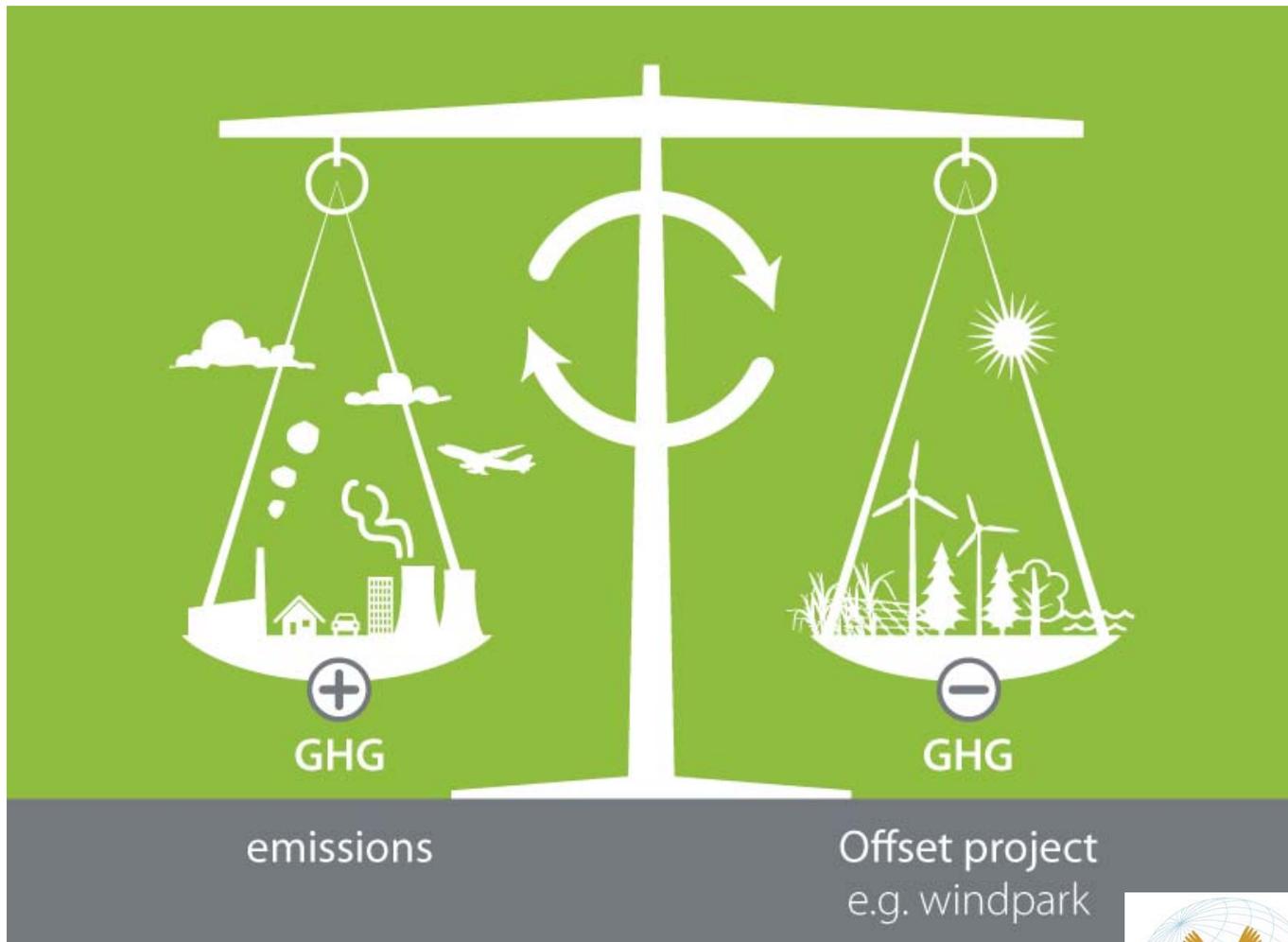
GLOBAL CARBON MARKET

The Carbon Trading Market has roughly doubled in value every year since 2006 creating an excellent opportunity for dairy farmers to:

- 1. Capture and sell these credits for cash**
 - 2. Create energy and heat for use farm**
 - 3. Create a sustainable model for their industry**
- US \$32 Billion (2006)
 - US \$64 Billion (2007)
 - US \$ 120 Billion (2008)



The Principle of Climate Neutrality



Carbon and Energy Economics

# Cows	Type	MTCO2E	Carbon Value	kW	Energy Value
1	One	10	\$50	0.3	\$52
100	Average	1,000	\$5,000	30	\$5,200
500	Large	5,000	\$25,000	150	\$26,000
1,000	Optimum	10,000	\$50,000	300	\$52 ,000
90,000	Kentucky	900,000	\$4,500 ,000	27 ,200	\$4,680,000

MTCO2E = Metric Tonnes of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent

Carbon Value = **\$ 5 per Metric Tonne** of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent

Energy Value = **\$0.02 per kWh**



Stake Holders Interviewed/Contacted

(May-October 2009)

Maury Cox: Executive Director , Kentucky Dairy Development Council



Tim Hughes : Senior Policy Analyst , Kentucky Office of Agriculture Policy

Scott Maas : United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

Dr. Scott Shearer: College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky

Frank Moore, Director of Biofuels, Kentucky Energy and Environmental Cabinet



Partners

Phinix,LLC, Lexington, Kentucky

Project Developer / Manager



Interested Kentucky Dairy Farms throughout KY

Project Implementer



effENERGY, LLC , Somerset, Kentucky

Technology Developer / Provider /International Technologies



Anaerobic Digester Company

Selection and discussion with a suitable partner underway

First Climate , San Francisco, California

Carbon Management Service Provider

Access to Global Digester Technology



PATH FORWARD

- **Assess potential of methane collection and conversion to usable and sellable energy including the potential of Carbon Credits**
- **Design and engineer “affordable, adaptable and scalable” systems designed for Kentucky Dairy Farms needs**
- **Estimate the economics and viability of AD and other energy systems for all size dairies in Kentucky**
- **Form a consortium of interested Kentucky Dairy Farms and qualified academic partners**
- **Approach Kentucky’s and US Departments of Agriculture for seed funding and legislative support for state-wide efforts (need a contact person)**
- **Prepare research proposals for funding from private and public sources**
- **Help Kentucky Dairy Farms become economically competitive by attaining “carbon neutral” and “energy surplus” status.**



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