

## CA DEPT FOOD & AGRICULTURE



### **DAIRY METHANE INITIATIVES**



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### DAIRY INDUSTRY KEY STATISTICS

# CA #1 dairy state in US

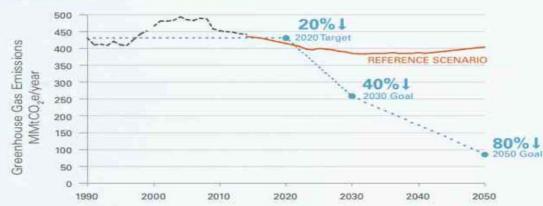
- 1.7 million milking cows
- 1,400 dairies
- 1215 avg. herd size
- 20% of US milk

Recent Legislation  SB 1383 Reduce dairy and livestock methane emissions by 40 percent from 2013 levels by 2030

### California's Climate Strategy



1990



#### Goals

50% RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY

DOUBLE ENERGY **EFFICIENCY SAVINGS** AT EXISTING BUILDINGS

REDUCED SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS













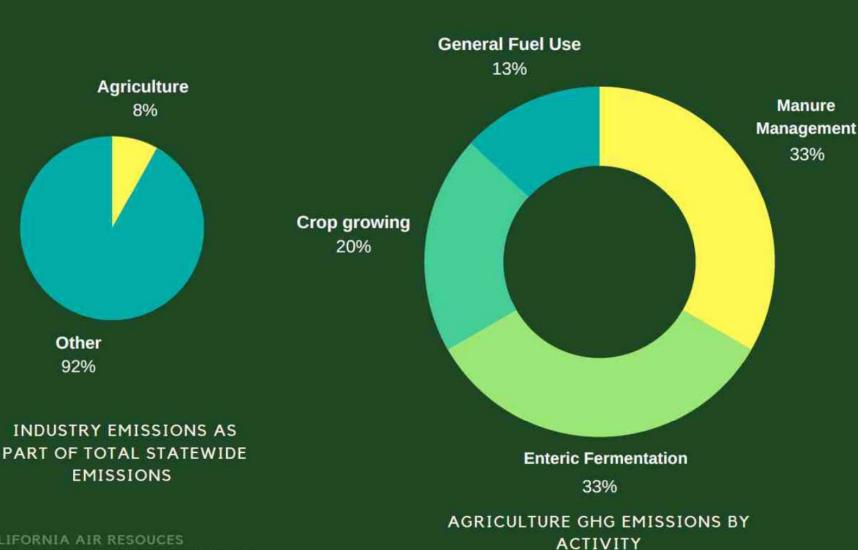


CARBON STORAGE IN THE LAND BASE



50% REDUCTION IN PETROLEUM **USE IN VEHICLES** 

### CA GHG Emissions by Sector



SOURCE: CALIFORNIA AIR RESOUCES

#### CALIFORNIA'S DAIRY REGIONS

Vary by overall population, dairying style, climate, and environmental conditions.

Approximately 91 percent of state's dairy cows and more than 80 percent of dairies are in the Central Valley (primarily freestall barns with flush systems or drylots).

- ~3 percent of state's dairy cows are in North Coast region, such as Humboldt, Marin and Del Norte counties, primarily on pasture.
- $\sim$ 5.6 percent of dairy cows are in Southern California, including Riverside, Imperial, and San Diego counties, primarily on drylots.



**METHANE DIGESTERS ON CALIFORNIA DAIRY FARMS** 

#### Elite Energy

Location: Dos Palos, CA Year Operational: 2013

#### CottonWood Dairy

Year Operational: 2004 Pop. of Feed Digester.

Fiscalini Farms Location: Modesto, CA Year Operational: 2008

Pop. of Feed Digester: 2.513

#### Location: Atwater, CA

5.000

#### **CAL-Denier Dairy** Location: Galt. CA

Year Operational: 2008 Pop. of Feed Digester: 900

#### Van Warmerdam Dairy

Location: Galt, CA Year Operational: 2011 Pop. of Feed Digester: 1,810

#### ABEC New Hope LLC

Location: Galt, CA Year Operational: 2013 Pop. of Feed Digester: 1,900

#### Castelanelli Brothers Dairy

Location: Lodi, CA Year Operational: 2009 Pop. of Feed Digester: 3,213

#### Hilarides Dairy

Location: Lindsay, CA Year Operational: 2004 Pop. of Feed Digester: 900

#### DIGESTERS SOON TO BE ONLINE

"Grants received by CDFA, July 2015

Philip Verwey Farms City: Madera, CA Award: \$2,281,091

Straus Family Dairy

Location: Marshall, CA

Year Operational: 2004

Bob Giacomini

Location: Point Reves

Year Operational: 2009

Pop. of Feed Digester: 362

Dairy

Station

Pop. of Feed

Digester: 300

AgPower Visalia, LLC City: Visalia, CA Award: \$3,000,000

Open Sky Ranch, Inc. City: Riverdale, CA Award: \$973,430

ABEC #2 LLC dba Biogas

Award: \$1,837,005

Philip Verwey Farms City: Hanford, CA Award: \$3,000,000

West Star North Dairy City: Buttonwillow, CA

#### ABEC Bidart-Old River LLC

Location: Bakersfield, CA Year Operational: 2013 Pop. of Feed Digester: 15.500



Manure digesters in operation



Newly funded digesters for development

Biorefinery

Pacific Rim Dairy Location: Corcoran, CA

Pixley Biogas LLC Location: Pixley, CA Year Operational: 2014 Pop. of Feed Digester: 2,000

Source: Environmental Protection Agency, http://gispub4.epa.gov/AqSTAR/index.html, California Department of Food and Agriculture Western United Dairymen

### TYPICAL FLUSH LAGOON



### CDFA's Dairy Methane Programs



### Dairy Digester R&D Program

- Potential for 12 + new projects to be built by 2020
- \$29-\$36 million



#### Alt. Manure Mgmnt. Practices

- Switch to scrape or solid manure management & composting
- \$ 9 \$16 million

## Dairy Digester Research & Development Program

#### Grant size

- A maximum of 50% of the total cost of project, up to \$3 million.
- 2-year project term

### Eligibility:

- Existing milk producers, dairy digester developers.
- Cluster projects.
- Eligible bio-methane uses:
   On-site use or into electrical grid/pipeline (electricity generation or transportation fuel/RCNG), utilization of thermal energy on site or at neighboring facility

### Environmental Quality Requirements:

- Water Quality Protection:
   Double-lined ponds consistent with the Tier I specification of the Dairy General Order
   Central Valley Regional Water
   Quality Control Board, or, above-ground tank, or, belowground concrete lined tank.
- Air Quality Protection: Total NOx emissions no greater than 0.50 lb/ MW-hr.

### In 2015 - 6 Dairy Digesters Funded

Project	Amount awarded	Biogas end-use	Status
Verwey-Hanford Dairy Digester	\$3,000,000	Electricity	Completed.
Open Sky Ranch	\$973,430	Electricity	Completed.
Verwey-Madera Dairy Digester	\$2,281,091	Electricity	In progress.
West-Star North Dairy Biogas Project	\$1,837,005	Electricity, RCNG in future	In progress.
Lakeview Dairy Biogas Project*	\$2,000,000	Electricity, RCNG in future	In progress.
Carlos Echeverria & Sons Dairy Biogas Project*	\$1,000,000	Electricity, RCNG in future	In progress.  * Kern cluster

### Completed Covered Lagoon Digester



### In 2017 – Awards Pending

- CDFA Received 36 applications for \$29
  - \$36 million.
- Funding Recommendations to be released later this month
- Additional appropriation of \$99 million for 2017-2018.
- New requirements for criteria pollutants and community outreach.

### Electricity versus Fuel (RCNG)

### Electricity +/-



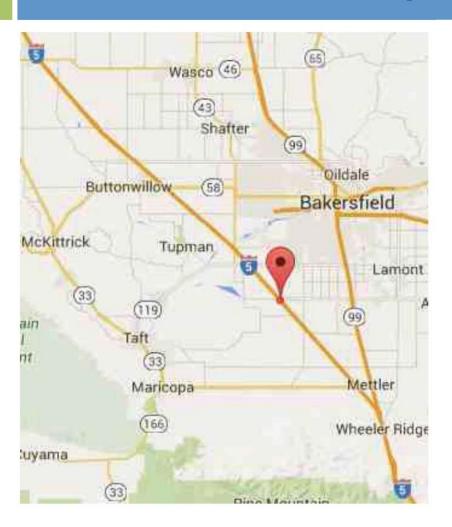
- Developers more experienced
- Approx. \$20/MMBTU (Elec + carbon credit)
- BioMAT contracts with utility (10 20 yrs)
- Concerns with NOx emissions

#### Fuel (RCNG) +/-



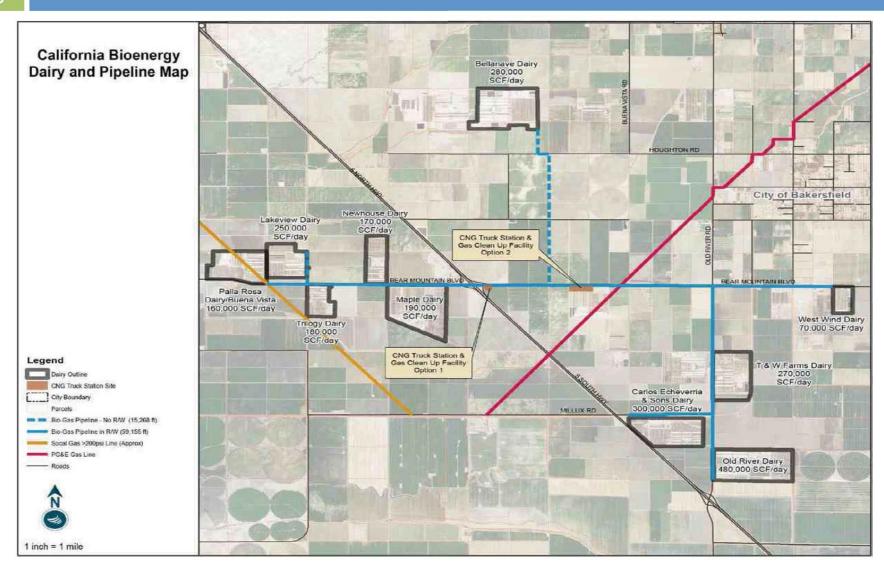
- New in CA-but proven elsewhere
- Approx: \$40-60/MMBTU (LCFS and RINs)
- Potentially very lucrative
- No long term contracts
- Addresses NOx

## California Bioenergy - Kern Co. Dairy Cluster



- Finalist –Sustainable Freight Action Plan
- 15 modern, large dairies
- 1 built digester; 2 in construction
- Pioneer –combine electricity and fuel
- Methane potential: 12 MW base load (30 MW peaking)
- 5M diesel gallon equivalents

### Map of Kern Cluster



## Policy Efforts Dairy & Livestock GHG Reduction Working Group

DAIRY AND LIVESTOCK GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION WORKING GROUP



### MANURE RESEARCH EFFORTS

- 1. Converting Manure to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Minimize Environmental Impacts, and Enhance the Economic Feasibility of Dairy Operations: Dr. William R. Horwath and Dr. Xia Zhu-Barker, UC Davis
- 2. Producing Valuable Co-Products and Improving Nutrient Management for Dairy Manure Digester Systems: 2014-16: Dr. Ruihong Zhang, UC Davis
- 3. Effect of Solid Separation on Mitigation of Methane Emission in Dairy Manure Lagoons: 2016-17 Dr. Ruihong Zhang, UC Davis
- 4. Benchmarking of pre-Alternative Manure Management Program Dairy Emissions Dr. Frank Mitloehner, UC Davis

