Dairy-Based AD and Nutrient Recovery Activities in WA State

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Washington-based company, focused on agricultural waste solutions, specifically anaerobic digestion for renewable fuel and/or solids/nutrient/water recovery from wastewater



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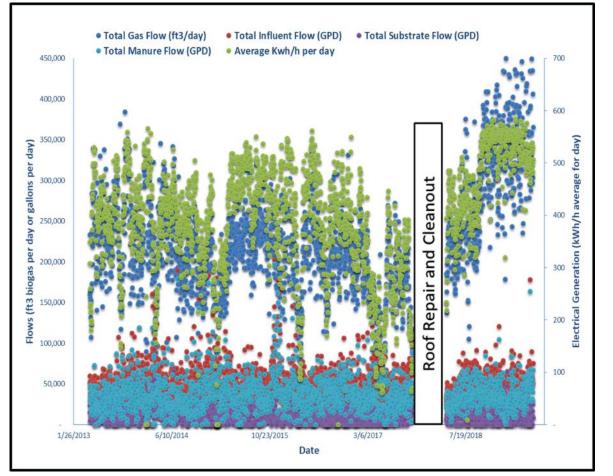
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Multiple projects, mostly west coast, but actively quoting projects across the US, projects involve AD, RNG conversion, and solids/nutrient/water treatment

Project	Location	Flow (GPD)	Installed KW	Full O&M	RNG Conversion	Nutrient Recovery
Vander Haak Dairy	Lynden WA	45,000	600	\checkmark		Fiber, AS
George DeRuyter and Sons Dairy	Outlook WA	132,000	1200		\checkmark	Fiber, DAF, NDN
Dry Creek Dairy	Hansen ID	210,000	2250	\checkmark		Fiber
Big Sky Dairy	Gooding ID	141,000	1420	\checkmark		Fiber
Qualco Energy Corporation	Monroe WA	66,000	450			Fiber
Farm Power Rexville	Mt. Vernon WA	45,000	750			Fiber
Farm Power Lynden	Lynden WA	70,000	750			Fiber
Double A Dairy	Jerome ID	500,000	4500	\checkmark	\checkmark	Fiber
Farm Power Tillamook	Tillamook OR	60,000	1000			Fiber
Edaleen Cow Power	Lynden WA	75,000	750	\checkmark		Fiber, DAF
Rainier Biogas	Enumclaw WA	50,000	1000			Fiber, AS
Farm Power Misty Meadow	Tillamook OR	54,000	750			Fiber
Pixley Biogas	Pixley CA	55,000	Thermal			Fiber
Coldstream Farms	Deming WA	20,000				Fiber, DAF, CW

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Anaerobic Digestion-WA Example



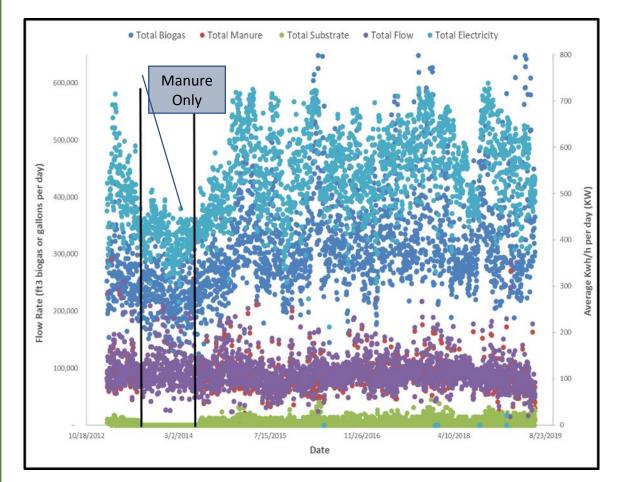
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Commissioned 2004—Starting its 15th year of service. Data for last 6-months:

- 529 KW grid-electricity (445 homes)
- ~3,400 MT CO_{2eq}/year in carbon offset
- ~15,000 GPD of co-digestion treatment
- ~7,500 yd³ fibrous bedding for cows



Anaerobic Digestion-WA Example



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Commissioned 2012—Starting its 7th year of service. Data for last 6-months:

- 545 KW grid-electricity (448 homes)
- ~8,000 MT CO_{2eq}/year in carbon offset
- ~7,500 GPD of co-digestion treatment
- ~18,000 yd³/year bedding/sales



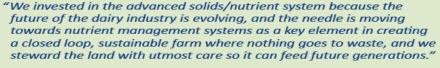
Fiber Bedding/Soil Amendment



Fine Solids/Nutrient Separation



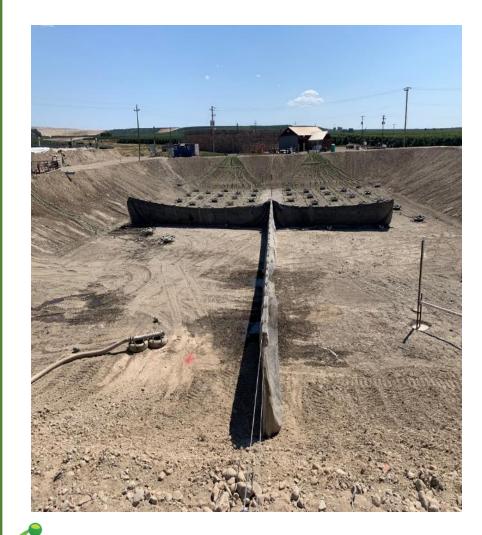




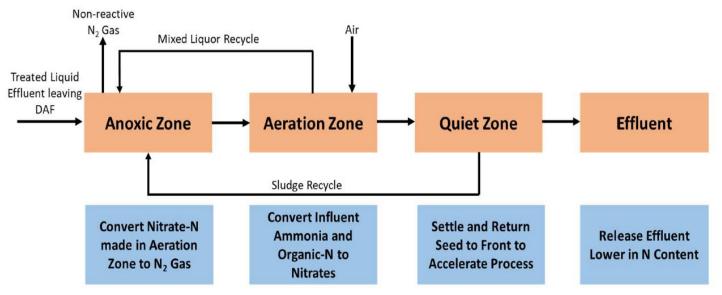
Mitch Moorlag, General Manager Edaleen Dairy

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Nitrification/Denitrification

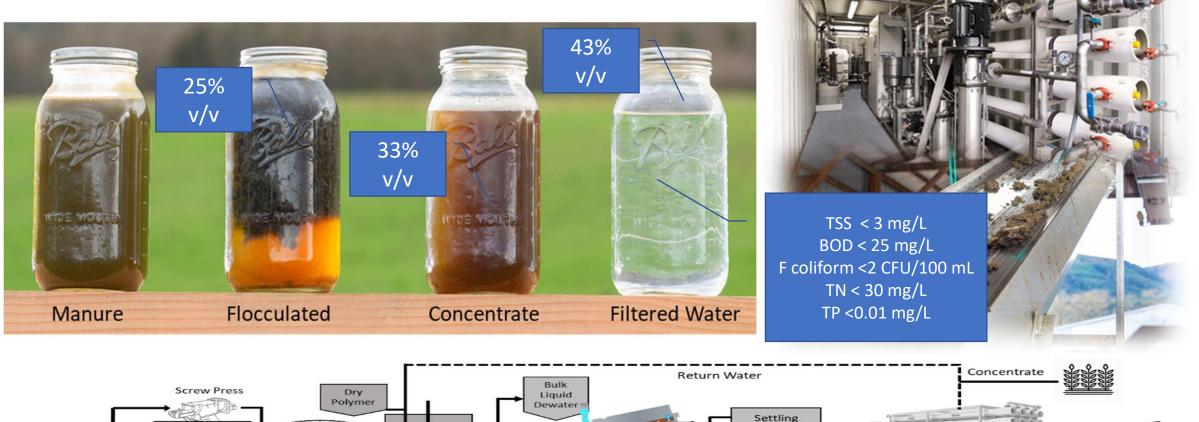


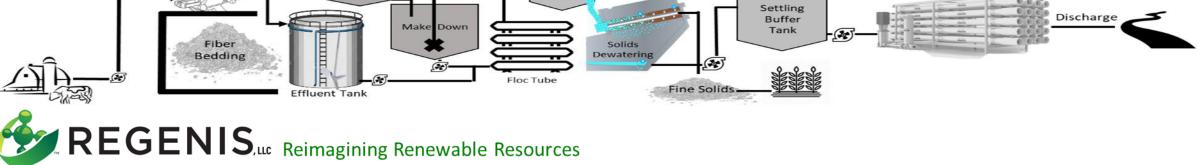
An existing dairy lagoon can be emptied and cleaned for insertion of floating baffles, micro-aerators, and recycle pumps to install a relatively low-cost NDN system on a dairy to **convert appropriately pre-treated liquid ammonia-N** to non-reactive nitrogen gas



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Filtered Water for Discharge





Conclusion

- AD of dairy manure a 'hot topic' right now due to potential to produced pipeline quality RNG with a very low carbon index score (-250 MJ/g CO_{2e})
 - Important for state to continue to incentivize projects, credits, access
- Numerous benefits of AD—carbon mitigation, renewable fuel production, odor reduction, pathogen reduction, organic stabilization, fibrous solid by-product, and local/regional organic waste reduction option
- Nutrient partitioning and nutrient conversion commercially available—concern is affordability
 - Import for state to incentivize with cost shares, nutrient trading, biofertilizer credits, tax breaks, etc.



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