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## Introduction to Biogas in Wisconsin

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### About this Symposium

- Background
- End-uses
- WI has an advantage in biogas system development
  - Agriculture By-products
  - Food and Cheese Processing
  - Waste Treatment
  - Manufacturing

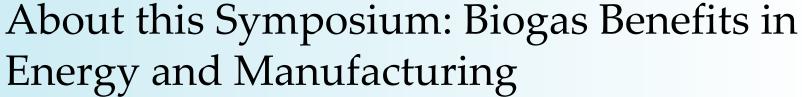


# About this Symposium: Biogas Benefits in Agriculture

- Nutrient Management Flexibility
- Renewable Energy
- Energy Price Insulator
- New Farm Income
- Farm and Rural Economic Development







SEO's Mission is to invest in Wisconsin by:

- Increasing energy efficiency
- Developing renewable and alternative energy sources
- Promoting energy-related economic development and jobs, and
- Reducing reliance on imported oil

Manages over \$85 million in federal energy related grants and loans including:

- Biogas at a goat cheese plant in Belmont WI
- Small farm biogas digester program
- Biogas compressed natural gas vehicle fueling stations in Janesville and Dane County





### What is Biogas?

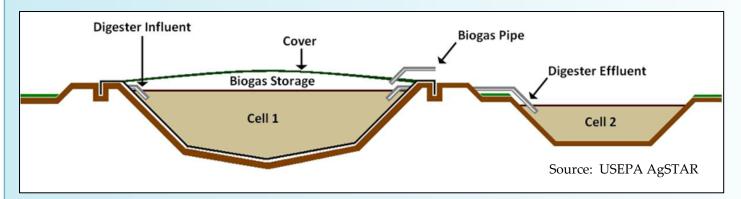
- 65% methane
- Produced by natural bacteria which consume organic material in oxygen –free environments

Anaerobic Digesters: Airtight containers providing an environment for bacteria to consume organic material in the absence of oxygen

 Covered lagoon (example below), in-ground or aboveground vessels



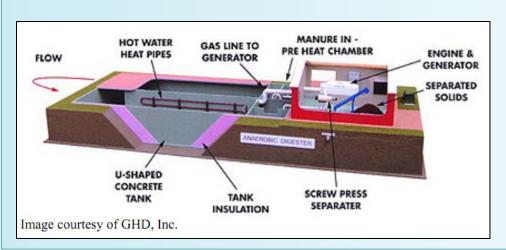
Source: Sergey Zimov in USEPA Methane and Nitrous Oxide from Natural Sources



### Anaerobic Digesters in Wisconsin

#### Designs Vary Widely

- Size
- Mixing
- Temperature
- Engineering and Customization to Match Specific Feedstocks







Source: Focus on Energy

### Biogas Energy: Versatile

#### Heat

- Use on-farm/in-plant
- Nearby facilities such as greenhouses, industrial space heating

#### Electricity

- •Competitive, scalable
- Baseload renewable power

Cogeneration (electricity + heat)

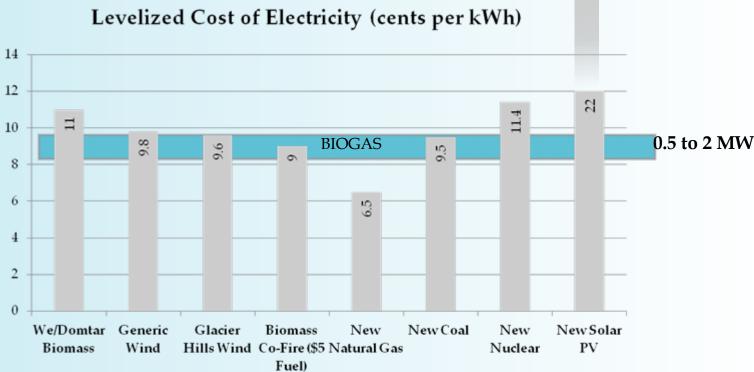
#### Vehicle Fuel

Compressed for fleet vehicle uses

Renewable Natural Gas



### Biogas Energy: Affordable, Scalable



Plant Output: 50 MW 100+ MW 162 MW 5-50 MW 540 MW 1,300 MW 2,200 MW 150 MW

#### **Sources:**

•PSC Docket 6630-CE-305 Exhibit 13.3 (Generic Wind, Glacier Hills, Biomass Co-Fire, 10/2010) <a href="http://psc.wi.gov/apps35/ERF">http://psc.wi.gov/apps35/ERF</a> view/viewdoc.aspx?docid=140444

•EIA Energy Outlook 2011 (New Natural Gas, New Coal, New Nuclear, New Solar PV, 4/2011) http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/aeo/electricity\_generation.cfm

Note: We/Domtar Biomass cost based comments by Commissioner Callisto on revised capital cost division of 5/2011 (original estimate from Exhibit 13.3 was 12.3). Not all assumptions in the calculations of levelized costs between the PSC and EIA are identical. One MW of baseload power can meet the electrical needs of approximately 1,000 typical homes.



#### **Feedstocks**

- #1 Cheese State
- Large dairy, food processing and forestry industries, #1 in paper output

#### Support Infrastructure

- Top manufacturing state
- Major hub of water research and industry
- Many agricultural coops, aggregators

#### **Energy Security**

- WI has no fossil fuels
- Currently spends ~\$18 Billion on energy imports





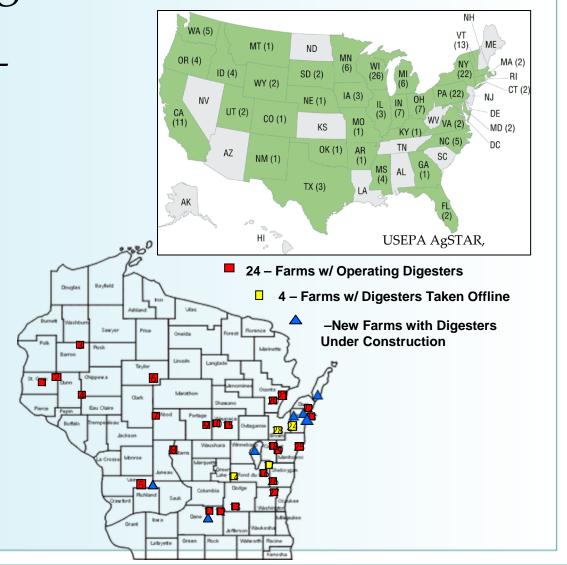
Cheese and Meat Packing are Major
Wisconsin Industries (and
identities) and Excellent
Applications for Biogas Energy
Production

Anaerobic Digesters in Wisconsin

WI leads the U.S. in onfarm digesters

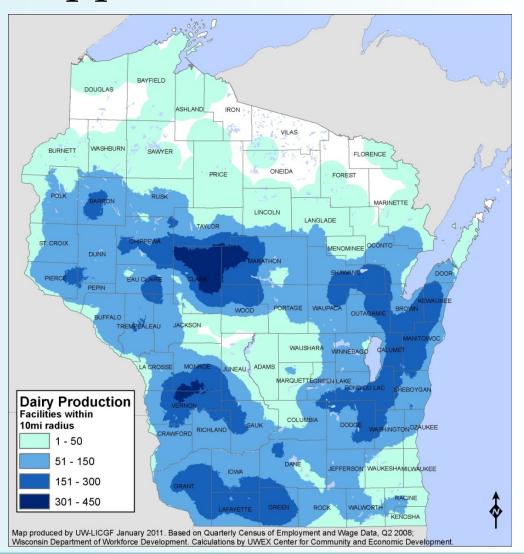
WI is one of the top states for:

- food waste anaerobic digesters,
- wastewater treatment biogas systems and
- landfill gas to energy projects



#### Agriculture

- Manure
  - Pork
  - Poultry
  - Cattle
- Crops and Wastes
  - Corn Silage,
  - Hay Silage,
  - Spoiled Feed, etc.



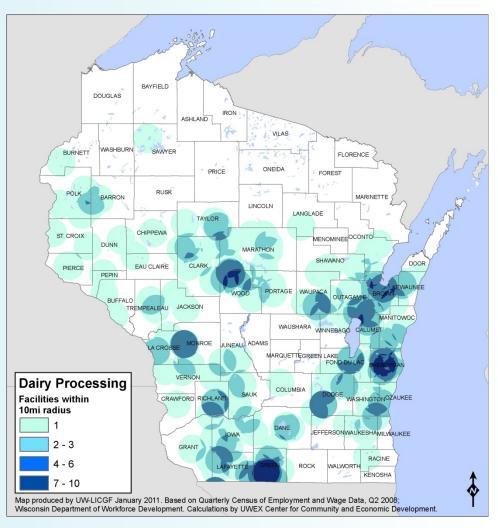
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- High strength waste water produced by
  - Canning Facilities
  - Dairy Processors
  - Meat Packing and Slaughtering Plants









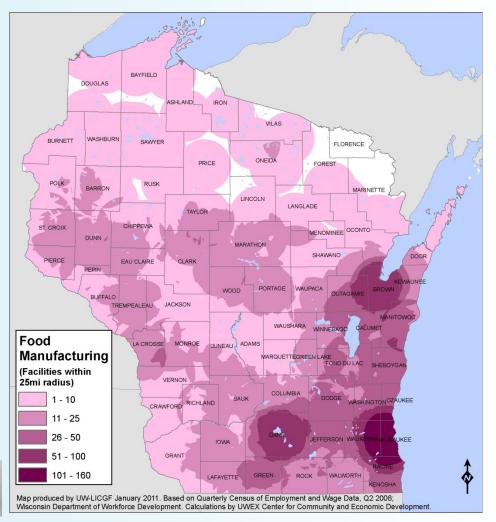
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#### Wastewater Treatment Plants & Landfills

- Many existing AD systems flare the gas
- Newer energy technologies are being deployed at smaller and older landfills

#### **Emerging Markets**

- Grocery & Cafeteria Food Waste
- Small Scale







### Biogas Drives Economic Growth in WI

Biogas Developers of All Sizes

Expanding Manufacturing in Core Industries

- Steel vessels and piping
- Gas engines and compressors
- Electrical controls and fueling systems

#### Biogas fuel system

- · Ease of use
- Simple fuel system one electronic device. Eliminates complicated adjustment and set-up procedures. Simple HMI input and display screen.
- Increased availability by improving spark plug life, reducing and simplifying system components
- Minimized manual intervention during BTU variation from

gas source



















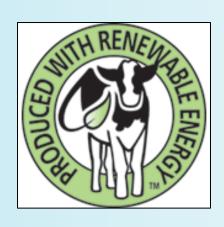


Example manufacturers in the biogas supply chain

(see biogas business handout)

#### About this Symposium

# Wisconsin is a national leader in the growing biogas opportunity





**Examples of Biogas Energy Marketing** 

Sources: www.cravecheese.com www.fortisbc.com

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