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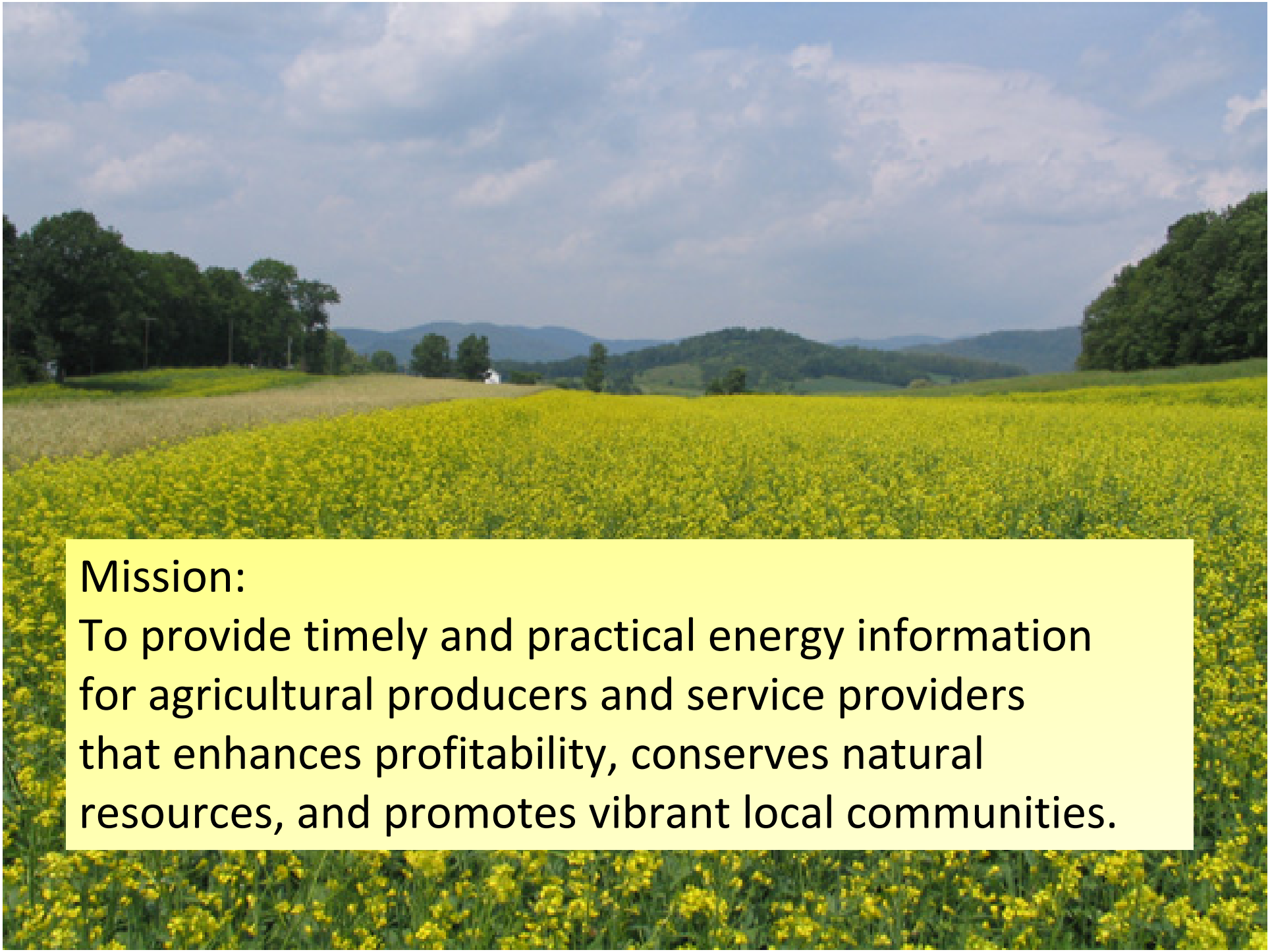

Mission:
To provide timely and practical energy information for agricultural producers and service providers that enhances profitability, conserves natural resources, and promotes vibrant local communities.

eXtension Farm Energy Goals

- Focused on the energy needs of farmers.
- Research based and peer reviewed.
- Collaboration among energy specialists.
- Link users to local and national experts and resources.
- “Launch” farm energy resources on www.Extension.Org in January 2010.

Community of Practice Content Categories

- Farm Energy Miscellaneous
  - About, Funding, Trends and Emerging Technologies, Legal, Net Metering, Carbon Trading
  - Sustainability Dimensions ***
- Farm Energy Conservation and Efficiency ***
  - Building, Equipment, Farm Systems (Inputs + Practices), Food Systems, Greenhouse, Irrigation
- Feedstocks for Biofuel Production
  - Algae, Animal Waste, Corn, Crop Residues, Grasses and Small Grains, Oilseed Crops, Starch Crops, Sugar Crops, Wood and Woody Biomass
- Processing Feedstocks into Biofuel ***
  - Pre-Processing, Thermochemical, Biochemical, Chemical, Combustion, Thermodynamic
- Biogas Energy and Anaerobic Digestion***
- Biomass Energy
- Ethanol
- Biodiesel ***
- Animal Power
- On-Farm Geothermal Energy
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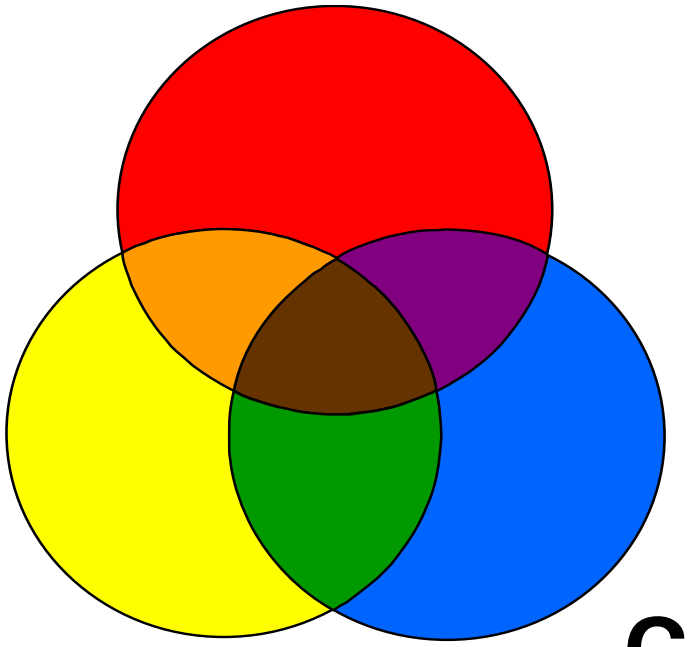
Sustainable Energy

Profitability
short and long term

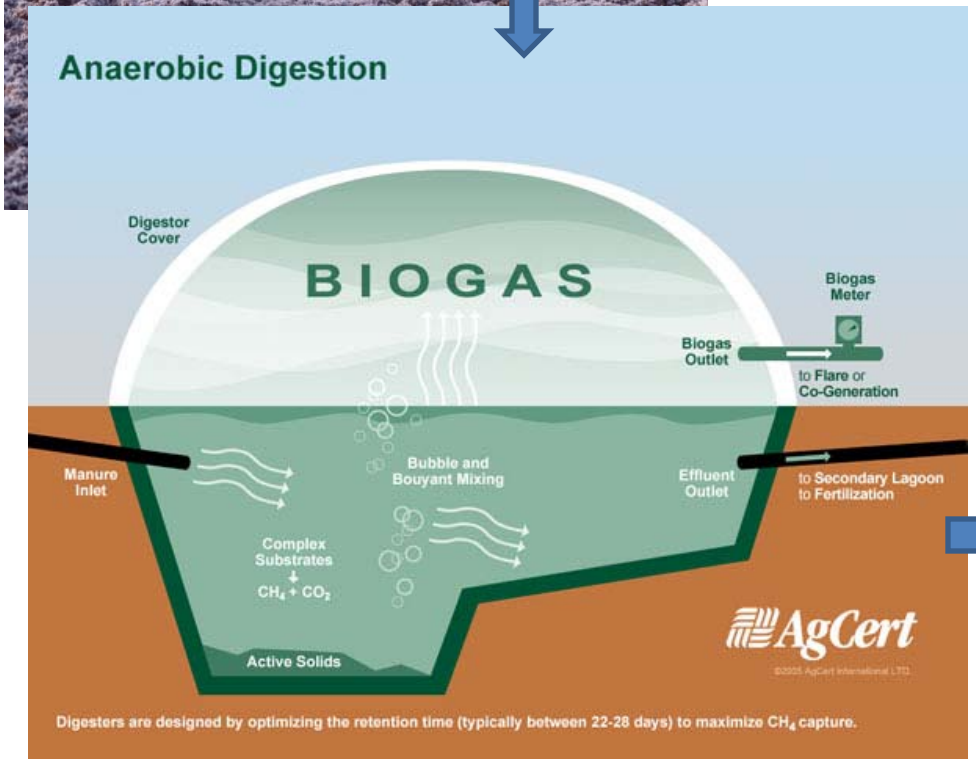


Stewardship
of natural resources

Community
Support for and connection to agriculture

Legal, Regulation, Economics

Feedstock Processing Utilization



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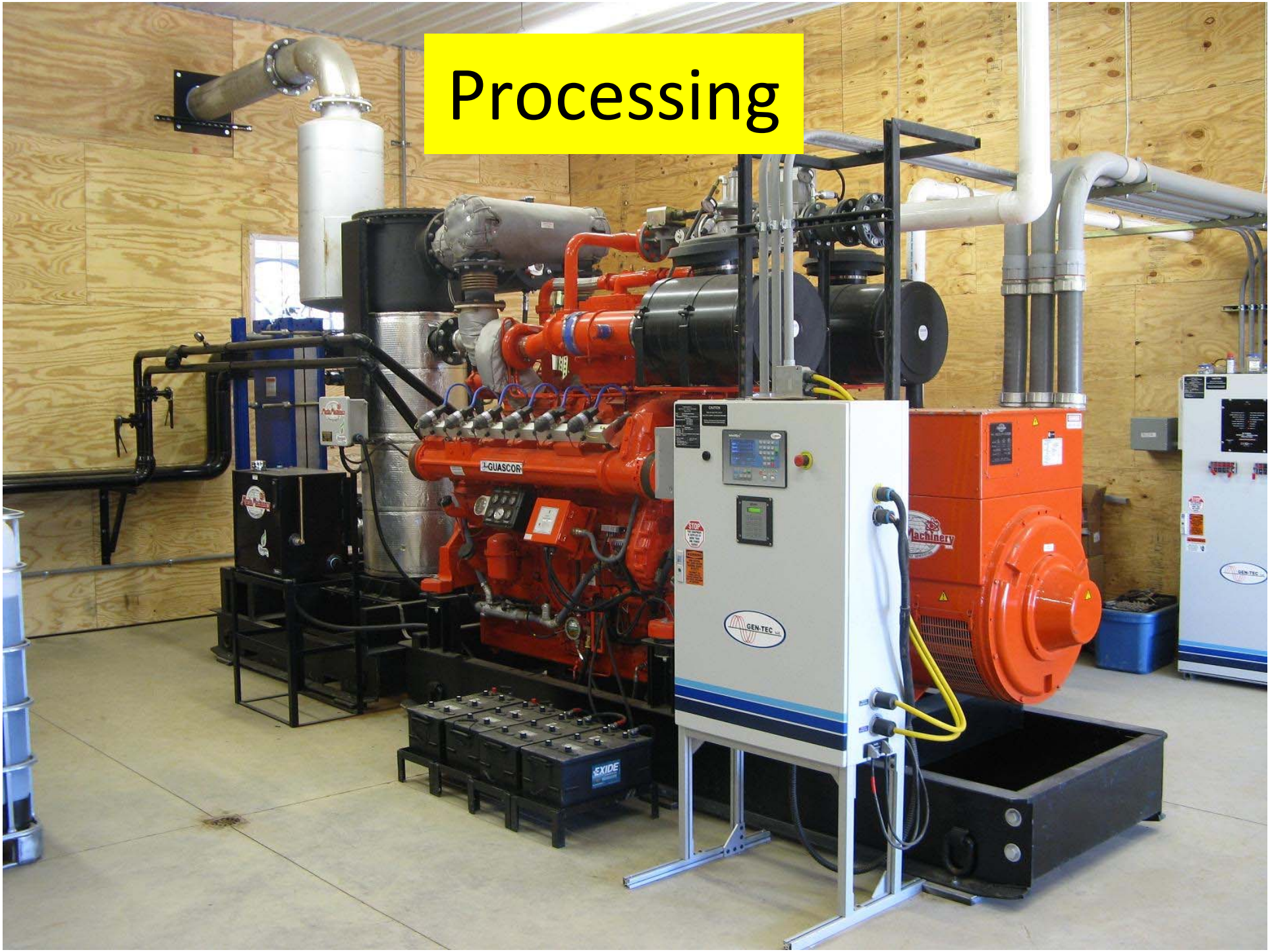
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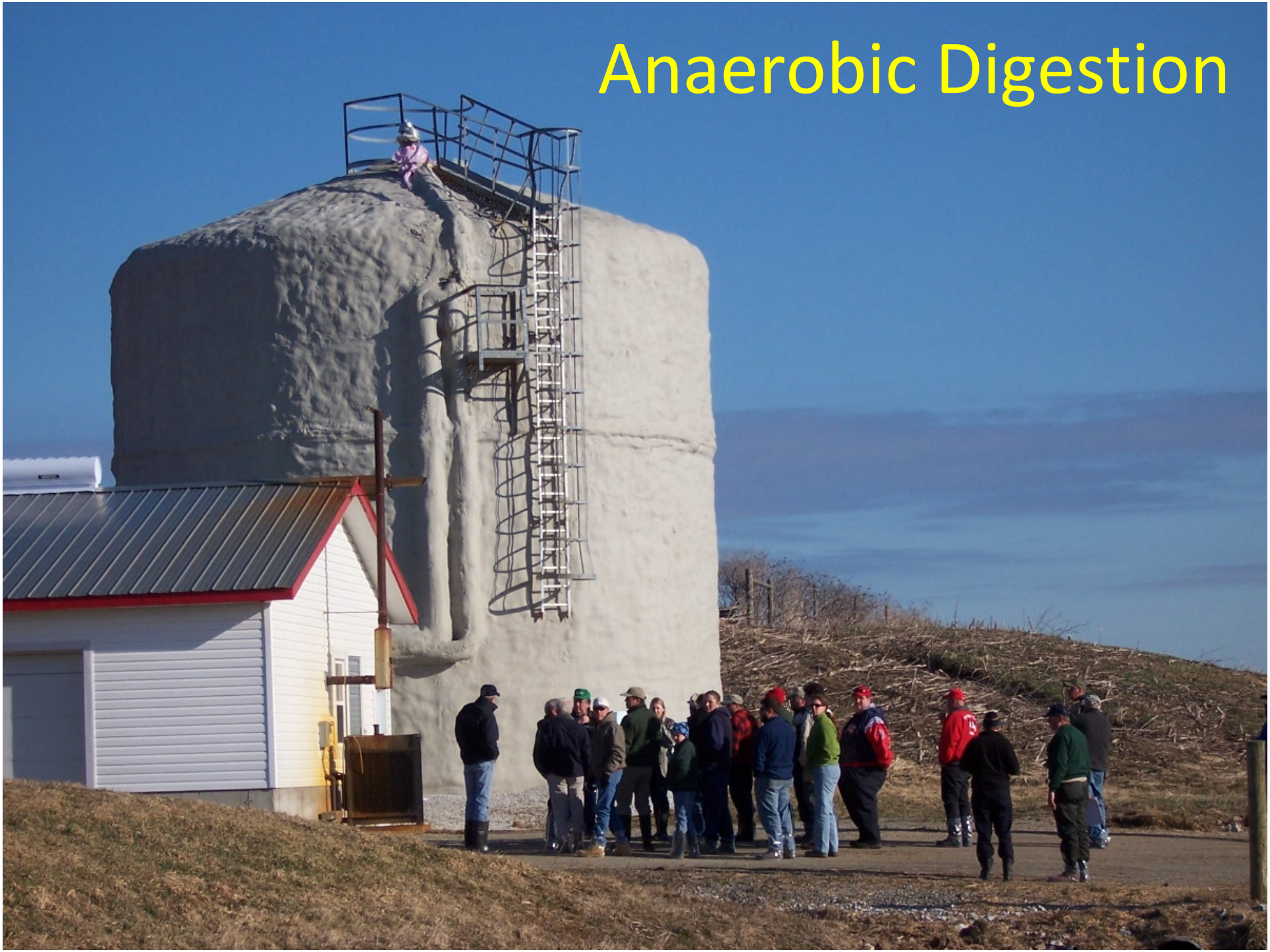
Utilization


Biodiesel

Anaerobic Digestion

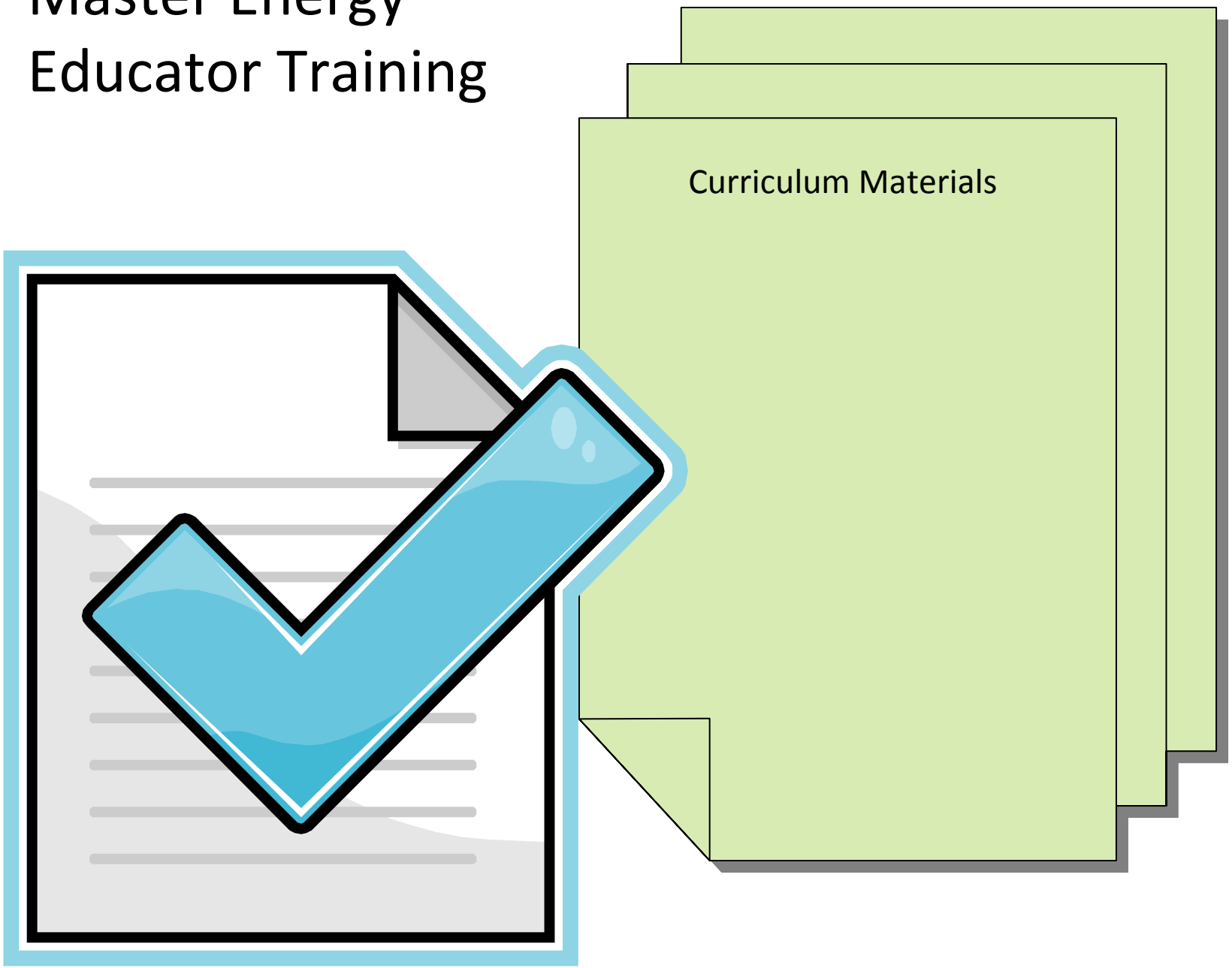


Combustion

What are the next Farm Energy CoP priorities?


On-Farm
Wind Power

Master Energy Educator Training



On-farm solar power

Ethanol

On-Farm Hydropower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In the last few years, interest in alternative energy and energy conservation has skyrocketed due to unstable fuel proces and desire to move toward renewable and sustainable energy sources. At the same time, technologies to conserve energy as well as convert feedstocks to biodiesel and ethanol have improved significantly.

Across America farms are generating their own energy using wind turbines, solar panels, or anaerobic digesters, with some selling the excess electricity back to the grid. Other producers are experimenting with on-farm biodiesel and ethanol production, or researching new energy-related crops and business opportunities in anticipation of developing cellulosic bioufuel technology and markets.
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Farm energy can generally be divided into:

1. Energy Conservation and Efficiency
2. Renewable Energy

Energy Conservation and Efficiency

Conserving energy and improving energy efficiency is not only good for the environment--it reduces dependence on fossil fuels and curbs greenhouse gas emissions--but also for the pocketbook, saving farmers money. Fifteen percent of agricultural production costs are energy related, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) – and as energy prices rise, these costs claim an ever-bigger portion of farm budgets. The quickest, cheapest and cleanest way to lower these costs, as well as cut non-renewable energy consumption, is by improving energy efficiency.

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Many Hands
Make Light
Work

Ways to be Involved

The *Wanted* List

(co)Leaders & Team participants

- Collaborate with other specialists!

Individuals

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