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# U.S. Dairy Industry's Sustainability Commitment

Business Models for  
Anaerobic Digester Adoption on U.S. Dairy Farms

*Renewable Energy Education Field Day*

*Las Cruces, NM*

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**Dairy Industry Committed to...**

**25% by 2020**

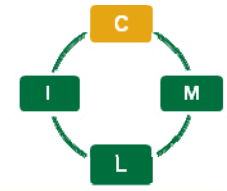
GHG reduction for fluid milk

**\$238 million**

Estimated business value across industry

**1,300 Digesters**

On U.S. Dairy Farms by 2020



# Sustainability Council

## Producers

Alliance Dairies  
 Clauss Dairy Farms  
 Fair Oaks Farms  
 Fiscalini Farms  
 Foster Brothers Farm  
 Gar-Lin Dairy Farm  
 Graywood Farm  
 Haubenschild Farms Inc.  
 Maddox Dairy  
 Medeiros & Sons Dairy  
 Nobis Dairy Farms  
 Prairieland Dairy  
 Spruce Haven Farm  
 Stauffacher Highway Dairy  
 Werkhoven Dairy

## Associations/ Government

**RUAN**

## Retailers

## Co-ops

**DeLaval**

*American Farmland Trust*



# USDA /Dairy Industry - Memorandum of Understanding

- ✓ USDA/Dairy Industry
- ✓ 25% GHG reduction by 2020
- ✓ \$238 million of business value



USDA Secretary Vilsack  
“a digester per week”  
backed by  
USDA grants, loan guarantees and assistance



# Digester Finance Summit

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September 20, 2011



Judy Canales, USDA



# Mitigating and monetizing manure is predicated on successful piloting of new business model

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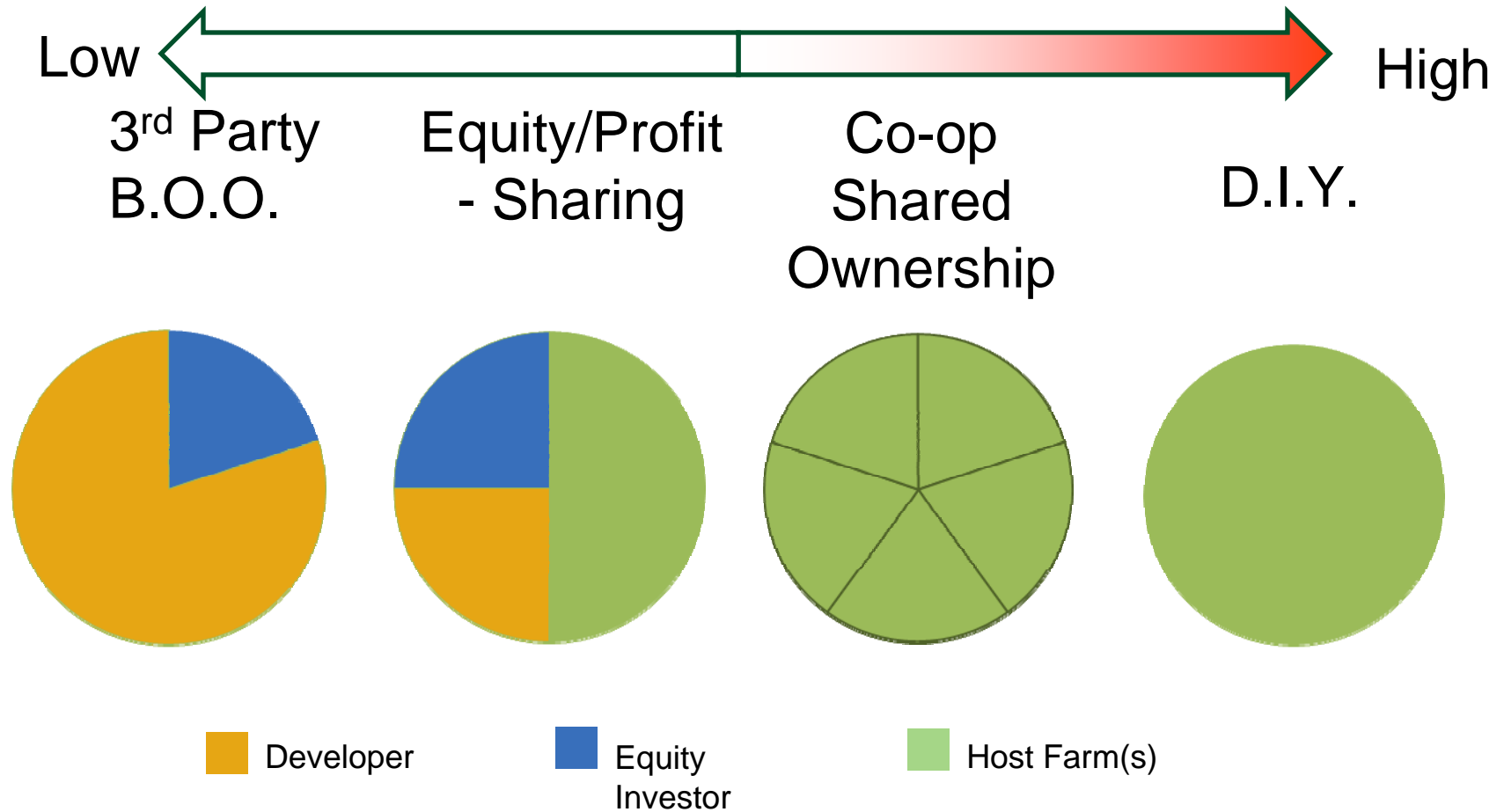
- 'Going it Alone'
  - Manure only input
  - Unproven technology
  - Limited / complex external funding
  - Energy only off-take

## To

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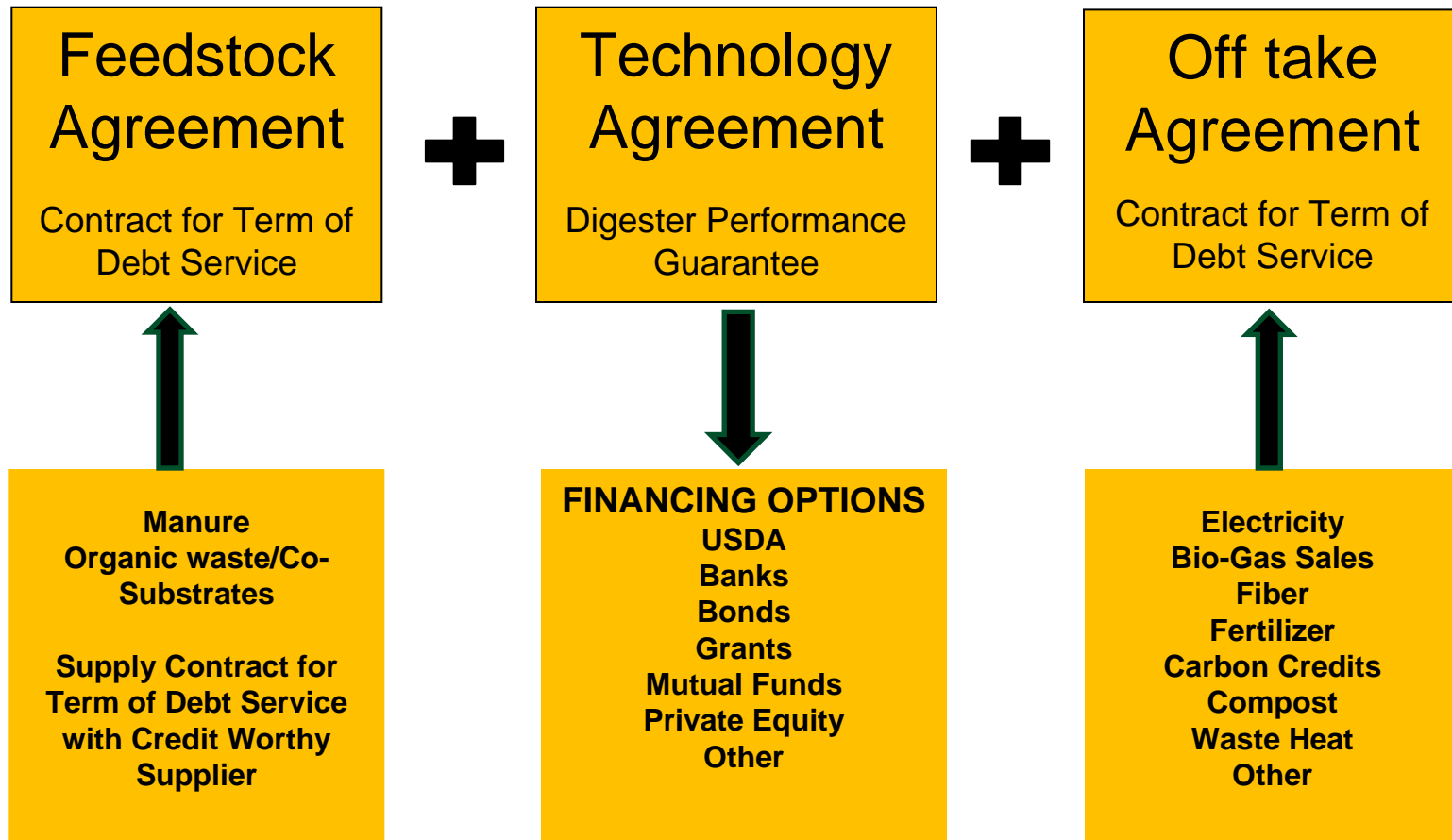
- 'Quality Partnerships'
  - Manure plus substrates
  - Technology performance guarantee
  - Ample private sector funding
  - Energy plus high-value by-products
- USDA Program Support for Digester Development
- Develop Digester Business Case and Project Financing Options
- Digester Market Potential Study and National Site Analysis

# Risk to Farmer



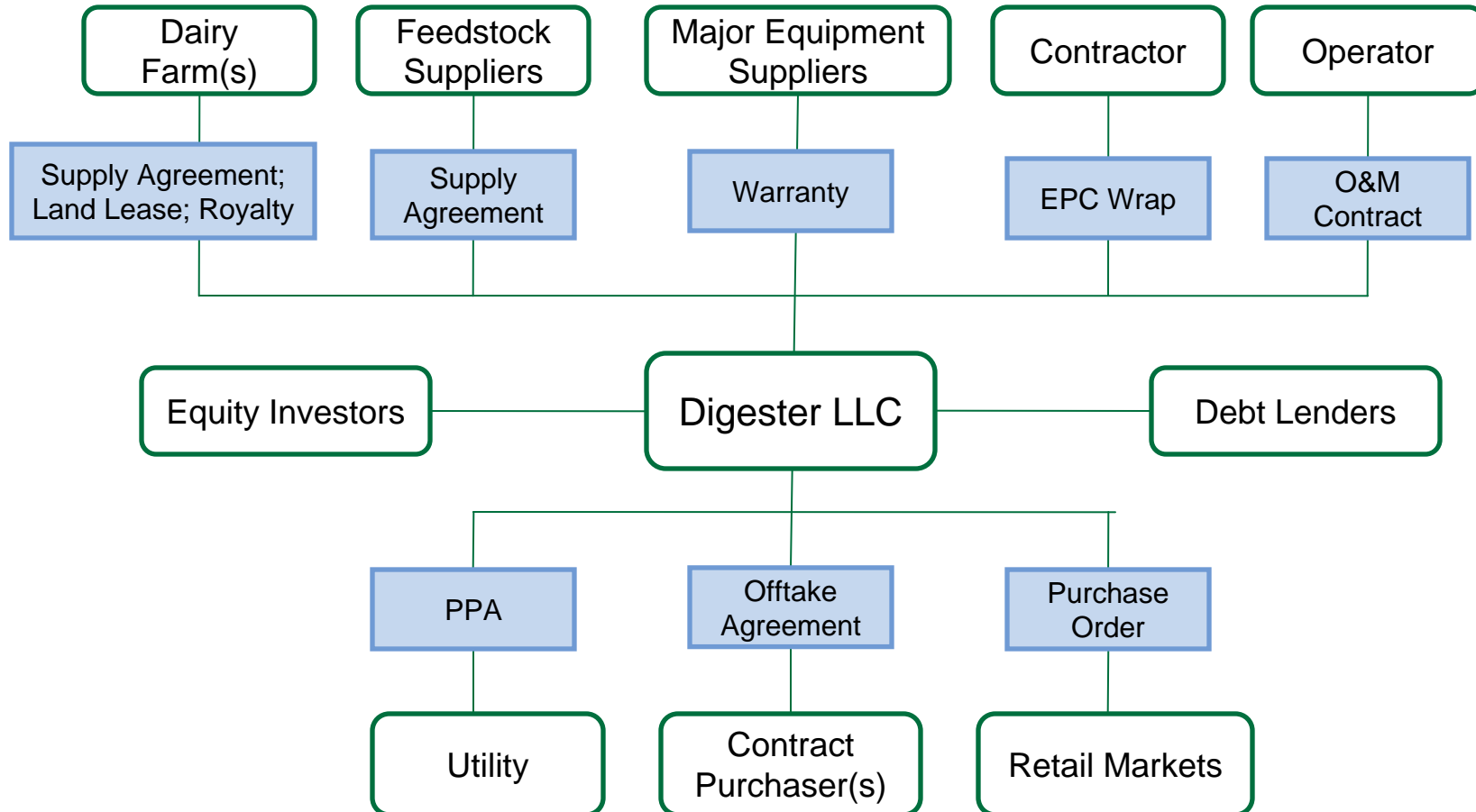
# “Project Finance” model for sustainable digester systems

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# The Developer-Led Model



# SAMPLE

## A Business Model for Sustainable Dairy Digester Systems



For more information go to [USDairy.com/Sustainability](http://USDairy.com/Sustainability) or contact [InnovationCenter@USDairy.com](mailto:InnovationCenter@USDairy.com)  
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U.S. DAIRY SUSTAINABILITY  
COMMITMENT

INNOVATION  
CENTER FOR U.S. DAIRY.  
HEALTHY PEOPLE • HEALTHY PRODUCTS • HEALTHY PLANET



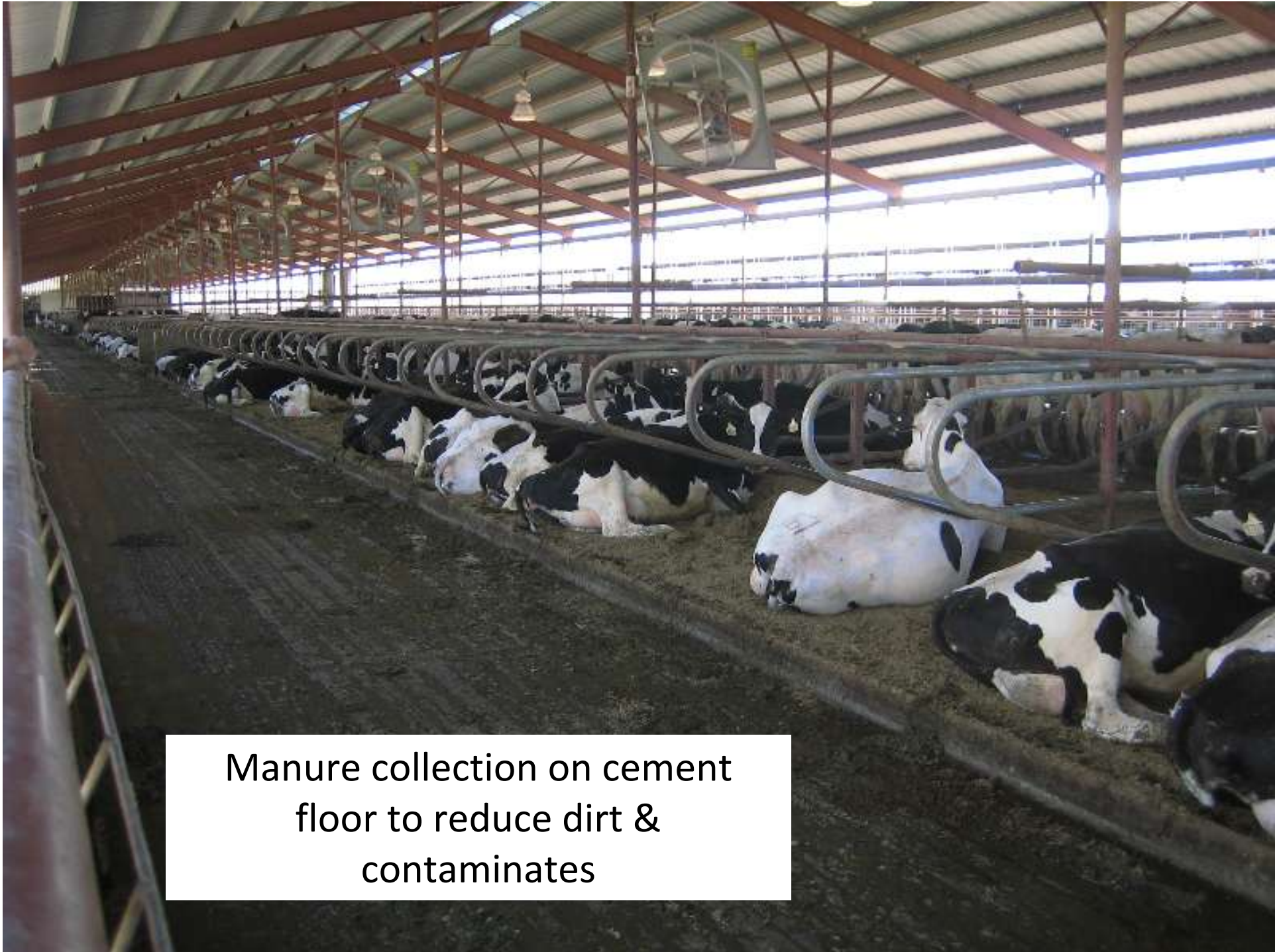
Gooding, ID  
4,200 Cows  
1.2 MW @ 95% CF  
\$6 Million project cost





Dairy feeding operation





Manure collection on cement floor to reduce dirt & contaminates





Manure washed from floor  
fed through gratings to slurry  
tank



Manure slurry supplied to  
the digester

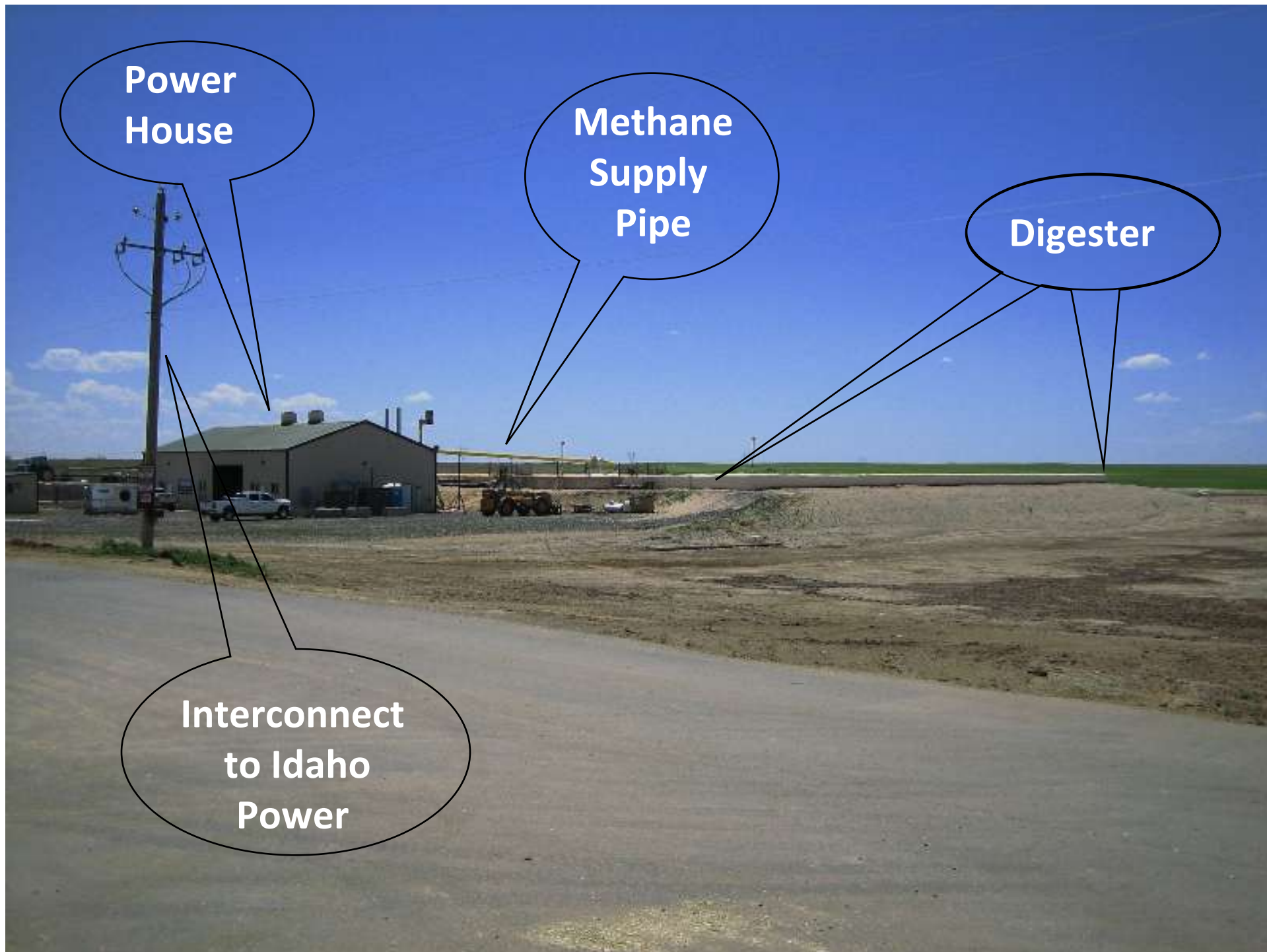


**Power  
House**

**Methane  
Supply  
Pipe**

**Digester**

**Interconnect  
to Idaho  
Power**







Power from dual 710 kW  
gen-sets





Garden fiber output  
from the digester





Digester effluent used  
as fertilizer or P-K-N  
separated and sold

# Market Potential



Table 1. Potential for Biogas Recovery Systems at Swine and Dairy Operations

Animal Sector	Candidate Farms	Energy Generating Potential		
		MW	MWh/year	Thousands of MMBtu/year
Swine	5,596	804	6,341,527	68,710
Dairy	2,645	863	6,802,914	73,709
Total	8,241	1,667	13,144,441	142,419


6,802,914 MWh x \$0.08/kWh = \$544 Million

New analysis includes:

- MWh (Electricity) plus 25% substrates
- Fiber
- Nutrients (P K N)
- Carbon, RECs & RINs

Market Size 2020 = \$1.9 Billion

# Co-Digestion Improves Economics



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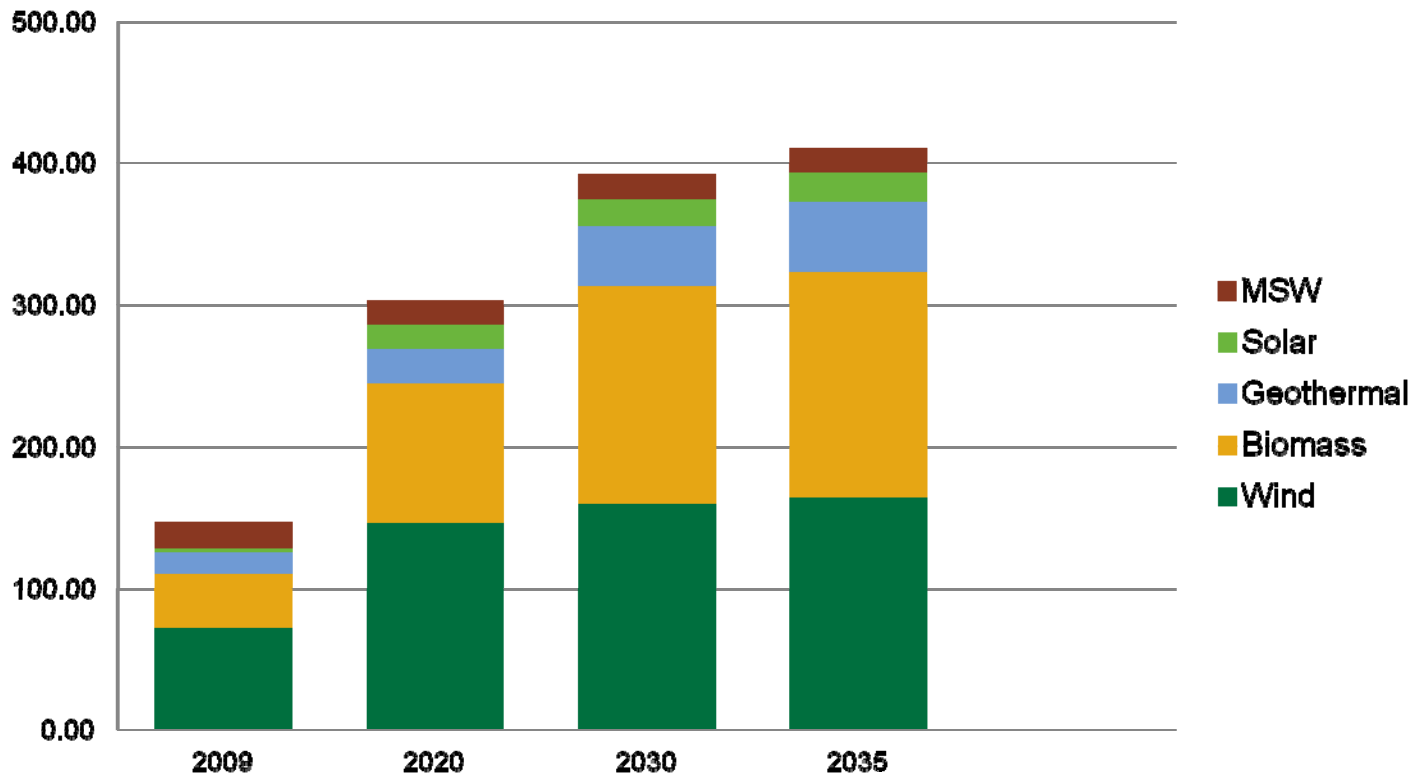
## Co-Digestion Economics

	Manure-Only	Co-Digestion
<i>Gross Receipts</i>	\$/AU yr	\$/AU yr
Tipping Fees	---	<b>192.97</b>
Electrical Sales	68.76	<b>150.37</b>
Carbon Credit	19.68	19.68
Avoided Bedding Cost	12.71	15.25
Tax Credit	27.50	<b>60.15</b>
Fiber Sales	31.78	38.11
<i>Total Revenue</i>	160.43	<b>476.53</b>
Role Substrate % of Revenue	---	<b>66.3</b>



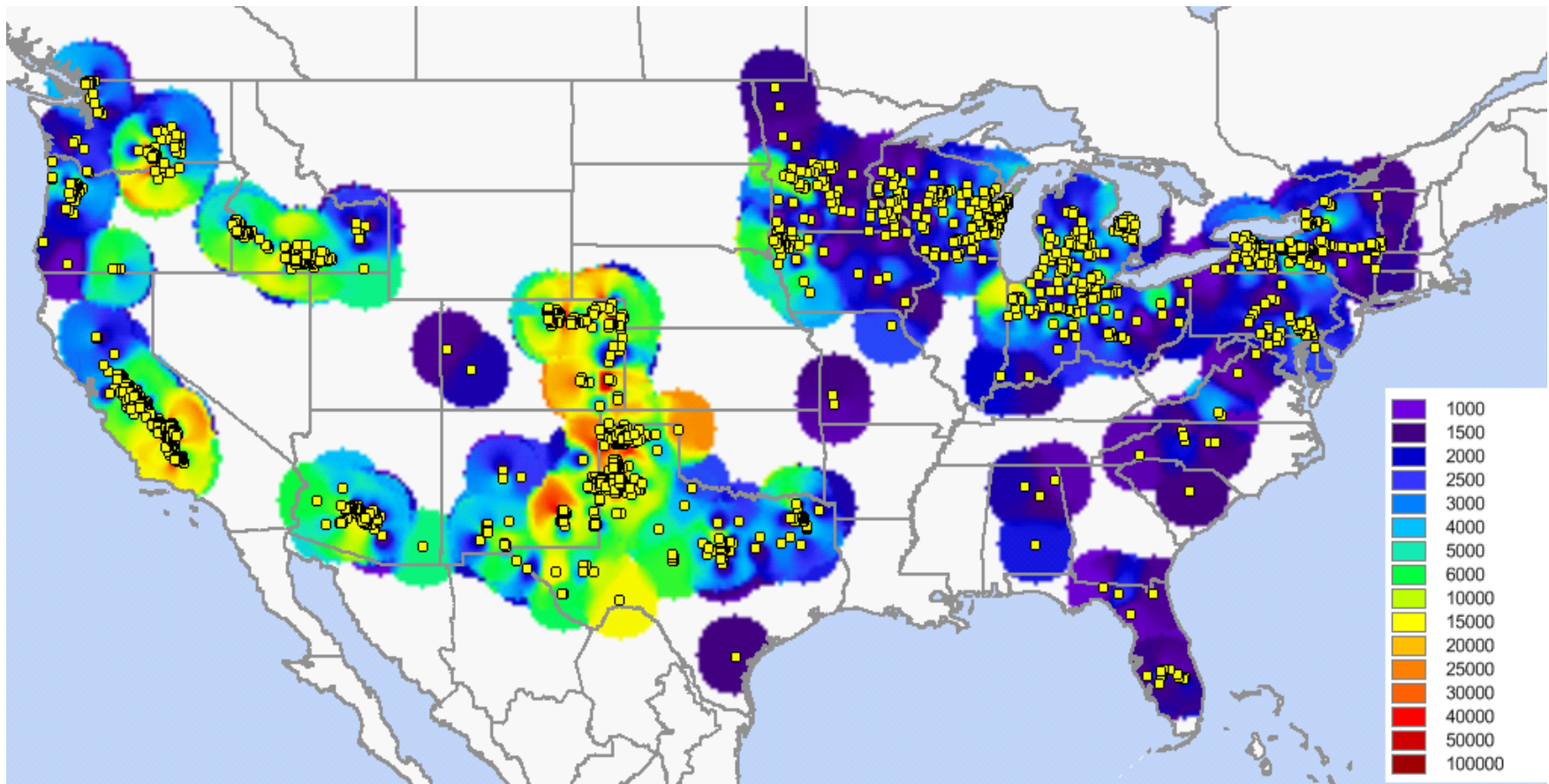
# Renewable Energy Market Potential (Billion kWh)

Non-hydropower renewable electricity generation by energy source, 2009-2035 (billion kilowatthours)



[http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/aeo/source\\_renewable.cfm](http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/aeo/source_renewable.cfm)

# Dairy digester locations – construction potential



2,242 Dairies > 1000 Head



**Double A Dairy  
Idaho  
4.6 MW  
15,000 cows**











