



## Anaerobic Digester Webinar Set for Oct. 26

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A Renewable Energy Education Virtual Field Day on Oct. 26 will focus on the use of anaerobic digesters for livestock operations in the southwestern United States. This webinar will examine technical, environmental and financial factors to consider when installing an anaerobic digester on a livestock operation. Specific attention will be given to the use of digesters with dry manure and the unique environmental issues and climatic conditions of the Southwest.

This Virtual Field Day will target dairy and beef producers in New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Representatives of environmental and agricultural organizations working with livestock producers, as well as staff from state and federal agencies, are also encouraged to participate.

Speakers will include livestock producers with experience in operating an anaerobic digester, industry leaders working with various technologies used in anaerobic digestion, university researchers, the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy, and representatives from government agencies, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's AgStar program. Session topics include:

- Producer experiences with anaerobic digester systems.
- Digesting manure under dry climate conditions.
- Using a digester to manage livestock manure/nutrient issues.
- Potential revenue streams from an integrated digester system.
- Financing options for installing an anaerobic digester.
- Next steps to begin integrating a digester in a livestock operation.

Webinar sessions will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (MDT). The sessions are being taped and will be available for viewing for one year after the event.

There is no charge to participate in the webinar, but registration is required. Options for participation include on-site, audience participation at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, Las Cruces, NM or through five interactive viewing sites, including: Lamar Community College, Lamar, CO; Otero County Extension Office, Rocky Ford, CO; Arizona State University, Polytechnic Campus, Mesa, AZ; the U.S. EPA Region 9 Office, San Francisco, CA; and the Texas A&M's AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Amarillo, TX. Additional sites may be added.

These are opportunities to view and discuss the webinar with other producers, producer group

representatives or agency staffers. Participants can also view the event from their office or home computer.

To register for the webinar or review the webinar curriculum, [click here](#).

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