



Dairies, Idaho energy research center to cooperate on renewable energy projects

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BOISE, Idaho — The dairy industry and an Idaho energy research center announced a plan to advance the science and best management practices of renewable energy as more farmers get interested in poop-to-power operations.

The Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy, the Dairy Research Institute, and Idaho's Center for Advanced Energy Studies on Wednesday announced cooperation on a national research program to boost the economic viability of dairy farms and rural communities.

The Center for Advanced Energy Studies, based in Idaho Falls, includes the U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho National Laboratory and Idaho's research universities.

With this partnership, the parties say they will marry science-based information with funding to accelerate the development and commercial rollout of innovative technologies for farmers.

Idaho currently has several anaerobic digesters at dairies producing electricity for the power grid.