



2 p.m. Unlocking the potential of methane digester systems on dairy farms

Topic: Manure management

According to the U.S. EPA's AgSTAR program, anaerobic digesters are technically feasible at more than 2,600 U.S. dairy operations, but many early adopters of methane digester systems have found the capital investment, operating costs, financial risk and regulatory hurdles are not supported by the current market conditions and energy policies. This session explains why dairy farms are uniquely positioned to benefit from the growing anaerobic digester industry and explores the emerging "project finance" business model, which has the potential to make digester systems a much more profitable business venture for dairy producers. Case studies on projects already putting this model into practice will be reviewed. Speakers include:



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• Chris Voell, Program Manager,
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• Jerry Bingold, Director, Renewable
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• Paul Martin, Director of
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