

# **Monetizing Manure Projects**

Georgia Dairy Conference January 17, 2024



Since 1960

elect Mil

economically viable to do so

January 13, 2024

SOUTHEAST MIL



### SUSTAINABILITY IS NOW TABLE STAKES



### TODAY'S CONSUMER EXPECTATIONS



# 81%

of global consumers said that it's VERY OR EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT COMPANIES IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

# 88%

of consumers would like brands to HELP THEM BE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY and ethical in their daily lives

# 85%

of consumers EXPECT COMPANIES TO INVEST IN SUSTAINABILITY in

the next year

of consumers would like to see companies' SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES TO BE MORE VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

70%

Source: The Hartman Group, September 2019; Nielsen, November 2018; Futerra, November 2018; Innova Market Insights, October 2019 January 13, 2024



# PRESSURE INTENSIFIES TO LOWER CARBON EMISSIONS

**INVESTOR GROUPS** 







GLOBAL DAIRY SUPPLY CHAINS

**GLOBAL DAIRY LEADERS** 

**COUNTRIES** 





- Companies setting aggressive carbon reduction goals or seeking to green their portfolio
- Increased regulations on certain sectors (i.e. transportation)
- Increased support from government programs for the adoption of climate-smart practices (Inflation Reduction Act, Climate-Smart Commodities, etc.)



# AGGRESSIVE CARBON REDUCTION GOALS

# BRIEF: Microsoft to purchase up to \$2m in carbon credits from Land O'Lakes

February 8, 2021 Jack Ellis



Booming Airline Traffic Could Force Carriers to Buy Carbon Offsets as Early as 2024

Nestle moves closer to GHG emission reduction goal





# INCREASED REGULATION

ON

CANADA

QC

8



### Dominion Energy, Vanguard Renewables partner on dairy RNG

By Dominion Energy | December 11, 2019

Dominion Energy and Vanguard Renewables announced today a more than \$200 million, nationwide strategic partnership to convert methane from U.S. dairy farms into clean, renewable natural gas (RNG) that can heat homes, power businesses and fuel vehicles. Multiple projects are under development in Georgia, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah with additional projects planned



# The Washington Post Turning manure into money

Farmers and utilities are burning methane for energy – and curtailing a powerful greenhouse gas in the process

 California - Adopted LCFS program in 2009 - with infrastructure credits and point-of-purchase rebate provisions

BC

LCFS

CA

AB

SK

co

MB

- Oregon Implemented "Clean Fuels" in 2016 a program similar to LCFS, without infrastructure credits and point-of-purchase rebate provisions
- Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont - Adopted ZEV mandate
- Canada Environment Canada released the regulatory design paper for a national "Clean Fuel" program in late 2018
- Washington Considering implementing program similar to Oregon's "Clean Fuels"
- Colorado Considering adopting ZEV mandate



### WITH A FOCUS ON TRANSPORTATION



CLIMATE

# California bans the sale of new gaspowered cars by 2035





### INCREASED SUPPORT FROM GOV PROGRAMS

# U.S. GOVERNMENT PASSES



# PARTNERSHIPS FOR CLIMATE-SMART COMMODITIES



# How is the Value Determined?







\* Calculations based on ASABE Standards for 75 lbs./day milk production (305 day lactating & 60 days dry)

### Fertilizer Value Per Ton as Excreted

2,000 lbs in a ton 49,077 lbs manure/cow/year<sup>1</sup> 24.54 Wet Tons/Cow/Year **\$10.82 Fertilizer value per wet ton** 4 X Concentration in drying to >80% DM \$43.29 Raw manure value of dry manure 27% Reduction for loss of Volatile Nitrogen<sup>2</sup> **\$31.46 Fertilizer value per dry ton** 

<sup>1</sup>ASABE values based on for 305 days lactating, 40 days dry cow, 20 days heifer before first calving.

<sup>2</sup>Assumes 100% loss of volatile nitrogen as NH<sub>3</sub>



### Avoided Manure Application Costs 2019 - Scrape to Lagoon 15,176,700 gallons/year by cost/gallon custom \$0.025 applicator cost/year custom \$379,418 applicator

\$687,551 Total cost per year

3500 Cows 86 lbs per cow 305 day milking per year 91,805,000 lbs per year 918,050 CWTs per year

\$0.75 Cost per CWT

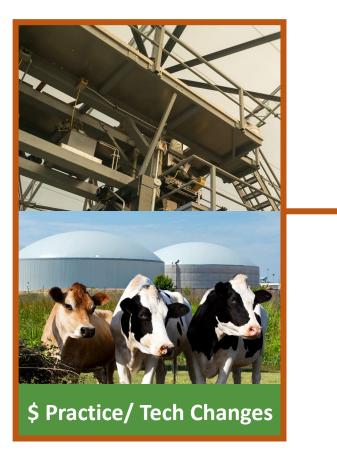
\$196.44 Cost per Cow

# **Costs Include**

- Equipment
- Labor
- Utilities
- Consumables
- Services
- Management



# Potential Revenue from Carbon Reductions



LCFS Credits

 Payments for Carbon Reductions

\$196.44/ cow/ year

 Manure-based products (fertilizers) New Profit Stream

Reducing Annual Costs of Manure Management



# TODAY'S ACTIVE MANURE MARKETS



# Carbon Markets Snapshot

January 8, 2024

US\$ per RIN (Renewable Fuel Standard) 2023		
D3	\$3.350	
D4	\$0.805	
D5	\$0.795	
D6	\$0.803	
US\$ per Metric Ton of CO2e (State LCFS Programs)		
Oregon Clean Fuels Program (CFP) Credit	\$92.00	
California Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Credit	\$68.50	
EU€ per Metric Ton of CO2e (EU ETS Allowance)		
EEX EU Allowances (EUA)	€66.49	

US\$ per Metric Ton of CO2e (Voluntary Carbon Offsets) Source: <u>AlliedOffsets</u>		
Agriculture	\$16.87	
Biochar	\$218.12	
Chemical Processes	\$2.56	
Energy Efficiency	\$3.12	
Forestry	\$5.72	
Household Devices	\$6.26	
Renewable Energy	\$1.92	
Transportation	\$2.55	
Waste Disposal	\$3.47	
Carbon Removal	\$0 - \$3,700	

# Daily Full RIN Update

D-Code	US\$ per RIN (Renewable Fuel Standard)		
	2022	2023	2024
D3	\$3.420	\$3.350	\$3.412
D4	\$0.815	\$0.805	\$0.805
D5	\$0.805	\$0.795	\$0.795
D6	\$0.805	\$0.803	\$0.797

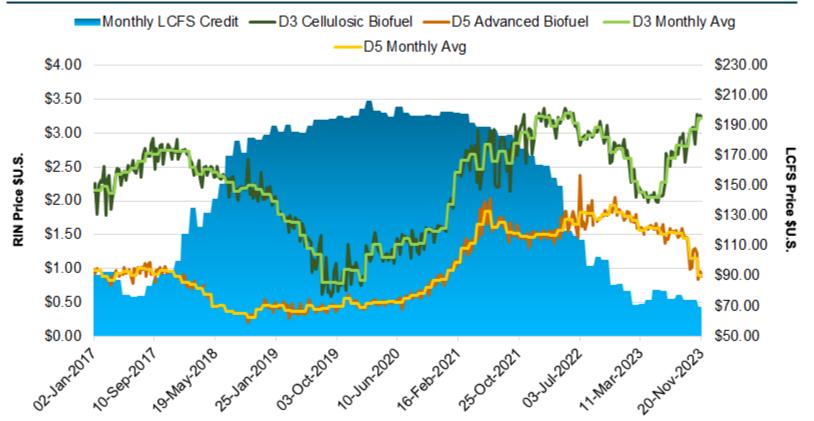
EcoEngineers provides this data for information purposes only. EcoEngineers makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding the data, including (without limitation) in relation to their availability or suitability for a certain purpose, and assumes no liability in this regard. Any use of the data is at the own risk of the user.



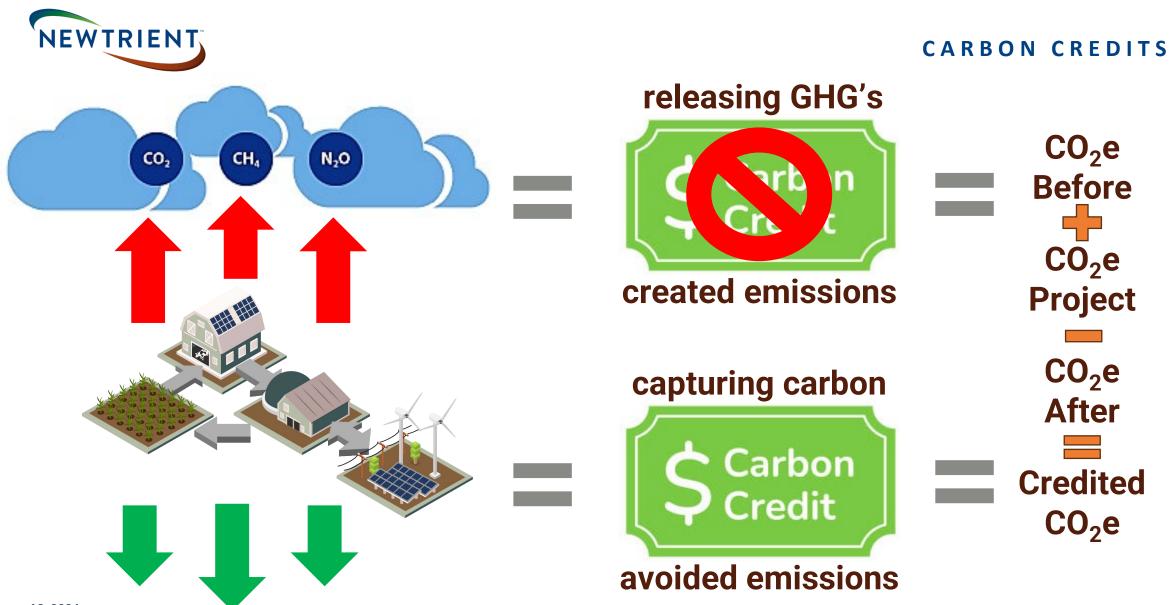
### TODAY'S ACTIVE MANURE MARKETS

## Average RIN and LCFS Prices

# NGI



Source: Compiled by NGI from Environmental Protection Agency and California Air Resources Board data, NGI calculations





### TWO PATHS TO DETERMINE VALUE



# **Carbon INSETS**

reducing emissions within the supply chain and offering farmers incentives to reduce emissions

November 12, 2023



### TWO PATHS TO DETERMINE VALUE





# **Carbon OFFSETS**

selling carbon offsets outside the dairy supply chain

# **Assessing Dairy's Impact**



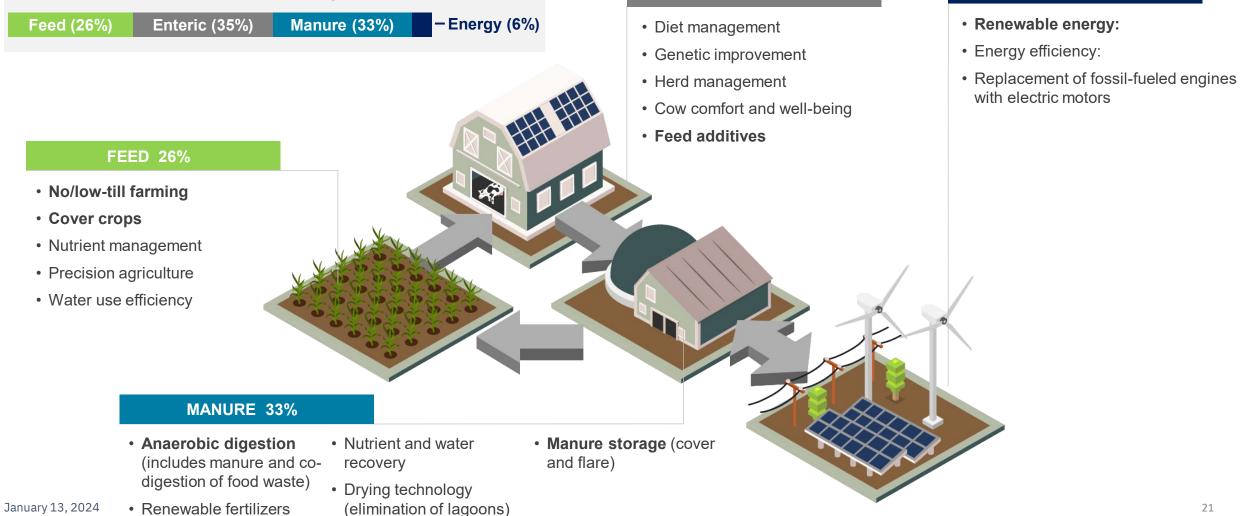


# **OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE REDUCTIONS**

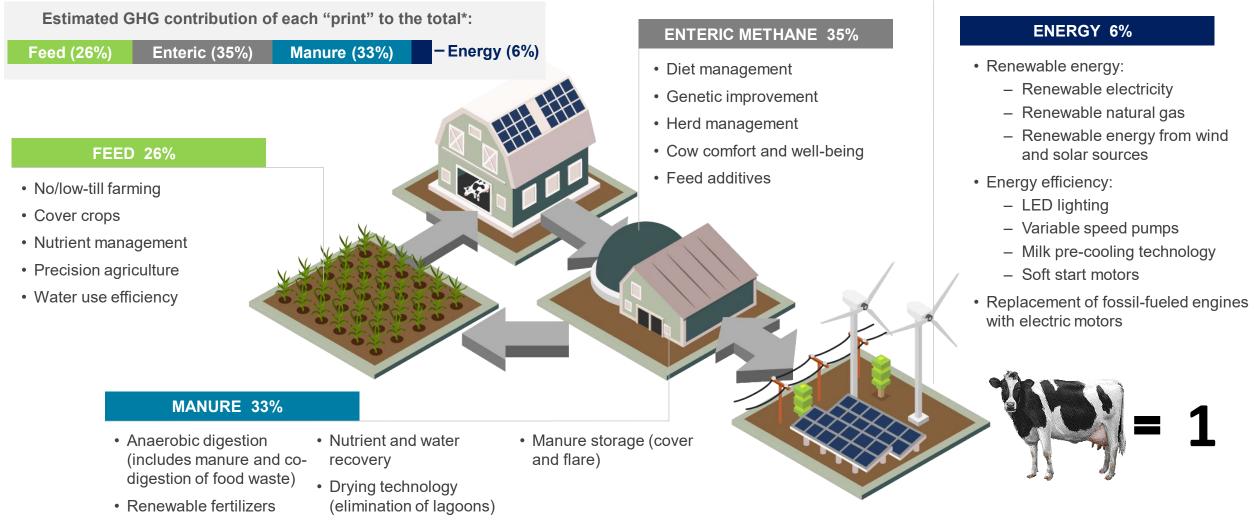
**ENTERIC METHANE 35%** 

ENERGY 6%

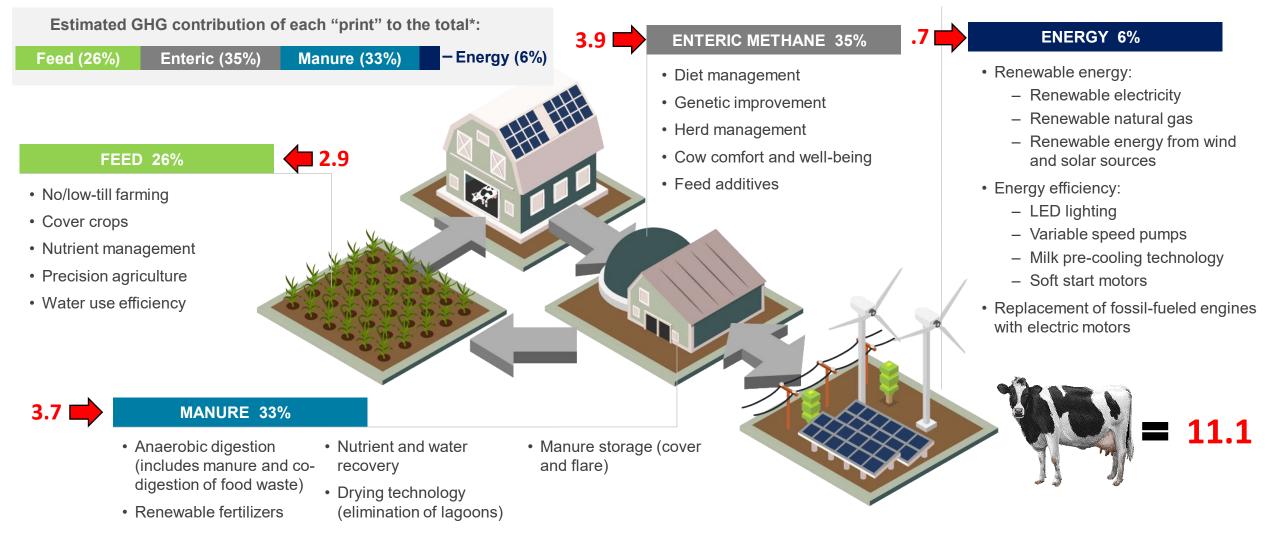
### Estimated GHG contribution of each "print" to the total\*:



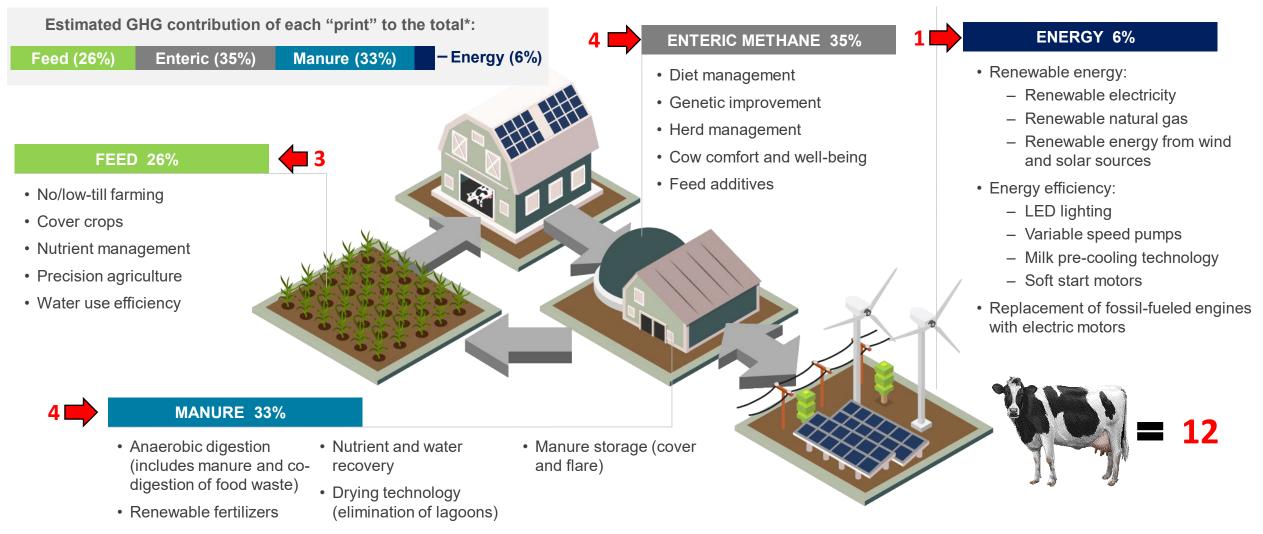
# Assessing a Dairy's Impact

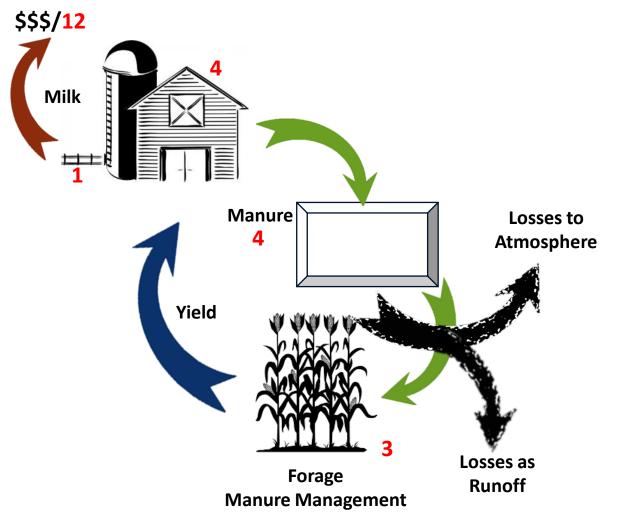


# Assessing a Dairy's Impact



# Assessing a Dairy's Impact





### **Current State**

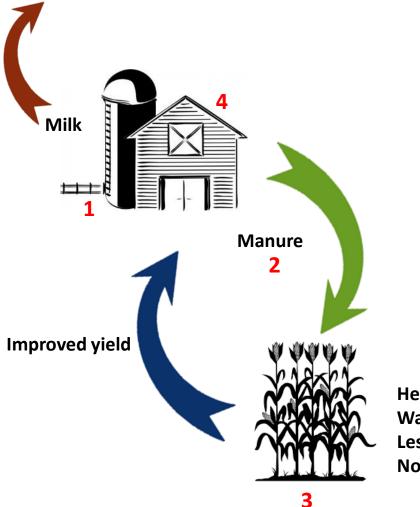
Manure is being generated and reapplied in its raw form in pursuit of nutrient balance and for an expected crop yield.

All manure application rates are adjusted for "normal" fugitive nutrient losses to achieve these yields.

Without proof of that nutrient balance, there is always a tension between nutrient needs and the need to manage the ever-growing supply of manure.

This creates an increased use of commercial fertilizer, an uncertain regulatory environment, it undermines consumer and community trust and places a potential burden on the environment.

We have the technology to improve this situation and solve these problems

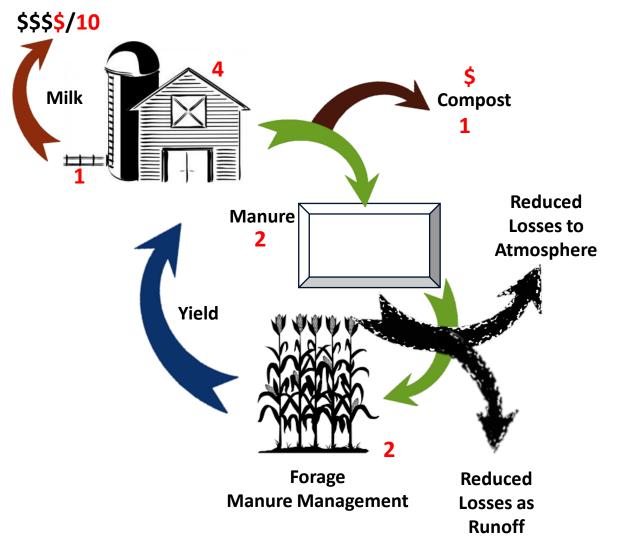


\$\$\$<mark>\$/10</mark>

### Simplest Internally Balanced System

- No loss of valuable nutrients
- Regulatory certainty
- Enhance the reputation of dairy and dairy farming
- Grow consumer and community trust
- Enhance the natural environment

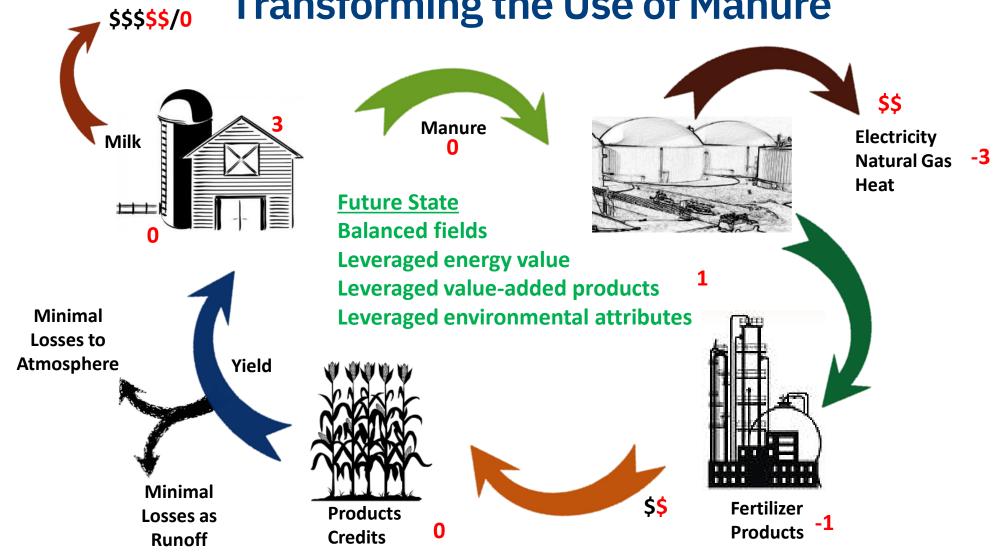
Healthy soils Water management benefits Less commercial fertilizer No external discharge





## Simple Balanced System with Simple External Product

Healthy soils Water management benefits Less commercial fertilizer No external discharge



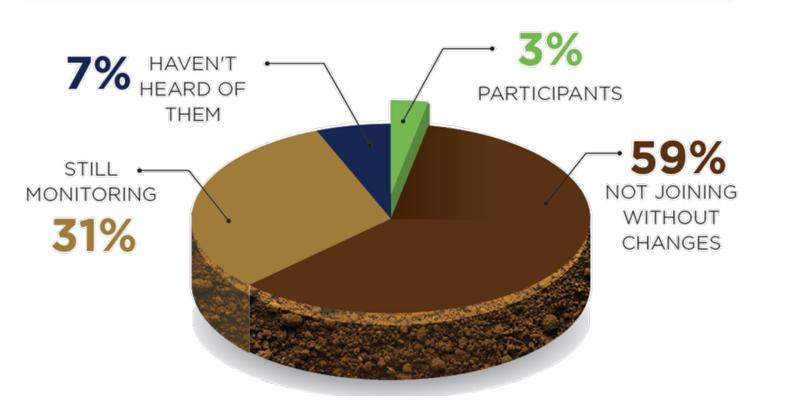
# So, what are the challenges today?





**Carbon Market Participation** 

97% OF FARMERS SURVEYED AREN'T YET READY TO PARTICIPATE IN CARBON MARKETS, ALTHOUGH 93% ARE AWARE THEY EXIST.

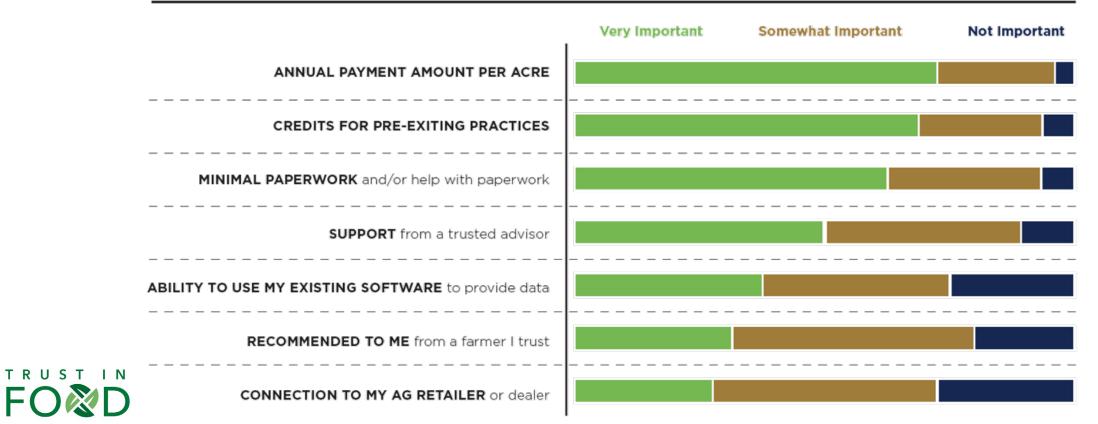


FOOD



# What Do Farms Want from Carbon Markets?

How important are the following criteria in evaluating your participation in a carbon market?





# Carbon Markets are Promising, but Not a Silver Bullet

- Complex to navigate
- Inconsistent funding
- Need to stack together multiple benefits on the farm
- Growing credibility within programs
- Criticism of environmental benefits within environmental groups



- No universal, precise measure of reductions, captures, etc.
- Contract duration
- Acreage minimum
- Lookback period
- Stacking with government programs (e.g., cost-share)
- Targeted buyers
- Product linkages
- Data control and privacy

# Overcoming the Challenges



### **NEWTRIENT'S FOCUS**



# NEWTRIENT

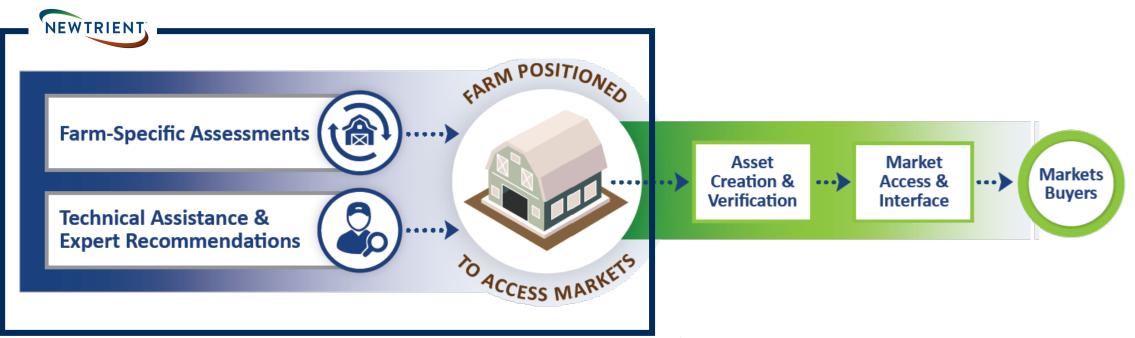
- ► Technical Assistance
- ► Environmental Baseline
- ► Expert Recommendations
- ► On-Farm Benefits

Newtrient's extensive experience and knowledge bridges existing gaps that prevent dairy farms from accessing resources.

► Carbon & Water Markets

- ► Government Incentives
- Quantification & Verification
- ► Funding Mechanisms

# **Newtrient's Standardized Approach to Farm Assessments**





### **Farm-Specific Assessments**

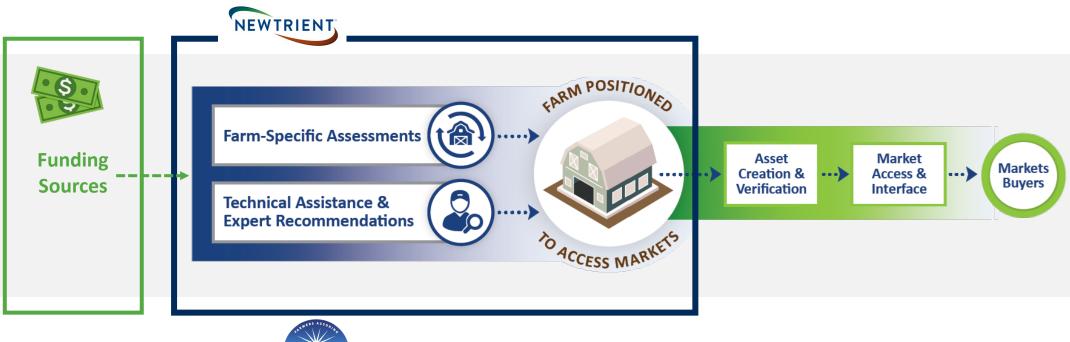
A qualified greenhouse gas (GHG) baseline assessment of the dairy farm's current state, including practices and technologies used on the farm. Assessments will address the total farm GHG footprint, including enteric methane, manure and energy, in addition to practices associated with feed production.



### **Technical Assistance & Expert Recommendations**

A farm-specific plan with recommendations on climate-smart practices that are economically viable to reduce the GHG footprint.

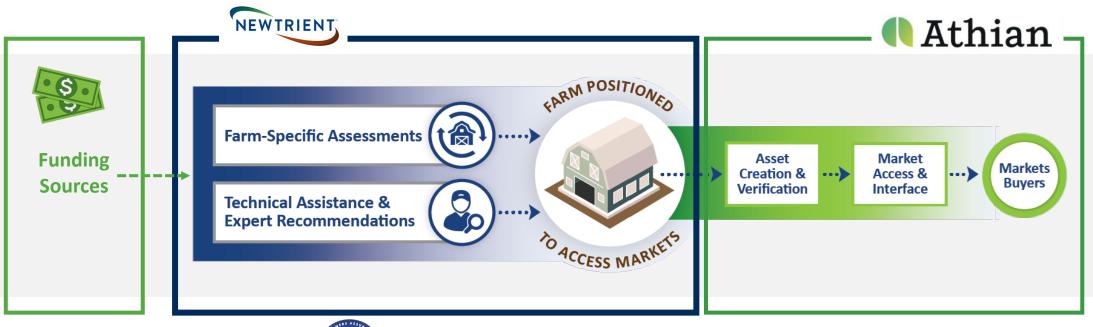
# Scaling Solution Constrained by Funding Sources & Available Markets





Preferred Assessment Tool

# Newtrient Overcomes Constrained by Finding Funding Sources & Access to Markets





Preferred Assessment Tool

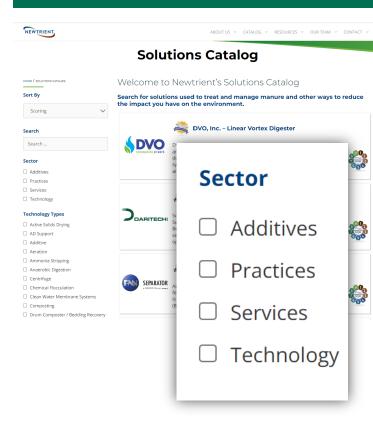
# **Contact Us**





## **OUR RESOURCES**

### SOLUTIONS CATALOG



# WEBINARS Ready to Break Ground on your RNG Project? What Happens Now? **NEWTRIENT PRESENTS** WEBINAR SERIES **A FOUR-PART SERIES ON RENEWABLE NATURAL** GAS (PNG) FOR FARMS NEWTRIENT Will Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Work on your Farm? Sponsored by: 0:48/1:01:41

### NEWSLETTER

### HOME / ABOUT

To stay in touch with Newtrient, get all blog posts and find out when new webinars are scheduled, sign up now!

First Name 👷	_
Last Name *	
Email (required) <u>*</u>	
Sign up	



### CONTACT US





### Chris Kopman

Chief Executive Officer ckopman@newtrient.com



Chief Operating Officer mstoerm@newtrient.com



## Jamie Boehl

SVP, Sustainability Initiatives jamie.boehl@newtrient.com



### Wendy David

Manager, Sustainability Initiatives wendy.david@newtrient.com



### **Corrine Brown**

Analyst, Sustainability Initiatives corrine.brown@newtrient.com

# **Questions?**

