




Iowa Farm Bureau Seminar

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The news view



“ Pump enough CO₂ into the sky, and the last part per million of greenhouse gas behaves like the 212th degree Fahrenheit that turns a pot of water into a plume of billowing steam. Melt enough Greenland ice, and you reach the point at which you’re not simply dripping meltwater into the sea but dumping whole glaciers” (p.34)

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The scientist view: Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Figure ES1. U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Gas, 2004

(Million Metric Tons Carbon Dioxide Equivalent)

Energy-Related Carbon Dioxide	5,668.0 (82.4%)
Other Carbon Dioxide	105.9 (1.5%)
Methane	639.8 (9.0%)
Nitrous Oxide	353.7 (8.0%)
HFCs, PFCs, and SF ₆	155.9 (2.2%)

Source: Tables ES2 and ES3.

Figure ES4. U.S. Emissions of Methane by Source, 1990-2004

(Million Metric Tons Carbon Dioxide Equivalent)

Source: EIA, Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 2004. DOE/EIA-0573(2004) (Washington, DC, December 2005).

- The majority of greenhouse gas emissions are energy-related carbon dioxide emissions
- The majority of methane emissions are also caused by energy-related activities

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The Administration's view

- President George Bush stated in his 2006 State of the Union address: "Keeping America competitive requires affordable energy. And here we have a serious problem. America is addicted to oil, which is often imported from unstable parts of the world. The best way to break this addiction is through technology"
- He went out to say that we must develop renewable alternatives alternatives to gasoline and diesel fuel.

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The reality

Data: Energy Information Administration

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Challenge and Possible Solutions



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Conventional Ethanol



8 Meg



At 115 MMbtu/hour
800K to 1 Million




50 Million Gal

Ex Cap 87-125 Million

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Modified to save energy



4 Meg

At 5 MMbtu/hour
50 K



50 Million Gal

Ex Cap 87 Million

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Linkogas Amba

Co-operative owned by 60 farmers

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Linkogas Amba - with BIOREK[®] plant

Cattle slurry	275 tonnes/day	100,000 tonnes/year
Pig slurry	205 tonnes/day	75,000 tonnes/year
Other biomass	125 tonnes/day	45,000 tonnes/year
Totally	605 tonnes/day	220,000 tonnes/year

Biogas production	9.6 mill. Nm ³ /year
Digester capacity (4 x 2400 m ³)	9600 m ³
Process temperature (thermophilic)	52 °C
Gas storage capacity	5000 m ³
Utilisation of biogas	Gas engines 3 x 1 MW, CHP-generation + gas boiler
Biomass transport vehicle	1 x 20 m ³ and 2 x 30 m ³ vacuum tankers
Separation equipment	Decanter centrifuge, ultrafilters, ammonia stripper, RO

Contractor	BIOSCAN A/S
Engineering	BIOSCAN A/S
Operation start-up/Rebuilt	1990/1999/2004

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Permitted Animal Feeding Operations in Iowa

Map created 2/19/02



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Crediting Rate of Methane

- ✦ Methane's greater GWP is reflected in the crediting rate of methane in comparison to CO₂
- ✦ One carbon credit= one metric ton of CO₂
- ✦ Methane has a crediting rate on the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) of 18.25 metric tons of carbon dioxide per ton of methane combusted

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Potential Credits

- ✦ The current (CCX) value for one carbon credit is \$4.55 (as of 7/5/2006)
- ✦ One 3516 generator can burn 1458 tons of methane/yr
- ✦ 1458 tons/yr x 18.5 credit rate = 26,973 carbon credits per generator/yr
- ✦ One 3516 generator has the potential to produce **\$122,2727** in carbon credits
- ✦ One 3520 generator can burn 2141 tons of methane/yr
- ✦ 2141 tons/yr x 18.5 credit rate = 39,609 carbon credits per generator/yr, or **\$180,221**

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What if....

- ✦ We became open to new ideas and new technology
- ✦ We are environmentally driven and fiscally responsible all at the same time
- ✦ Work with DNR, IFB, Government, Industries, and others to create a business model that works for everyone

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