DAIRY DIGESTER
RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM (DDRDP)

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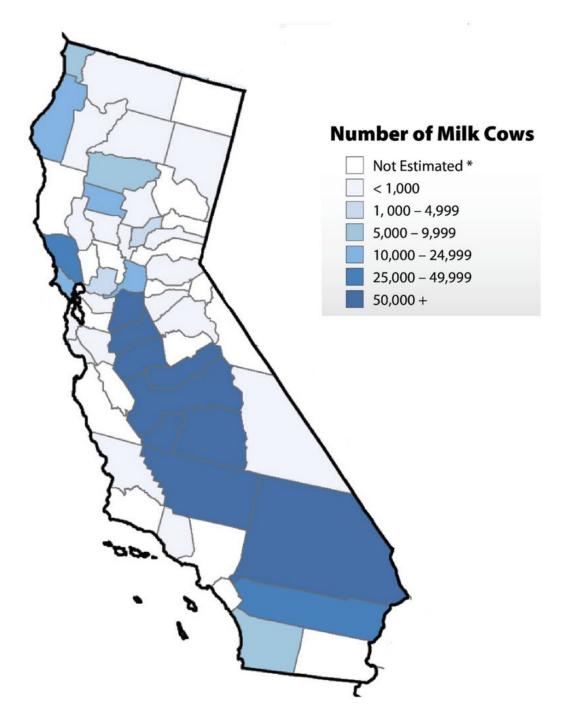
Renewable Gas 360



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# CALIFORNIA'S DAIRY REGIONS

VARY BY OVERALL POPULATION, DAIRYING STYLE, CLIMATE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.

Approximately 91 percent of state's dairy cows and more than 80 percent of dairies are in the Central Valley.

3 percent of state's dairy cows are in North Coast region, such as Humboldt, Marin and Del Norte counties, primarily on pasture.

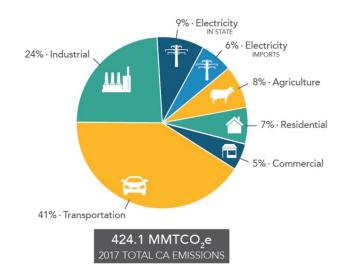
5.6 percent of dairy cows are in Southern California, including Riverside, Imperial, and San Diego counties, primarily on drylots

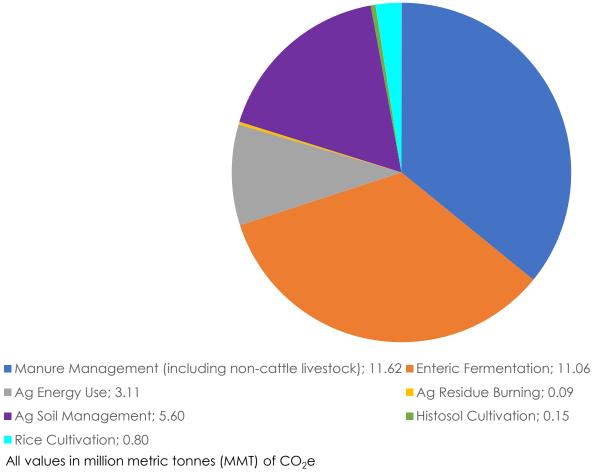
### GHG EMISSIONS FROM AGRICULTURE IN CALIFORNIA

■ Ag Energy Use; 3.11

■ Rice Cultivation: 0.80

Agriculture contributes to approx. 8% of the State's total GHG emissions.





Source: California Greenhouse Gas Inventory – 2019 Edition https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/ghg-inventory-data

GHG Emissions from Agriculture - 2017 Total: 32.4 million metric tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e (MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e)

# Approaches for Methane Reduction

#### LEGISLATION

- SB 1383 (Lara, 2016): Dairy and livestock methane emissions 40% below 2013 levels by 2030.
- Regulation of methane emissions on or after 2024.

#### **VOLUNTARY REDUCTION**

- Incentive programs administered by CDFA
  - Dairy Digesters.
  - Non-digester manure management practices.
- Enteric fermentation
  - Research to determine cost-effective and feasible approaches.



## DAIRY DIGESTER RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Award funds to CA dairy operations and developers for the implementation of dairy digesters to capture methane for generation of renewable energy (renewable natural gas or electricity)



Projects must reduce methane emissions on commercial CA dairies



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#### **Grant Size**

- A maximum of 50% of total project cost, up to a cap
- 2 year project term

### Eligibility

- Existing milk producers, dairy digester developers.
- Cluster projects.
- Eligible biomethane uses: onsite use or into electrical grid/pipeline (i.e. RCNG), transportation fuel, utilization of thermal energy on site or at neighboring facility.

## Environmental Quality Requirements

• Water Quality Protection:

Double-lined ponds consistent with Tier-1 specification of the Dairy General Order (Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board), or above ground tank, or below-ground concrete lined tank.

• Air Quality Protection:

Total NOx emissions no greater than 0.50 lb/MWh

### PROGRAM TO-DATE



- CDFA awarded \$11.1 million to 6 projects to generate electricity from biogas. These projects provided \$23.4 million in matching funds
- CDFA awarded \$30.7 million to **16 projects** that will generate RNG. These projects provided \$74 million in matching funds
- CDFA awarded \$72.4 million to 42 projects that will generate RNG. These projects provided \$102 million in matching funds
- CDFA awarded \$69.1 million to 43 DDRDP projects and 1 DDRDP Demo project that will generate RNG and electricity for EVs. These projects provided \$170 million in matching funds

2018



2019







# DAIRY DIGESTER PROGRAM CUMULATIVE IMPACT

2014-19 - \$183 million awarded to projects

107

Digesters on California Dairy Operations \$369 million

In matching funds



1.9

million

Tons CO<sub>2</sub> reduced/year

### Renewable Compressed Natural Gas

19,074,860



gallons of gasoline consumed

35,991



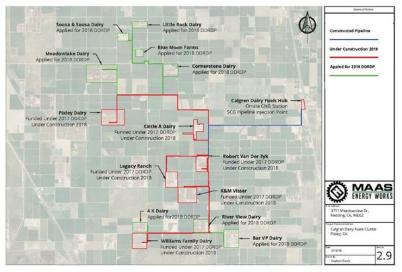
Passenger vehicles driven for one year





#### CALGREN DAIRY: MAAS ENERGY

MAAS ENERGY WORKS- TULARE CO. Private pipeline to Pixley Ethanol plant where fuel will be cleaned up and used to lower carbon intensity of ethanol production.



### 2020 DDRDP Solicitation

CDFA received \$34 million from California Climate Investments for methane emission reduction from dairy and livestock operations 65% - 80% of the funds to support digester projects in CA dairy operations

