

Considering A Digester?

Digesters are a very useful tool available to farmers today. Digesters can help you create additional sources of income and help you with your nutrient management goals. There are a lot of choices in digester technologies out there today. Be sure to get a technology that is going to provide the most benefit to you and your farm.

Here Is a List of Important Questions to Ask When Considering Different Digester Technologies:

- Is the digester Thermophilic or Mesophilic?
- What is the electrical load and cost to operate the system?
- What is the life expectancy of the vessel?
- What is the Volatile Fatty Acid destruction guarantee?
- Will my existing manure handling infrastructure work?
- Is there a guaranteed retention time?
- What is the maintenance cost? Is it guaranteed?
- Is the system turn key and quoted costs all inclusive in regards to equipment, civil work, permitting, start up costs, warranty, and utility interconnection?
- What is the digester technology's performance on dairies in the United States with and without substrates?
- Is there any third party verification of performance?
- What is the pathogen kill in the manure coming out of the digester?
- How much dairy labor is required to operate the digester?
- Will the digester enhance the potential of adding a post digester nutrient recovery system?
- Will there be an experienced general contractor building the digester?
- How long does it take to construct?
- Is it recognized as PROVEN with financial & regulating agencies?



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