Institutional Drivers for Private Biodigester Investment

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Loyd Ray Farms: Anaerobic Digestion-based Innovative Swine Waste Management



- 8,600-head finishing farm located in Yadkin County, NC
- Combined innovative animal waste management & electricity generation system; meets all NC environmental performance standards per Lagoon Conversion Program
- 1st AD-based System to be Permitted as an Innovative Waste Management System; 1st swine project to generate electricity under NC state REPS
- \$1.2M Construction Cost (\$500K in Federal & State funding)

Loyd Ray Farms System

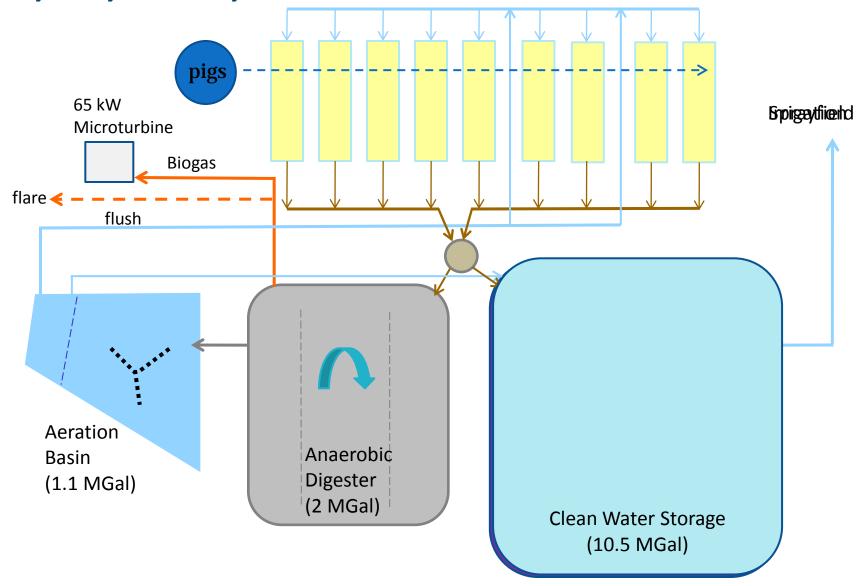
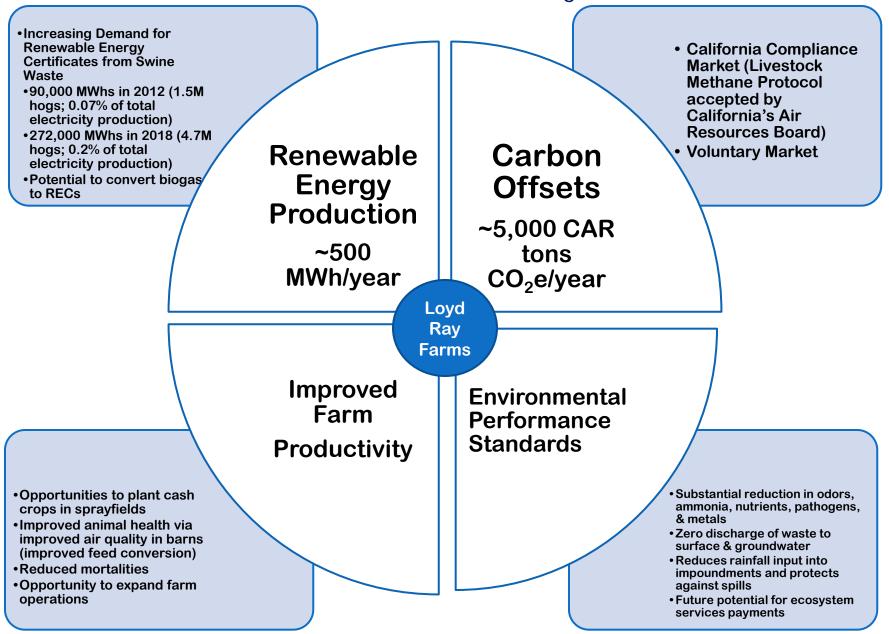


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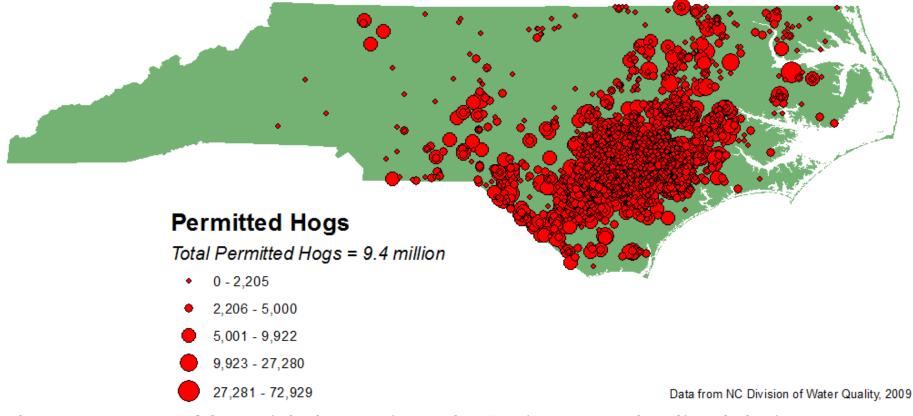
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	ENERGY PRODUCTION/RECs	CARBON REDUCTIONS	NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT	FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES
DUKE UNIVERSITY	Preferred to create additional income streams; support operation of innovative waste management system	Voluntary Commitment to Climate Neutrality by 2024; seeking local offsets that yield significant co-benefits beyond carbon reductions; catalytic effect	Required per internal priorities to advance innovative waste management in NC	NC Lagoon Conversion Program NRCS Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative; Strong Incentive
DUKE ENERGY	Swine-waste set-aside in NC REPS; ratchets up from 90,000 MWhs in 2012 to 272,000 MWhs in 2018 (1.5M hogs to 4.7M hogs or 0.07 to 0.2% total electricity production)	Preferred	Preferred but not required for RECs*	\$1M annual R&D fund for REPS implementation; commercial contracts
GOOGLE	Preferred	Voluntary commitment to climate neutrality; seeking innovative projects that yield high-integrity offsets and leadership	Preferred per internal priorities	Preferred; Strong Incentive
PRODUCER	Reduces electricity costs; surplus electricity + REC production creates new income streams	Creates income stream	Required for LCP/CCPI; required for farm expansion; expands income- producing opportunities on- farm; protects vs. rain events	NC Lagoon Conversion Program NRCS Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative; Corporate Investors

Specific Outcomes and Future Economic Benefits - AD-based Innovative Swine Waste Management



North Carolina Potential



<u>Summer 2012</u>: DCOI + Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions to Investigate Optimization Strategy for Swine-Waste Derived Biogas Delivery for Electricity & REC Production; consideration of co-digestion opportunities





