

California Department of Food and Agriculture
Dairy Digester Research and Development Program 2015
Phase II - Research Program Frequently Asked Questions
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Q. Does the 12 page maximum requirement include the appendices?

A. No, appendices are not subject to the 12 page limit. For example, resumes for each project leader may be two pages.

Q. Is there are limit to the number of Project Leaders and Cooperators a project can have?

A. No, there is no limit on the number of Project Leaders or Cooperators. It is up the applicant to determine the appropriate amount.

Q. Where in the Grant Proposal should applicants explain the methodology on how greenhouse gas reductions are calculated? Is this included in the page limitation?

A. Applicants' proposed methodology regarding greenhouse gas reductions should be included in the Methods Section that is part of the 12 page limit. Refer to page 8 of the Request for Proposal.

Q. What is the funding source for the Dairy Digester Research Development Program (DDRDP)?

A. CDFA received \$12 million in funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to implement the DDRDP. CDFA allocated \$11.1 million for Phase I, Dairy Digester Implementation and \$500,000 to Phase II, Research.

Q. Is dehydration technology and equipment as an option to anaerobic digestion where the dehydration technology not only reduces greenhouse gas but also generates two viable by-products that can be reused / recycled eligible? For example, one soil-like amendment and the other is sterile, filtered water that is extracted during the dehydration process.

A. Management practices other than anaerobic digestion will be considered. Refer to Research Priority Section on page 4 of the Request for Proposal. Comparison of alternative practices with anaerobic digestion is encouraged.

Q. Is dehydration technology and equipment, if it converts food waste into energy eligible?

A. The DDRDP Phase II Request for Proposal emphasis is dairy manure as feedstock. Projects that include food waste as co-digestion feedstock with dairy manure will be considered; however dairy manure should be primary feedstock.

Q. Can CDFA provide contact information of the applicants, dairy farms or investigators that are participating in Phase I who would partner with another company on Phase II?

A. CDFA is unable to release any information regarding Phase I dairy farmers, investigators or applicants.

Q. Are companies outside the U.S. eligible to apply?

A. No, only California academic research institutions and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. However, companies outside the U.S. can be a sub-contractor to a proposed project.