

Dairy Methane Reduction Programs

Objective: To reduce methane emissions from dairy & other livestock operations

Two grant programs run by CDFA:

1. Anaerobic digesters (suitable only for large confined dairies)
2. Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)



AMMP Eligible Practices

- A. Conversion from flush to scrape with one of the following:
 - Open or closed solar drying of manure
 - Forced evaporation with natural-gas fueled dryers;
 - Daily spread
 - Solid storage
 - Composting: in vessel; in aerated static pile; in intensive windrows; in passive windrows

- B. Solid separation of manure solids with any of the manure storage options listed above

- C. Compost bedded pack barns

- D. Pasture based practices (conversion from confinement to pasture and increasing the amount of time animals spend on pasture)

AMMP Funding Picture

Grants of up to \$750,000

\$31 million has been awarded to dairy farmers so far

57 projects have been funded in 13 counties (mainly in Central Valley)

Current grant deadline: April 3, 2019 for \$19-33 million (TBD)

Governor Newsom proposed a large budget cut for 2019-20 (\$25 million for AMMP+digesters, down from \$99 million)

For more info: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/>