



Assemblymember Isaac G. Bryan, Chair
 Assembly Natural Resources Committee
 1020 N Street, Room 164
 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: AB 2100 (Connolly) - Alternative Manure Management - Support

Dear Chair Bryan:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and dairy producers, we ask you to support AB 2100 (Connolly) to ensure California’s dairies can implement and scale up practical alternative manure management strategies to achieve California’s climate and environmental goals. This legislation takes steps to improve state planning and support for these strategies and to address barriers to project approvals.

CDFA’s Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP) provides resources for manure-handling and storage system upgrades that reduce the amount of manure that ends up in liquid, anaerobic environments, where its decomposition produces methane.¹ AMMP has

¹ See more info at CDFA’s AMMP webpage: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oars/ammp/>

played an important role in progress toward California's 2030 methane reduction target, and a recent analysis shows the program has even greater potential.² AMMP practices also help many dairies reduce costs, conserve water, and improve soil health, and two-thirds of AMMP projects convert manure into valuable compost.³

However, demand for AMMP has outpaced funding by an average of 200–300%.⁴ Without access to funding support, many dairies will not have the resources necessary to improve manure management, especially as the industry faces an increasingly challenging economic climate marked by low milk prices that fall well below rising input costs and growing fees, fines, and restrictions due to implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). At the same time, dairies interested in scaling up or starting new compost projects often face barriers, including complicated and redundant approval requirements.

Meanwhile, dairies are navigating increasing regulatory pressure on how they manage nitrogen from manure. Shifting more manure from liquid to dry management and composting can help dairies manage nitrogen by making the manure lighter and easier to transport. But transitioning and scaling these systems requires adequate incentives and a clearer, more efficient approval process. Scaling up dairy manure composting can also help meet growing compost demand from crop farmers and meet other state climate goals, such as targets to increase soil health practices.⁵ However, relevant state agencies have not yet developed the coordinated assessment and planning needed to achieve these mandates and targets. AB 2100 helps address that gap by:

1. Improving interagency coordination for AMMP practices by convening a task force of relevant agencies, dairy industry representatives, and scientific and technical experts to analyze the role of alternative manure management in California's climate and environmental goals and to recommend improvements to state planning, incentive programs, regulations, and implementation.
2. Convening relevant permitting agencies to develop a clearer and more efficient process for approving new and expanded projects that manage livestock and dairy manure through on-farm composting or through the sale or transfer of manure to off-site users.

Sincerely,

² California Climate and Agriculture Network (CalCAN). (2026). *Reassessing the Role Alternative Manure Management in California's Methane Reduction Strategy*. <https://calclimateag.org/ammp-methane-report/>

³ California Climate and Agriculture Network (CalCAN). (2019). Dairy Producers Turn to Compost as Climate Solution <https://calclimateag.org/dairy-producers-turn-to-compost-as-climate-solution/>

⁴ Calculated by CalCAN using CDFA published data. See annual comparison of funding demand and availability at <https://calclimateag.org/ammp/>

⁵ California's Nature-Based Solutions Climate Targets (2025): https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/auction-proceeds/ciAssociateannual_report_2025.pdf

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