

# Farm-Based Nutrient Opportunities

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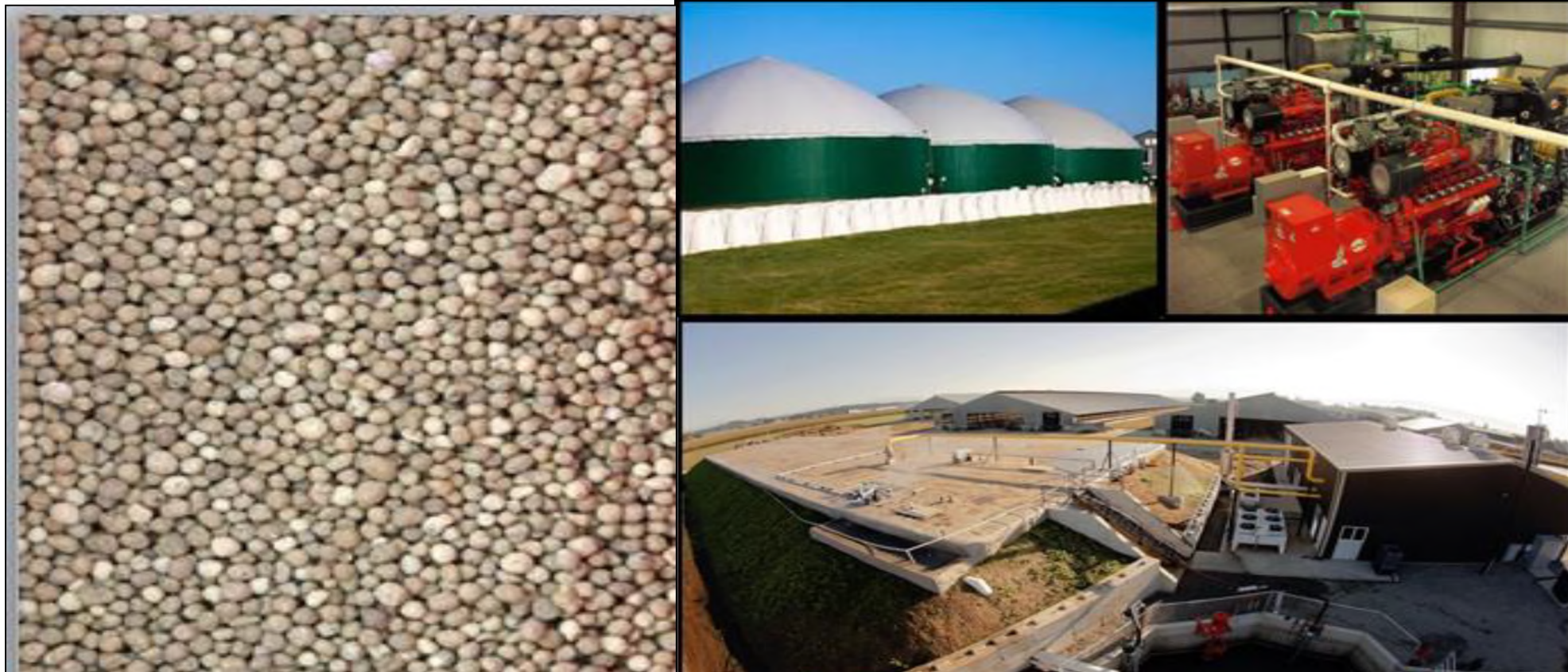
# Now is the time ...

- Increasing regulatory, judicial and societal pressure around manure and agricultural by-products
- Increasing surface and ground water issues related to nitrogen and phosphorus
- Decrease in consumer trust



# Our Desired Outcome

1. Farms help resolve societal issues related to water pollution and GHG emissions
2. Farmers realize economic benefits from voluntary actions
3. Farmers improve their social license to operate and increase consumer trust

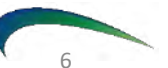


# Where we are today

- In the 1970s, we “punted” with non–point sources of pollution and regulatory development was more focused on point sources
- Over time, EPA has shifted it’s focus from policy development to enforcement
- Permits made it easier for manufacturers to keep their playing field level
- Traditional manufacturers are price makers (cost +), but most farmers are price takers meaning food prices are not tied to costs



**How do we create an economic model  
that incents the behavior we want?**



# The Roots of Modern Environmentalism

- How to “internalize external costs?”
- Garrett Hardin’s Tragedy of the Commons (1968)
  - Formed the underpinnings of the EPA enforcement model
- **NEGATIVE DRIVERS**
  - Regulation
  - Permits
  - Litigation
  - Citizen Enforcement



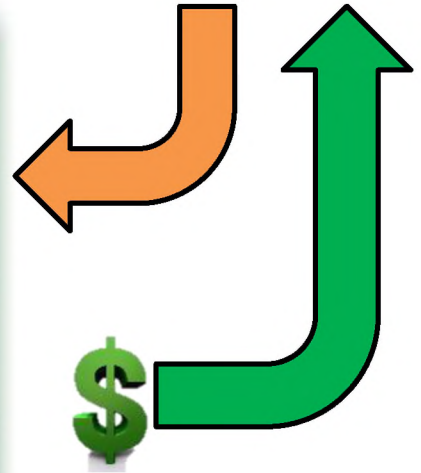
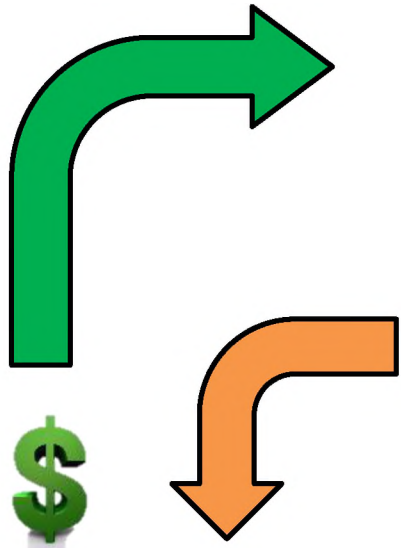
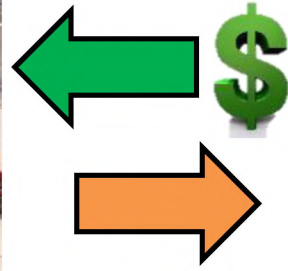
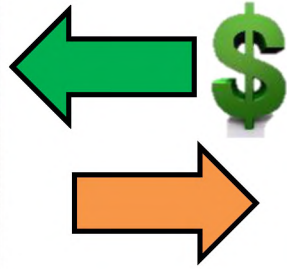
# Aligning Market Incentives With Desired Outcomes

## POSITIVE DRIVERS

- Value Environmental Asset Services (e.g., GHG reduction, phosphorous capture)
- Allow those responsible for higher cost pollution prevention obligations to purchase voluntary lower cost results
- Spread pollution prevention costs across larger population (e.g., entire supply chain)
- Nutrient Trading (e.g., water quality trading)
- Tonnage Fees
- Contaminant Bounties
- Recycled Fertilizer Portfolios



**Don't let the pursuit of perfection  
get in the way of progress!**



# Milk, Meat & MANURE

## Energy

- Electricity
- Heat
- Renewable Natural Gas
- Aviation Fuel
- Biodiesel
- Hydrogen
- Methanol
- Syngas

## Environmental Assets

- Carbon Credits
- Renewable Identification Numbers
- Low Carbon Fuel Std. Credits
- Renewable Energy Credits
- Nutrient trading: Water quality credits (N & P)

## Manure-Based Products

- N – Ammonium Nitrate, Ammonium Sulfate
- P – Ammonium Phosphate, Mono-ammonium Phosphate
- Compost
- Bedding
- Custom Fertilizer Products
- Worm Castings
- Biochar
- Water
- “Cow Pots” (fiber)
- “Magic Dirt” (fiber)
- Zeolite
- Struvite
- Digestate algae
- Humus

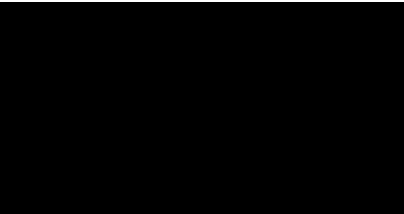
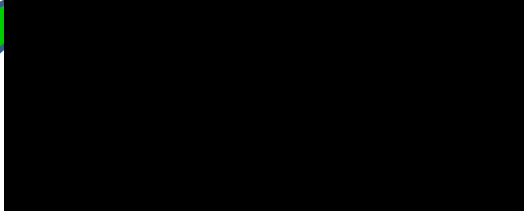
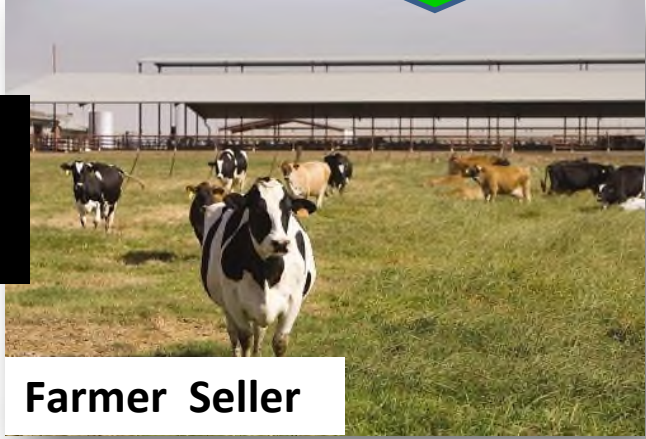
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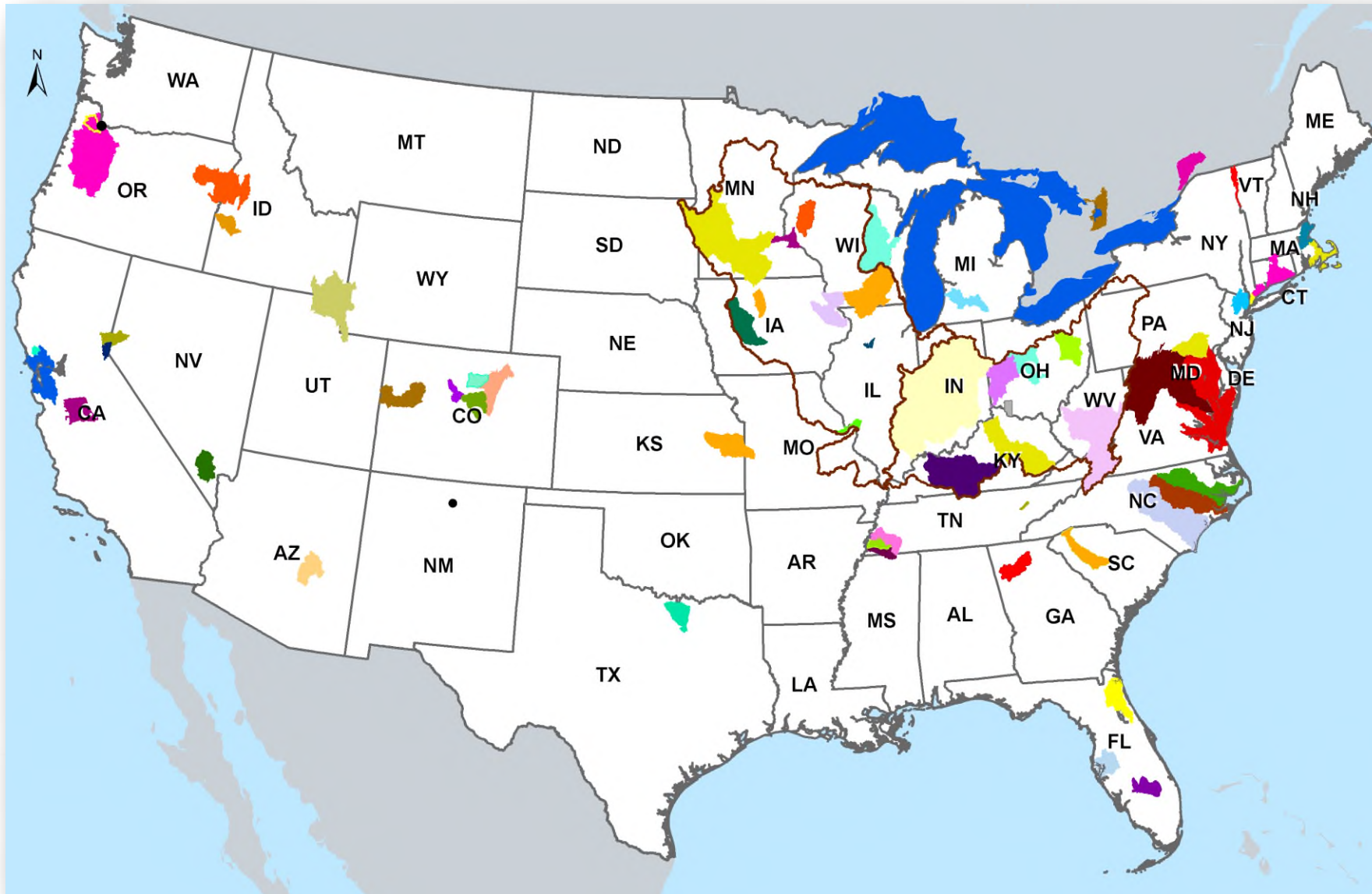


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# Watershed-scale Trading Programs

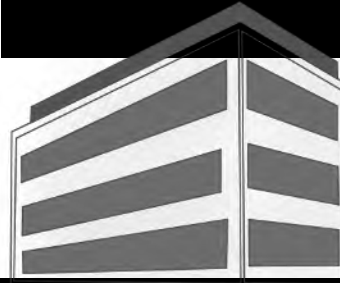


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# A new kind of company



*A leader in discovering innovative ways to capture the value of manure to preserve and enhance the environment.*

**Evaluating the state of manure management technologies**

**Creating a marketplace for manure-based products**

**Driving adoption of environmental asset markets for voluntary, pollution prevention**

# Open source manure technology resources



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## Newtrient 9-Point Technology Scoring System

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Every technology is evaluated based on nine criteria developed by Newtrient's Technology Advancement Team (TAT) of highly experienced experts in manure management technology fields. This 9-Point Technology Score indicates the status and assists in tracking the progress of the technology in the key areas of commercial viability, economic & industry value and transparency & interaction.

# Representing 50% of the US Dairy Farmers



Maryland & Virginia  
Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc.



# Newtrient's Team

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**Steve Rowe**

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Link to Board Entities:

<http://www.newtrient.com/Our-Team/Dairy-Industry-Leadership>

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**Engineering & Bus Dev**

**Jim Wallace**

**Operations & Catalog**

**Mark Stoermann**

**Innovation Center**

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- Environmental Stewardship
- Animal Care
- Industry Partnerships

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- Entrepreneur in Agriculture products

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- Lawn and Garden Sales & Supply Chain

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- Product & Market Development

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# Key Takeaways

- Let natural science, social science and sound economics be our guide
- Any improvement is good – A lack of precision is okay so long as we are directionally correct
- Newtrient understands the path and the dairy industry is committed to success



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