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Environmental Policy

Crave Brothers Farm, is committed to the protection of the environment throughout all significant aspects and practices of its organization that impact the environment. This commitment begins with planning and purchase activities and extends forward to all stages of the dairy farming/cheese making process. Recognizing the interconnection between our business process and the positive and negative environmental impacts they cause, we are committed to the following environmental policy objectives:

- We will continuously review and improve the environmental management system.
- We will define and document annual environmental objectives and targets that are consistent with the environmental policy.
- We are committed to pollution prevention through continuous improvement of education about practices, products, and procedures that are associated with dairy farming.
- We will promote communication and education of the environmental management system throughout our organization and extend this policy into suppliers and trade organizations whenever applicable.
- We will continuously strive to meet or exceed all applicable federal, state, local rules and regulations, and other requirements.

Issued by Charles Crave Charles Crave, Crave Brothers Farm
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GREEN TIER PROGRAM

Crave Brothers Farm, LLC

TIER 1 Application-Attachment 2

June 6, 2009

FID#39-1294306

Owner/Managers/Partners: Tom Crave, Mark Crave, Charlie Crave, George Crave

EMS Coordinator: Charlie Crave

Statistics:

Employees: 20+

Cows milked: 1000+

Cows and New Stock: 2000

Acres farmed: 1800+

Digesters on-line: 2

Home/power equivalents: >550 homes

Educational/tours: >1000/yr

Environmental Benefits/Performance

Current

- Two computer controlled digesters producing enough power for roughly 550 homes in addition to the power used at the Crave Farm and Crave Cheese plant. (One recently added).

Future/Planned

- The second digester has just come on-line. We will be working to maximize its efficiency by learning/refining how to manage inputs and keep them consistent with digester operating needs.

Current

- Milk transported through a pipeline to the cheese plant-this activity eliminates transportation that in turn eliminates related fuel and emissions
- Through implementation of the digester and management of other processes employed at farm we are working to reduce odors associated with our operations, particularly those associated with manure management.
- We have consistently communicated openly with the community about our operations. We are routinely visited by over 1000 persons each year. There is a significant two-way educational opportunity created by the flow of people viewing and providing feedback to us about our farm.

Future

- Crave farms is the host site for Farm Technology Days 2009. There will be roughly 80,000+ visitors viewing the operations and environmental management activities of the farm. This event will present a unique opportunity for our farm to show the manner in which we care for our environment and allow us to learn new ideas we can use in our operations.

Current

- New structures built since 2001 have been increasingly constructed installing energy efficient features (fixtures, insulation, natural air flow and lighting-etc.) to reduce energy consumption. The buildings were built with durable, long-lasting materials to reduce maintenance and reduce consumption of materials for repairs and operations.

Future

- The farm is working to implement systems to further reduce odors associated with farm operations.
- The farm is employing harvesting and feed storage techniques that reduce leachate formation. We are also working to eliminate exposure of feed, equipment and processes to storm water and to limit run-off impacts and eliminate rain water leachate formation.
- The farm is working to set a baseline for its water consumption. We will use that information to determine if reduction goal are a priority item compared to other baselines we establish.

Objectives

1. We will implement environmentally friendly farm practices that balance financial, environmental and social needs in a way that supports our succession planning objectives.
2. We will continue to plan our changes to the farm in a manner that prepares for activities that could impact the environment in order to eliminate or minimize pollution before implementing the practices that build our farm.
3. We will continue to work with our employees, neighbors and community to help them be good stewards of the land and communicate in ways that promote learning from each other.

Transparency

We have attached the following news articles to demonstrate one aspect of the transparency we are working to practice.

Feb. 20, 2008	Wisdairy.com article	Feb 2, 2009	Wisdairy.com news article
Nov. 29, 2008	WI state.Journal news article	July 5, 2009	WI State Journal news article