



Expansion of the U.S. Digester Market in the Dairy and Pork Sector



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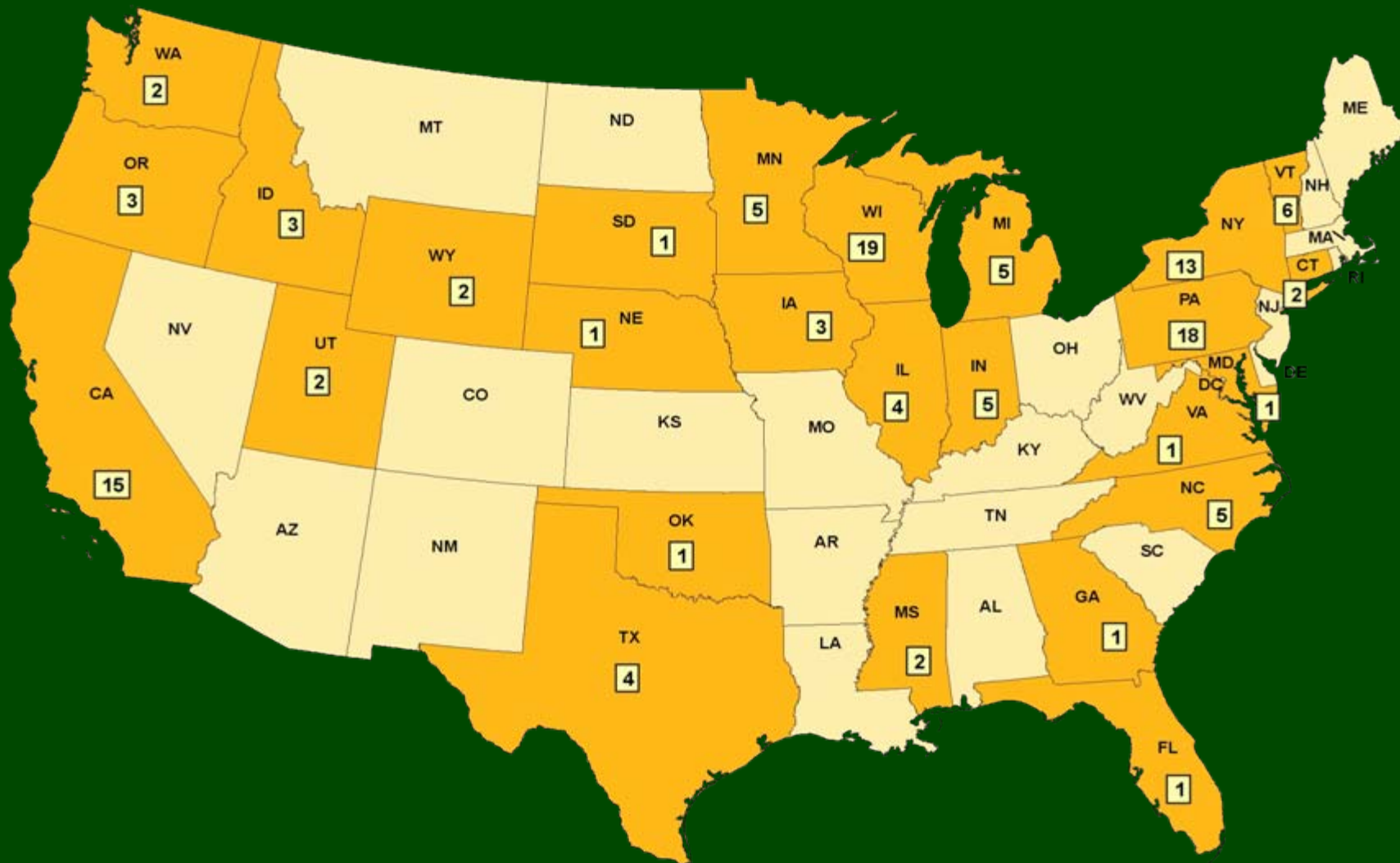
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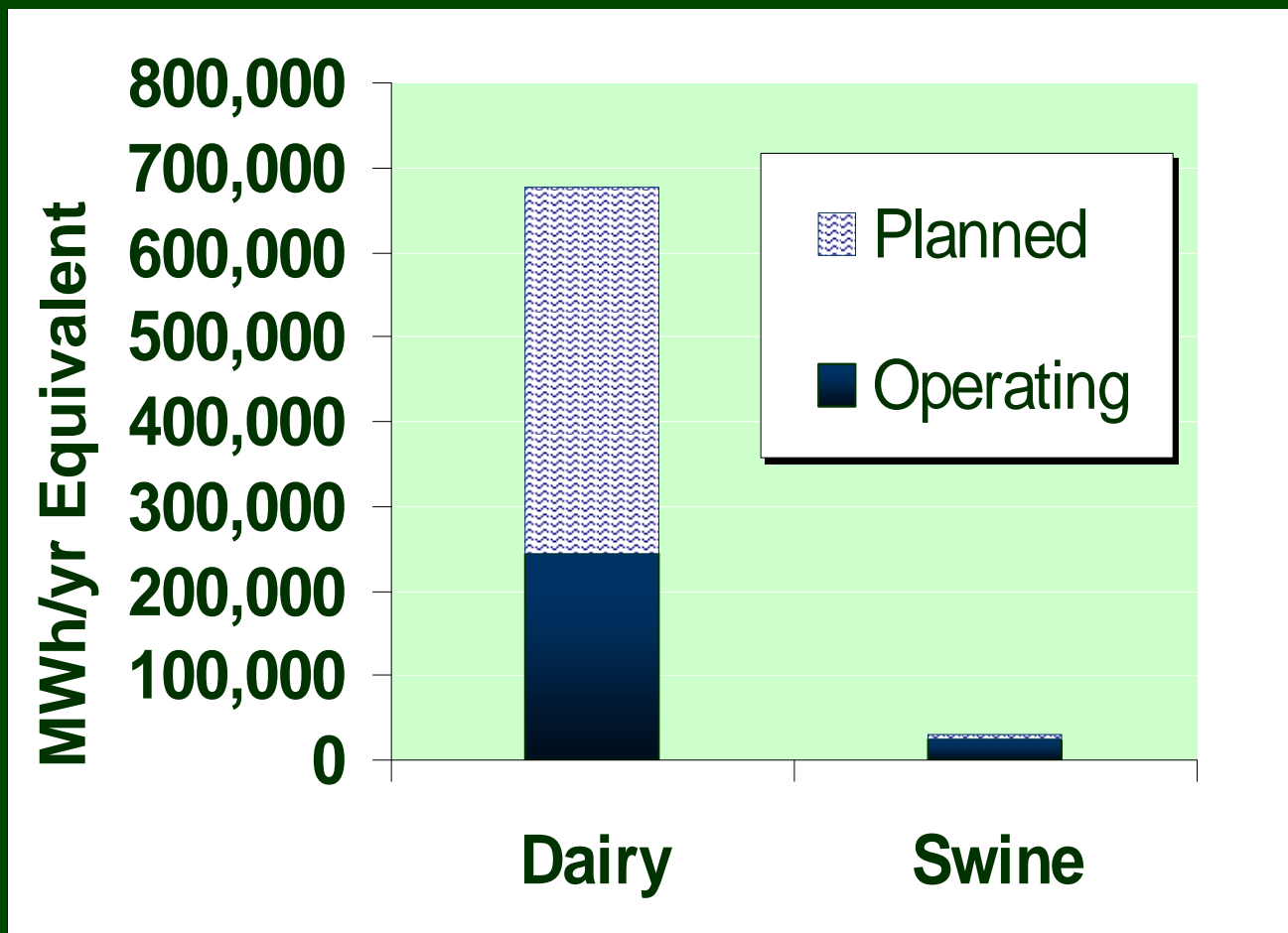
U.S. Digester Industry in Perspective

- ❖ The U.S. digester market was first awakened during the energy crisis of the 1970's
- ❖ Over a 8 year period 100, on-farm digesters were constructed with over an 80% failure rate
- ❖ By 1995, only about 10 systems were still in operation
- ❖ The AgSTAR initiative, among state programs and Farm Bill have provided a basis for a mature digester industry and financing support for the livestock industry

Today 125 Operating Manure Digesters



Current Renewable Contribution



Based on AgSTAR Database



Estimated Market Potential

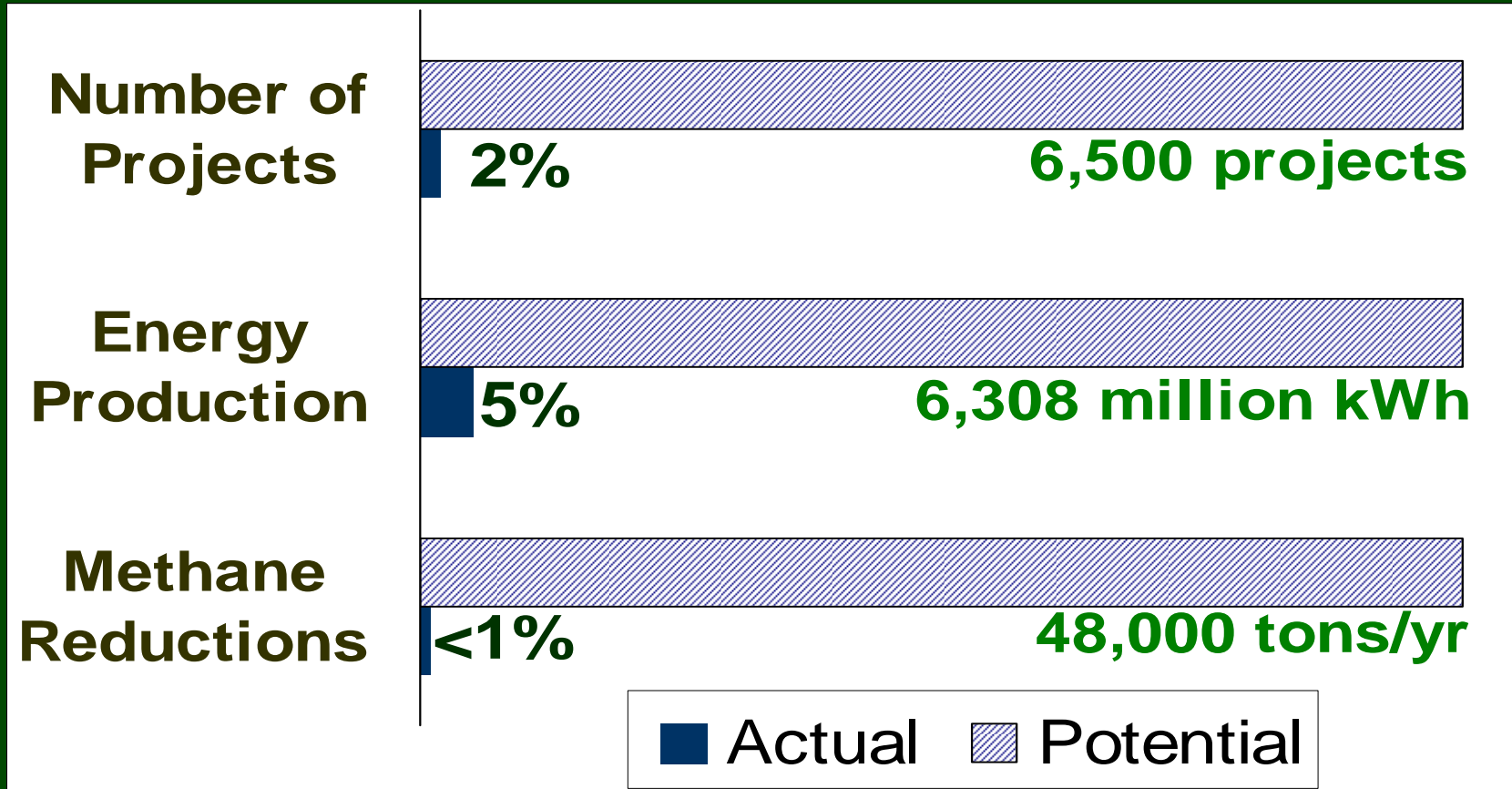
Sector	Market Opportunity		Renewable Energy Potential		
	Farms Candidate ¹	Investment (Billions)	MW	MWh Output ²	Estimated ³ Revenue/Yr
Dairy	2,500	\$1.3	403	3,177,252	\$2,541,802
Swine	4,000	\$2.0	399	3,145,716	\$2,576,573
Total	6,500	\$3.3	802	6,322,968	\$5,058,374

¹ Upper-end estimate of candidate farms.

² Assumes 90% load factor

³ Assumes 8 cents/kWh

2008 Actual Projects Vs. Market Potential





For Panel Discussion

- ❖ Has achieving Market potential been slow?
- ❖ Are there Market barriers?
 - Access to finance
 - Regulatory, permitting
 - Utility
 - Are they equally distributed across states
 - Can industry meet demand or has demand peaked
 - Are there equipment and service limitations
 - Is Industry waiting for something better – has it been commercially demonstrated in this sector
 - Are grants, low interest loans, and loan guarantees a key project driver
 - Are carbon markets making a difference