When most people think of anaerobic digestion systems, they think about the cost of the start-up of such systems. In this webinar, presenters will discuss opportunities and the value of these systems as well as the challenges that may come along when using an anaerobic digestion system. We'll look at improving the economic feasibility of anaerobic digestion on dairy farms as well as discover innovative business models that are in use in the United States through the AgSTAR program. Finally, we'll take a look at how developing regions are using small scale digesters to produce a more reliable energy source. An application for continuing education credit for Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs) and members of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) will be submitted.

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