

# **Organics Operating System: An Integrated Approach**

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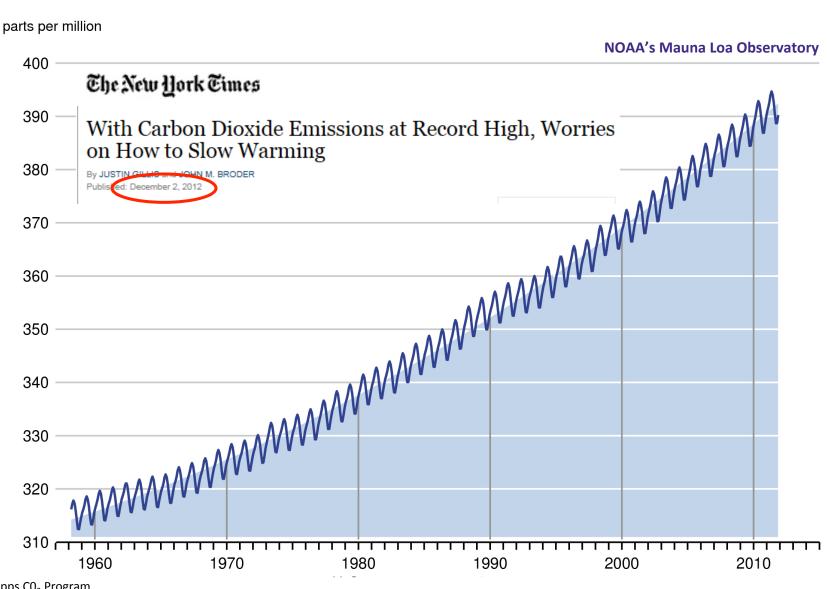


Three major challenges that many view as distinct...



## Climate Change

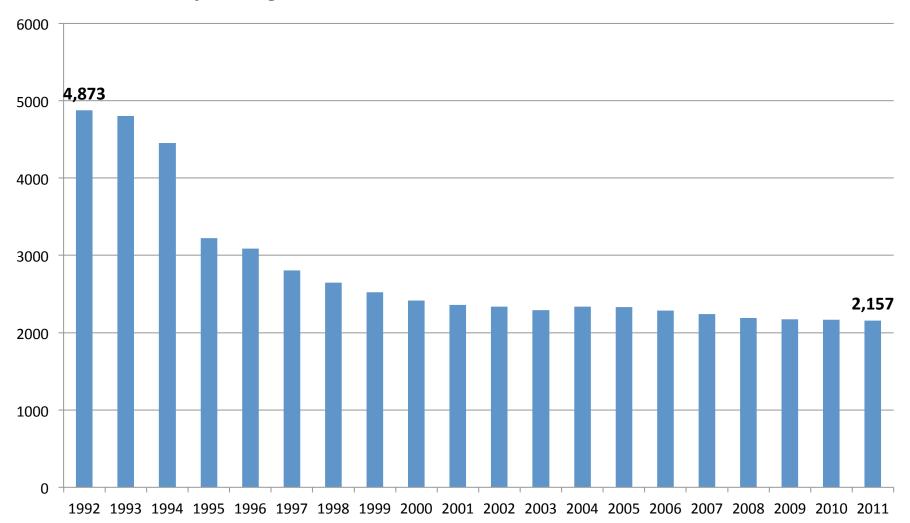
#### **Monthly Carbon Dioxide Concentration**





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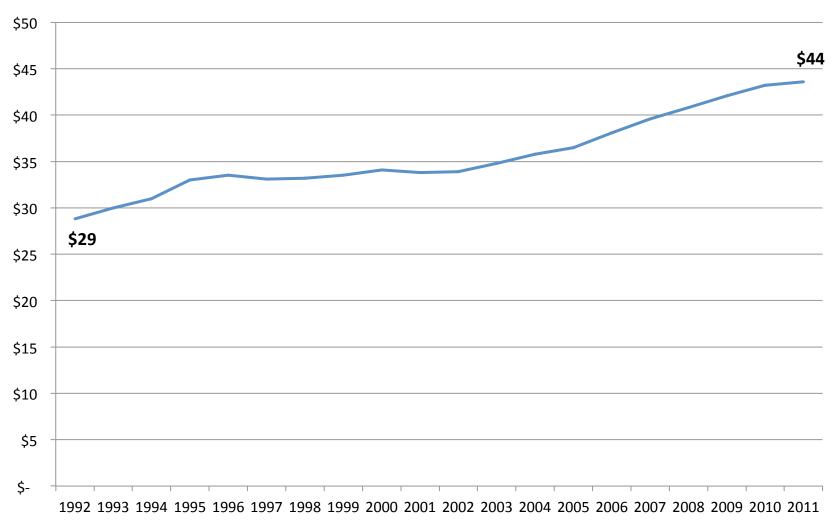
#### **Number of Operating Landfills in the US**





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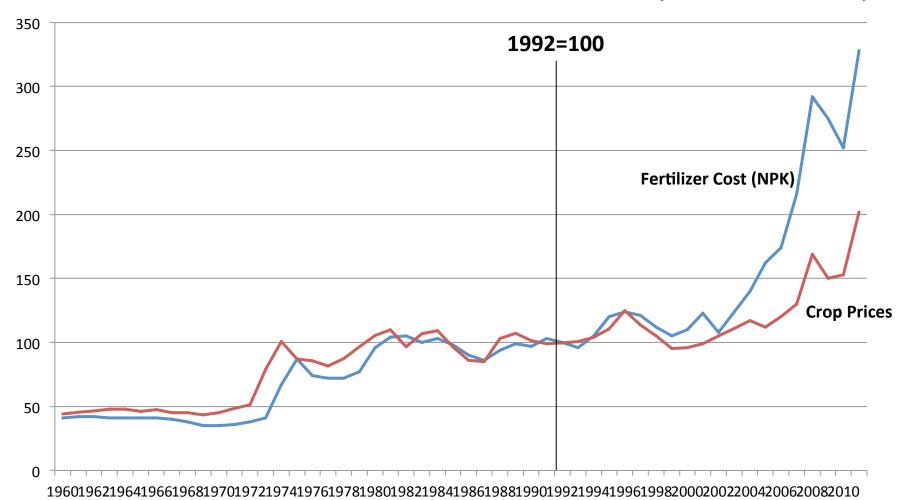
#### **US Average Landfill Tip Fees for MSW (\$/ton)**





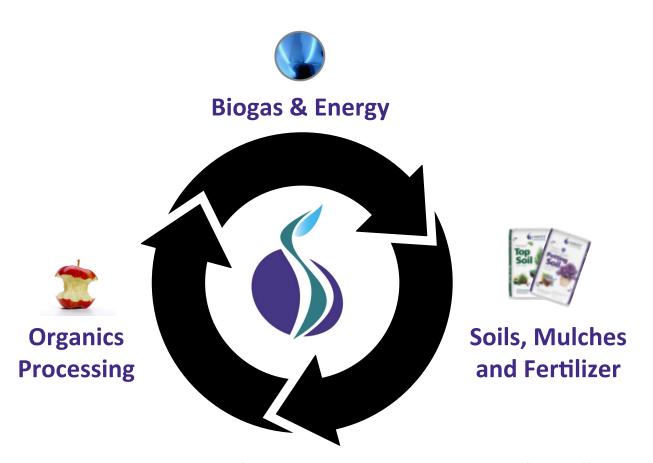
# Agricultural Dependence

#### Indexed Price Paid for Chemical Fertilizer vs. Price Received by Farmers for All Crops





## **Harvest's Integrated View – Sustainability!**



Harvest generates revenue from all three segments of the "wheel", which we expect will create the lowest costs in all three markets



### **About Harvest**

Harvest is creating a more sustainable future by helping communities meet the challenges at the intersection of waste, agriculture and energy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

#### **Company Profile**

- Lead the industry, managing more than 2 million tons of organic materials,
   largest composter of yardwaste & foodwaste in North America
- Operate 30 processing facilities in North America with more than 450 employees, >\$100mm of revenue
- Commissioning two of North America's largest commercial anaerobic digestion facilities this fall. Third facility starting up in 2013









### **Current Market Drivers**

- Landfill capacity and cost
- Public policy
  - Yard waste diversion programs
  - Food waste diversion programs
  - Biosolids reuse
- Corporate sustainability programs
- Renewable energy incentives
- Public supports recycling and renewable energy
- Need for high quality compost
- Future driver Climate Change
  - California AB32
  - Obama executive orders?

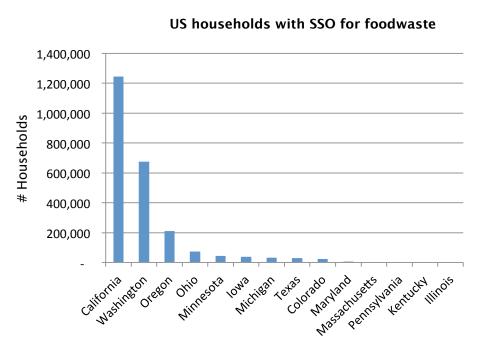


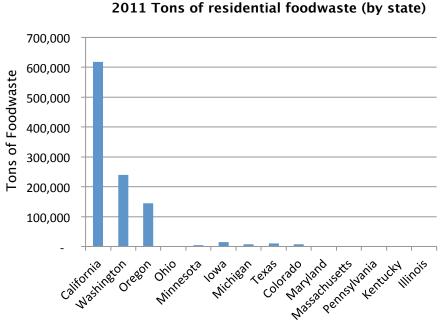




## **Residential Foodwaste Separation**

**California** currently has **1.24 million households** with mandatory foodwaste separation, and 618,000 tons of separated foodwaste in 2011 – more than the rest of the US states combined...





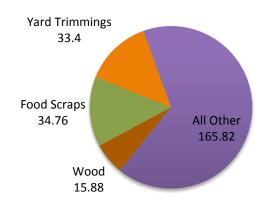
Source: Biocycle 2012



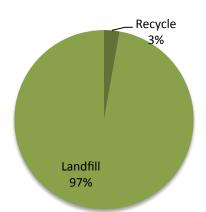
## **US MSW and Organics Market**

#### **US Municipal Solid Waste Stream**

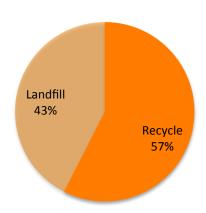
(in millions of tons)



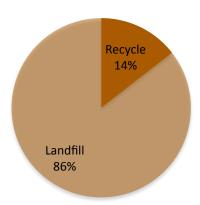
### **Food Scraps**



#### **Yard Trimmings**



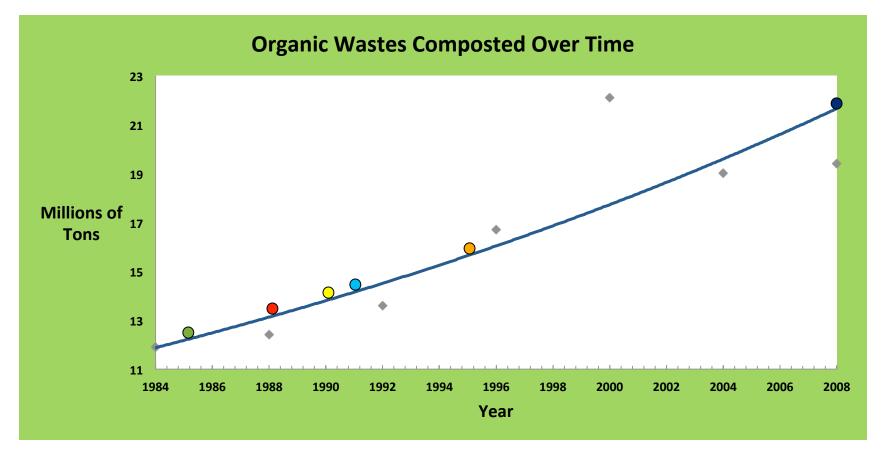
#### Wood



Source: EPA Municipal Solid Waste Generation, Recycling, and Disposal in the United States (2010)



## Birth of the US Organics Industry – Policy Driven



- 1988: Ocean dumping of biosolids partially prohibited
- 1990: State yard waste landfill bans begin to take effect, USCC formed
- 1991: Ocean dumping of biosolids completely prohibited

- Mid-1980s: MSW Composting arrives in the US
- Mid-1990s: MSW Compost facilities peak
- 2008: MSW compost facilities decline to 1980s levels

Waste Business Journal: Waste Market Overview & Outlook 2009

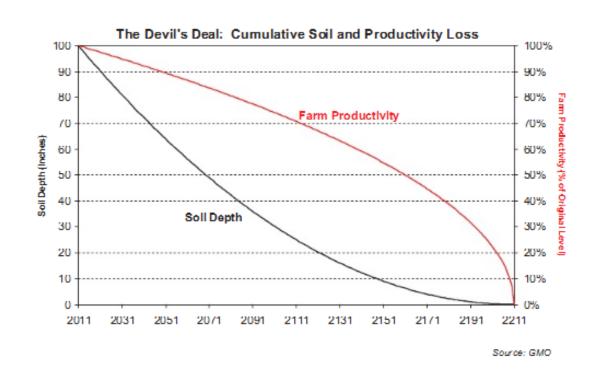


### Soil's Essential Role

**Roosevelt:** "The nation that destroys it soil destroys itself"

**Cornell:** 1/3 of worlds arable land in last 40 years lost to erosion

**Iowa State:** Extreme storm events cause one to several years of erosion in a single event

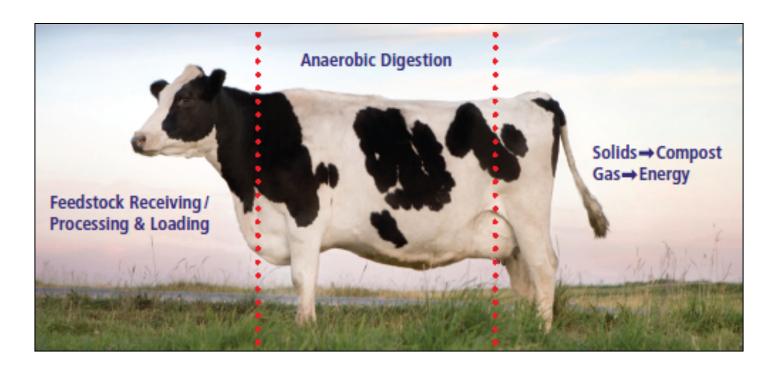


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### **Our Renewable Energy Technology**

Anaerobic digestion mimics the processes that occur in a cow's stomach. We use similar micro-organisms in a large chamber, capture and utilize the biogas as it is produced. We optimize biogas production by creating an ideal environment for the microbes to do their work.

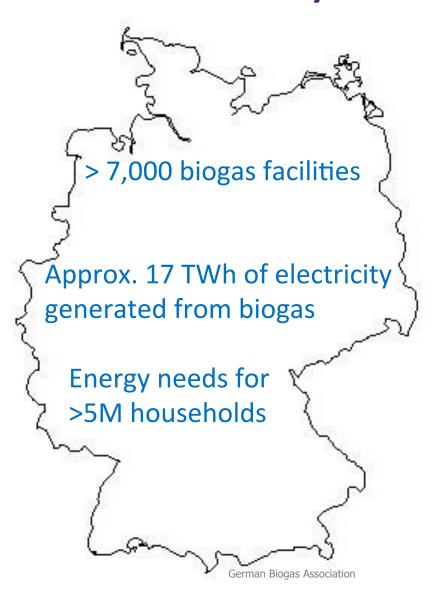




### Germany in 2011-12

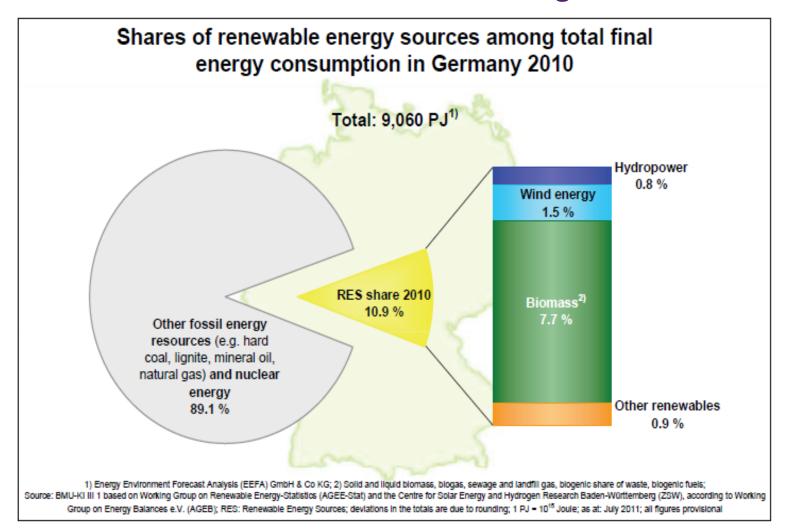
- ✓ Policy, policy & policy
- ✓ Total ban on all organic wastes in landfills
- ✓ Societal support of source separation programs

### **Case Study: Germany**





### **German Renewables - Organics Dominates**



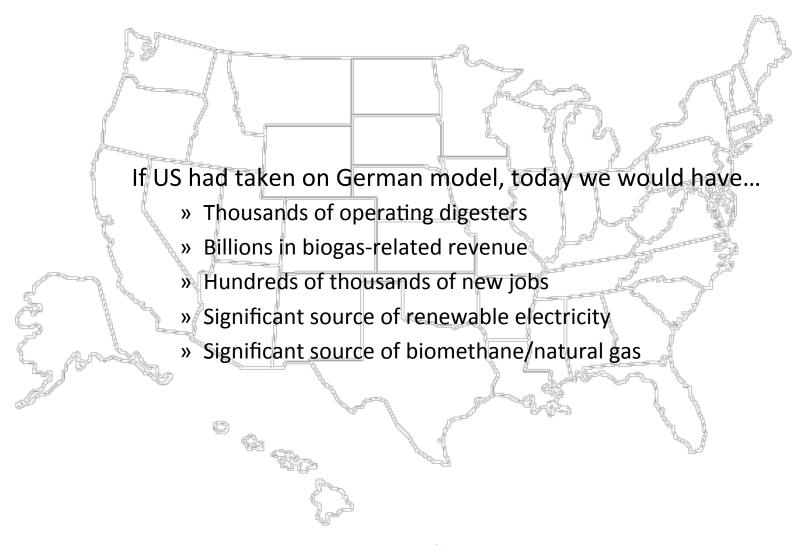
...But actually produces more energy from organic materials through biogas than wind and solar combined

Source: Germany BMU



### Low Hanging Fruit

Development of biogas resources in the US lags far behind, but the potential is tremendous....





## **Biogas Potential in the US**

The biogas production potential of biomass in the US is roughly equivalent to the **total** residential demand for natural gas... or 20% of all natural gas demand

	Millions of Dry Tons Available	Methane Yield (m3/dry ton)	Natural Gas Potential (Trillion Cubic Feet)
Corn Silage (Grain & Stover)	238	350	2.9
Grass Silage (Perennial grasses, cane)	118	300	1.2
Agricultural Residue (Straw & Secondary Residue)	51	210	0.4
Manure	16	160	0.1
Food Scraps	12	300	0.1
Green Waste	15	130	0.1
Total Production Potential			4.8 TCF

Total US Residential Natural Gas Consumption (2011): 4.7 TCF
Total US Overall Natural Gas Consumption (2011): 24.2 TCF



## Harvest Energy Garden - Richmond, BC

Harvest is ramping up our Vancouver Energy Garden that uses high solids anaerobic digestion technology to turn 40,000 tonnes per year of mixed food scraps and yard trimmings into electricity and compost. The site, which serves the Metro Vancouver region's 2.3 million residents, represents a model for managing organics in an urban environment.





# Harvest Energy Garden - London, Ontario

Harvest is completing construction on an Ontario-based Energy Garden that uses low solids anaerobic digestion technology to turn 65,000 tonnes per year of mixed food scraps into electricity and fertilizer granules. This will be the largest commercial anaerobic digester in North America. *Opening in Q1 2013*.





## **Harvest Energy Garden - Florida**

Harvest's Florida Energy Garden will co-digest food wastes from local tourist and resort locations with biosolids from the adjacent, publicly-owned waste water treatment plant (WWTP) to produce baseload renewable energy, fertilizer and soil amendments. The facility will process 120,000 tons of organics and produce 6 MW of combined heat-and-power and 3,200 MT of granular fertilizer each year. **Opening Q4 2013**.





# **Working Together to Manage Organics Sustainably**















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