



Texas Association of Dairymen

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EXPECTATIONS ARE HIGH FOR NEW ENVIRONMENTAL TOOL

Texas Association of Dairymen Executive Director John Cowan was among the industry representatives, state officials, regulators and others who on Monday attended the ribbon cutting for the state's first anaerobic digester, located on the Keith Broumley Dairy near Hico.

Both solid and liquid dairy waste will be sent through the anaerobic digester in a multi-step process that will convert it into both electricity and compost, significantly reducing the amount of phosphorous in the waste stream.

The following statement was issued by Cowan:

“Keith Broumley is to be commended for volunteering to be the first in Texas to build a facility of this magnitude on his dairy farm. Broumley is one of many Texas dairy farmers who are embracing new technologies and practices that will help them serve Texas dairy consumers with less of an impact on the environment.

“The Texas Association of Dairymen will be closely watching the operation of the digester in the coming months. If it's a success, we believe it could be a significant tool toward achieving the region's common goal of a cleaner environment.”

The facility is a joint project of the Brazos River Authority, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Farm Bureau, United Electrical Cooperative, Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research, USDA-NRCS and Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

The Texas Association of Dairymen (www.milk4texas.org) is a non-profit corporation comprised of dairy cooperatives whose members are individual milk producers in Texas.

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