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Dairy Management Inc. and the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy

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DMI was created and is directed
by **FARMERS** for **FARMERS**

to build **SALES** and **TRUST** in dairy.

What we do:

- **Food Safety**
- **Animal Welfare**
- **Research**
- **Dairy Exports**
- **Promotion**

How we do it:

PARTNERSHIPS and **COLLABORATION**



Dairy Industry Organizations

Working together for the betterment of the Industry





Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy

27 BOARD COMPANIES
520+ ENGAGED MEMBERS

A future where U.S. dairy unlocks transformative good for people and planet



Advance Well-being



Deliver dairy nutrition that meets emerging and personalized health needs

- Enhance nutrition security
- Benefit the body



Regenerate the Environment



Optimize dairy solutions that enhance natural resources and ecosystems

- Achieve GHG neutrality
- Improve ecosystem health
- Accelerate the circular economy



Care for Our Animals and Communities



Ensure healthy animals, a vibrant workforce and safe, high-quality dairy foods

- Provide exceptional care for our cows
- Empower our people and communities
- Ensure excellence in food safety and traceability



U.S. Dairy's Environmental Sustainability Commitment





U.S. Dairy's Environmental Goals

By 2050, U.S. dairy
collectively commits to:

- 🌿 Achieve **greenhouse gas (GHG) neutrality**
- 🌿 **Optimize water use** while maximizing recycling
- 🌿 **Improve water quality** by optimizing utilization of manure and nutrients





Strategies to Reach our 2050 Goals

FOR FIELD AND FARM

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FOR PROCESSORS

Processor Working Group (PWG)

A working group of more than 60 participants representing over 30 processing organizations convenes regularly and engages in facility-focused workstreams.



GHG



CIRCULARITY



WATER



NZI Collaborating Partners

NZI is comprehensive and collaborative. Partners bring expertise, leadership and financial support to strengthen the plan and accelerate action leading to results.

More than \$40 million in external support from corporate partners and granting agencies

DAIRY NATIONAL LEADERSHIP
and member constituents

CORPORATE AND
FUNDING PARTNERS

NGO PARTNERS

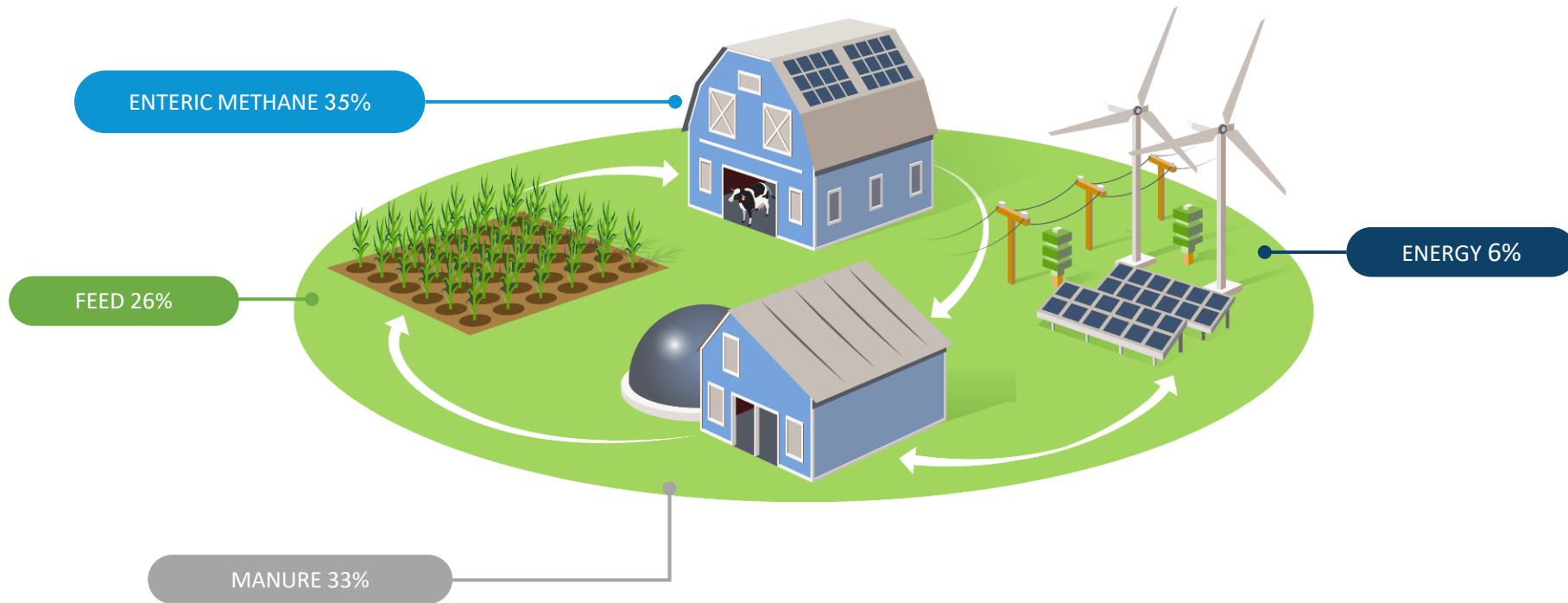
RESEARCH PARTNERS

PROJECT PARTNERS



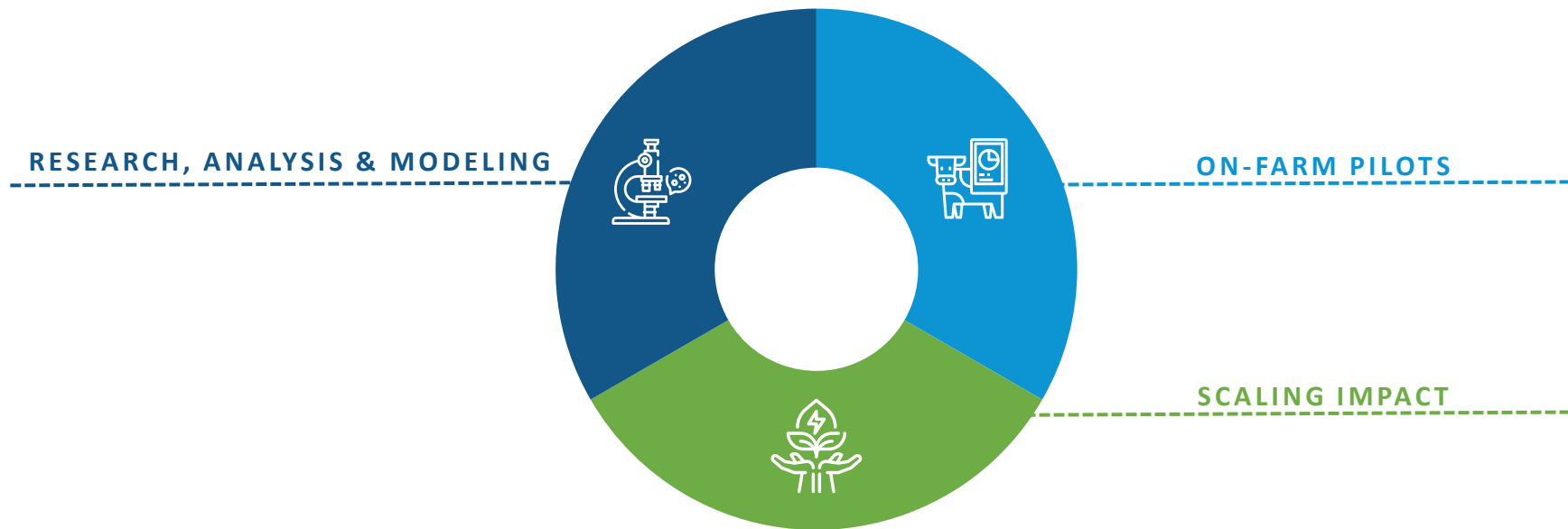


Dairy's Environmental Footprint (GHG)



* Adapted from Thoma 2013, Regional Analysis of greenhouse gas emissions from USA dairy farms.

NZI Core Tracks





The Greener Cattle Initiative

10 Partners, 5-year program
Grants totaling \$7.25 million to date



FOUNDATION FOR
FOOD & AGRICULTURE
RESEARCH



Global
Methane
Hub





Greener Cattle Initiative 2023 Awardees



Distinguished Professor of
Dairy Nutrition Dr. Alexander
N. Hristov

The project aims to develop
feed additive options, from
proven inhibitors, that will
deliver the greatest
mitigation potential that is
practical for producers.



Dr. Roderick Mackie, professor
in the Department of Animal
Sciences

Study how diets and different
additives affect hydrogen
production in the rumen and
how these changes in hydrogen
dynamics affect the amount of
enteric methane produced.

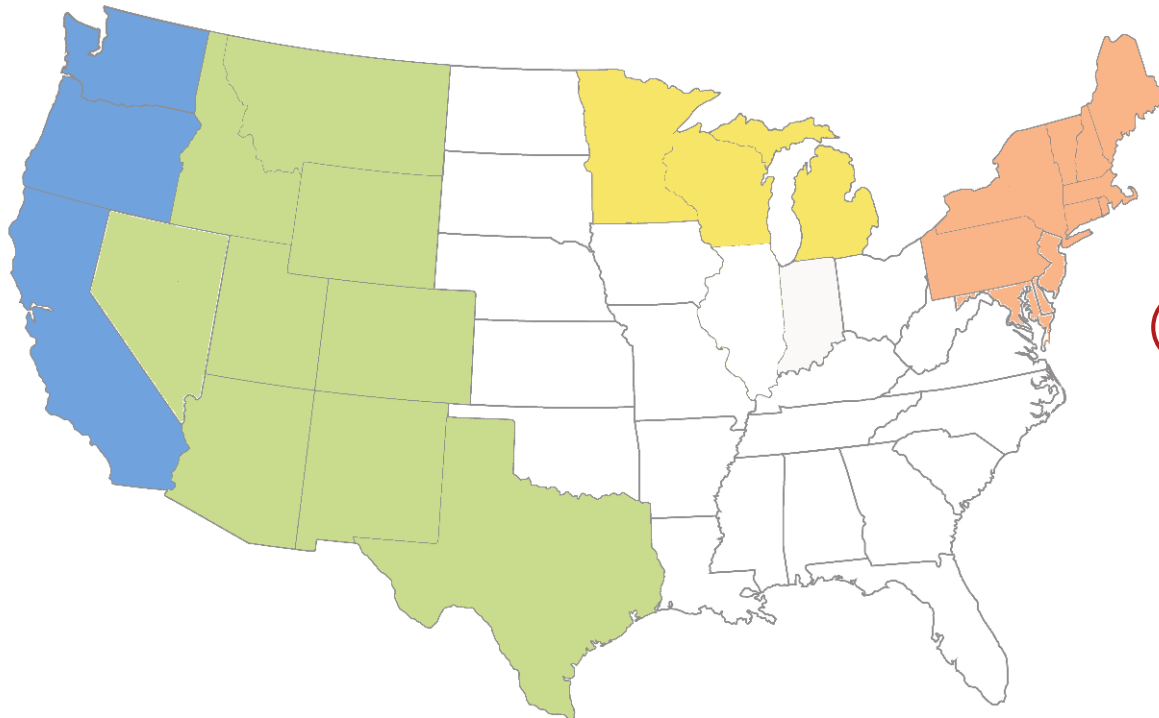


Dr. Francisco Peñagaricano,
assistant professor in the Animal
and Dairy Sciences Department

Research focuses on evaluating
cattle genome for methane
traits, including those for
methane production and
residual methane production.



Building soil health to reduce greenhouse gases, improve water quality and enable new economic benefits









FARM Environmental Stewardship (ES) Upgrade



Available summer 2024: Focuses on estimating a dairy farm's GHG + energy use footprints leveraging RuFas, a process-based model.



Account for physical, chemical, and biologic cycles



Provide ability to extrapolate beyond known conditions ("what-if" scenario analysis)

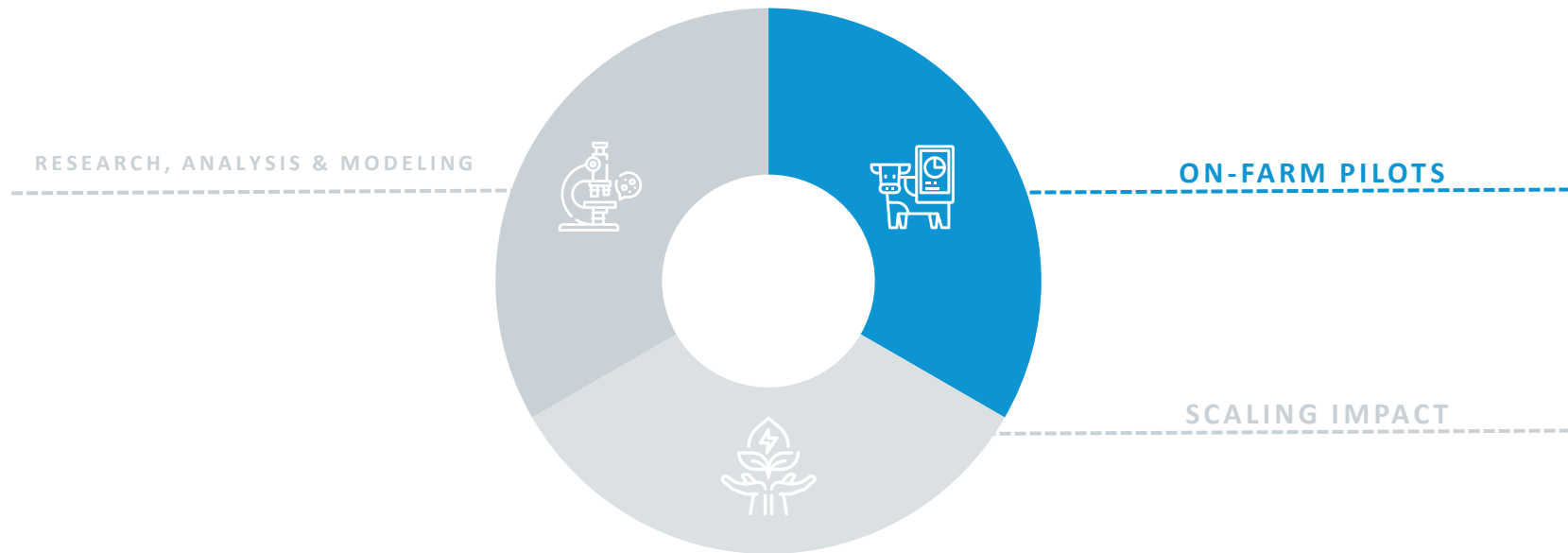


Generate environmental and economic analysis of multiple management scenarios



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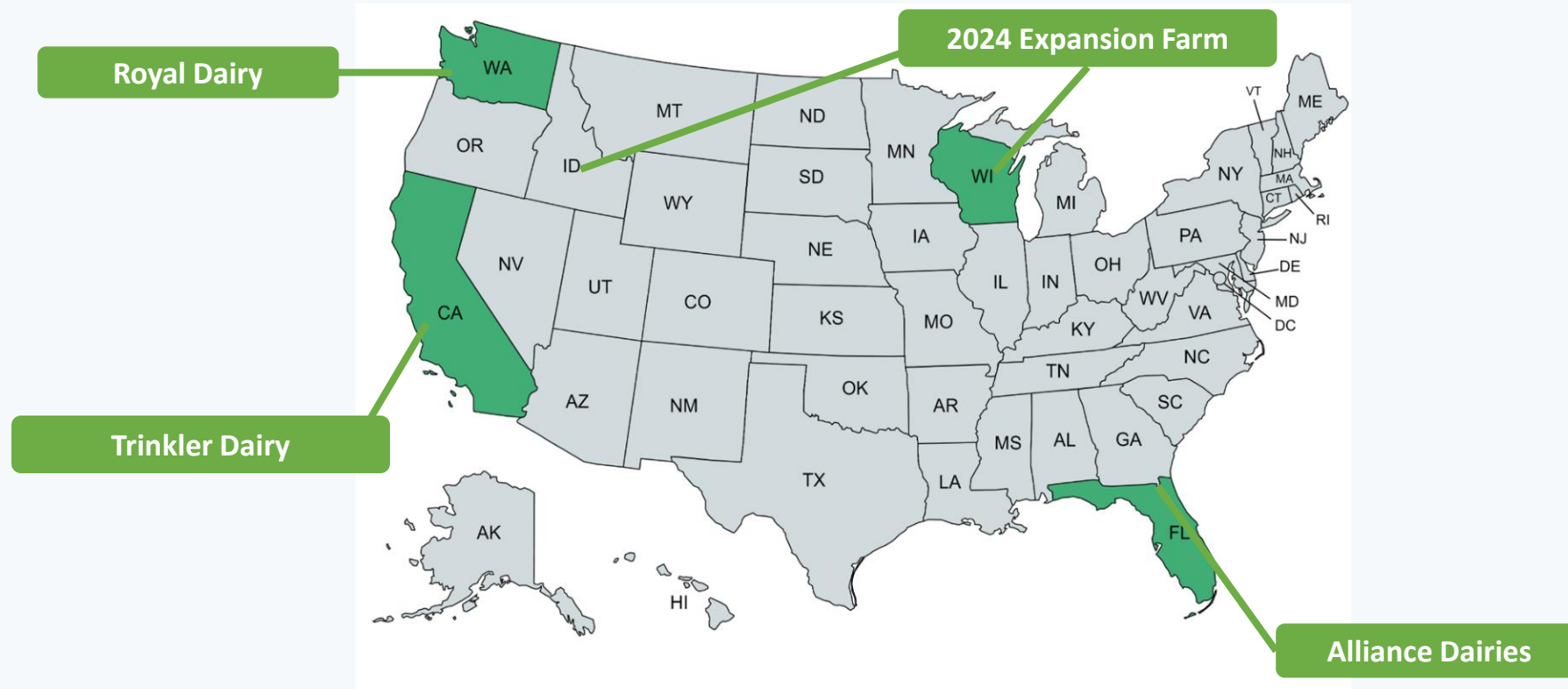
Dairy Scale for Good Pilot Farms

Partnering with commercially operating dairies to unlock unique opportunities tailored to each farms personalized business plan.

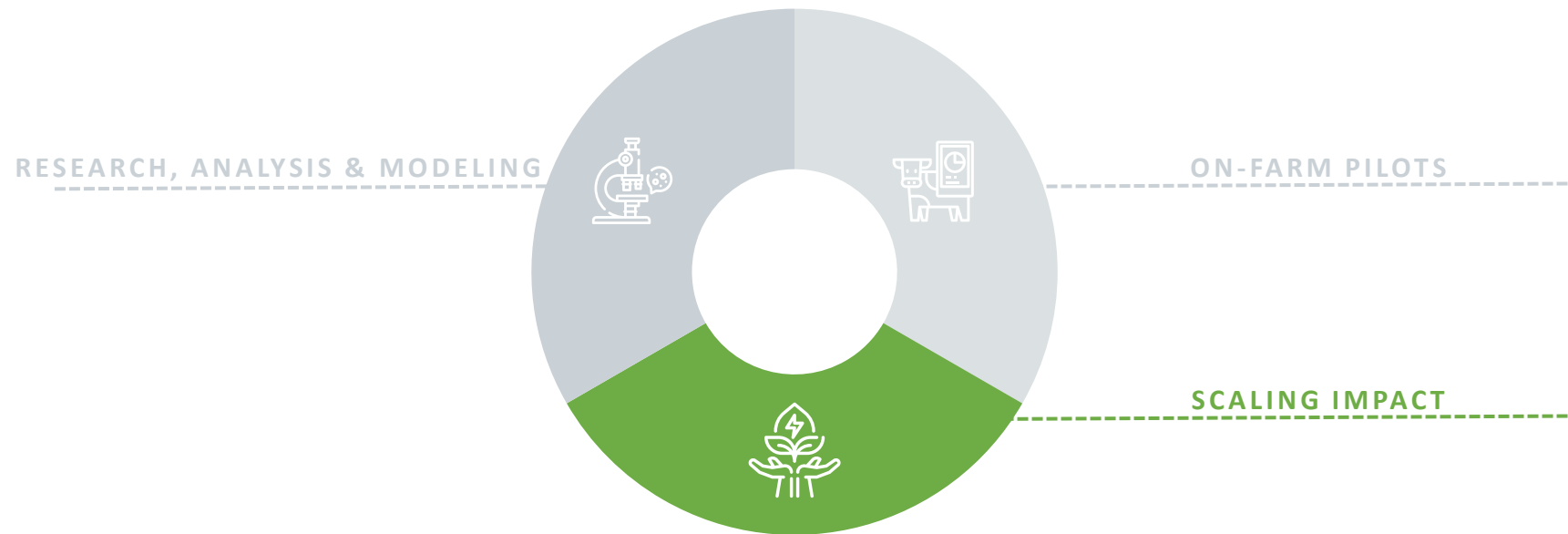
- Identifying, demonstrating and de-risking new sustainable practices and technologies
- Increasing on-farm profitability while reducing GHG emissions, water use and improving water quality
- Creating a financial framework that will reduce barriers to entry
- Informing the development and adoption of new opportunities in ecosystem services markets



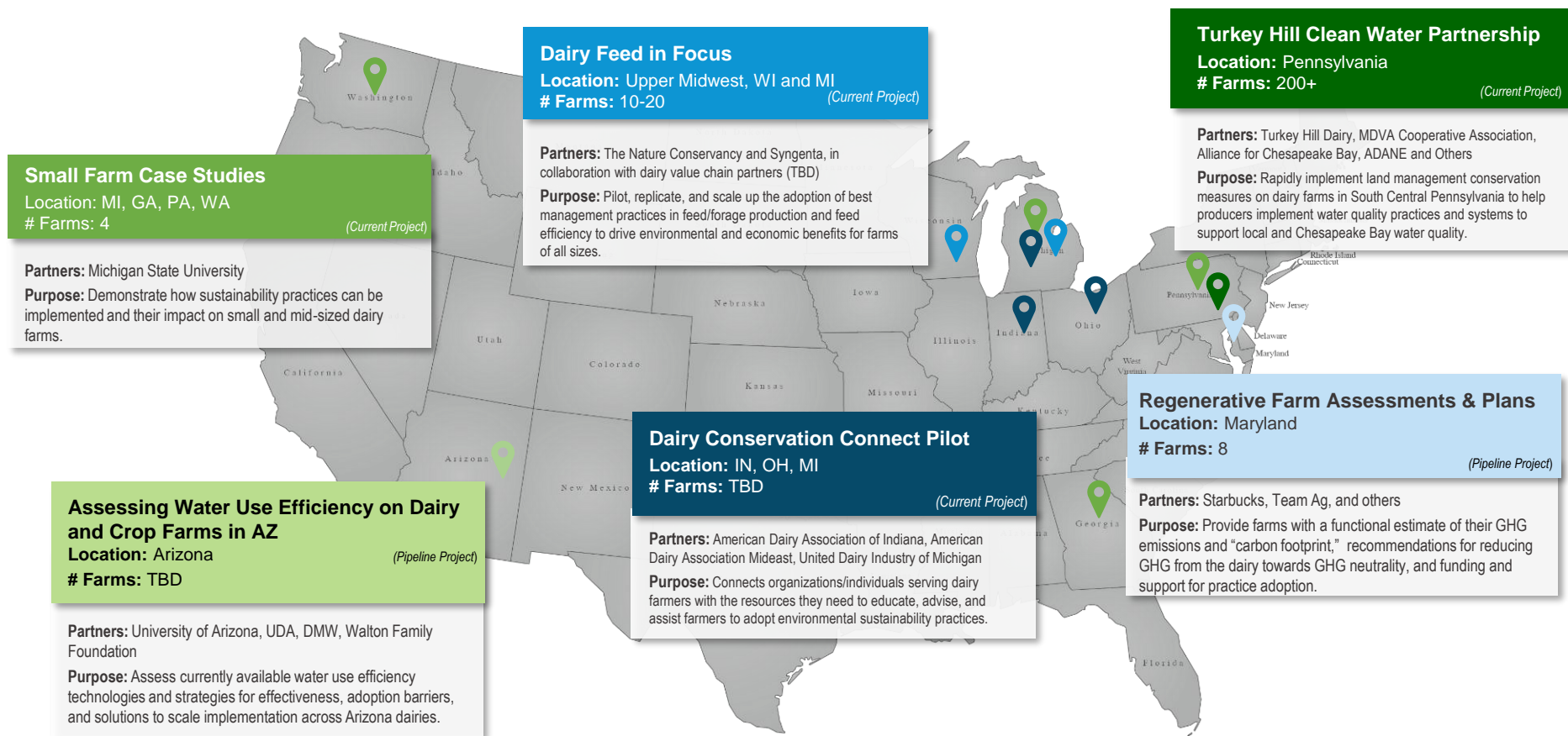
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Driving Adoption Through Socialization and Shared-Learning





Dairy Conservation Connect



Objective: Increase access to information about sustainable practice impacts, financial assistance and technical assistance to support progress.



2023/2024 Pilot:



Outcomes:

- Conservation Navigator: directory of resources & funding opportunities
- Forum: convene organizations/agencies/individuals to connect, discuss & share
- Resource library: slide decks, videos



Small Farm Case Studies



Objective: Demonstrate how sustainability practices can be implemented and their impact on small and mid-sized dairy farms



Research partner:



MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY



Outcomes:

- Producer facing case studies and videos illustrating individual farm environmental and economic impact of sustainability practices
- Economic extrapolation
- Peer reviewed publication

Dairy Feed in Focus

- Pilot, replicate and scale the adoption of practices in feed/forage production and feed efficiency
- Achieve reduced GHG emissions and improved soil health and water quality
- Provide financial incentives to ensure the value returned on investment for participating farmers
- Contribute educational resources, technical support and financial incentives (with value chain partners)





NZI Progress By the Numbers

**\$40
million**

Leveraged more than **\$40 million in support** from partners and grants

**26
projects**

Initiated and supported **26 projects** spanning **338 farms** across **19 states**

**66
partnerships**

Partnered with more than **66 institutions** including corporations, land grant and research institutions, governmental and non-governmental organizations and other dairy community stakeholders



Achieved recognition by national and international organizations including Agriculture Innovation Mission (AIM) for Climate and US Nature 4 Climate

**94
presentations**

Led 94 presentations for national and international webinars, panels and forums

**238
articles**

Appeared in 238 articles highlighting accomplishments through coverage in Forbes, USA Today, National Public Radio and more



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Processor Working Group Sub-Teams

Circularity



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Processor Working Group 2022-2023 Highlights



Circularity

- Dairy Processor Waste Audit Guidance
- Defining circularity scope and context in dairy processing
- Baseline Packaging Metrics



Water

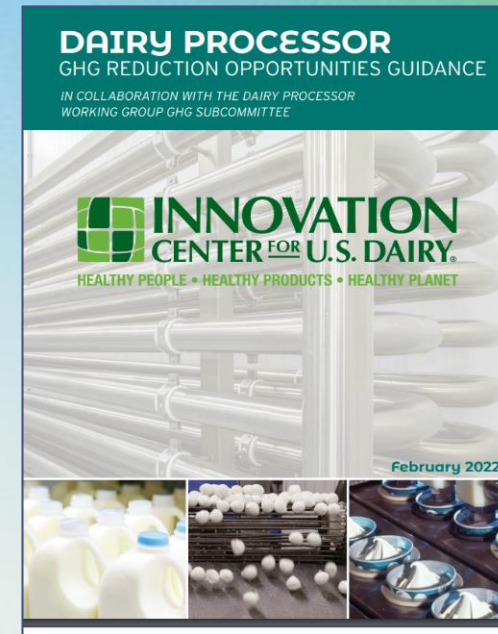
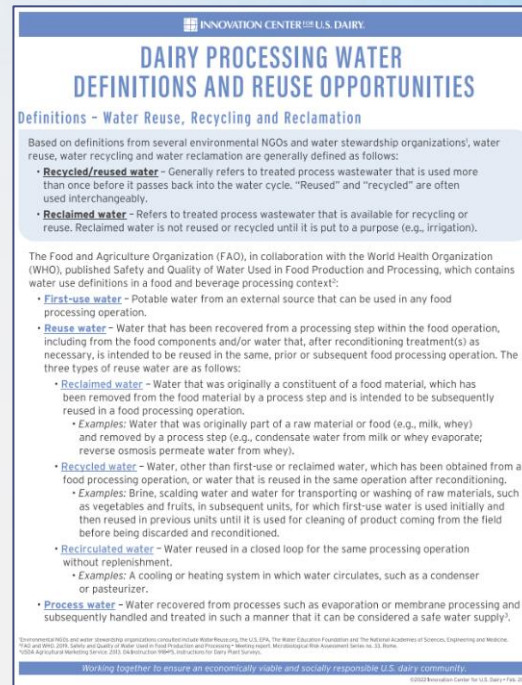
- Globally Aligned Water Metrics
- Developed Dairy Processing Water Definitions and Reuse Opportunities Guidance



GHG

- GHG Reduction Opportunities Guidance Document
- GHG reduction success stories and best practices

Processor Resources



Available for free at: usdairy.com/research-resources

What Success Looks Like



Reimagine dairy's role in sustainable food systems and circular economies

- ❖ Progress across large and diverse U.S. dairy industry – including 28,000 farms
- ❖ Reach GHG neutrality and significant improvements in water use and quality
- ❖ Enable other industries and communities to be more sustainable through innovation in bio-based products, resource efficiency and regeneration
- ❖ Realization of untapped value on-farm to create new revenue sources for farmers
- ❖ Be a catalyst for broader change



Thank You

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