

Methane Digester Project:

The RC&D Council was asked to help locate funds to assist the development of an anaerobic methane digester in Isanti County. Methane and other biogasses, collected from dairy cows, are used to provide heat and electricity for the farm, with excess electricity sold back to East Central Energy, the local electric cooperative. This is the first commercial-sized methane digester in the upper Midwest. The Onanegozie RC&D Council provided grant writing assistance for this project. Funding and support was received from the Minnesota Project, the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance, the Minnesota Department of Public Service, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. This project is the recent recipient of a multi-year Environmental Quality Incentives Program grant.