



# Crave Brothers Farmstead

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## Crave Brothers Farm & Farmstead Cheese



### Climate Smart Dairy is our Business



#### FARM

#### CHEESE PRODUCTION

#### **DIGESTER SYSTEM**

### Synergies; Farm, Cheese, Digester

- Pump milk directly to cheese plant
- Feed whey permeate back to cattle & digester
- Offset electric needs
- Produce and dry organic bedding
- Heat farm shop, office, &house
- Generate our own fertilizer
- Land apply wastewater



### Crave Brothers Farm Climate Smart Practices

- Digested Manure as plant friendly fertilizer
- Minimum tillage/Cover crops /GMO technology
- Limiting shrink of harvested forage
- Genomic Testing for cow performance
- Upcycling Bo-Products / Co-products
  - brewers grain, corn gluten feed, whole cotton seeds, distillers grain, malt sprouts
  - >10,000 tons annually





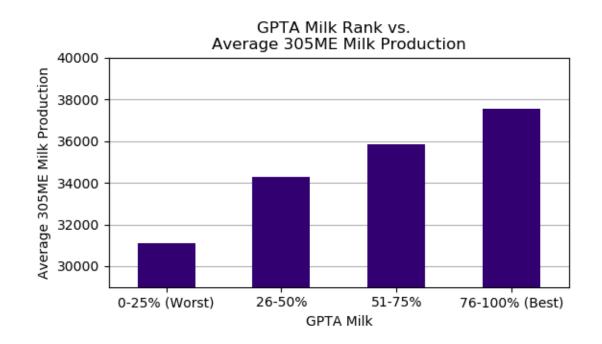
## Applying nutrients to a growing crop



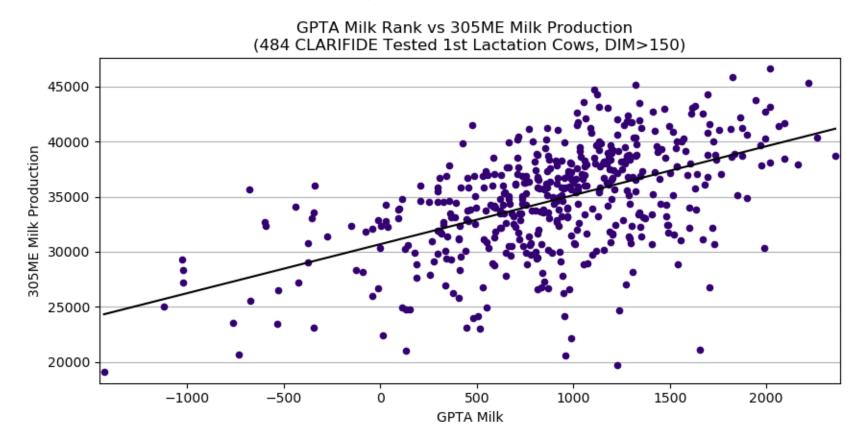


### Herd Response to CLARIFIDE PLUS: Milk

N=484 CLARIFIDE Tested First Lactation Cows	Average 305ME Milk Production	Average GPTA Milk	
76-100% (Best)	37529 lbs	1586	
51-75%	35827 lbs	1094	
26-50%	34259 lbs	773	
0-25% (Worst)	31111 lbs	144	
Difference = Top 25% - Bottom 25%	6418 lbs		



### Actual performance



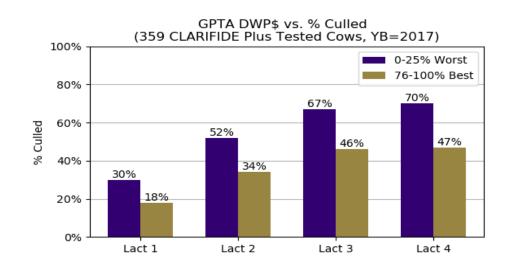
305ME = 30692 + 4.4 \* GPTA Milk

<mark>Observed: 4.4 lbs/GPTA Milk</mark> Expected: 2 lbs/GPTA Milk

#### Herd Response to CLARIFIDE PLUS: DWP\$ vs. % Culled

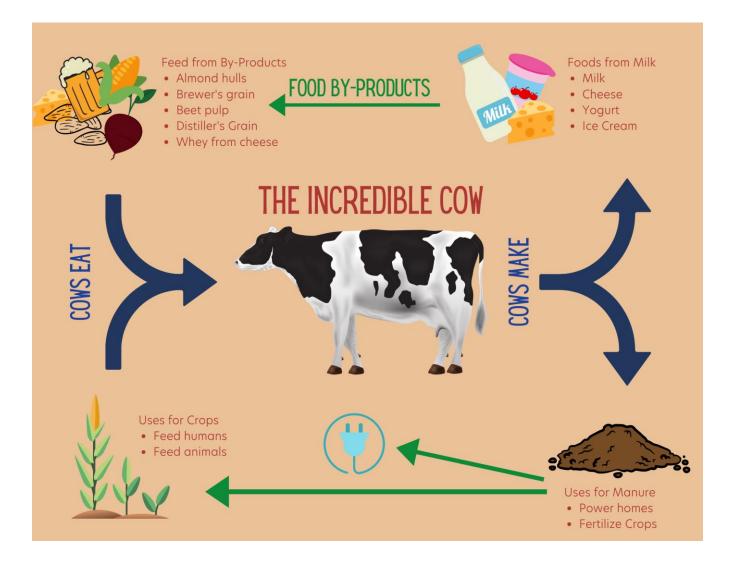
N=359 CLARIFIDE Plus Tested Cows	E Plus Av	Average GPTA DWP\$	% Culled By Lactation			
	GPTA		1 <sup>st</sup> Lact.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lact.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lact.	4 <sup>th</sup> Lact.
76-100% (Best)		563	18%	34%	46%	47%
51-75%	:	390	20%	34%	45%	46%
26-50%		263	18%	40%	58%	62%
0-25% (Worst)		-35	30%	52%	67%	70%
Difference = Top 25% - Bottom 25%		-12%	-18%	-21%	-23%	

Animals that are bred to be healthier, live longer, are more profitable and better for the environment!





Upcycling bi-products into milk / meat



### Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese LLC

- Fresh model, real time production
- Recycling of cooling water
- Process wastewater through digester system
- Researching ways to use less plastic packaging













### Anaerobic Digester System

- Produce/Dry organic bedding
  >250 truck loads annually
- Heat facilities
- Offset electric needs

#### Innovative solutions and investment in customer success support sustainable food systems to nourish a growing global population.

#### Legacy of Progress

Compared to 2007, in 2017 U.S. milk was produced with

30% less water

21% less land

19% less greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions

#### Efficient Production

While leading the world in cow's milk production with ample growth potential, the U.S. dairy community contributes just 2% of total U.S. GHG emissions



#### Continuous Improvement

U.S. Dairy has embraced a bold commitment to carbon neutrality or better by

2050

to support sustainable food systems



### Real Numbers

- On farm practices are direct benefits to the environment, not "offsets".
- Crops are marketed through our cows, and their milk is made into cheese.
- Having a branded product allows our company to capitalize on our climate smart practices.



#### FROM CROPS TO COWS, CHEESE TO THE CONSUMER

#### Opportunities/Concerns

- Wisconsin dairy is in a strong position
  - Water, feed, infrastructure, and knowledge
- Carbon Markets ? E-RIN's
- Long-term viability without government funding
- Risk of over capitalizing our farms
- Climate **Smart** is being careful that we're not the next buzzword or gimmick.
- As an industry, how committed are we?







### Thank You!

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