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Waste not, want not?

Can you make money from anaerobic digestion (AD)? Find out if AD makes financial sense for your farm with the NNFCC's new AD cost calculator.

There are many variables that can affect the profit margins of AD, so the NNFCC have got the Andersons Centre to produce a new AD cost calculator. The calculator is free, independent and comprehensive, and more user-friendly than previous versions. It can be downloaded from the NNFCC website [here](#).

The calculator provides AD developers with a simple way to assess the viability and optimisation of different options, such as whether to use biogas for heat or electricity. Default and suggested values are provided but you can overwrite these with your own data to get a more accurate financial summary. The default setting for the calculator is wet, mesophilic, continuous flow AD, but any technology can be modelled by changing the retention period and output data. The 'Dash Board' feature shows how changing your feedstock mix varies the outputs of the digester in a simple graphical format.

Lucy Hopwood, Land and Agriculture Manager for the NNFCC, says "The updated version of the calculator has been developed with user feedback in mind. This new version is more thorough in the information it requires and the outputs it provides. It is also far more user-friendly by guiding users more logically through the process. The new version was delayed to allow for the feed-in-tariff to be built in, so publication is now very timely for anyone looking to develop AD in response to this announcement."

The NNFCC welcome user feedback on this new tool, to help you get the most out of it.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The NNFCC is a not-for profit organisation helping to build supply chains for renewable materials and technologies. We support every stage of the supply chain for plant-derived medicines, from farmers to consumers, refer to www.nnfcc.co.uk
2. The NNFCC also produced and manage www.biogas-info.co.uk, England's definitive resource for AD. This site is a portal to all the information you need, from how to navigate through the planning process to making the best use of biogas.
3. Lucy Hopwood is the NNFCC's Land and Agriculture manager and the lead on AD.
4. Andersons are the farm business consultants. The Andersons Centre, Andersons Northern and Andersons Midlands – operate under the brand of Andersons , providing a wide range of business advice to farmers and businesses involved in food and agriculture throughout the U.K. www.andersons.co.uk

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