

# **Craigs Station Creamery**

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#### Overview

Partnership with a group of farmers in Western New York in building a dairy manufacturing facility that will produce standardized milk and cream, and will have the capability to expand into other value-added products in the future.

### **Craigs Station Ventures**

**Noblehurst Farms, York** 









1,700 cows

Mulligan Farm, Avon





1,200 cows

1,500 cows

**Lawnel Farms, York** 

Coyne Farms, Avon





1,000 cows

## **Craigs Station Ventures**

Synergy, Wyoming











2,100 cows

2,050 cows, two sites

**Baker Brook Dairy, Attica** 

McCormick's Dairy, Bliss









1,500 cows

1,950 cows

## **Craigs Station Ventures**

- Members committed to sustainable, efficient farming practices
- CSV member has largest on-farm digester in New York
- Noblehurst operates anaerobic digester adjacent to Craigs Station Creamery that:
  - Recycles facility's waste effluent
  - Provides green energy to facility
  - Reduces plant's carbon footprint



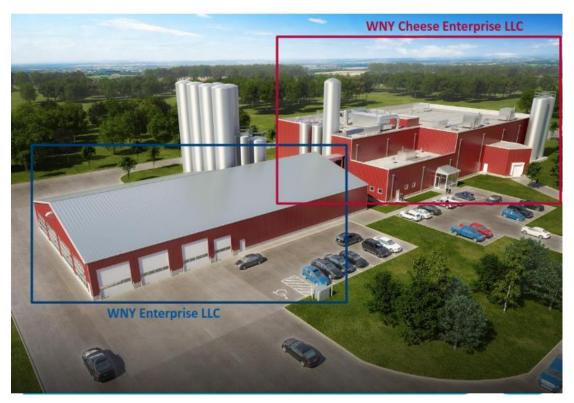
Noblehurst Green Energy digester



Synergy Biogas

1.4 MW on-farm co-digestion plant
Also processes effluent from
local dairy plants
Future expansion to 2.0 MW

# **Craigs Station Cheese**









# First block of cheese

January 30, 2018













#### **Products**

- It all starts with consistent, high-quality farm milk
- rBST-free
- Standardized and/or skim and cream
  - Custom blends from skim to 40 percent and all points in between
  - Will ship in any quantity from lunch pails to super tankers
- Cold bowl separated
  - Reduced protein denaturing (standardized/skim)
  - Enhanced cream functionality
- Milk production attributes
  - Kosher and Halal
  - High in Omega 3 or Omega 6
  - Marketing-focused, consumer-oriented needs

# Attributes of cold bowl separation and the correlation to making cheese

- Higher-heat treatment causes denaturing of whey proteins, which subsequently stick to the casein particles. The effects are:
  - Longer flocculation times
  - Weak or no curd formation
  - Poor syneresis (moisture release)
  - Coarse textured curd with reduced ability to stretch, mat and melt
- Cold bowl separation eliminates or reduces these effects in comparison to heat-treated separation

# Cold bowl and protein combined attributes

- Combining cold bowl techniques and consistent protein and consistently high protein levels leads to:
  - Yield favorability
  - Formula favorability
  - Quality predictability



#### **Attributes**

- Locally produced, New York milk
  - All eight farms located within 25 miles of WNYE
- Traceability back to these farms
- Enrolled in DFA's Gold Standard Dairy Program
- Powered by on-farm green energy
- Reduced carbon footprint
  - Low hauling miles, green energy, modern/efficient milk production and processing

#### **Wastewater treatment facility**



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