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## Big>East Mobilisation Campaign



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## Current situation and outlook on biogas market in Germany

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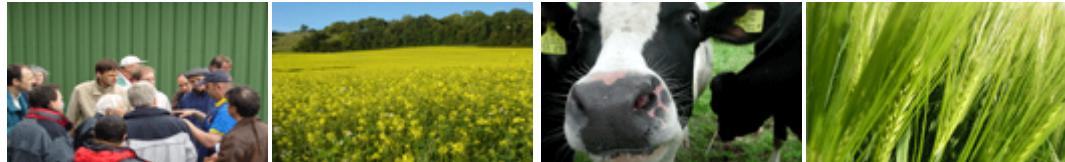


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# GERBIO ...

- ... German Association, created in 2001
- ... promotes the sustainable generation and use of energy made out of biomass.

## ... Fields of Work



BIOGAS



Plant Oil



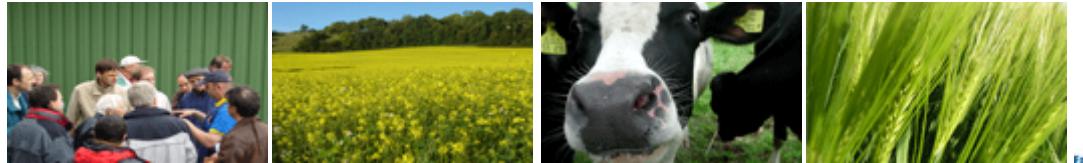
Wood Gas



Liquid & Solid Manure and Digestate treatment



Decentralized Wastewater Management



## Activities of GERBIO related to Biogas technology

- Know-How transfer (international workshops, study tours, training)
- Support of small scale installations
- Contacts to experts in planning, design and construction
- Contacts to specialized companies
- Networking with members in different regions nationally and internationally

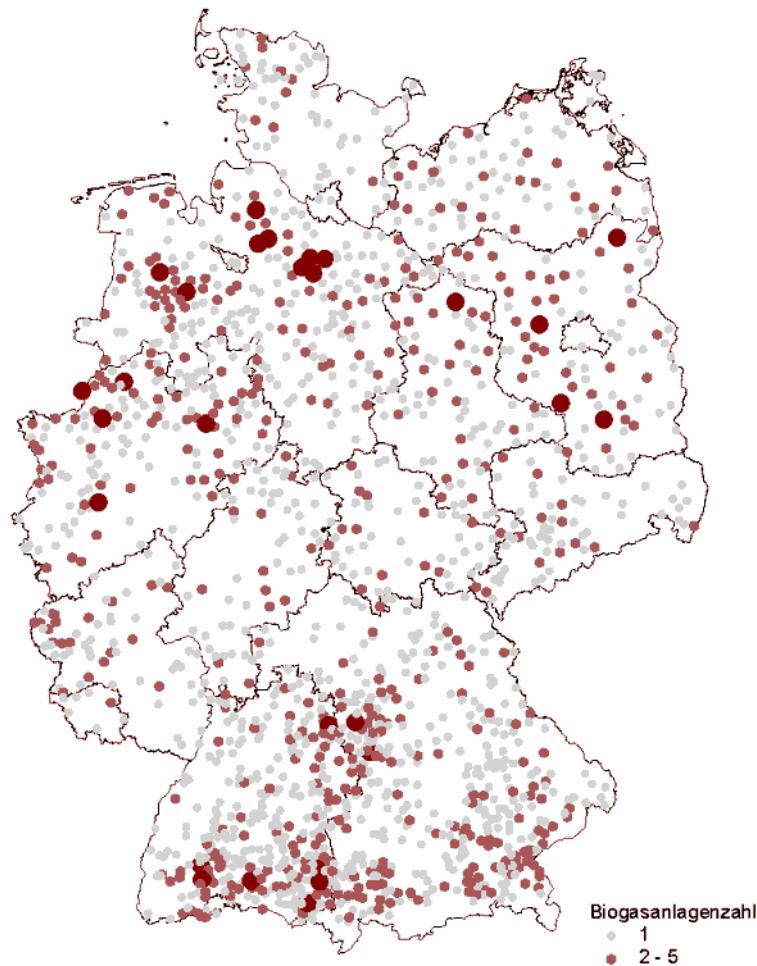




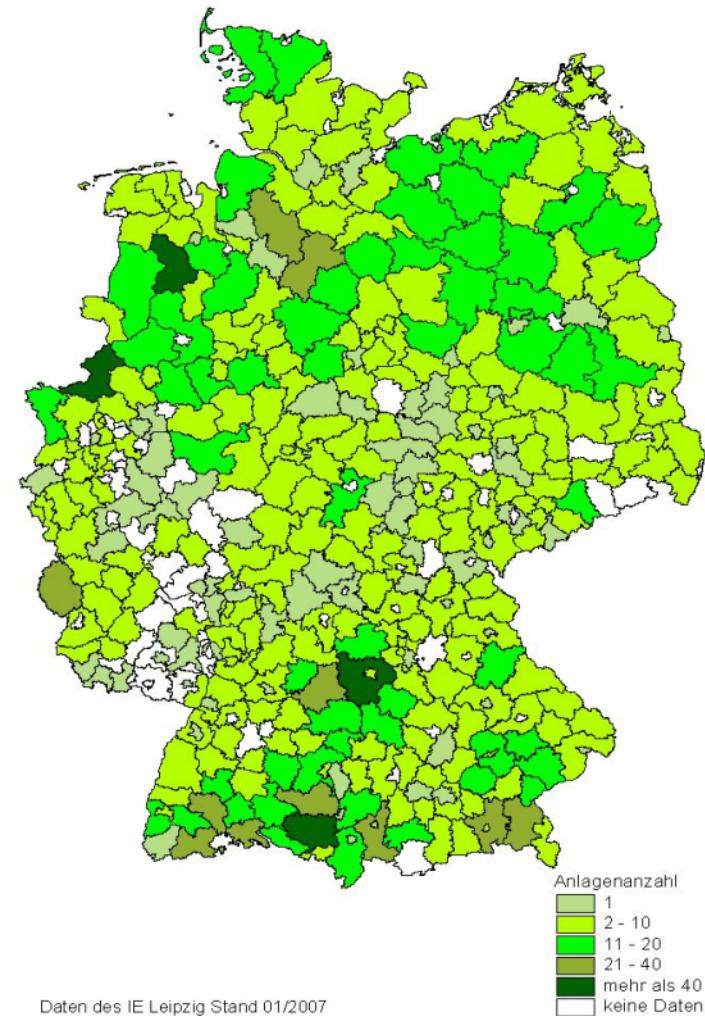
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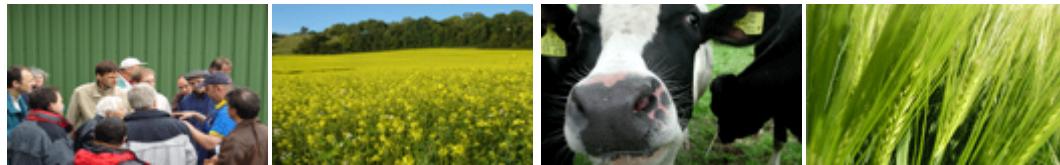
## Biogas Plants in Germany



Datenbank IE Leipzig, Stand 12/2006



Daten des IE Leipzig Stand 01/2007



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## History and Status Quo “Biogas in Germany”

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of installed plants	2600	3500	3710	3900	4600
Electrical installed capacity (MWel)	650	1100	1270	1370	1740
Electricity (TWh/a)	2.8	>5	7.4	10.3	
Contribution to overall electricity production	0.5%	>1%	1.4%	1.6%	
Manufacturers income generation (Billion €)	0.5	1	0.65	0.6	1.05
Operators income generation (Mio EU€)	360	650	750		
Participation in exporting sector	8%	12%	>15%		
Employments	5,000	10,000	10,000	8,500	10,500
CO2 Reduction (Mio t/a)	2.5	5	6.4		



## Increase of the number of biogas plants related to changes in laws and regulations

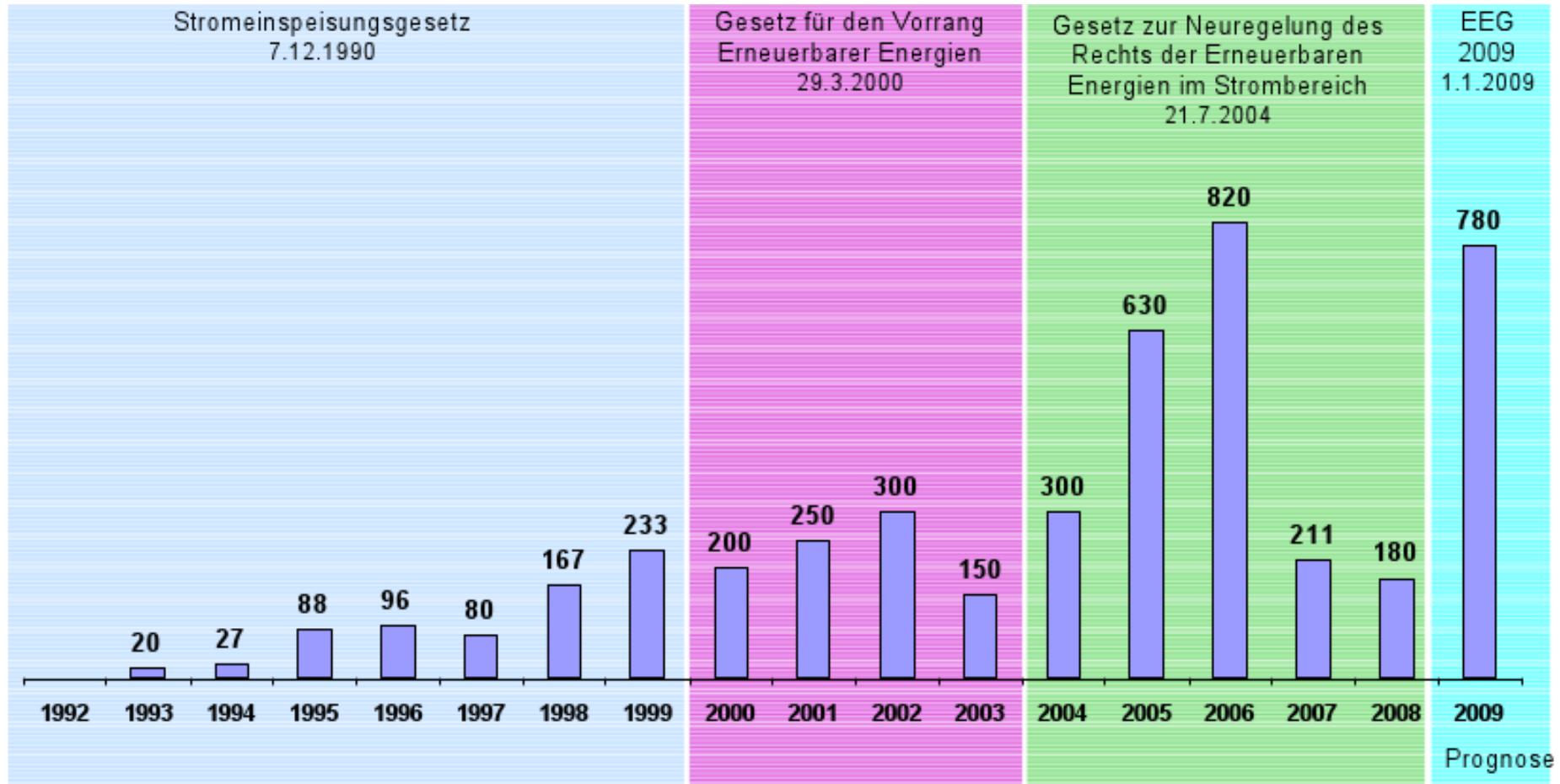
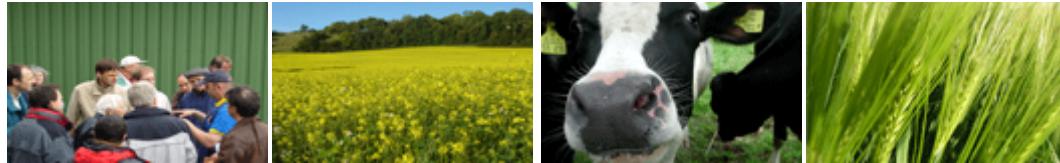


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Quelle Fachverband Biogas e.V. 2008



# Biogas Market development in Germany

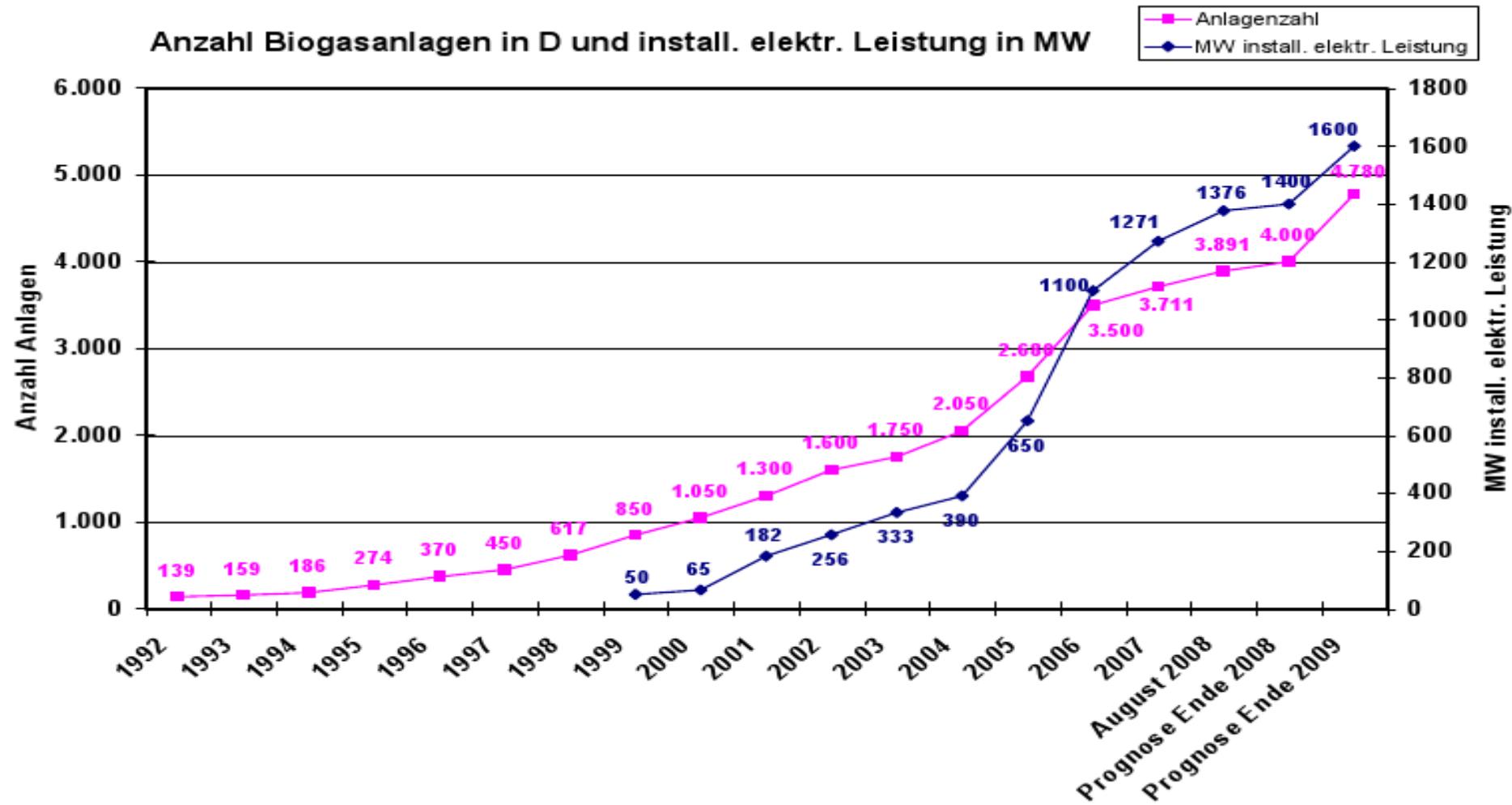


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# Reasons for Market Development

- High standards on technical development
  - ✓ Different standadized types of digesters and plant technologies
  - ✓ Consolidation of Dry Fermentation Technology
  - ✓ Automatisation of system control and operation
- Enabling environment & economic incentives
- Fixed Feed in Tarrifs guaranteed for 20 Years, Energy Crop Bonus
- Regulated grid access at reasonable cost



# Market Development

- Over 1000 enterprises working in the sector
- About 4600 biogas plants operating
- Technologies for upgrading to biomethane (23 projects) and biogas as transport fuel (2 projects)
- Technologies for efficient use of thermal energy
- Advanced technologies for sludge treatment and its application as fertilizer



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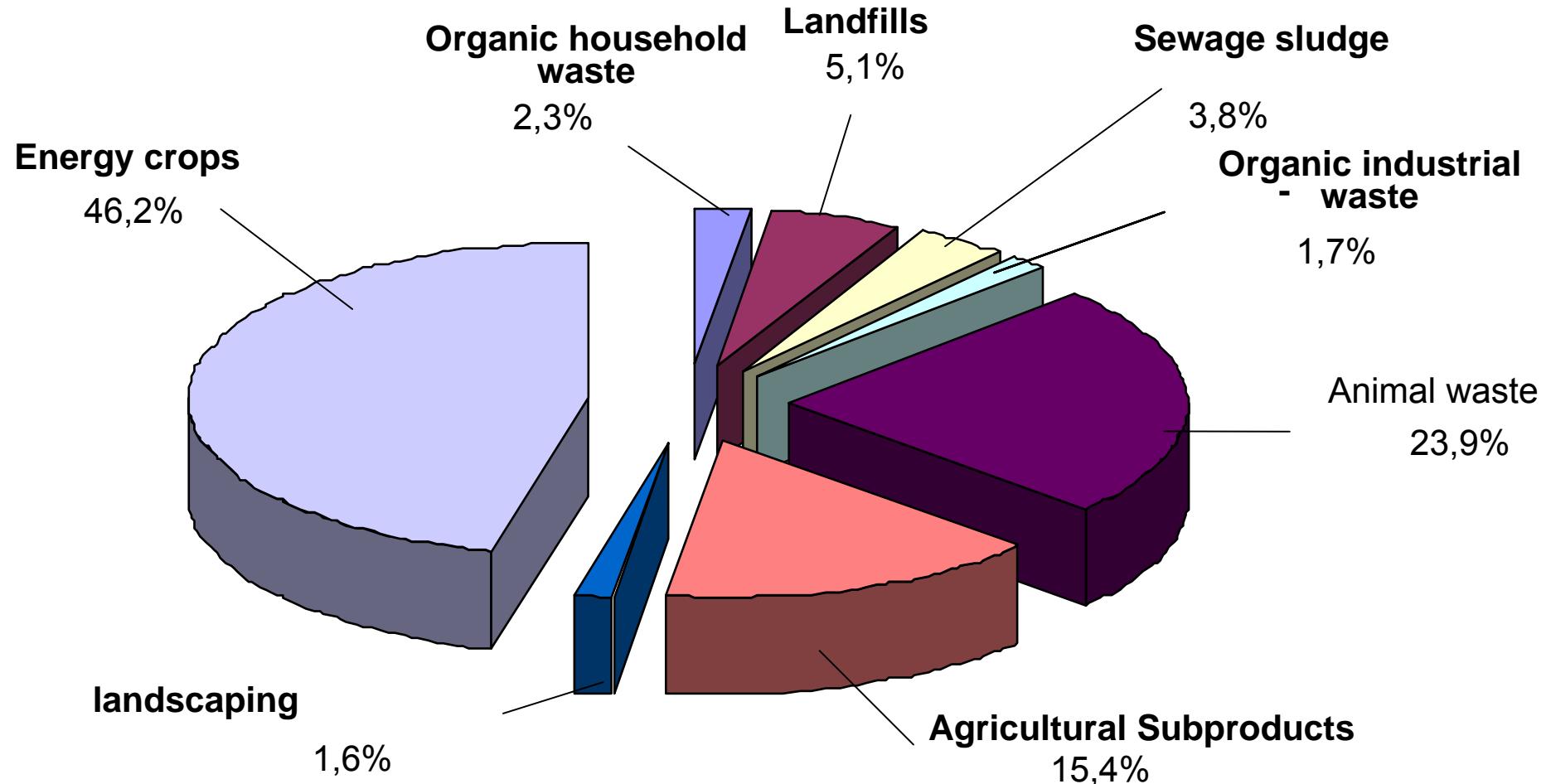
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# Biogas from Energy Crops in Germany

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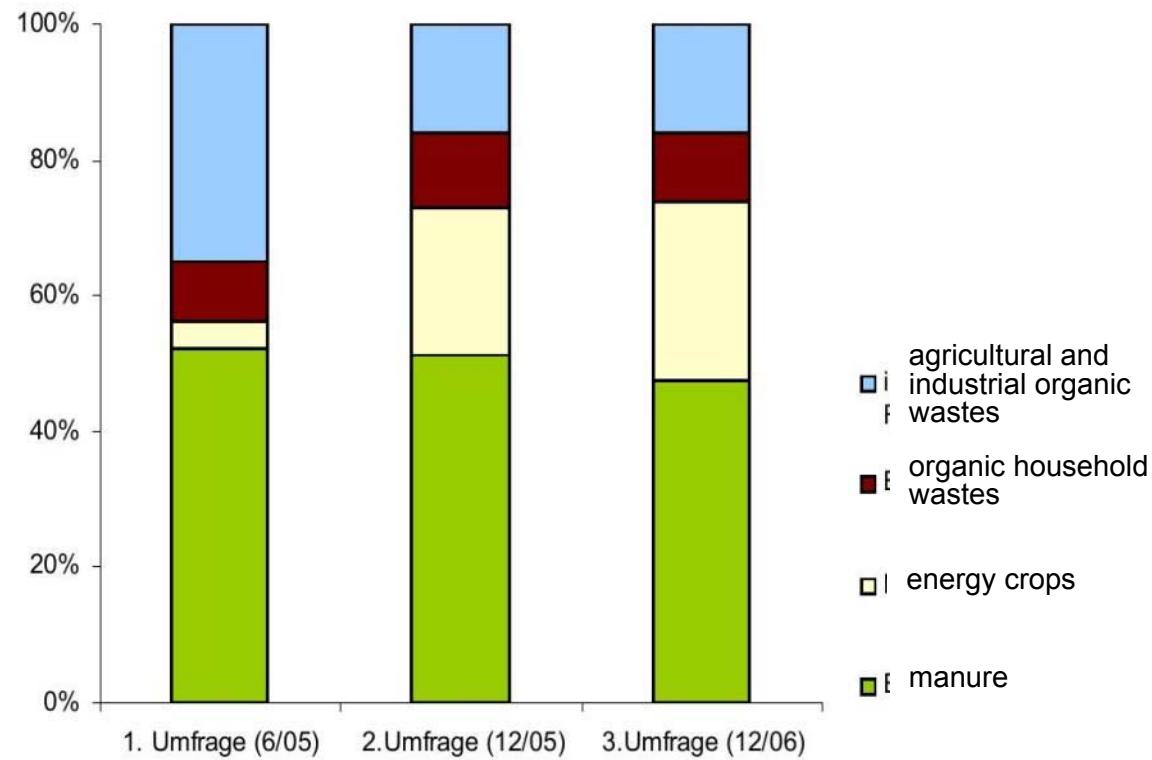
In total: 24 Bln m<sup>3</sup> Biogas: 50 Mio. MWh electricity and 72 Mio. MWh heat



## Feedstock for Biogas Production in Germany



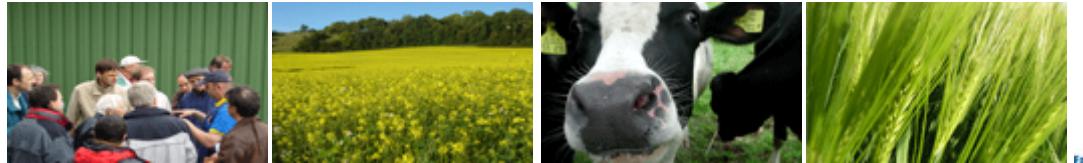
## Status Quo: feedstock



Tendencies since 2005 :

- Strong increase in the use of energy crops (> 26%, on 500,000 ha)
- Corn at first place (> 80% of the land that is used for biogas crops)
- Optimized pre-treatment of substrates in order to improve biogas production .

source: IEL, 2007



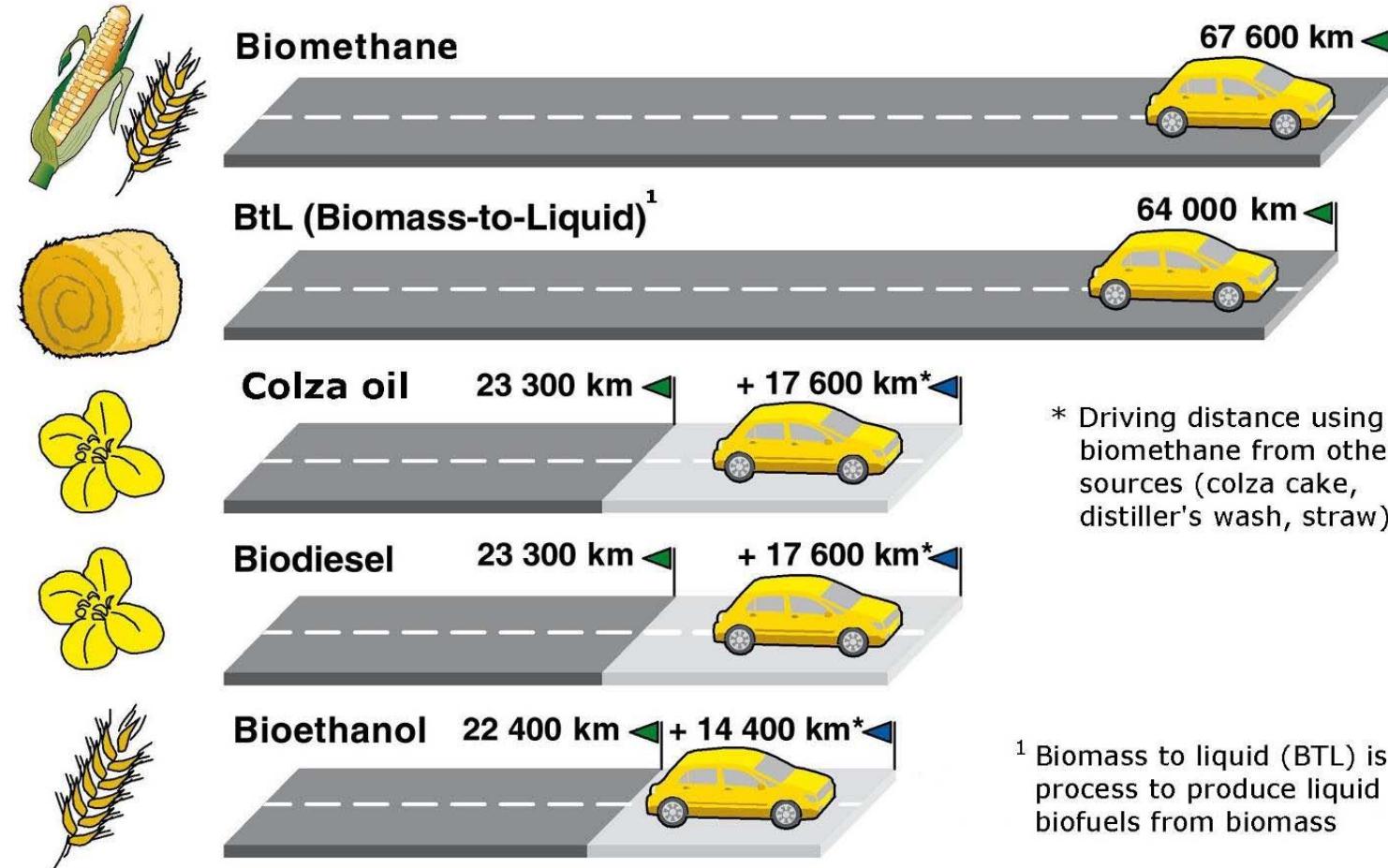
# Different efficient ways to produce energy from biomass

Process	Energy yield		Average	
rape to bio-diesel	45 GJ/ha	55 GJ/ha	50 GJ/ha	38%
starch to ethanol	50 GJ/ha	53 GJ/ha	52 GJ/ha	39%
lignocellulose to ethanol	35 GJ/ha	65 GJ/ha	50 GJ/ha	38%
lignocellulose to biogas	105 GJ/ha	160 GJ/ha	133 GJ/ha	100%

Source: Institute for Energy and Environment, Leipzig, 2007: Kosten und Ökobilanzen von Biokraftstoffen



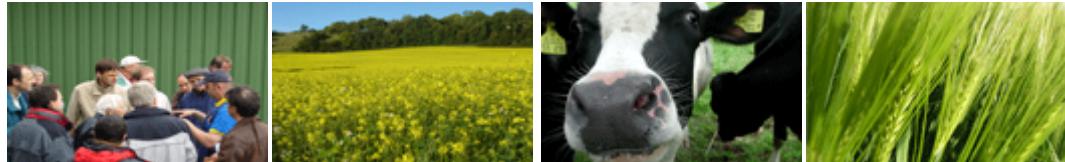
## Driving distance of an automobile using fuel of 1 ha of cultivable land



\* Driving distance using biomethane from other sources (colza cake, distiller's wash, straw)

<sup>1</sup> Biomass to liquid (BTL) is a process to produce liquid biofuels from biomass

Automobile fuel consumption: Otto 7,4 l/100 km, Diesel 6,1 l/100 km



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## Biogas Market perspectives

1. Biomethane is
  - like natural gas - but produced locally
  - like natural gas - but with guaranteed supply
  - like natural gas - but always economical

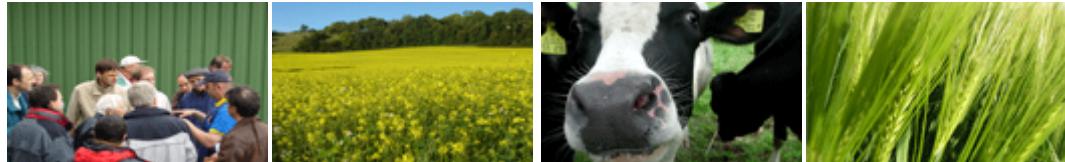
### 1. Potential:

- 10 Billion m<sup>3</sup> produced on 10% of agricultural land (with an energetic yield of 62.000 kWh/ha)
- options to improve up to : 100.000 kWh/ha
- 16 Billion m<sup>3</sup> de biomethane (corresponding to 50% of the gas imports from Russia)<sup>1</sup>
- Up to 17% of the consumed electricity
- Up to 20% of the consumed natural gas
- Up to 35% of the consumed transport fuel

### 3. Energy crops present most of the potential.

### 4. Promissing results with crops cultivated especially for biogas production

Quelle: BMU



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## Sector Perspectives

- The amended Renewable Energy Law focuses on thermal efficiency, ecology and emission reduction of 12.5% until 2010
- From January 2009 on, new regulations for feed-in-grid EEG of biogas: more incentives for agricultural biogas plants and for the treatment of waste
- Since April 2008 GasNet Feed in Ordinance GasNZVO, Gas Feed in Law in preparation GEG
- Governmental goal: until 2030 at least 10% of biogas contained in the natural gas grid



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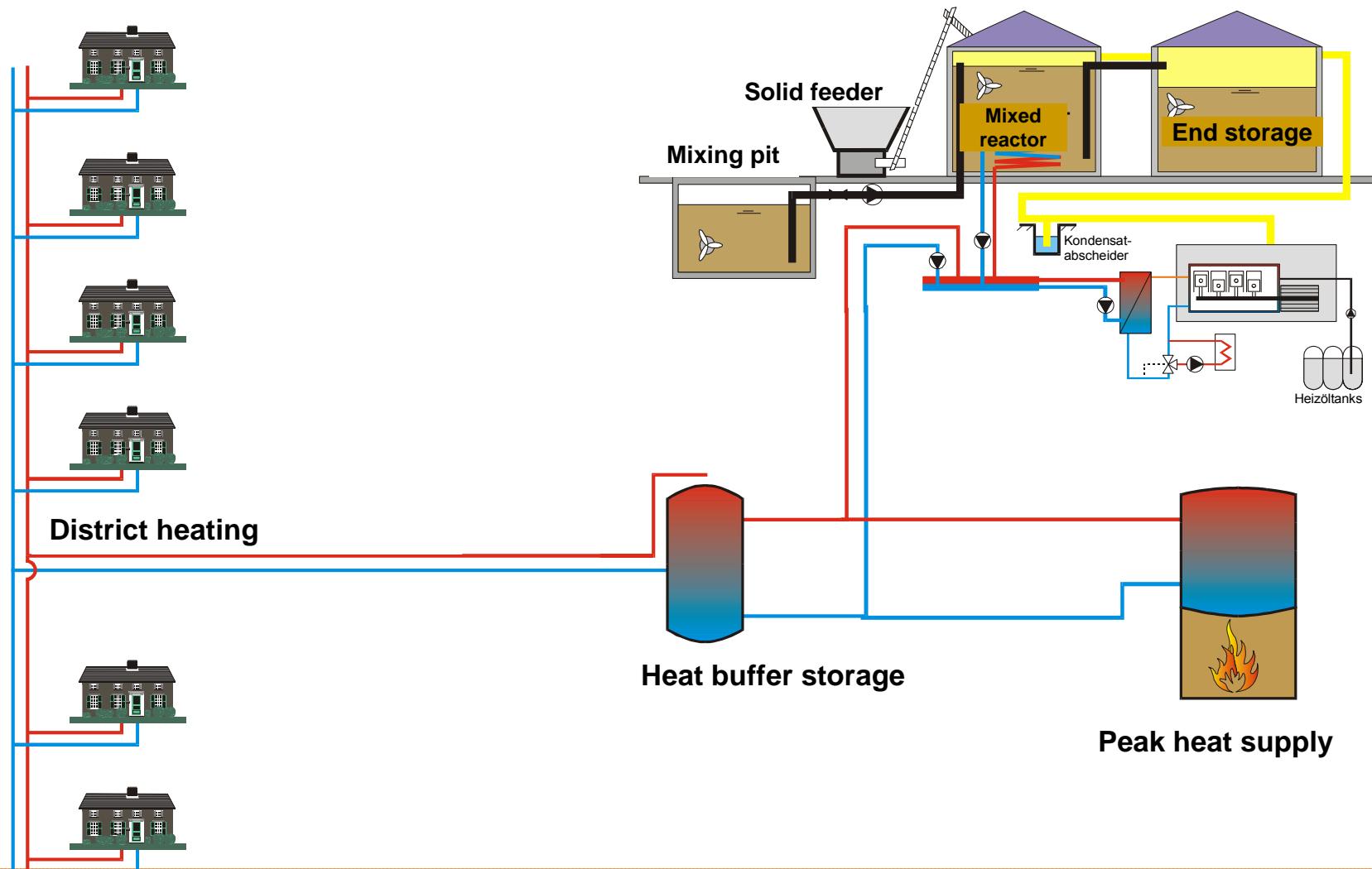
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# Components of a biogas plant with CHP unit





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## Biogas Plant Thomas Karle - Kupferzell



### General Information

- In operation since 2001
- Added new plant in 2004
- Gas turbine and sludge drying system(2007)
- Agricultural area: aprox. 100 ha

### Substrates

- Liquid manure (cattle)
- Corn sillage
- Oat sillage
- Harvest and production waste (DM~15%)

### Technical description

- Digester : **1 x 600 m<sup>3</sup>**
- Digester (new plant) : **1 x 1600 m<sup>3</sup>**
- Storage tank (covered w/ double memb): **2000 m<sup>3</sup>**
- Feed-in system for substrate: **45 m<sup>3</sup>**
- CHP: **MDE gas motor 320 kWel**
- Microgas turbinrs (2): **130 kWel**
- Heat surplus production: “**electrical pig**” using greenhouse system for electrical drying of sludge



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## Biogas Plant Gebke



### Substrates

Green sillage: **27 t/d**

Corn sillage: **4.7 t/d**

Cattle manure: **2 m<sup>3</sup>/d**

Agricultural land: **75 ha (greenland) + 7 ha (corn)**

### Production data

Volume of Biogas: **7300 m<sup>3</sup>/d**

CH4 content: **53.- %**

CHP: **CES – MAN gas motor**

Electrical capacity: **500kW**

### Technical Description

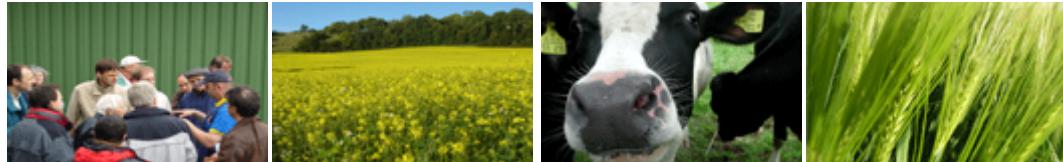
Volume digester: **2 x 1,000 m<sup>3</sup>**

Post-digester : **1000 m<sup>3</sup>**

Temp. of operation: **48 °C**

Sludge storage: **3600 m<sup>3</sup>**

Installed electrical capacity: **500 kWel.**



# Dry Fermentation Plant (**Biomassehof Langenau**)



Investment Costs: **1.9 Mio. Euros**

## Substrate

Landscaping: **4.000 t/a**

Corn sillage: **8.000 t/a**

Green and Grain Sillage: **2.000 t/a**

Cultivated land: **150-200 ha energy crops.**

## Production data

Electricity input for operation: **aprox.2%**

CHP: **(3) MAN 180 kWel. c/u**

Electricity production: **4,050 MWh/a (7.500 h. operation/a)**

Use of surplus heat: **Wood drying, District heating (planned)**

## Technical Description

Garage Digester: **7 x 500 m<sup>3</sup>**

Percolation Tank: **320 m<sup>3</sup>**

Gas container (2 hours full CHP): **600 m<sup>3</sup>**

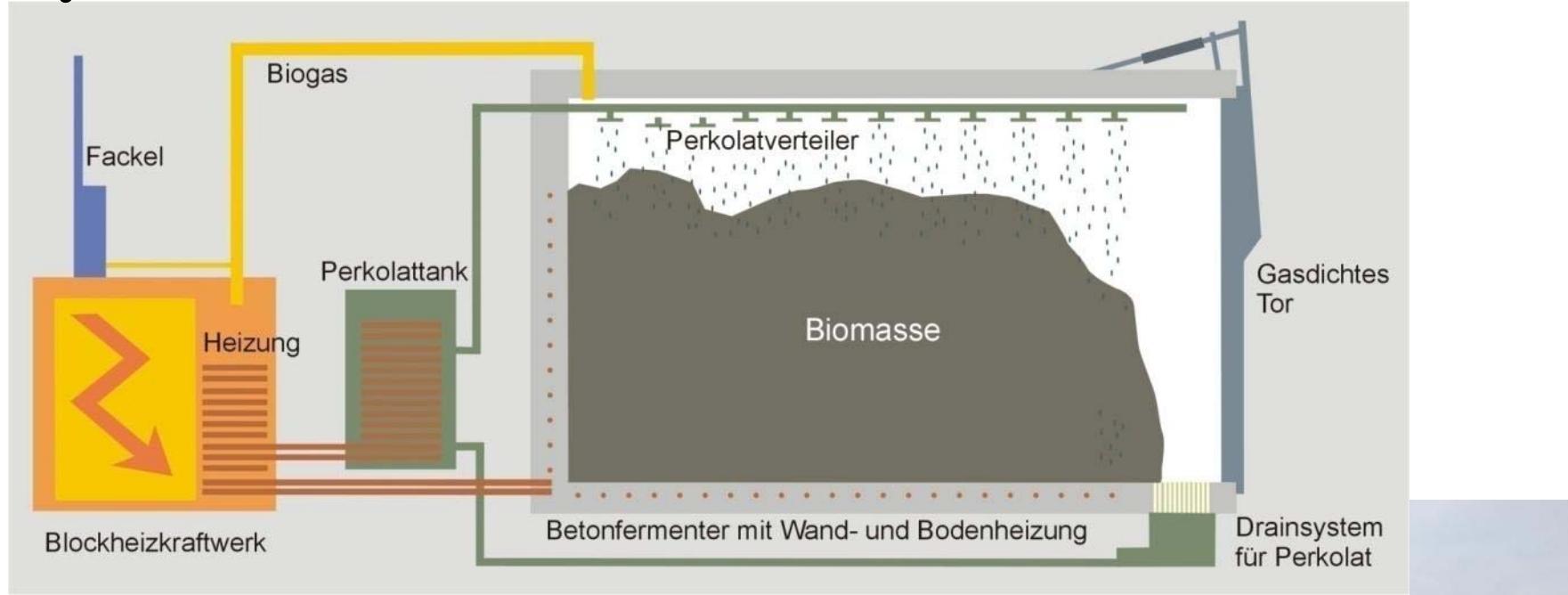
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## Dry Fermentation of Biomass[DS > 20%]



„garage type“ digester  
(BEKON, 2005)





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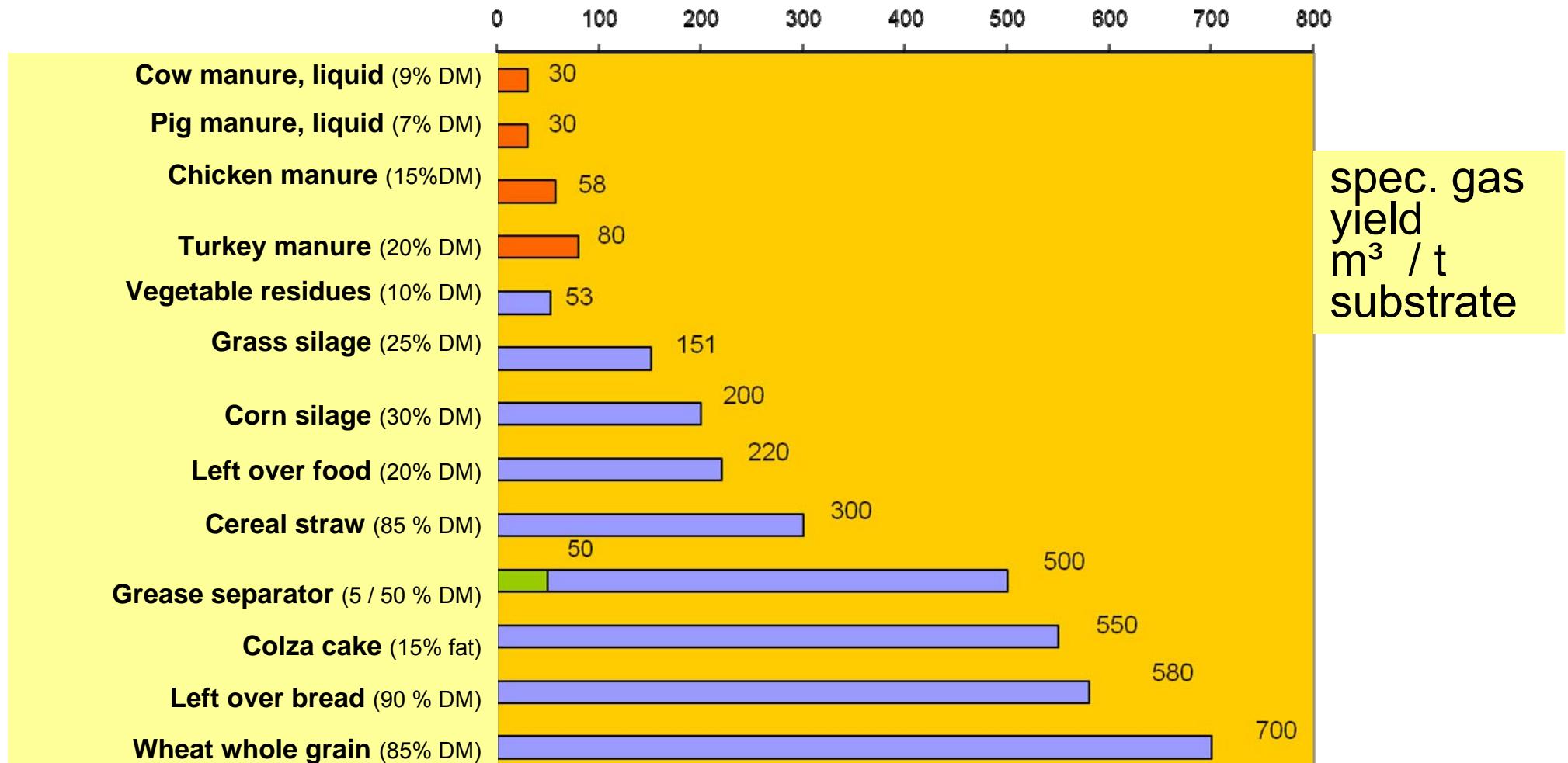
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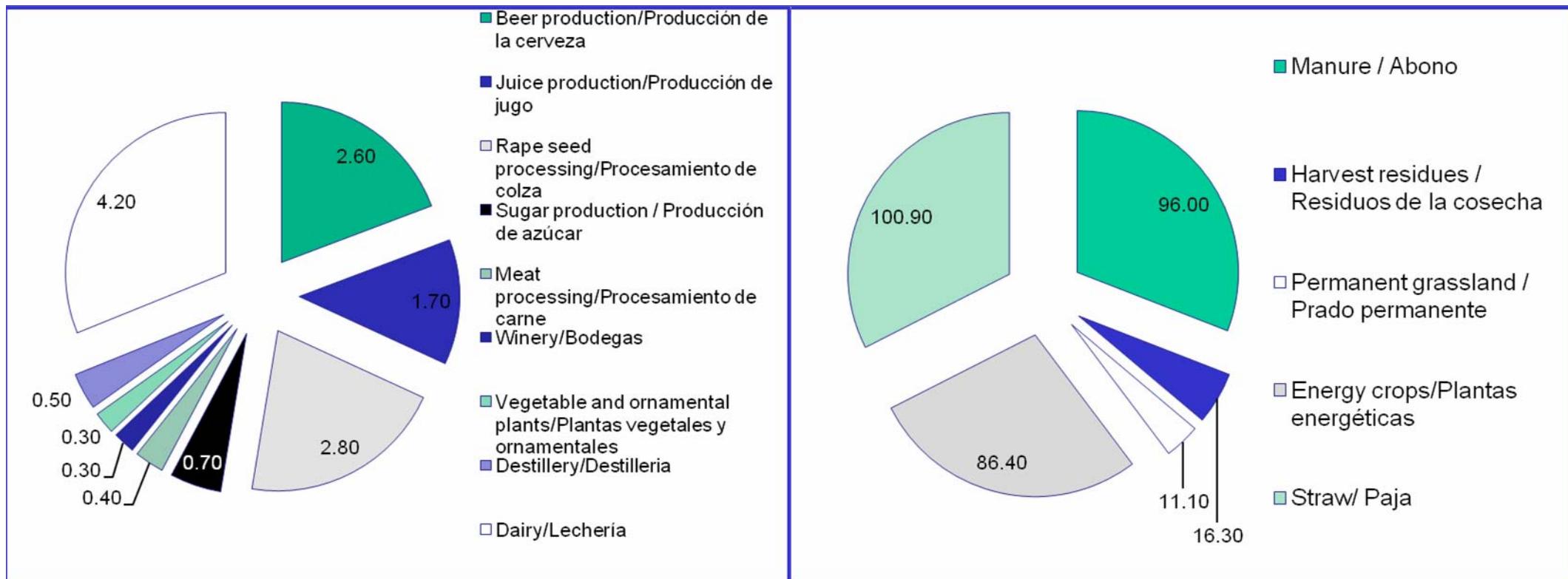
## Gas yields from different substrates



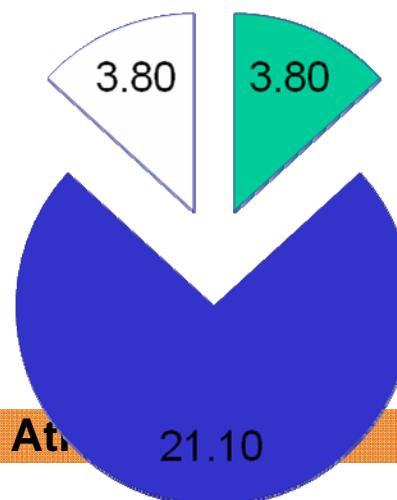
# Industrial waste



# Agricultural residues



# Biodegradable Municipal waste



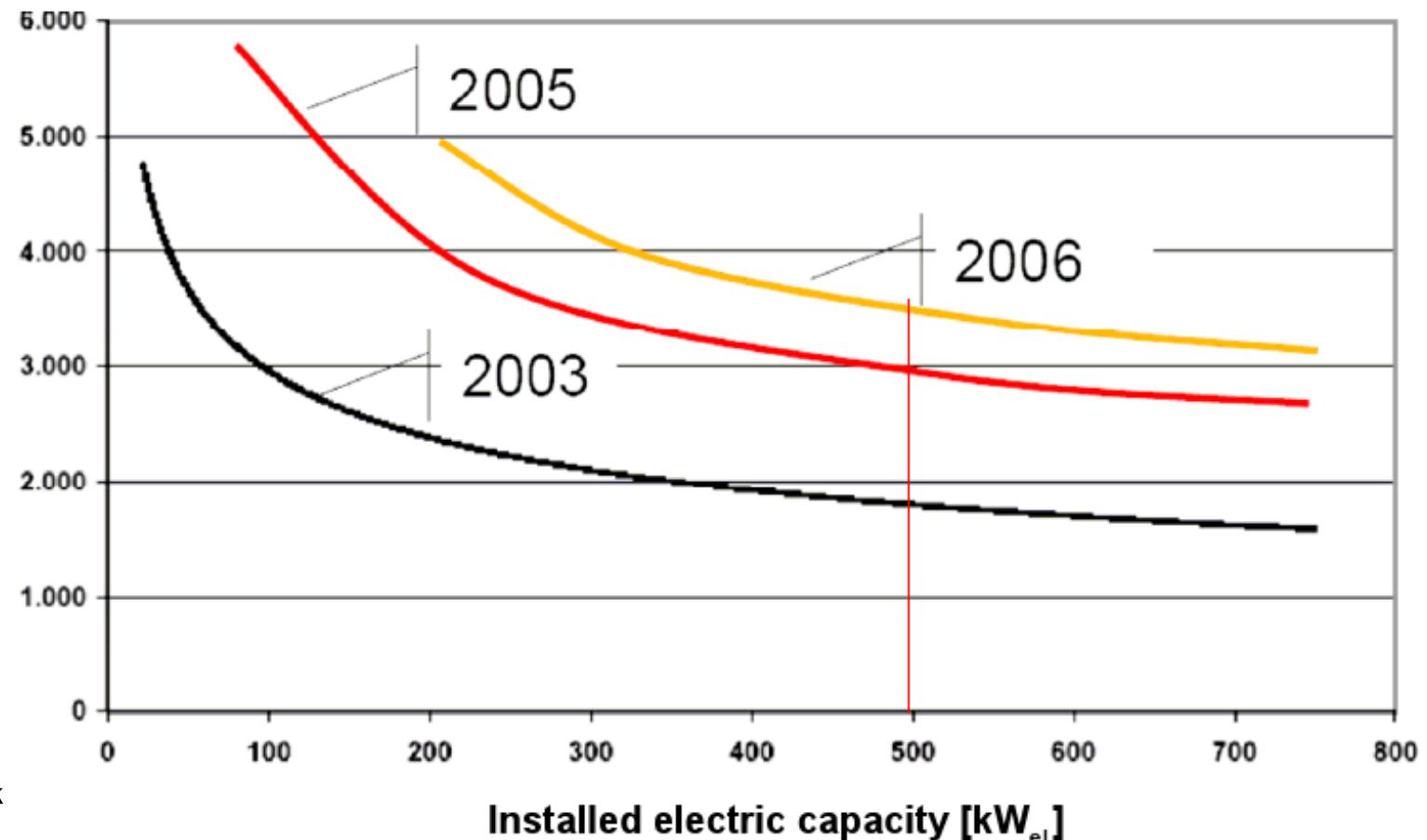


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# Investment costs of a biogas plant

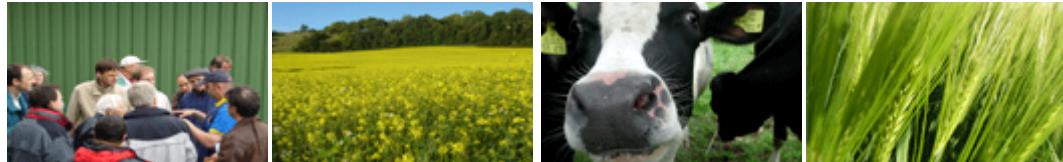
Spec. investment costs €/kW<sub>el</sub>



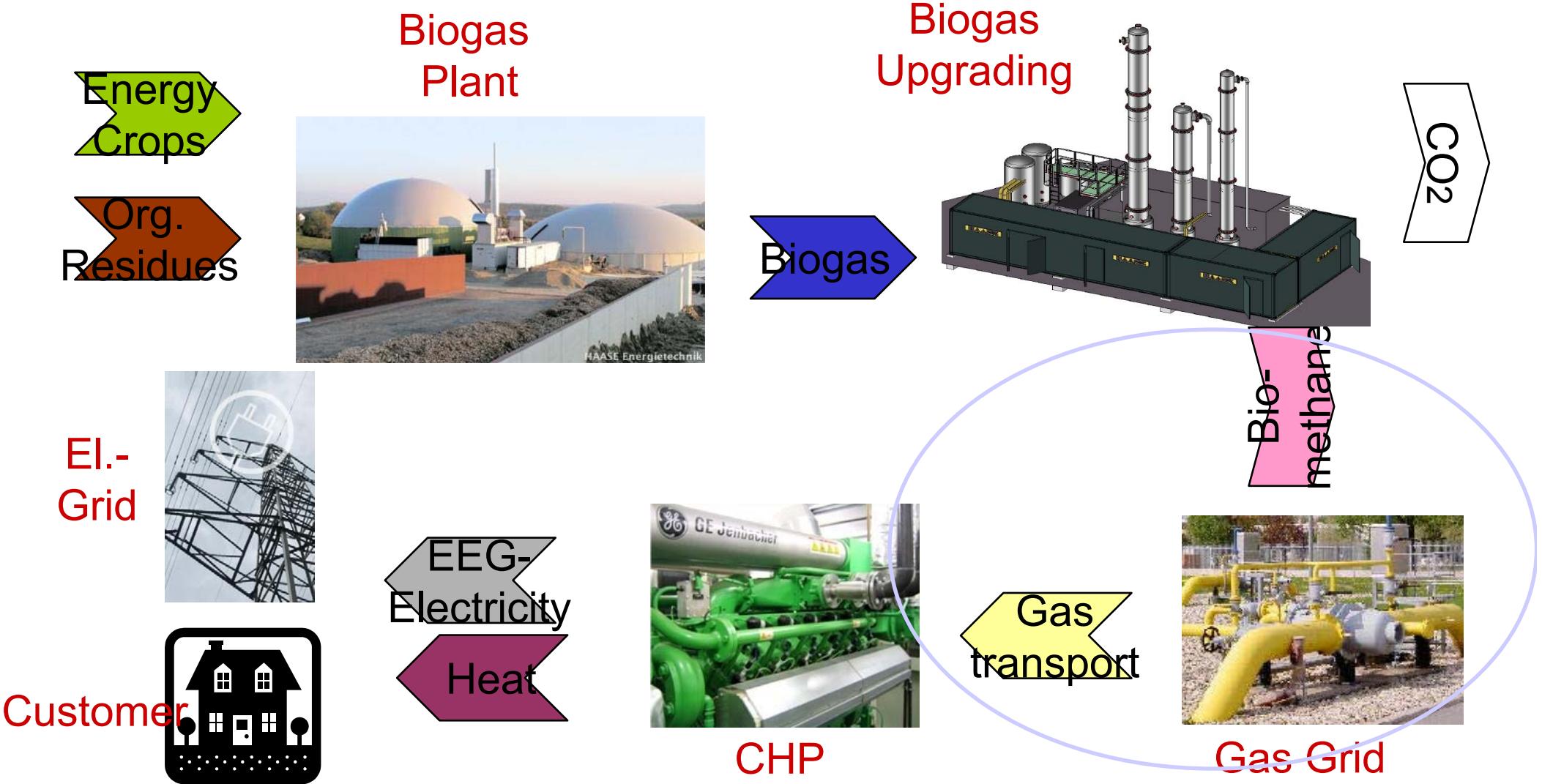
Quelle: DZ-Bank

Installed electric capacity [kW<sub>el</sub>]

Source: DZ-Bank



# Example Biogas Upgrading and CHP

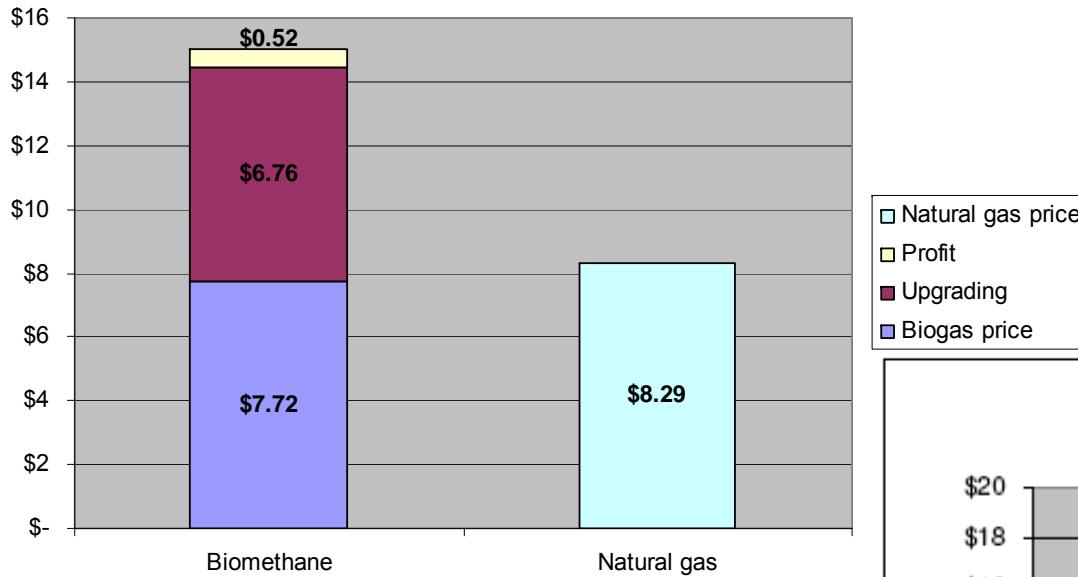




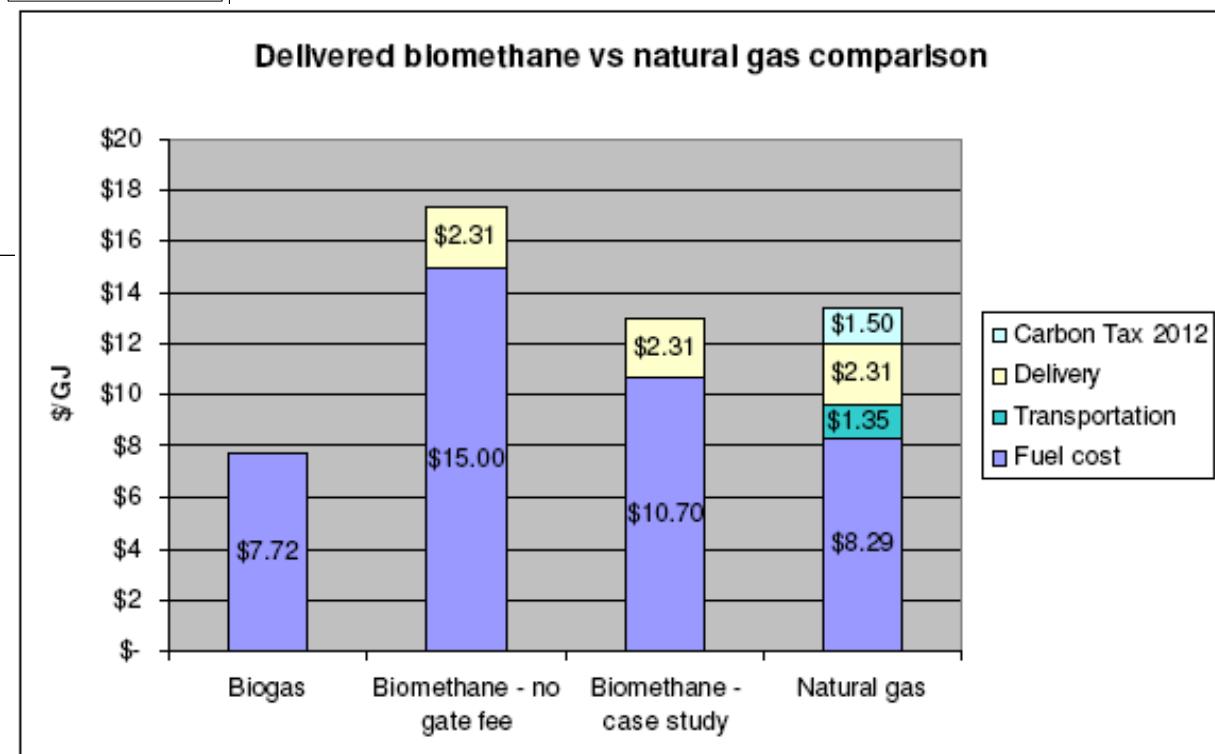
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Worst case biomethane pricing



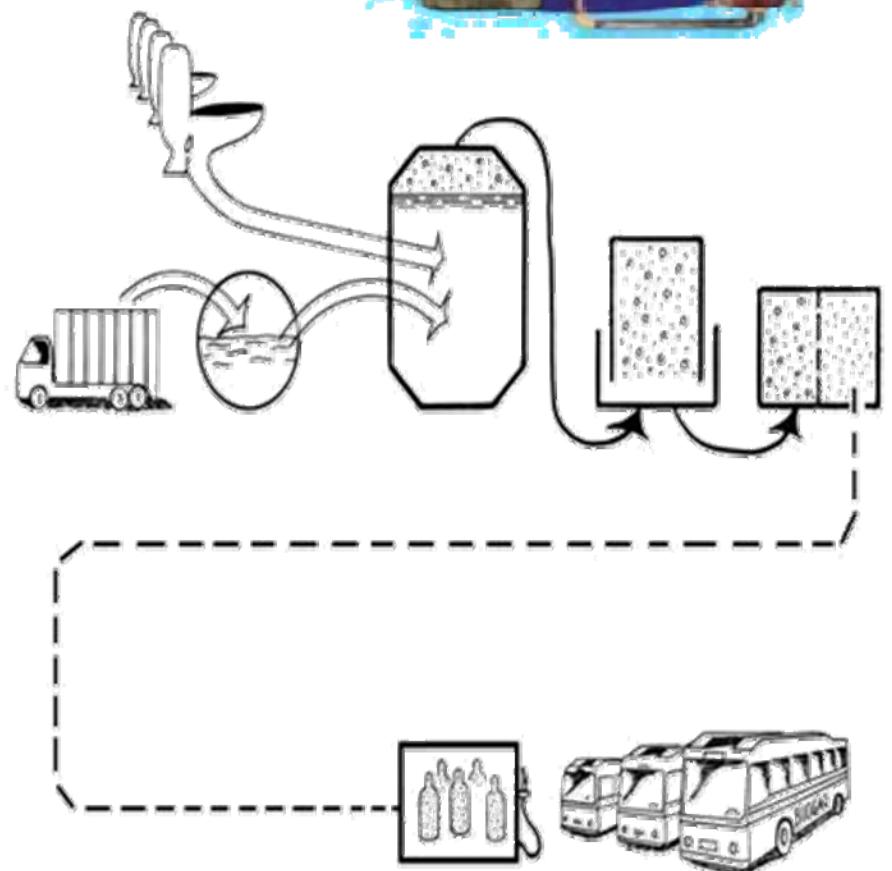
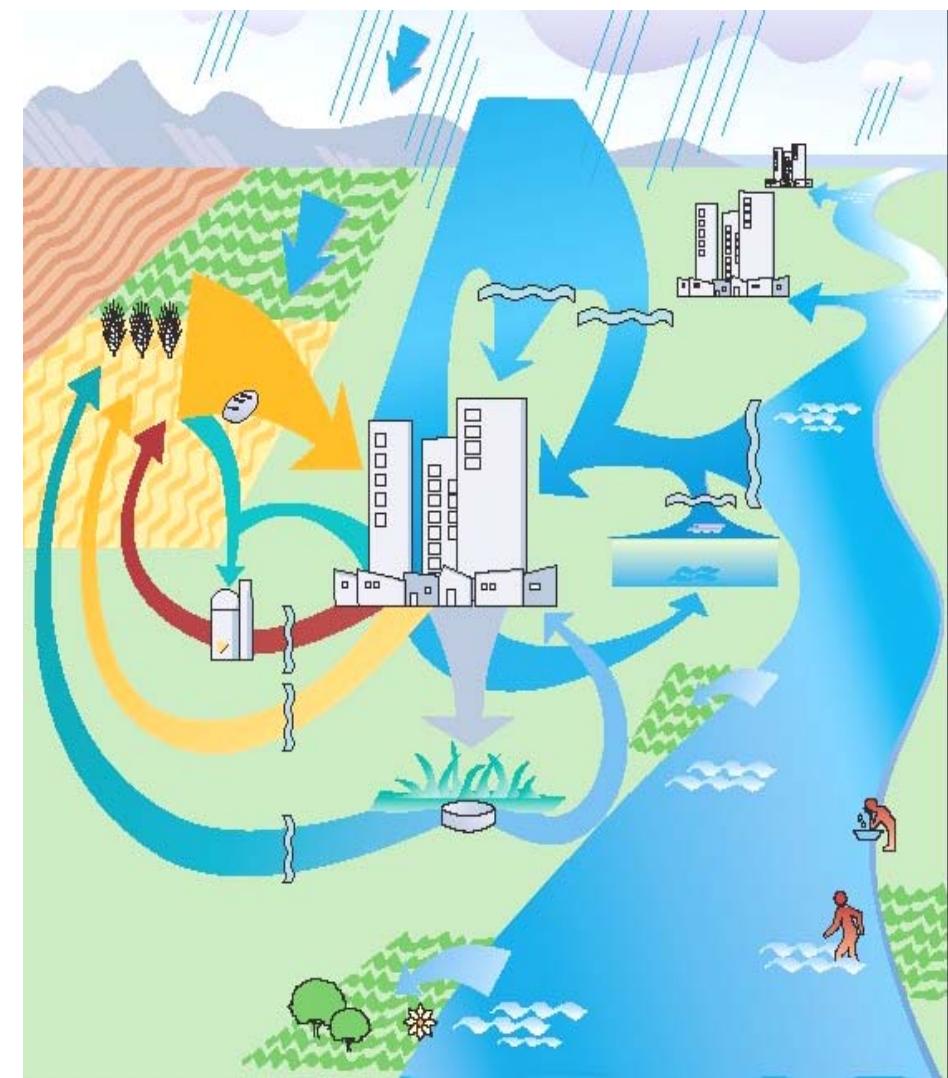
## Economy of Biomethane Example Canada





# German Feed in Tariff for Electricity from Biogas in € cent/kWh; fixed for 20 years

	EEG 2000	EEG 2004	EEG 2009
<b>Basic Compensation up to 150 KW</b>	<b>10 ct</b>	<b>11,5 ct</b>	<b>11,67 ct</b>
150 – 500 KW	10 ct	9,9 ct	9,18 ct
over 500 KW	9 ct	8,9 ct	8,25 ct
<b>Energy Crop - Bonus</b>	-	<b>6 ct</b>	<b>7 ct</b>
<b>Manure-Bonus (&gt; 30%) to 150 KW</b>	-	-	<b>4 ct</b>
150 – 500 KW	-	-	<b>1 ct</b>
<b>Technology Bonus</b>	-	<b>2 ct</b>	<b>2 ct</b>
<b>Landscape Maintenance Grass Bonus (&gt; 50%)</b>		-	<b>2 ct</b>
<b>Formaldehyd Emission Limit Bonus (only BimSch-Anlagen &lt; 500 KW)</b>			<b>1 ct</b>
<b>Heat Utilisation-Bonus</b>	-	<b>2 ct</b>	<b>3 ct</b>
<b>Degression</b> <b>BIG&lt;EAST Mobilisation Campaign, Athens</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,5% (only Basic C also Boni)</b>	<b>1%</b> <b>20.10.2009</b>





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