

Packaged CHP Accelerator Webinar
CHP and Controlled Environment Agriculture
September 22, 2021

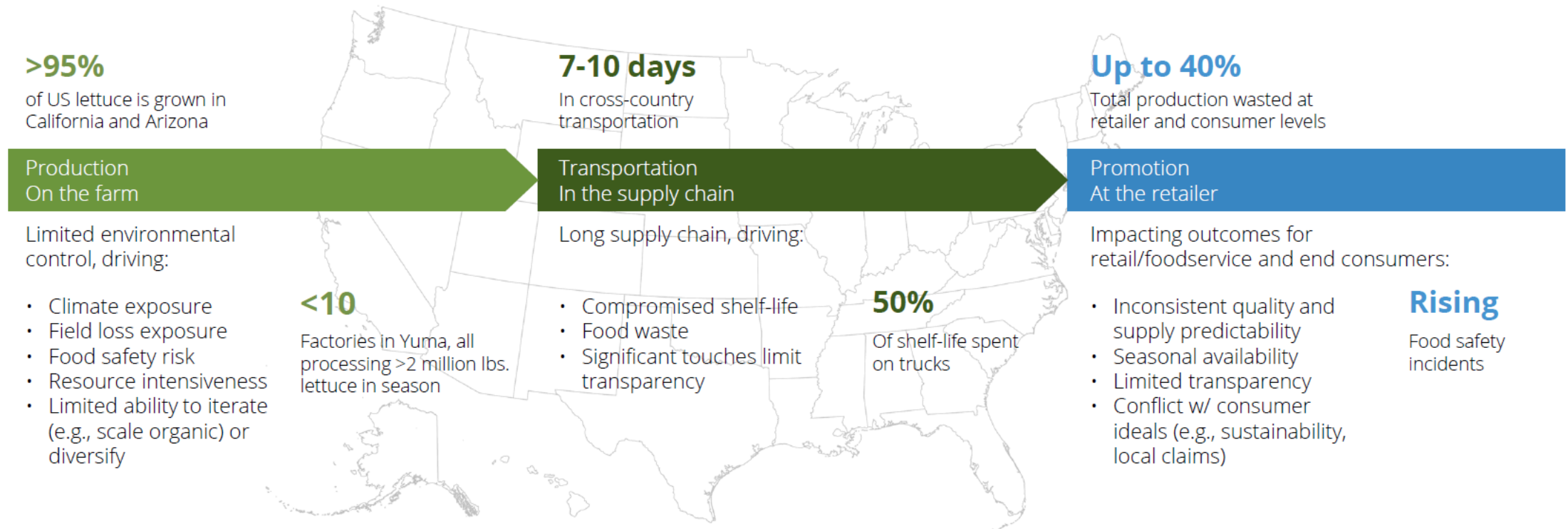
Agenda

- Introduction
- Controlled Environment Agriculture Overview – Richard Sweetser
- Case Study: Houweling's Tomatoes – Aaron Tasin
- Case Study: Intergrow – Dick Kramp
- Packaged CHP eCatalog Update

Richard Sweetser
Exergy Partners, Corp

Food challenges are driven by limitations of outdoor production and consumer geography

Example: Lettuce

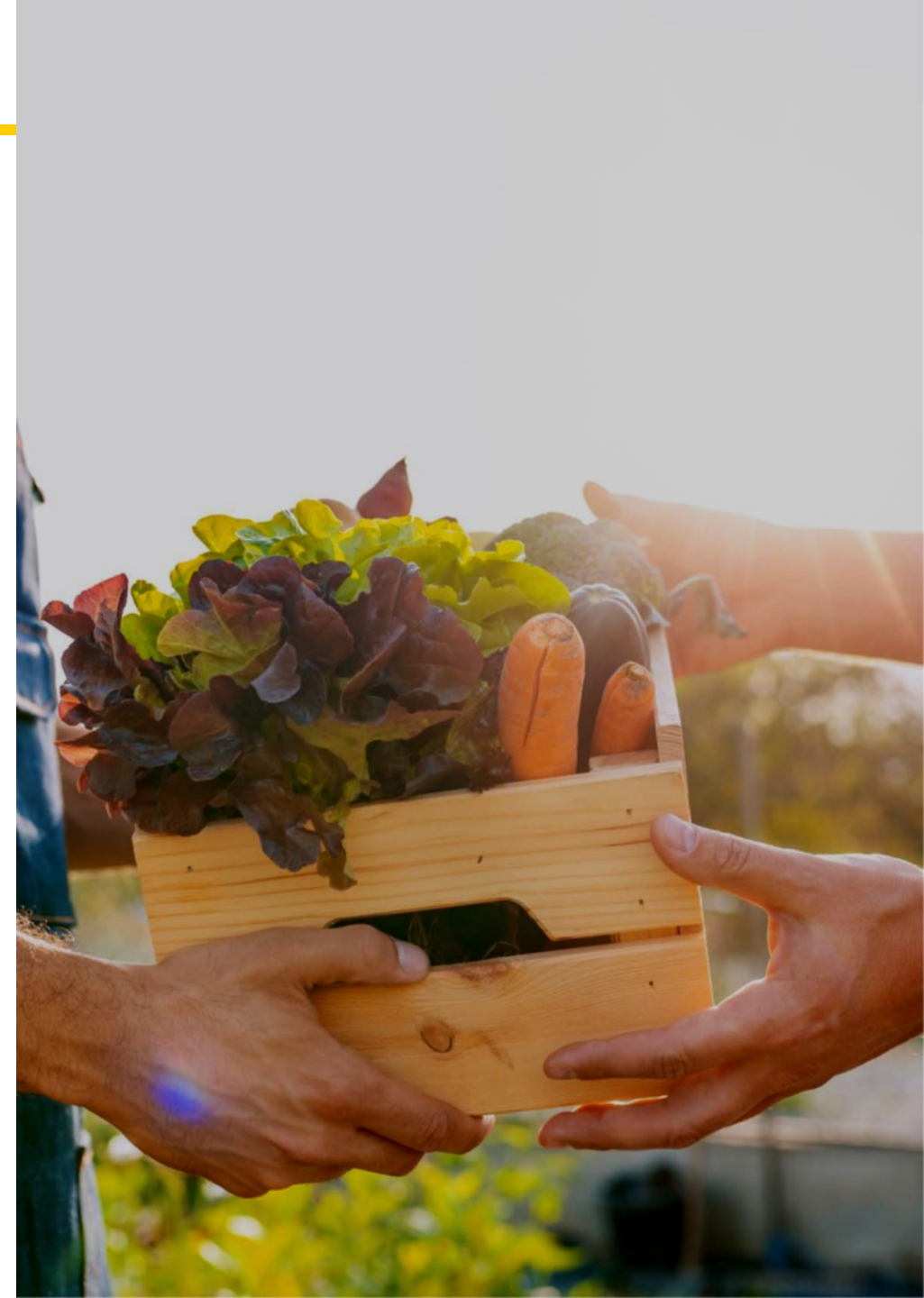


Food Waste

- About 16% of food in North America is lost during processing and distribution, according to UN estimates.¹
- 2-5% of all food products are lost because buyers reject shipments due to cosmetic imperfections, surplus, or other issues like improper transportation or handling.¹
- 10% or 43 billion pounds of food in grocery stores will never make it off the shelf. For produce, about 12% of fruit and 11.5% of vegetables are never sold.¹
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimates the value of food loss for retailers and consumers each year to be over \$161 billion.¹
- EPA estimates that over 75 billion pounds of food waste reaches landfills and combustion facilities annually, constituting 22% of discarded municipal solid waste.¹ This food waste is a significant contributor to GHG emissions.

¹ <https://www.questrmg.com/2019/08/08/food-waste-statistics-the-reality-of-food-waste/>

² https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-09/documents/epafoodwaste_factsheet_2019-11.pdf

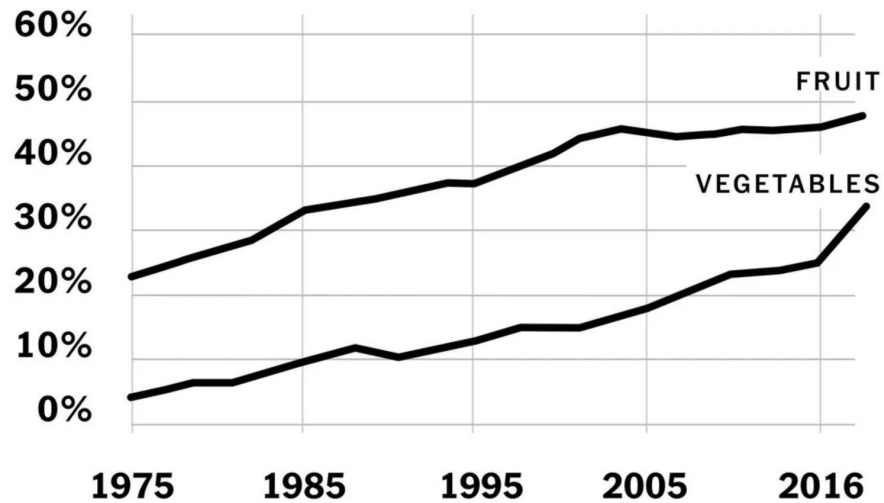


Food security for the US

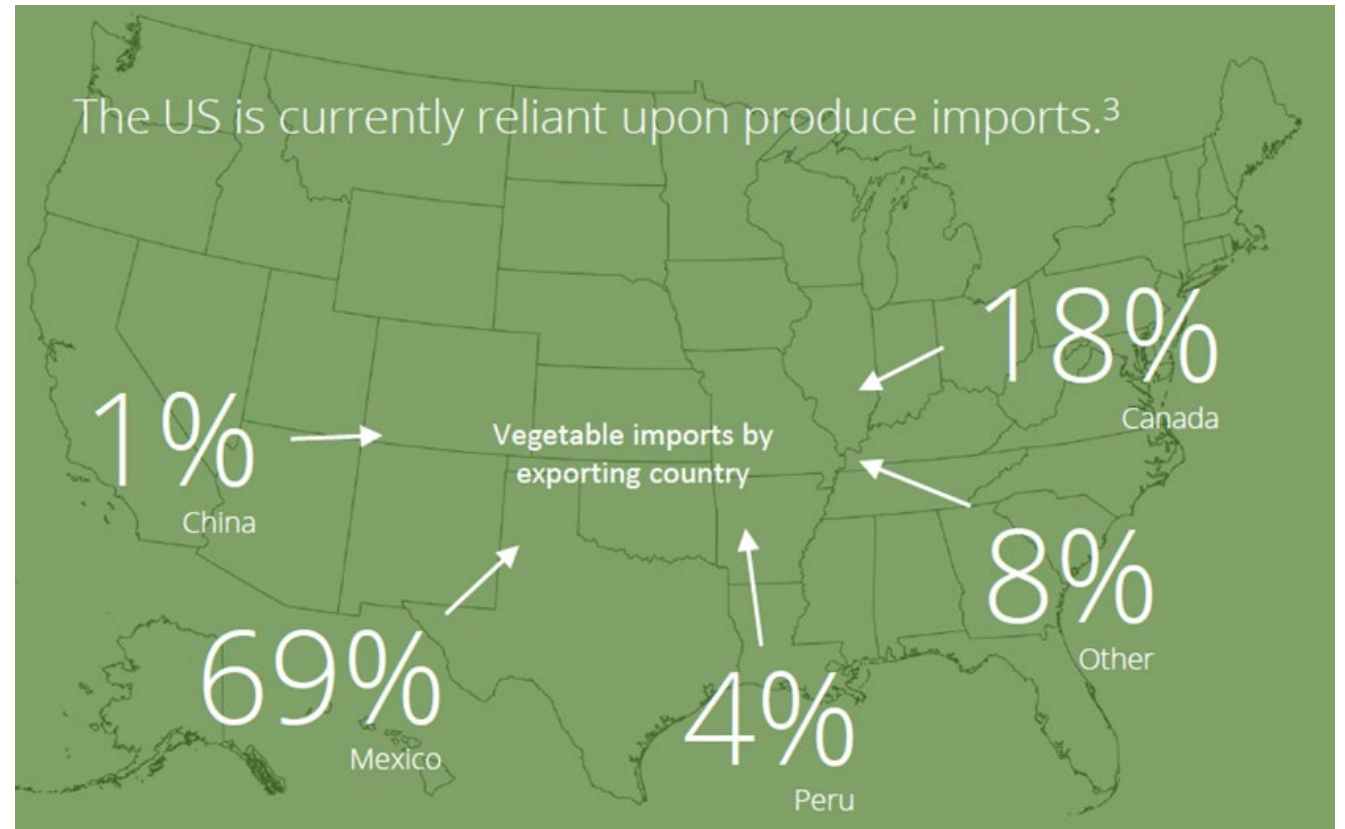
53% of Fresh Fruit and 32% of Fresh Vegetables are Imported and Imports are Growing Significantly

A steady rise in imports, over four decades

Percentage of total U.S. sales of fresh fruit and vegetables



Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/13/dining/fruit-vegetables-imports.html>



Source s2gventures: Growing Beyond the Hype

Controlled Environmental Agriculture (CEA)

- Modern day semi-closed greenhouses and vertical farms provide an enclosed growing **environment that can be controlled year-round**. This allows for intensive agriculture with much **greater annual yields** than outdoor field production.
- Controlled environment includes **lighting, heating, cooling and dehumidification**. Heating is most commonly created by distributing hot water throughout the facility.



CEA and Combined Heat and Power (CHP)

CHP can provide hot water, chilled water for vertical farms and greenhouses. Greenhouse can also use hot clean exhaust gas heat and CO₂ dosing to increase crop yield and reduce CO₂ emissions.* CHP is seen as a sustainable pathway for CEA to offset the high lighting and space conditioning loads when compared to field farming plus transportation. CEA with CHP can substantially reduce food's carbon footprint today using NG and RNG. Many of today's CHP systems are technically ready for hydrogen and other no carbon fuels being developed.



Semi-Closed Glass Greenhouse



Vertical Farm

* exhaust gas heat and CO₂ dosing is for semi-closed greenhouses

CEA Directly Supports 13 of 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals

 <p>1 NO POVERTY</p>	A growing CEA industry can provide year round jobs that can lift people out of poverty.	 <p>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p>	A growing CEA industry can provide year round jobs that can lift people out of poverty. CEA jobs more stable and better than seasonable farm labor jobs.	 <p>13 CLIMATE ACTION</p>	VFs and GHs with CHP can substantially reduce food's carbon footprint today using NG and RNG. Today's CHP systems are ready for hydrogen and other no carbon fuels.	 <p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</p>
 <p>2 ZERO HUNGER</p>	Higher crop yields (15 [GH] to 390 [VF] times conventional land based farming) requires less space. VFs can be located anywhere.	 <p>9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</p>	U.S. VF industry has prompted significant investment and farming innovation. U.S. GH industry is less developed, but is rapidly growing in investment and innovation.	 <p>14 LIFE BELOW WATER</p>	Agricultural runoff is a major polluter of streams, rivers, lakes, water sheds and oceans. CEA can eliminate this issue.	 <p>5 GENDER EQUALITY</p>
 <p>3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</p>	VFs and GHs can facilitate increased consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables essential for good nutrition.	 <p>10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p>	VF industry, in particular, can focus in on city centers largely where lower socioeconomic groups live and work. This provides good jobs and good food at the same time.	 <p>15 LIFE ON LAND</p>	CEA can substantially increase fruit and vegetable yields without requiring more agricultural land or deforestation.	 <p>16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p>
 <p>6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION</p>	VFs and GHs can reduce water use by 70 to 95% versus convectional farming without runoff that contributes to water pollution.	 <p>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p>	VFs can focus in on city centers and GHs can locate near urban communities using a smaller footprint than conventional farms supplying consistent food sources despite volatile weather.			 <p>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</p>
 <p>7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY</p>	GHs use the sun when available. VFs and GHs using CHP save energy and natural gas CHP in GHs can even use CO ₂ in exhaust to enhance crop growth.	 <p>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</p>	CEA significantly reduces food waste throughout the food chain. CHP based CEA provides responsible energy and GHG footprints for food production.			

VFs refers to Vertical Farms
GHs refers to Greenhouses

Vertical Farming Challenges



- **High start-up costs:** Costs for equipment, real estate, electricity, marketing, setting up microfarms, hardware, software, automation.
- **High Energy costs:** Requires high amount of energy to power artificial lighting, heating, cooling and dehumidification, automation, and robotics.



- **Vertical farming sector is struggling with bankruptcies**
- **Energy costs can range from 50-70% of COGS; labor costs can range from 20-30% of COGS**
- **Yield per kWh could prove to be a key indicator of the potential profitability**



- Limited range of crops which can be grown commercially and economically
- Majority of vertical farms **primarily grow leafy greens, microgreens, and / or herbs** at this stage. Few farms have also started growing fruits and vegetables such as strawberries, tomatoes, and cucumbers.



- **80% of light energy can be wasted as each crop has different threshold for optimizing photosynthesis.** For example, a sweet potato plant needs only 64% (LED) light energy for optimal photosynthesis.

High-Tech Automated	Greenhouse	Vertical Farm
Total Building Area (ft ²)	138,000	53,500
Total Growing Area (ft ²)	113,400	116928
Yield (lb/ft ² /yr)	12.2	13.03
CapEx (\$/lb/yr)	4.1	7.69
OpEx (\$/lb/yr)	0.98	1.47
Capital CapEx	\$5,671,654	11,714,748

Source: <https://www.agritecture.com/blog/2021/1/25/understanding-capital-expenses-for-vertical-farms-and-greenhouses>

Vertical Farming Status

- Vertical farms **have to pay for all the light that their crops see**, a significant added cost that often occupies high percentages of operational costs.
- In addition, a specialized **HVAC system** must be designed and implemented to **neutralize the heat emitted by the lights**. Additional **dehumidification capacity** is also required with design setpoints relative to the **transpiration rate of the crops being grown**. HVAC is often the second-highest, non-labor expenditure for VF operations and when dehumidification is added into the mix, overall HVAC operational costs can even exceed lighting electricity costs.
- **As LEDs become more efficient, less power will be required to cool the space and the economic scenario for VFs becomes more attractive as two of the highest operational costs have been reduced**
- To date, **no U.S. VFs have incorporated CHP systems**. **CHP systems can provide power, cooling and dehumidification required by the crop transpiration and even heating in cold climates to directly improve the energy operating cost and reduce GHG emissions**. Because of the VF high CapEx, PPAs might be a good solution provided the VF's finances are stable.

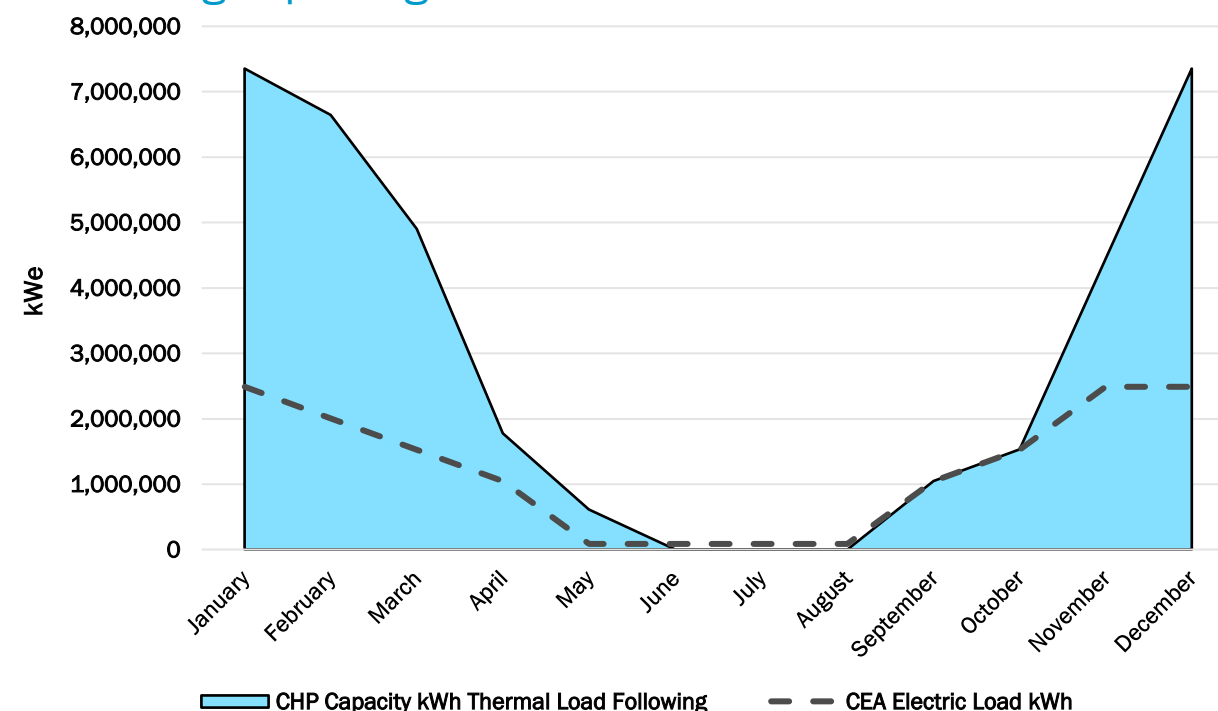
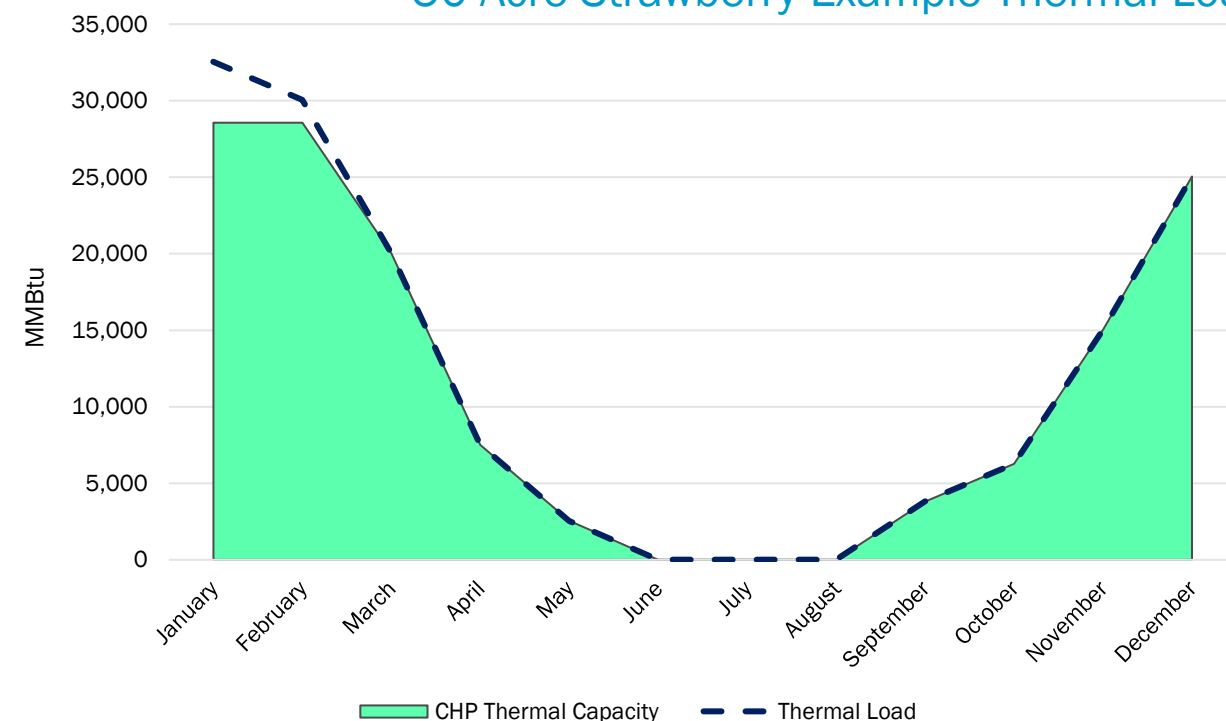
CEA Greenhouse Status

*“Globally, there are significant **early stage growth areas**, with the most **prevalent being the U.S.** When we **compare Europe, and the U.S.**, there is a large gap in adoption. The U.S. is at the forefront of technology for this sector, but still in its infancy in terms of production.”* James Archer Founder & CEO, Ag Incotech



Semi-Closed Greenhouse and CHP Challenges

50 Acre Strawberry Example Thermal Load Following Exporting to the Grid



CHP Electric Power (kWh) per year

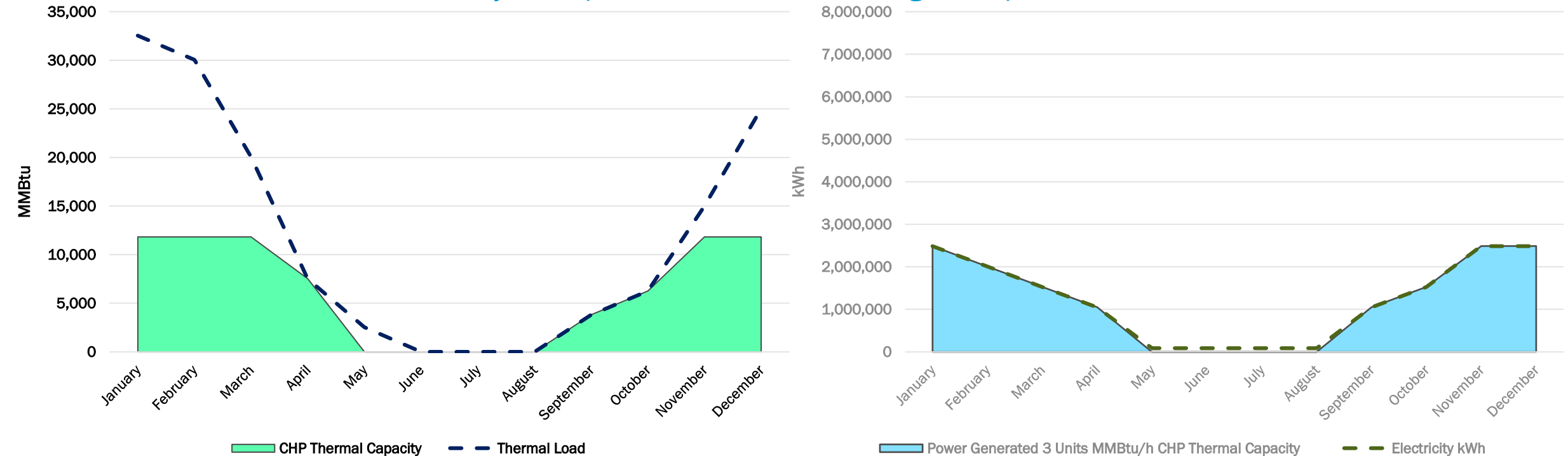
- 14,970,000 kWh serving CEA Greenhouse load
- 20,712,116 kWh exported to the grid

CO₂ Reduction per Year using Marginal PJM Grid @ 1,152 CO₂ lbs/MWh

- 61% CO₂ reduction verses BAU Boiler plus PJM Grid* at 0% CO₂ Crop Capture (11,256 tons)
- 112% CO₂ reduction verses BAU Boiler plus PJM Grid* at 50% CO₂ Crop Capture (20,564 tons)

Semi-Closed Greenhouse and CHP Challenges

50 Acre Strawberry Example Electric Load Following No Export to the Grid



CHP Electric Power (kWh) per year

- 14,620,000 kWh serving CEA Greenhouse load
- 350,000 kWh imported from the grid

CO₂ Reduction per Year using Marginal PJM Grid @ 1,152 CO₂ lbs/MWh

- 19% CO₂ reduction verses BAU Boiler plus PJM Grid* at 0% CO₂ Crop Capture (3,519 tons)
- 44% CO₂ reduction verses BAU Boiler plus PJM Grid* at 50% CO₂ Crop Capture (7,993 tons)

Comparing Electric and Thermal Load Following

- Thermal load following CEA Greenhouse CHP reduced CO₂ emission by a factor of ~3.20 (by 7,737 tons) over electric load following with no crop CO₂ uptake.
- Thermal load following CEA Greenhouse CHP reduced CO₂ emission by a factor of ~2.57 (by 12,571 tons) over electric load following with 50% crop CO₂ uptake.
- Keys to accelerating CEA Greenhouse with thermal load following CHP is to value the low carbon energy that CEA Greenhouses can provide, For example:
 - Allow net metering for CHP systems applied to CEA greenhouses because of low carbon energy production with several pathways to no carbon energy generation,
 - Establish feed-in tariffs that recognize the value of low carbon energy generation,
 - Energy credits that value the actual CO₂ emissions of CEA Greenhouse / CHP systems, and/or
 - Develop simplified, transparent and quick interconnection processes, especially for Packaged CHP systems

CEA Greenhouses in the US with CHP

- Houweling's Tomatoes in California, 128 acre greenhouse, 1 MW Solar PV, 13 MW Natural Gas Engine CHP, 3 million gallons hot water storage, and 2.3 MW backup gen sets
- Intergrow Greenhouses, 70 acre greenhouse growing Cherry Tomatoes, Tomatoes On the Vine and Beefsteak tomatoes, one 2.4 MW_e CHP plant and 10 MW_{th} biomass boilers
- SunSelect in California, 64-acre greenhouse, which produces tomatoes and bell peppers, 6.6 MW, 3,000 kg/h of CO₂,

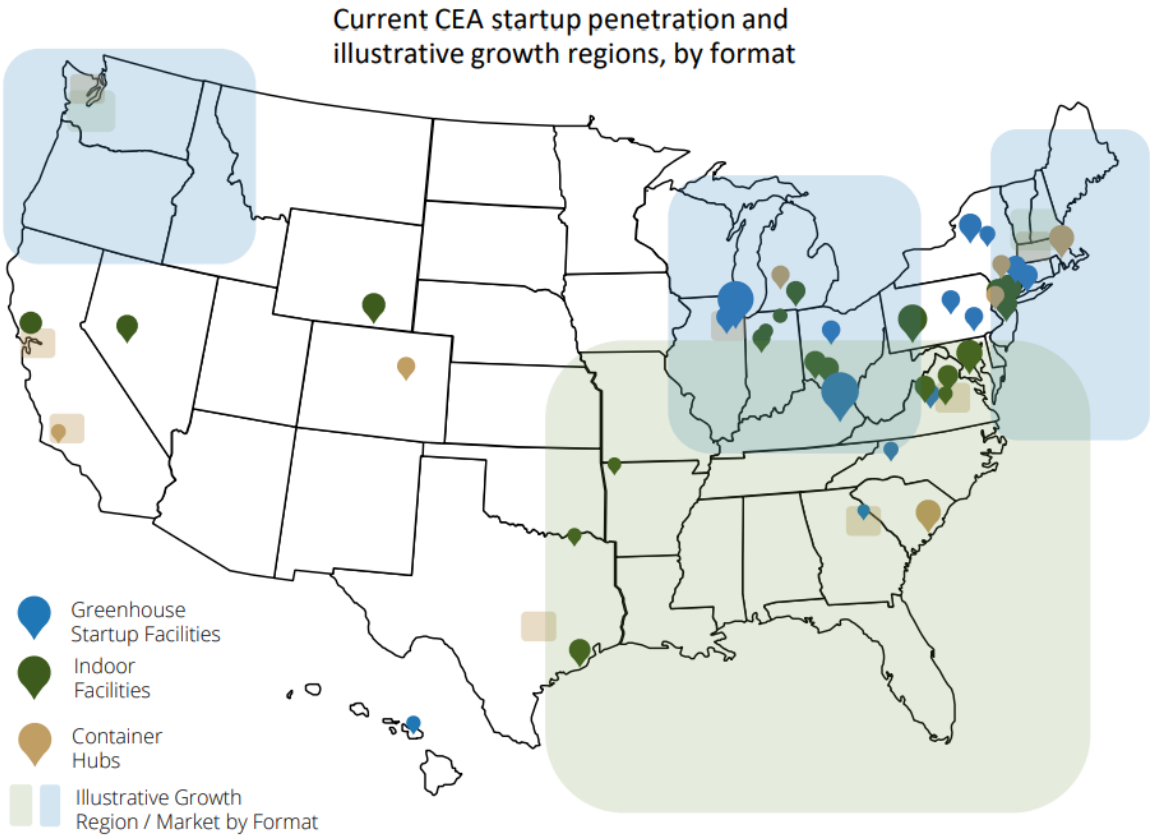
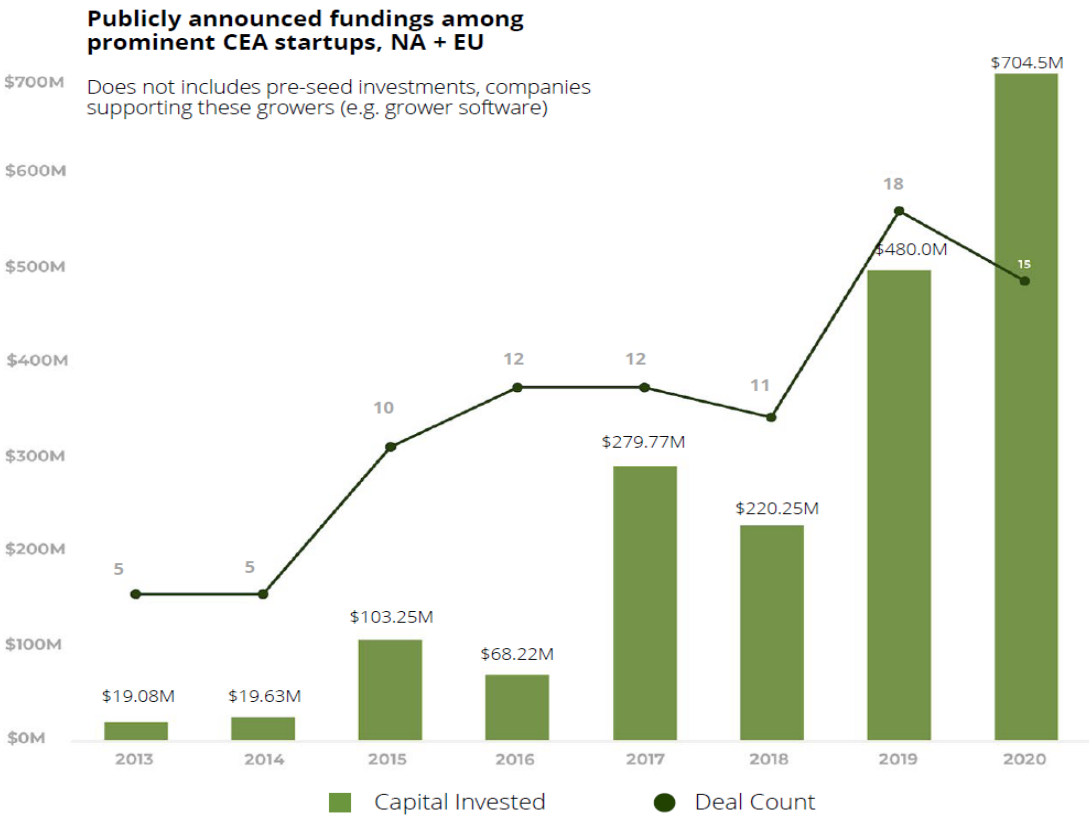


Investment Trends

- North America is considered the largest market for new indoor farming technologies.
 - Good market price points for fresh produce
 - Low cost of energy for lighting and heating
 - Low cost of capital
- There is a willingness to pay for fresher and more healthy food, the biggest premiums are placed on 'local' food.
- CEA facilities create a more automated production chain and reduce the labor requirements against yield.
- In a world where there is decreasing availability of arable land, CEA is a critical farming method.



Investment Trends



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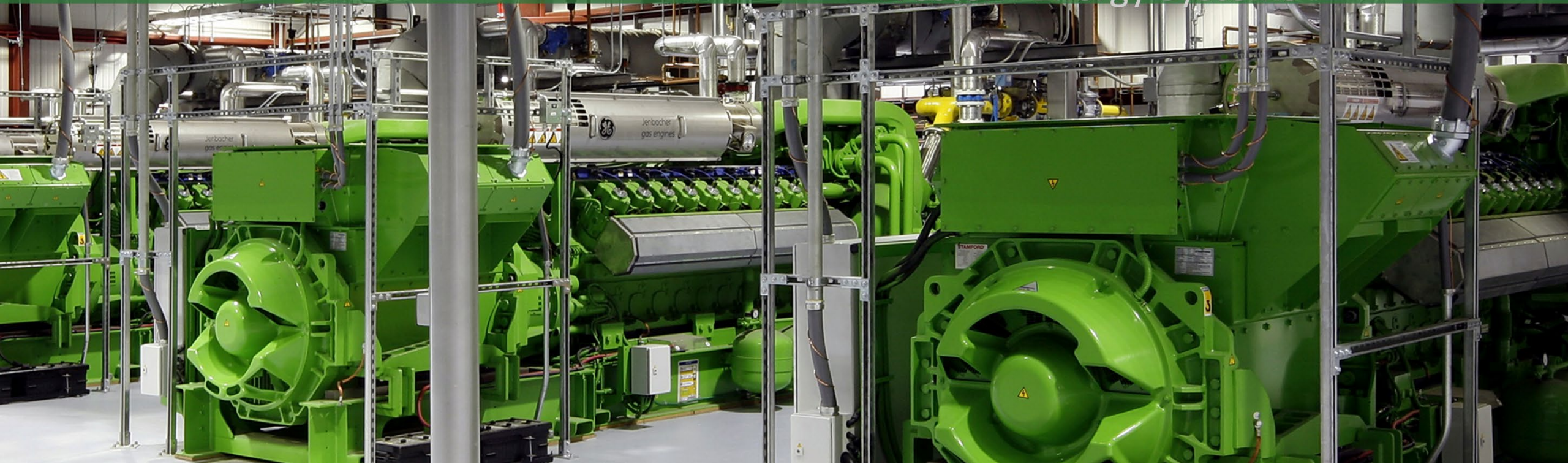
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Houwelings Tomatoes Case Study

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2. Company Overview of Houweling's Tomatoes
3. Houweling's Tomatoes Camarillo Facility Sustainability Info
4. Houweling's Tomatoes Camarillo Facility CHP Info
5. Methods for CO₂ Fertilization in Greenhouses
6. Why CHP for Greenhouses



Engine Sales

- INNIO Jenbacher Channel Partner
- Over 210 engines installed and running



Project Management & Engineering

From project order to commissioning



Maintenance

Full engine and Balance of Plant maintenance throughout their lifecycle



Operations

Full or partial plant operations as an option



Remote Support & Monitoring

Remote monitoring and phone support



Training

Fully certified training team

Proven onsite power solutions. Local product support.

Installed Base, Offices, and Technician Locations

NES-WES Product Support group currently maintains approximately 210 Jenbacher gas engines with a combined electrical output of over 400,000kW. Over 70% of the installed base has signed a maintenance agreement with NES-WES.



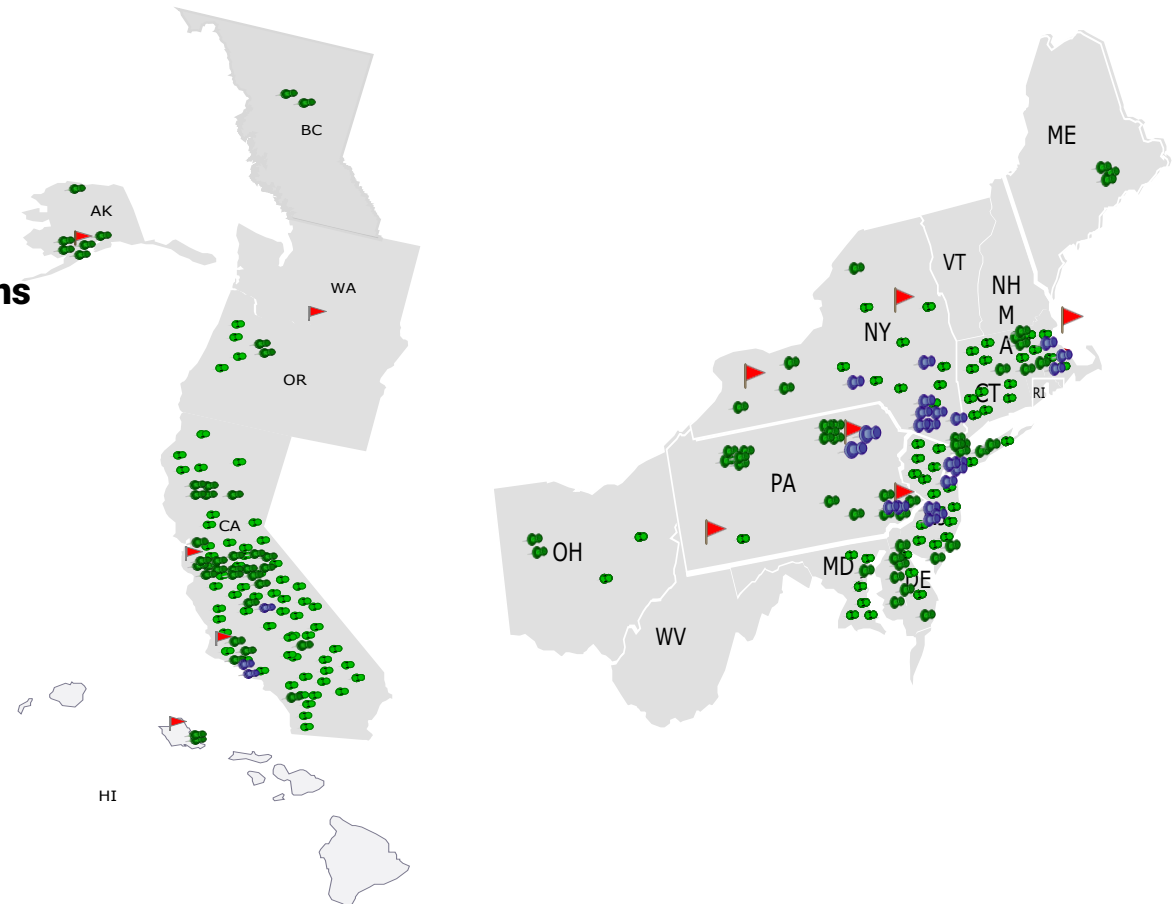
Office Locations

- Philadelphia, PA
- Bristol, Pennsylvania
- Woburn, Massachusetts
- New York, NY
- Brea California
- Hayward, CA
- Anchorage Alaska



Resident Technician Locations

- Boston
- Southern Vermont
- New York City
- Northern Connecticut
- Southern Connecticut
- Northern New Jersey
- Philadelphia
- Northern California
- Central California
- Southern California
- Anchorage, Alaska



Houweling's Tomatoes

Company Info

- ✓ Family owned, world renowned greenhouse vegetable grower
- ✓ Facilities in Camarillo, CA; Mona, UT; and Delta, BC Canada
 - ✓ Camarillo, CA and Delta, BC have CHP
- ✓ Grows full compliment of Tomatoes as well as cucumbers
- ✓ Established Camarillo facility in 1996 as Houweling's flagship greenhouse
- ✓ 125 acres under glass
- ✓ Camarillo facility employs 450 people



Houweling's Tomatoes

Greenhouse Benefits

- ✓ Greenhouse has “grow lights” which provides a healthier more robust growth and can help increase growth of tomatoes by 40%
- ✓ Greenhouse benefits:
 - ✓ Greenhouse needs 24 times less land than field farming for tomatoes
 - ✓ Hydroponic Greenhouse growing of tomatoes uses about 1/60th the amount of water as land farming
- ✓ Provides fresh tomatoes year-round, close to the consumer:
 - ✓ Reduces transportation cost
 - ✓ Reduces vehicle emissions to get to the consumer
 - ✓ Provides local jobs



Houweling's Tomatoes

Camarillo Facility Sustainability Info

- ✓ 5 Acres of Solar PV (1,000 kW)
- ✓ Rainwater is captured and cleaned with RO
- ✓ Greenhouse needs lots of Energy and CO2
 - ✓ Installed CHP to reduce energy costs, energy waste, and recapture CO2 for beneficial use
- ✓ Approx. \$35 million dollar energy system
- ✓ CHP System can provide full power to the Greenhouse even when the grid is down
 - ✓ Assures that crop will grow as planned
- ✓ Provides power back to the grid to help the grid



Houweling's Tomatoes

CHP Info of Camarillo Facility

- ✓ Electricity production:
 - ✓ 13MW (3 x 4.3 MW) INNIO Jenbacher Gas Engines
- ✓ Thermal Energy Provided:
 - ✓ Heat is recovered from engine exhaust, oil cooler, and engine cooling system
 - ✓ 16MW of thermal energy is provided by the CHP
- ✓ Exhaust Gas is cleaned to meet most stringent emissions requirements in the world.
 - ✓ <2.5ppm NO_x
- ✓ CO₂ from the exhaust gas is repurposed for fertilization and sent into the Greenhouse
 - ✓ About 16,000 lbs/hr of CO₂ is provided



Houweling's Tomatoes

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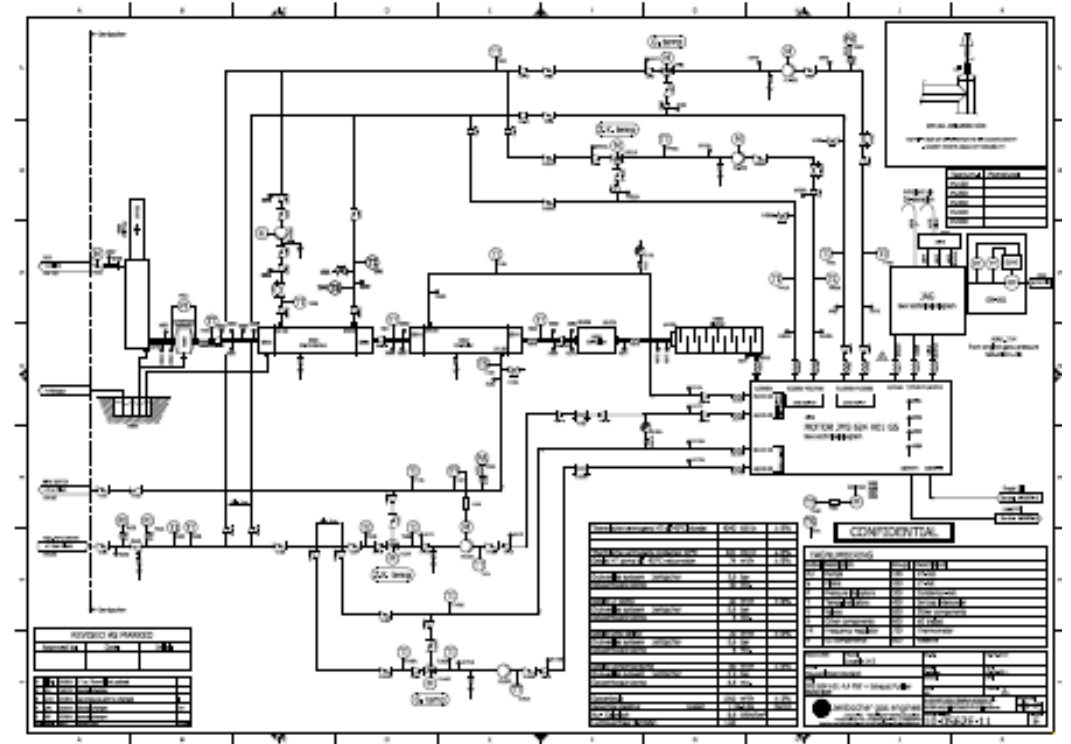
- ✓ Overall efficiency of Energy In vs Energy Used is 90%
 - ✓ (vs 33% of grid electricity and 85% boiler)
- ✓ System was designed to capture as much as 9,500 gallons of water a day from in the exhaust which provides even more efficiency, *not in 90% figure above*



Houweling's Tomatoes

Design Process

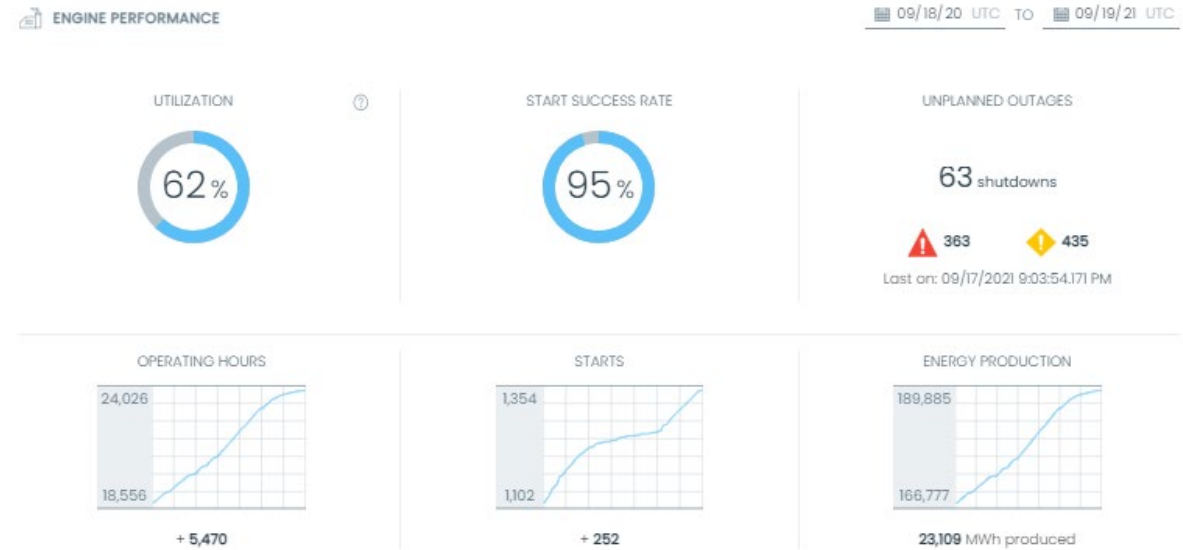
- ✓ System was designed to replace boiler that was providing heat and CO₂
- ✓ Design process took approximately 1 year
- ✓ Manufacturing of CHP system and installation took about 16 months.
- ✓ Interconnection process with local utility and contract to sell power back to the grid took approximately 3 years.



Houweling's Tomatoes

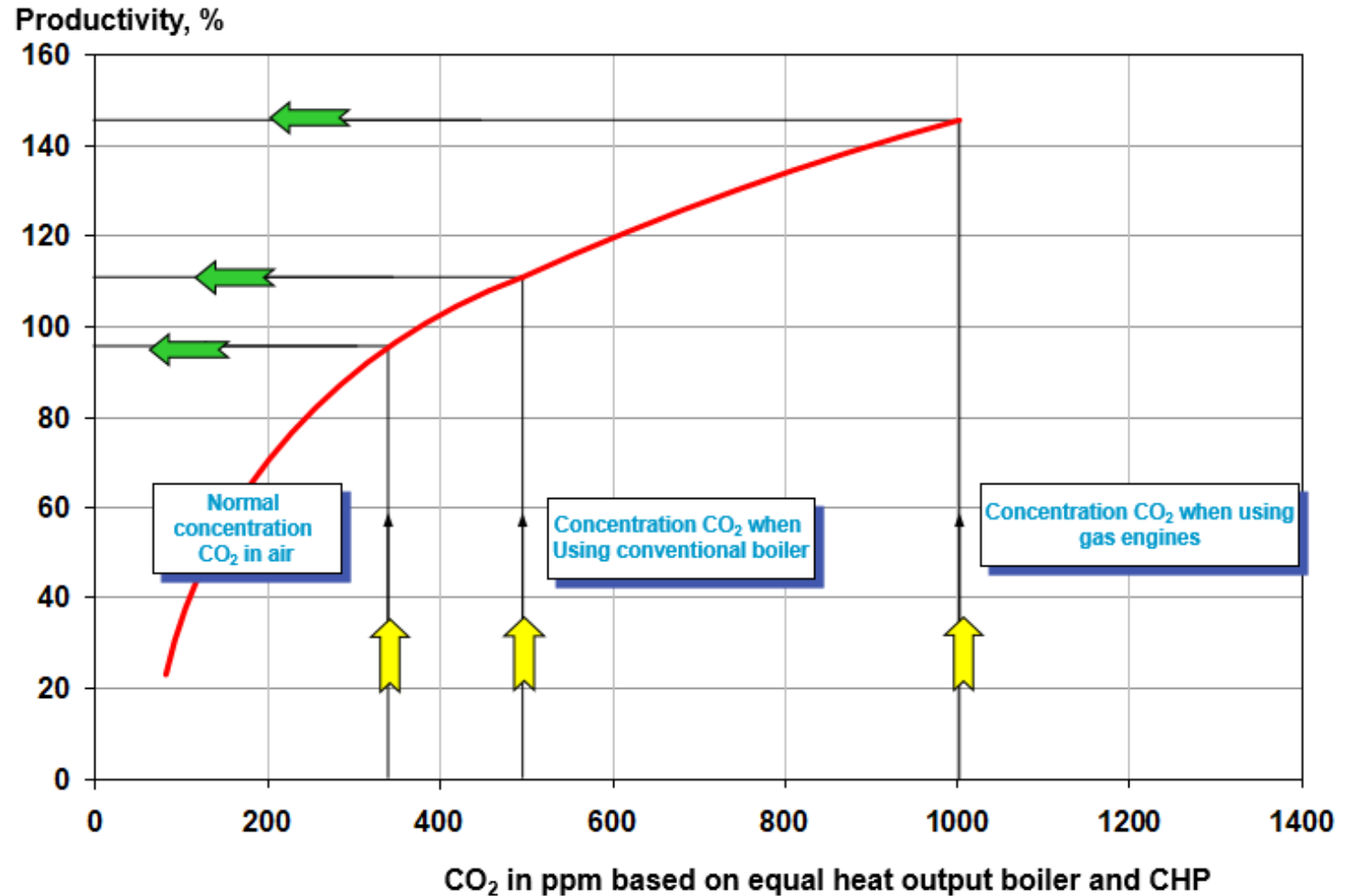
Operating Info

- ✓ System only operates when Greenhouse needs electricity and CO2. Excess power is sold to the grid.
- or-
- ✓ If the grid needs power and the CHP system is not running, it will be turned on to provide power to the grid.
- ✓ Availability of system averages over 99% of the time that Houwelings needs power, or the grid needs power
- ✓ Last 12 months, engines have run >5,400 hours (out of 8,760 hours)
- ✓ Systems currently have over 24,000 operating hours



Influence of CO₂ for Crop Production

It is possible to raise the CO₂ level in the greenhouse twice as high in comparison to a conventional boiler with the same heat output using an exhaust gas cleaning system in combination with our gas engine. This way the positive influence on the crop production can add up to 30% or even more!

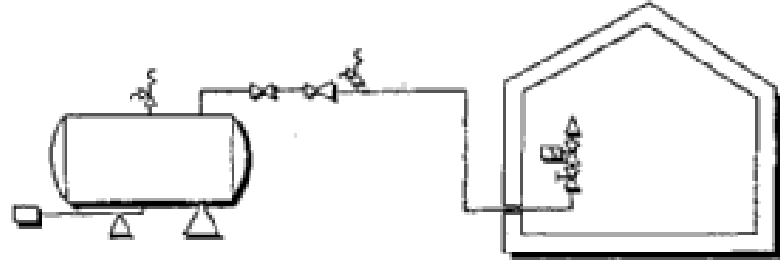


Why CHP for Greenhouses

Methods for CO₂ fertilization of Greenhouses

✓ CO₂ Bottles

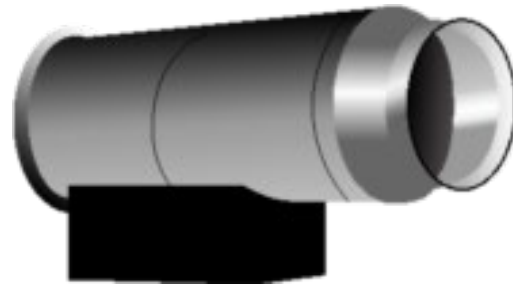
- ✓ Simple
- ✓ Low-cost installation
- ✓ Expensive CO₂
- ✓ No secondary benefit



✓

✓ Gas Burner

- ✓ Simple
- ✓ Low-cost installation
- ✓ Clean CO₂, small levels of other pollutants
- ✓ Secondary benefit is that heat is provided

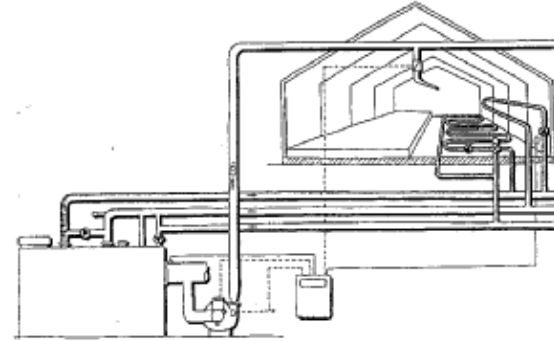


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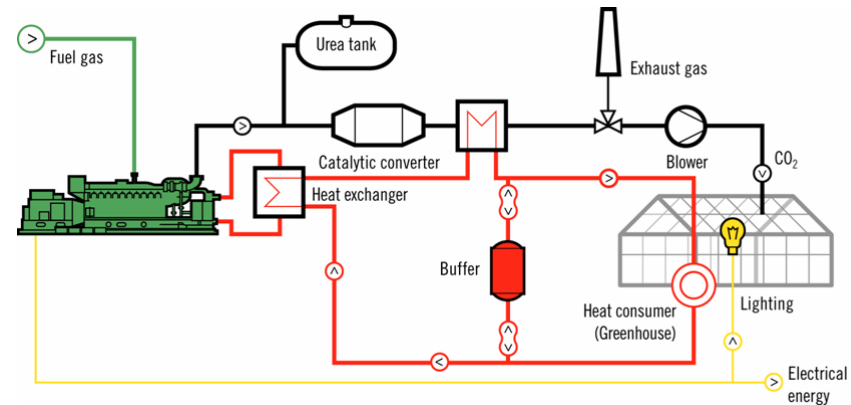
✓ Boiler exhaust gas system

- ✓ Complicated
- ✓ Relatively high-cost installation
- ✓ Clean CO₂, small level of other pollutants
- ✓ Secondary benefit is that heat is provided



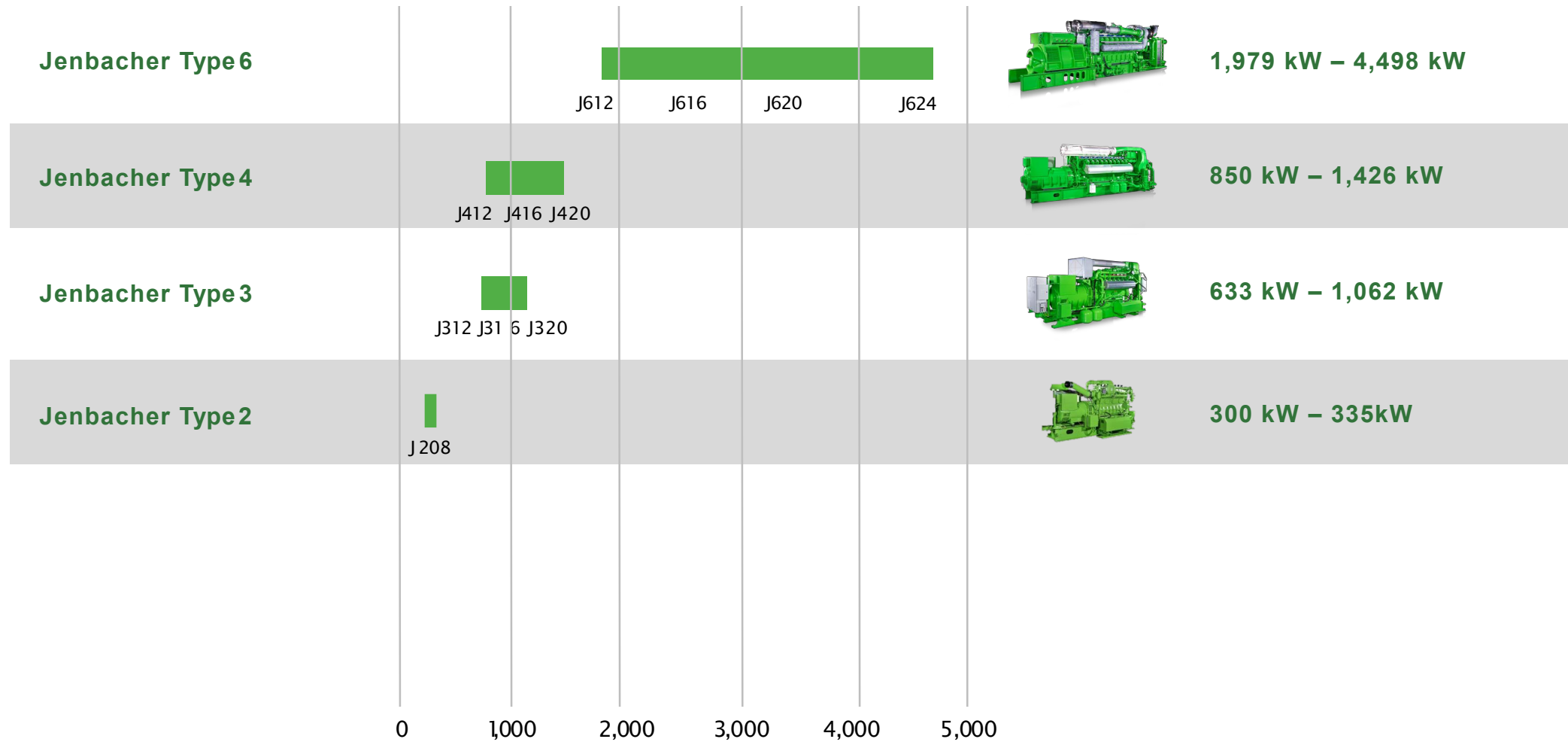
✓ CHP

- ✓ Complicated
- ✓ High-cost installation
- ✓ Clean CO₂, ultra low level of other pollutants
- ✓ Secondary benefit is that heat is provided
- ✓ Additional benefit is that electricity is provided
 - ✓ This electricity would have been produced elsewhere creating non-recoverable CO₂ and other pollutants

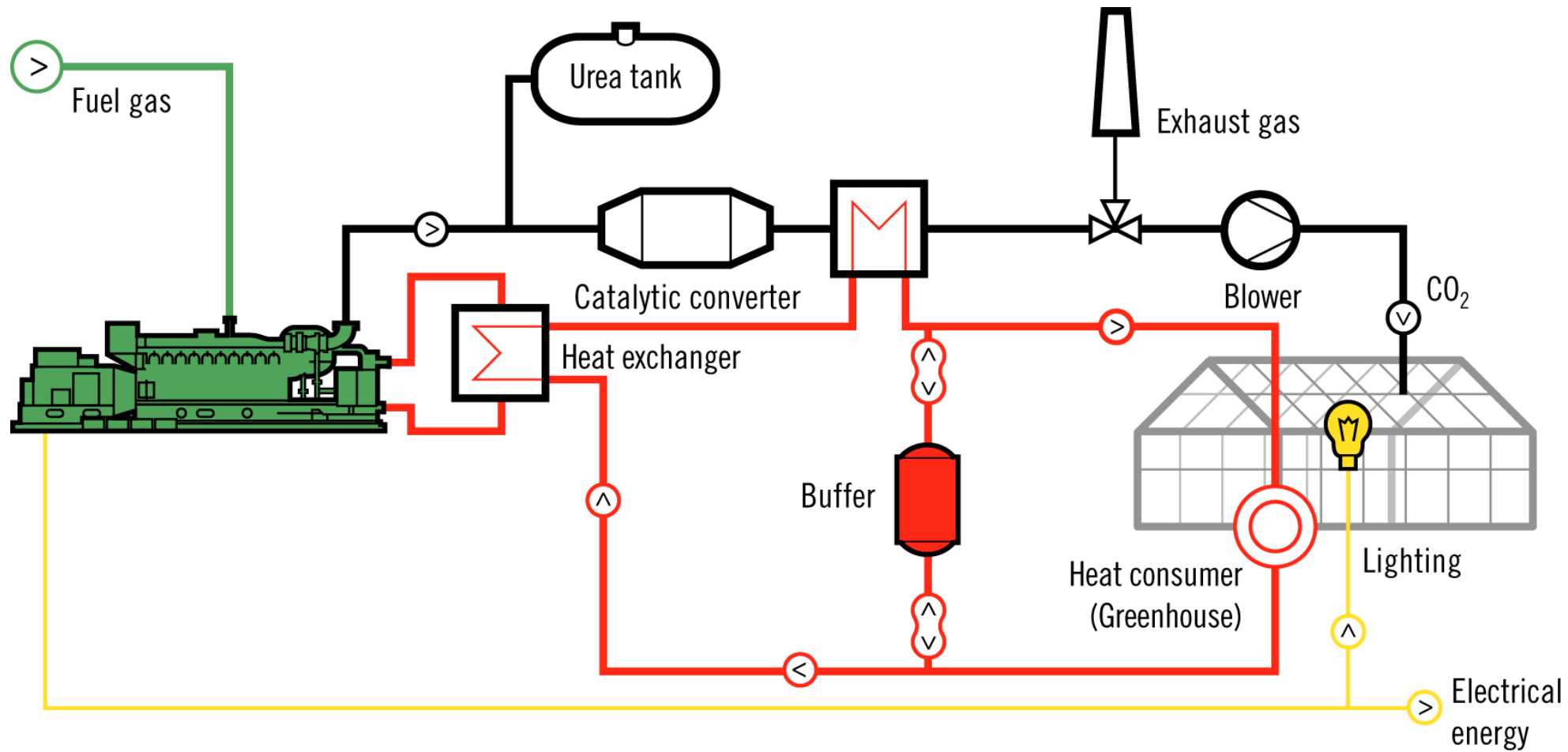


Gas gensets for CHP

Electrical output range (kWe)



The Greenhouse Concept





Thank you!

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Case study

INTERGROW ALBION NY



THE COE FOR GREENHOUSE APPLICATIONS

The AB global Center Of Excellence
for greenhouse - cultivation cogeneration solutions
based in the Netherlands with more than 30 years of
global experience in greenhouse-cultivation cogeneration
Global Support of local AB entities in developing greenhouse
cogeneration projects

HOW TO SIZE CHP IN THE CEA SECTOR

- **Different crop, different energy demand:**

Vegetables, flowers, cannabis, algae

- **Different growing technology, different energy demand:**

Greenhouses = conventional, semi closed, closed, glass or poly

Vertical farms

Indoor farms

- **What is the goal:**

High total efficiency **Following the heat demand**

Off set grid power

Power production

Following the electricity demand

No grid power available

Electricity as waste

Heat as waste

INTERGROW – ALBION NY



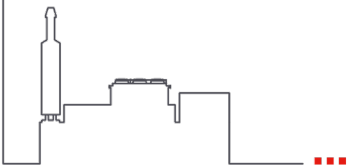
- Application: Greenhouse (CHP + CO₂)
- Fuel: Natural Gas
- Power Output: 2,400 kW
- Thermal Output: 9.4 MBTU/hr
- Completion Year: 2014
- Greenhouse area: 16 Ha / 40 Acres
- Crop: Tomato

Albion, New York

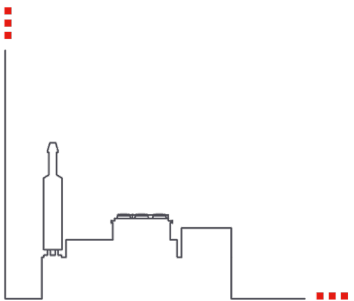


CHP FOR INTERGROW

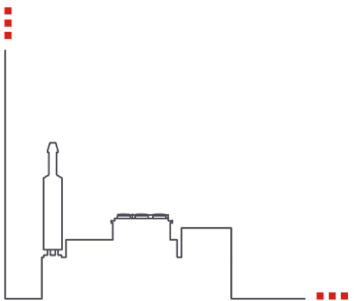
- INTERGROW installed 10 MWe of grow lights to produce their winter crop
- Utility could only supply 8 MWe of power
- CHP to supply 2.4 MWe power for grow lights
- Avoidance of grid upgrade by Utility, timeline / capital investment
- CHP is running in island operation, 2,500 operating hours (Oct – May)
- Simultaneous supply of heat and CO₂
- Very short development and engineering time
- Construction time 10 months
- Grid parallel to supply power to the grid was not feasible, low feed in tariff
- System designed to run in parallel with the grid in future
 - Complicated / time consuming grid application process



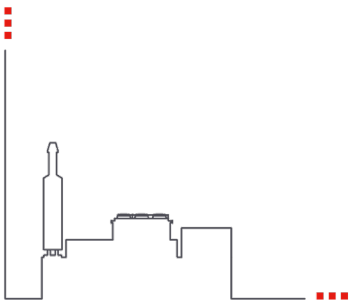
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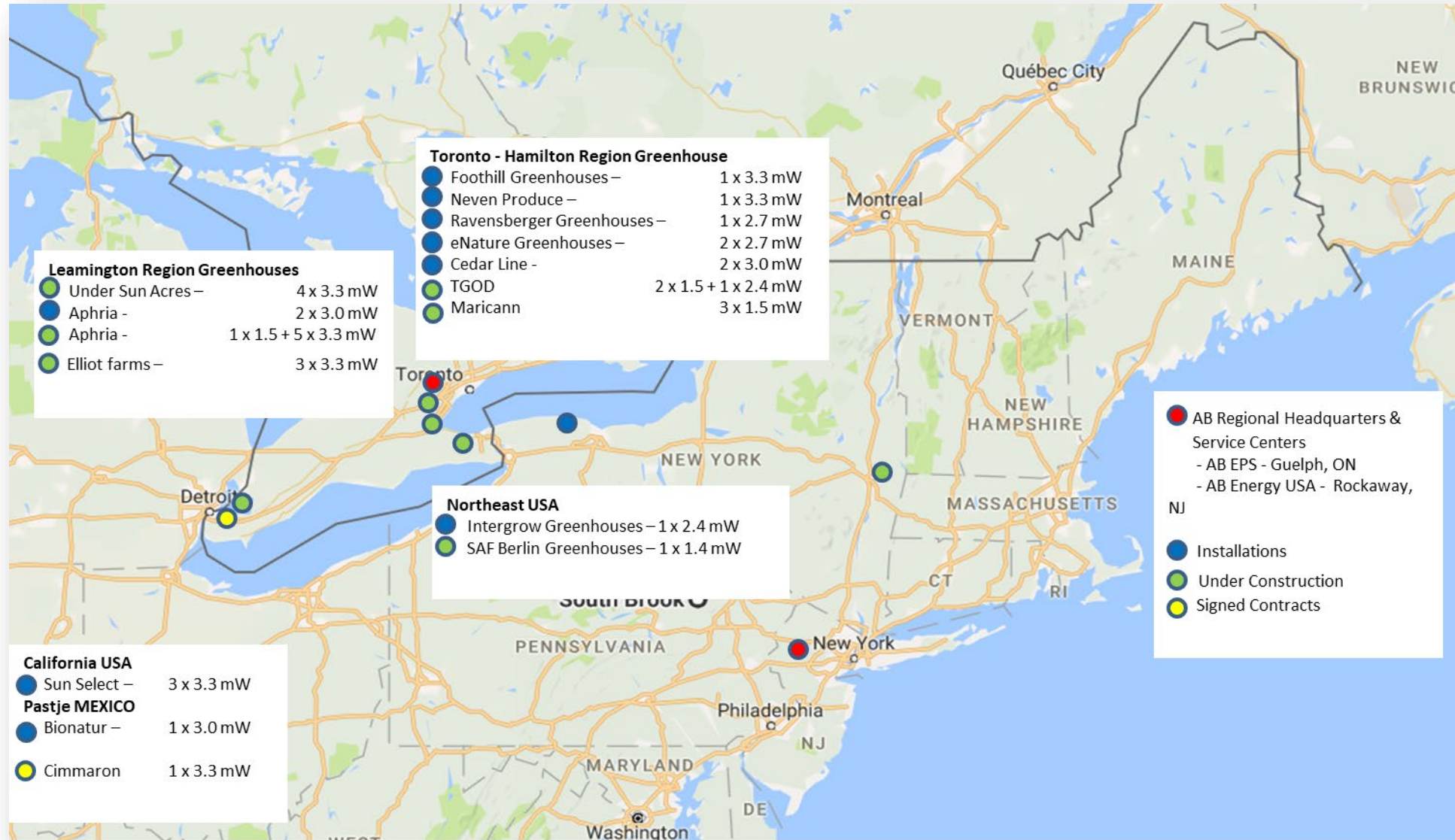
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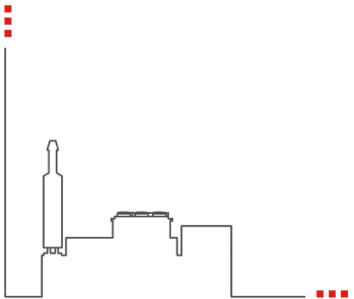
CEA EXPERIENCE IN NORTH AMERICA +100 MWe



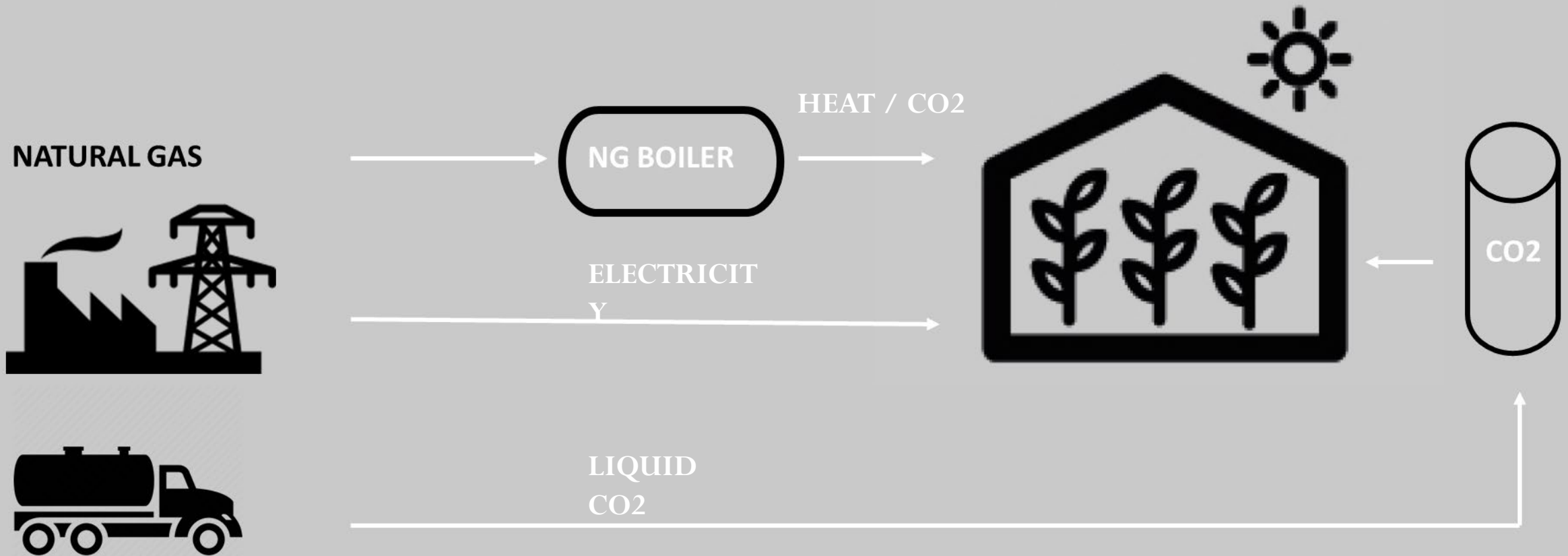
2021 signed 26 MWe new CEA projects on both East coast and West coast

CEA IN COMBINATION WITH CHP

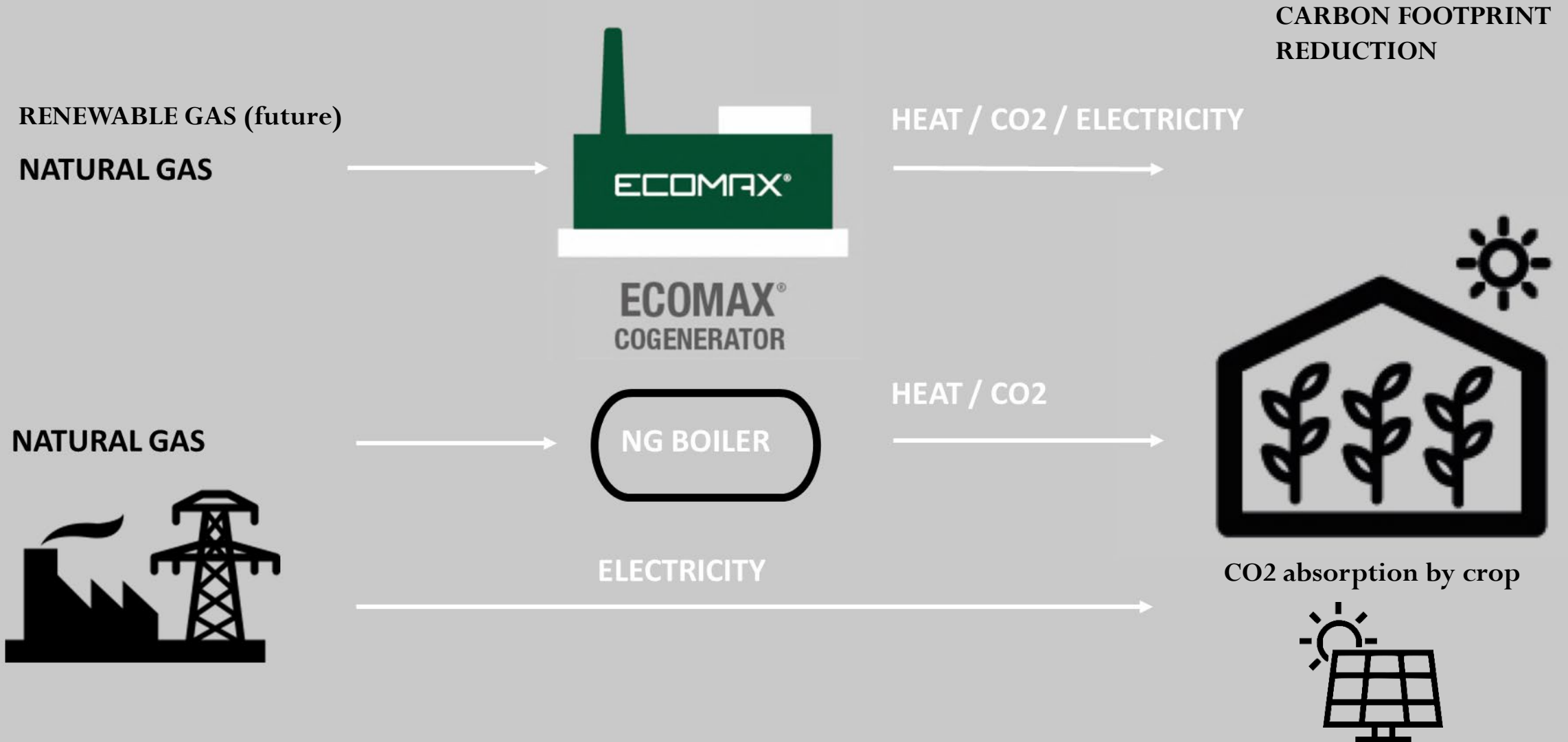
- Offsets carbon footprint (less transportation, more energy efficient)
- Increases power resiliency
- Creates additional income by supplying power to grid
- Ready for demand and response programs to create additional income
- Can run independent from grid
- Maximizes the usage of renewable sources
- Ready to run on other energy sources (RNG, Hydrogen, Solar, Batteries)



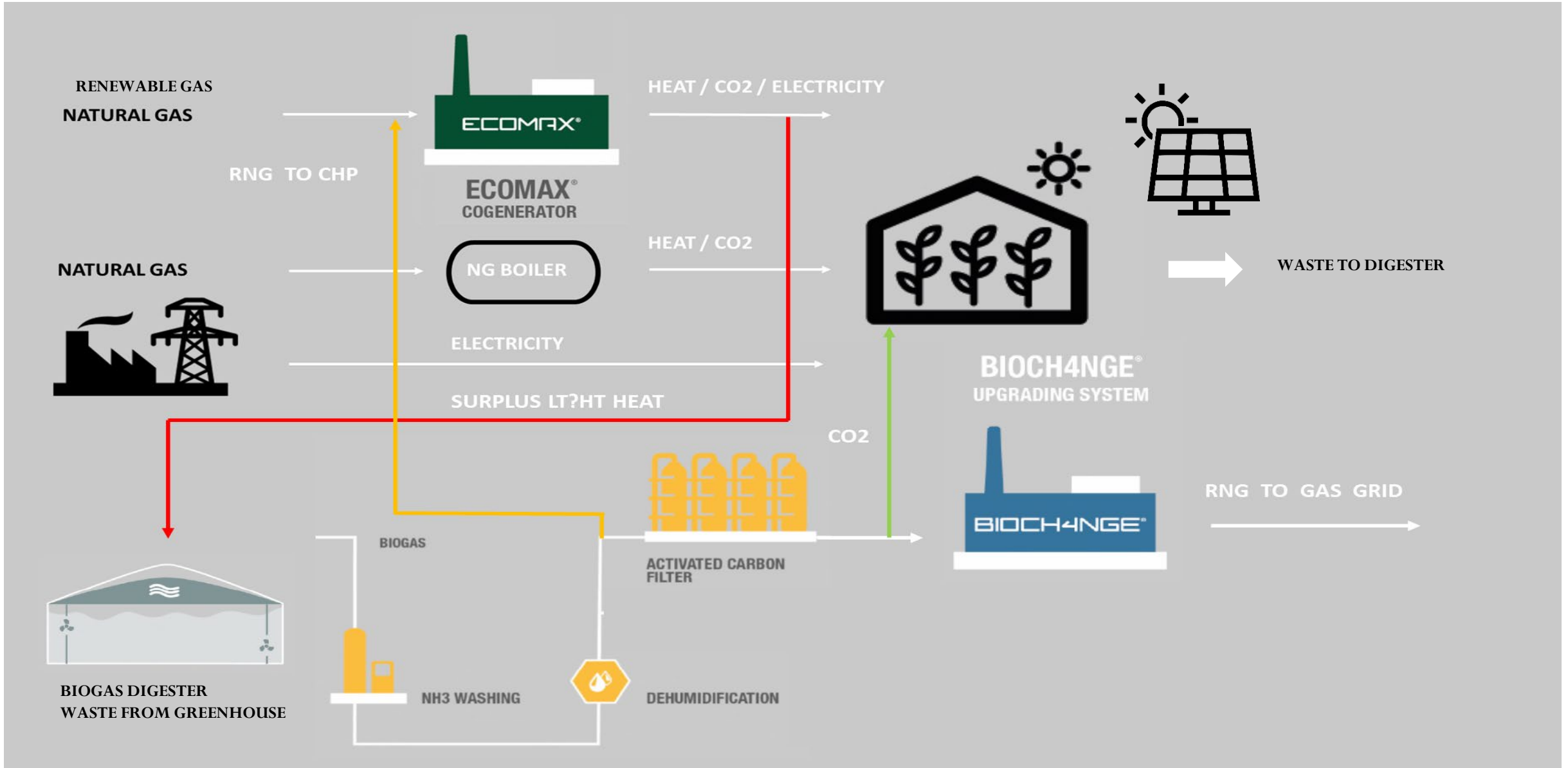
The Greenhouse Business as usual



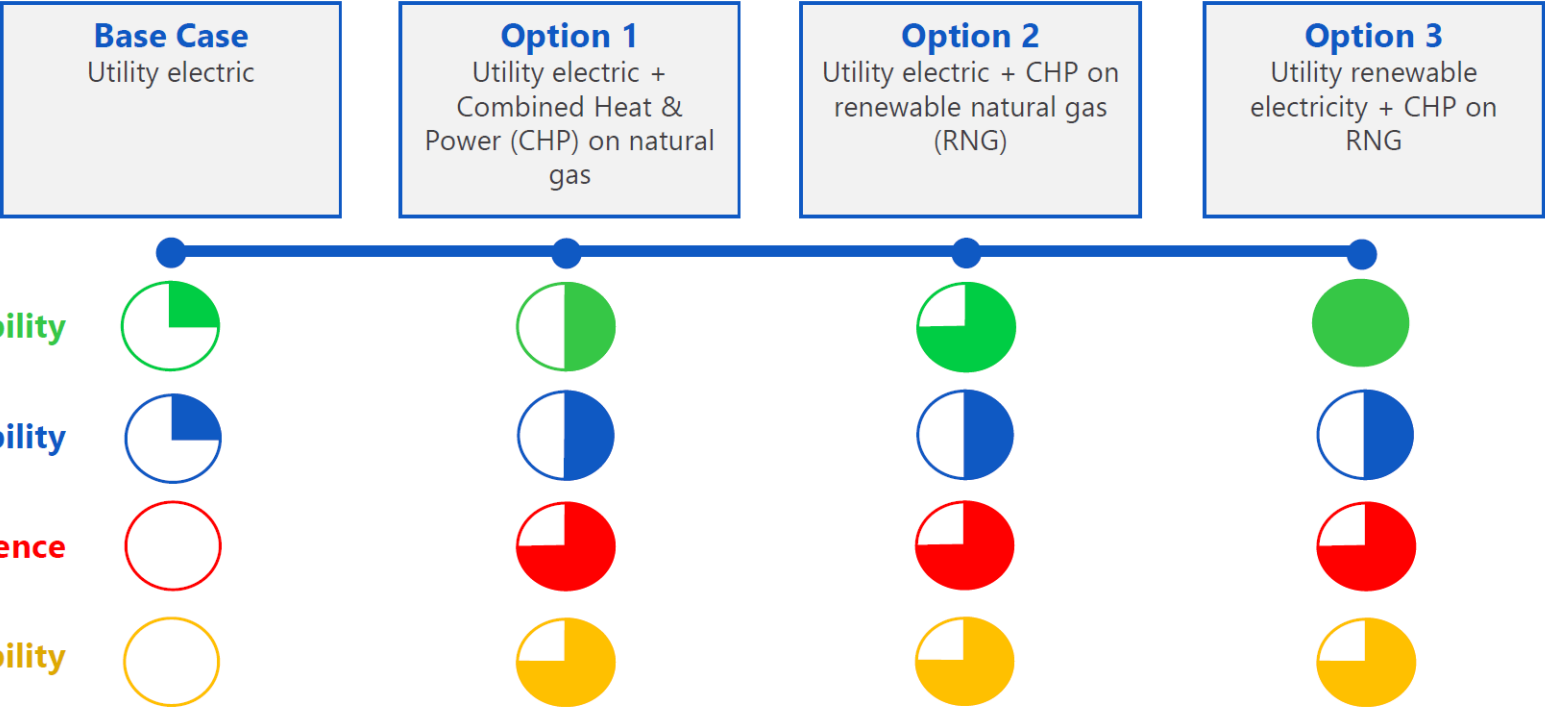
The Greenhouse with CHP



The Greenhouse with CHP and bio digester

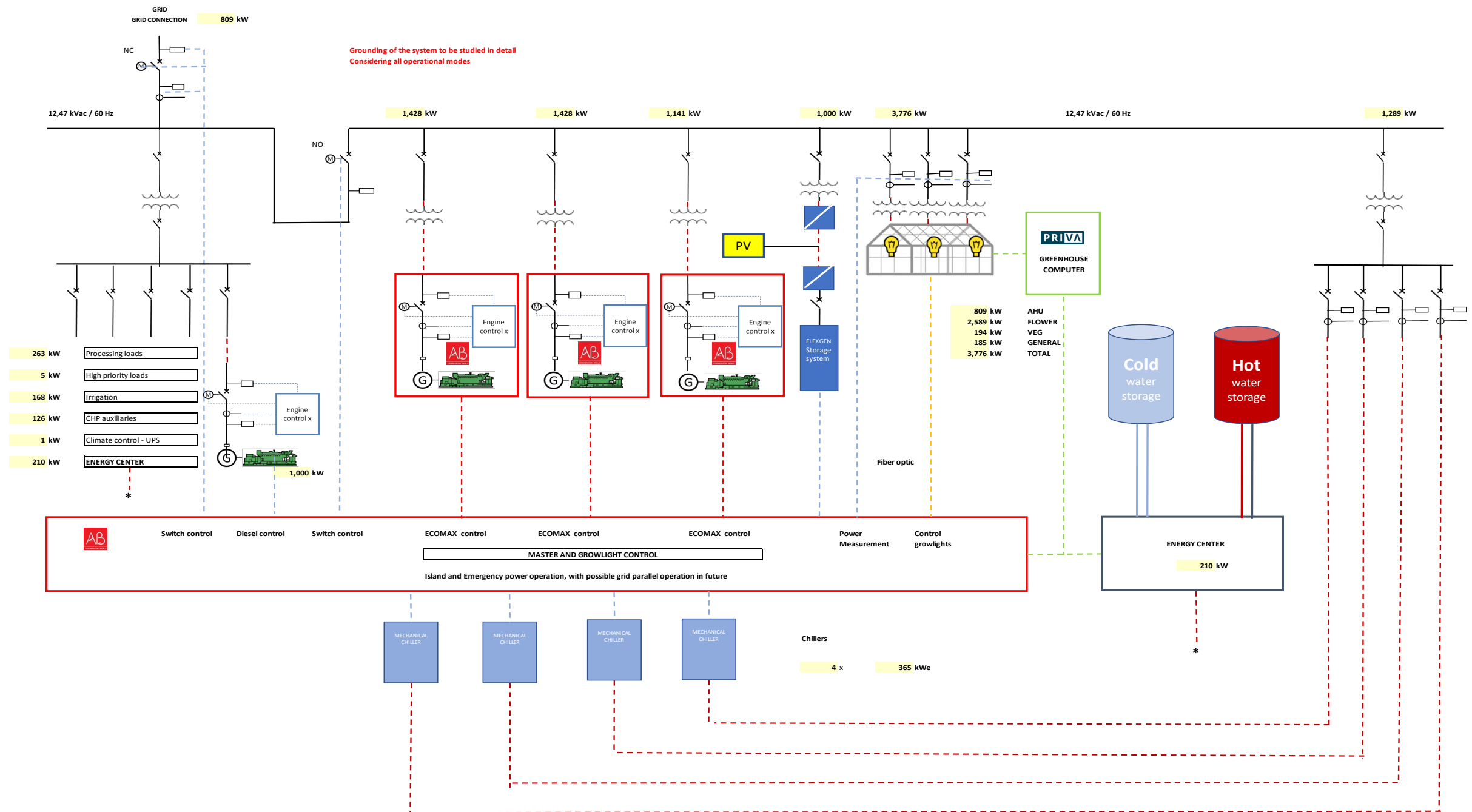


THE DECARBONIZATION TRANSITION

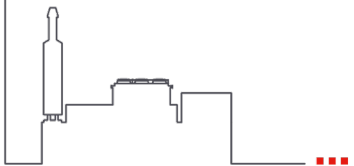


Characteristics		Base case	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Objectives	Cost predictability	Poor	Medium	Medium	Medium
	Cost of energy today	Low	Low	Medium	High
	Sustainability (GHG reduction)	Poor	-19% from BAU	-23% from BAU	-100% from BAU
	Reliability	Low	Medium-High	Medium-High	Medium-High
	Resilience	Low	Medium-High	Medium-High	Medium-High

DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGIES WILL CREATE THE FINAL SOLUTION



TECHNOLOGY TO CAPTURE CO2 TO BE RE-USED INSIDE GREENHOUSES





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