



**News Release**

**California Bioenergy**

**Awarded 2022 Biogas Project of the Year**

VISALIA, CA, June 3, 2022 – California Bioenergy LLC (“CalBio”) announced today that the American Biogas Council (ABC), awarded **CalBio’s Bar20 Dairy Biogas Bloom Fuel Cell Project** its **“Biogas Project of the Year.”** ABC is the nation’s premier trade association representing the U.S. biogas industry.

More than 1,000 biogas industry leaders gathered at ABC’s annual BIOGAS AMERICAS conference, where the 2022 Biogas Industry Awards for Biogas Project of the Year, Innovation of the Year and 2022 Visionary were announced. The conference was the largest event to date for the U.S. biogas and renewable natural gas (RNG) industry and provided an opportunity to meet and network with hundreds of like-minded biogas leaders and decision makers from across the industry and around the world.

CalBio’s dairy biogas-to-fuel cell in partnership with the Bar20 Dairy and Bloom Energy was selected by ABC’s judges as Project of the Year. The project broke new ground in the U.S. and world’s biogas industry by using dairy biogas to make electricity from fuel cells to power an onsite microgrid and a fleet of electric vehicles. Its renewable electricity powers a Bar20 Dairy microgrid as well as a portion of BMW’s electric vehicle fleet in California. It also brings together California’s Silicon Valley and Central Valley to deliver a novel new, quiet, clean, reliable and efficient biogas power system mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and fueling the future.

“Our CalBio team works hard to deploy the best solutions possible for our dairy partners that not only reduce methane emissions but also create additional dairy income,” said N. Ross Buckenham, CEO CalBio. “The **Bar20 Dairy Biogas Bloom Fuel Cell Project**, with support and leadership from the Shehadey family and their Bar 20 Dairy operation, integrated Bloom Energy’s ultra clean and quiet, high efficiency non-combustion fuel cell technology with CalBio’s specialized digester and fuel treatment system. We look forward to replicating this innovative on-site power system on other dairies seeking more reliable and less expensive electricity.”

“It is an honor to recognize our remarkable 2022 Biogas Industry Award recipients,” said Patrick Serfass, executive director of ABC. “Each one of them is a shining example of the innovative spirit that is powering the massive growth of biogas in America and globally, as well as the commitment to solving complex energy and environmental challenges with sustainable solutions that benefit us all. The biogas industry grew 40-50% last year and is now one of the fastest growing renewable energy sectors with growth driven by the dual need for domestic renewable energy and increased interest in identifying solutions to combat climate change.”

### **About the American Biogas Council**

The American Biogas Council is the only national trade association representing the entire biogas industry in the U.S. Members include more than 300 companies in all parts of the biogas supply chain that are dedicated to maximizing the production and use of biogas from organic waste. Biogas systems protect our air, water and soil by recycling organic material, like food waste and manure, into renewable energy and soil products. Learn more online at [AmericanBiogasCouncil.org](http://AmericanBiogasCouncil.org), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

### **About CalBio**

CalBio is a leading developer of dairy digesters for generating renewable vehicle fuel and electricity. Founded in 2006, CalBio works closely with local and state agencies, the California Air Resources Board, USDA, the dairy industry and individual dairy farmers to achieve methane reductions, protect local air and water quality, create jobs, and generate a new revenue stream for the dairy family. CalBio is currently operating and/or developing over 100 dairy digester projects in California and now through its affiliates – Midwest Bioenergy, Northwest Bioenergy, and Southwest Bioenergy – is developing projects across the country. For more information call CalBio at 559-667-9560 or visit [CalBioEnergy.com](http://CalBioEnergy.com).

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