

Bryan Sievers

Bio

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Bryan, and his wife Lisa, are the current generation of owners and operators of the Sievers' farm. Bryan is an enthusiastic environmental steward of the land and takes pride in using all available resources, including the air, land, water, and sun for their highest and best use. The Sievers' 2,200 acre farming operation, 2,400 head beef cattle feedlot, and renewable energy facility is located in western Scott County, Iowa near the town of Stockton.

In 2013, this philosophy became reality when they commissioned the combined heat and power (CHP) anaerobic digester project. The Sievers were looking to dramatically expand the farm's beef cattle feedlot but had concerns about any of the expansion's effects on their carbon footprint, water quality, soil health, and the environment. The solution was a 1 MW CHP system fueled by the methane produced from two 970,000-gallon anaerobic digesters utilizing beef cattle manure, agricultural processing waste streams, cover crops, and other co-feeds. Today, the digesters process over 55,000 gallons per day of cattle manure and other off-site co-feeds in the complete-mix system. The electricity that's generated, 24 hours per day 7 days per week, is sold to their local service provider, Interstate Power and Light (Alliant Energy). In 2014, they received the Agricultural Biogas Project of the Year Award from the American Biogas Council and received the 2014 Iowa Environmental Excellence Award for their anaerobic digester project.

Bryan is 1982 graduate of Iowa State University with a degree in Agricultural Business. Bryan's past experiences include leadership roles in the Iowa Farm Bureau, serving two terms in the Iowa Legislature (one term in the Iowa House and one term in the Iowa Senate), and recently served as Chair of the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Biomass Conversion committee. In August of 2018, Bryan was elected to serve as a member of the American Biogas Council (ABC) Board of Directors. In 2019 Bryan was elected to serve as a Vice-Chair of the ABC Board of Directors. The ABC is the biogas industry's leading organization in the United States with a mission to create jobs, environmental sustainability, and energy independence. He intends to bring his experience, passion, and tenacity to developing the anaerobic digestion industry while telling the tremendous story AD brings to solving so many unique agricultural, waste management, and energy challenges. Bryan's focus will be to improve our natural resources, including the air we breathe, the land we farm, and the water we drink while providing meaningful solutions to distributed renewable energy generation, production, and distribution.