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# Creating Value to Overcome Barriers in Waste Feedstock Supply Chains

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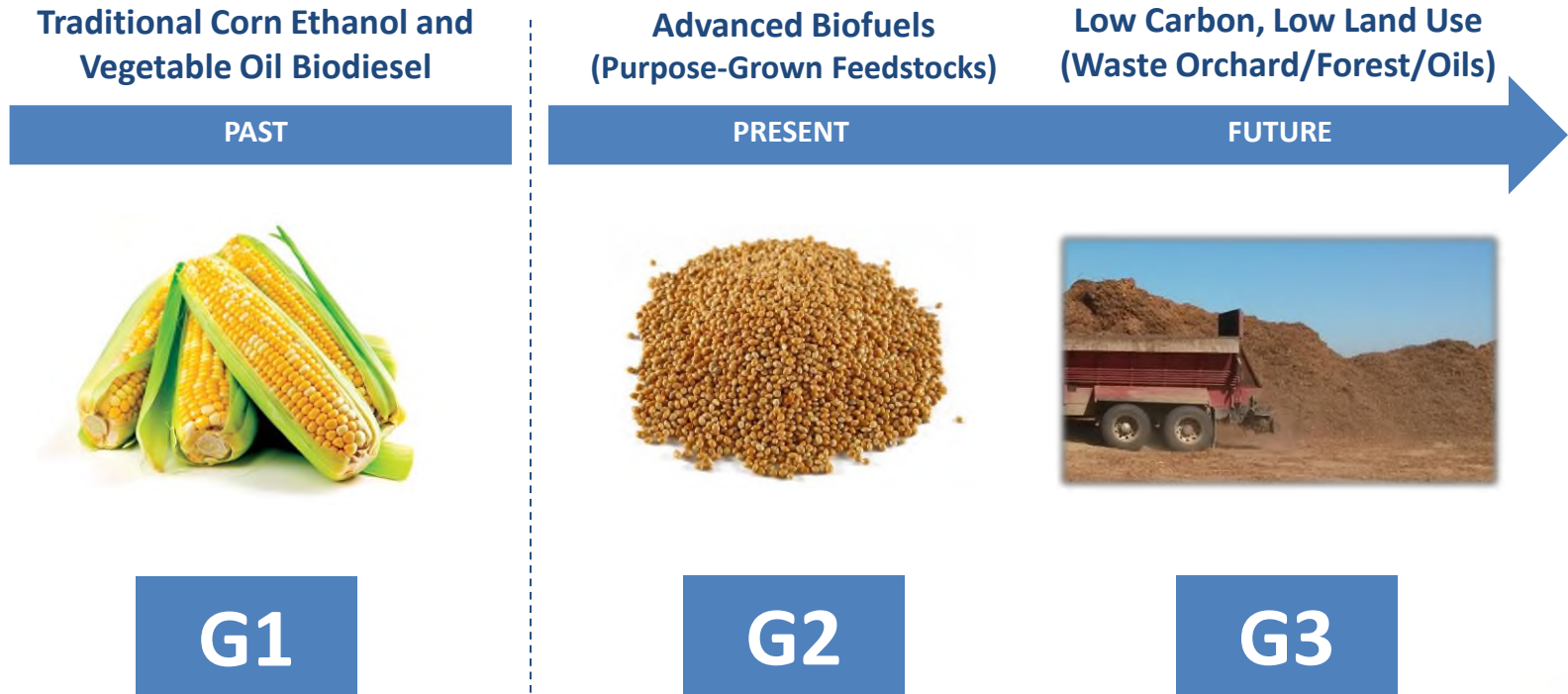


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# **Introduction to Aemetis**

# Aemetis Mission

Aemetis is an international renewable fuels and biochemicals company using patented industrial biotechnology for the conversion of first-generation ethanol and biodiesel plants into advanced biorefineries.



# Aemetis Overview

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- **Founded in 2006 by biofuels veteran (co-founder of Pacific Ethanol; EPM)**
- **\$170 million revenue in 2018; 110 million gallons per year biofuels capacity**
  - Own/operate 60+ million gallon ethanol plant in California
  - Own/operate 50 million gallon capacity Biodiesel and Glycerin refinery in India
  - Building \$30 million Dairy Biogas digesters, pipeline and cleanup system
  - Building \$175 million Cellulosic Ethanol plant (waste orchard wood feedstock)





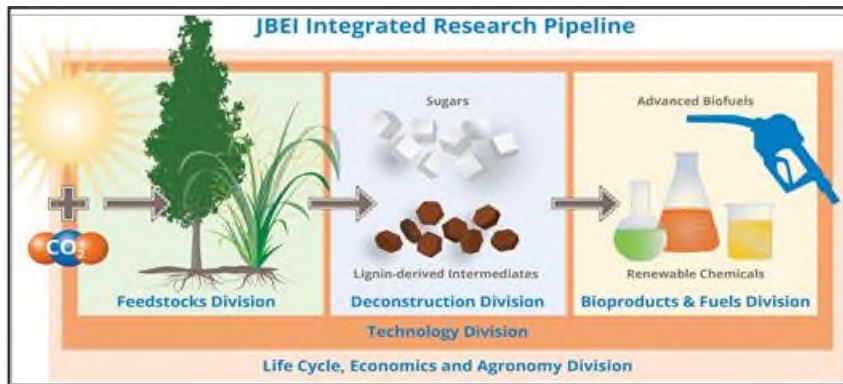
**Aemetis Projects:  
Optimizing California's  
Waste Supply Chains**



# Agricultural Waste to Sugars

## JBEI Collaboration and \$3 million DOE/CEC Funding

- Ionic Liquids have the capability to breakdown cellulose and hemicellulose into C5 and C6 sugars
- Sugars can be utilized in existing ethanol facilities utilizing forest and agricultural waste for wide range of usages



JBEI's Integrated Approach to Bioenergy

## JBEI AT A GLANCE



### Six National Laboratories

Argonne, Brookhaven, Pacific Northwest, Lawrence Berkeley, Lawrence Livermore and Sandia



### Eight Academic Institutions

UC Berkeley, Clemson, UC Davis, Iowa State, UMass - Amherst, Northwestern, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara



### Five Divisions

Lifecycle, Economics, and Agronomy Division  
Feedstocks Division  
Deconstruction Division  
Bioproducts & Fuels Division  
Technology Division



### Centralized at One Facility



# CO2 to Compressed CO2: Displacing Petroleum

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## Liquid CO2 Plant

- Executed off-take agreement with Large Gas Company
- Shared OPEX for additional equipment
- Market barriers of long contracts and multiple supply sources support CO2 plant ventures with existing gas companies
- CO2 must be compressed and processed next to emission point

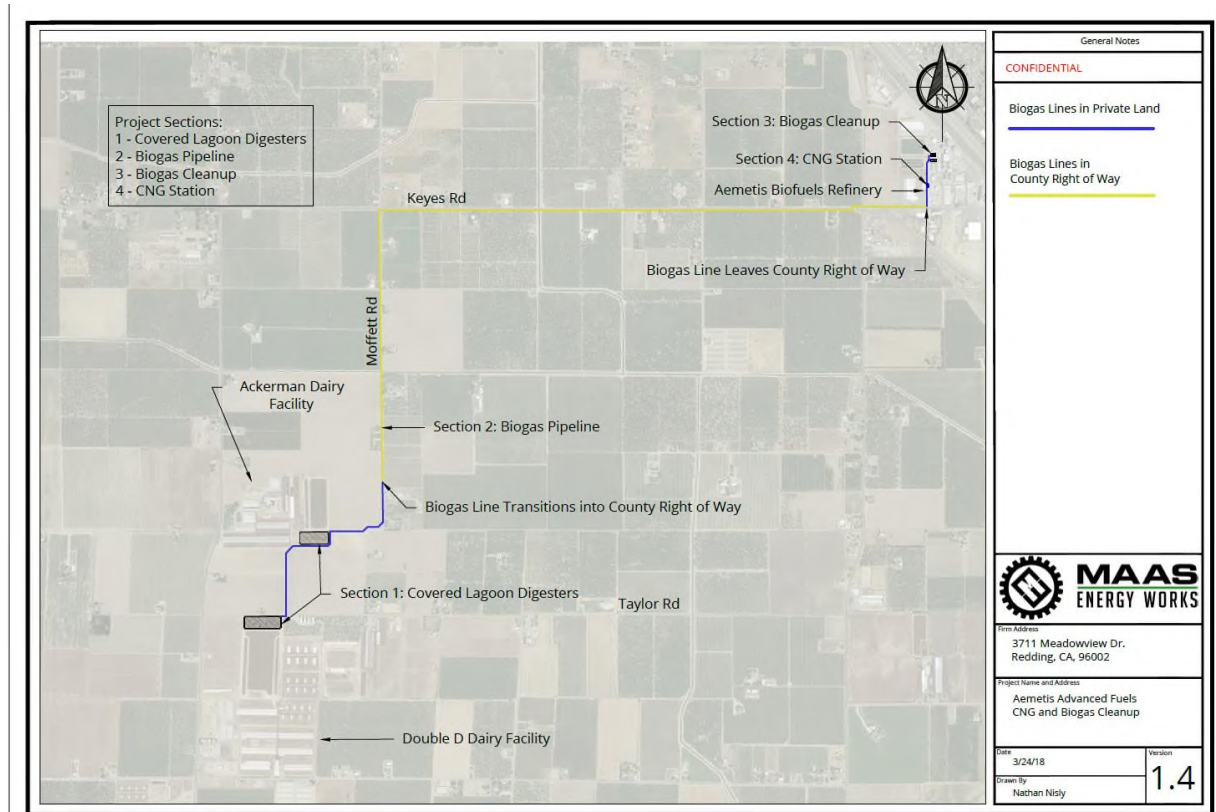




# Dairy Waste to Biogas

## Aemetis Biogas to Ethanol Plant Project:

- \$30 million in funding secured from existing lender 2018
- \$3.1 million in CDFA funds awarded for the project in July 2018
- Engineering/ Permitting Underway
- First operations Q4 2019



# Agricultural Waste to Cellulosic Ethanol

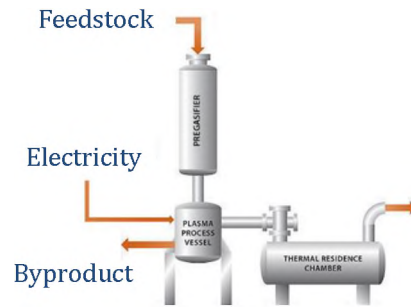


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## Feedstock

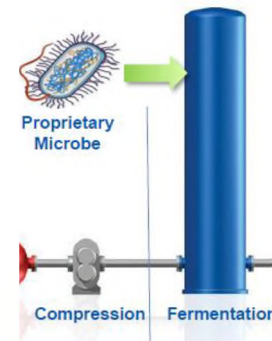
### Biomass

- Orchard/Vineyard Wood Waste
- Orchard Byproducts
- Forest Wastes



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## Thermal Transformation



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## LanzaTech Fermentation



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## Ethanol Plant Integration



Aemetis is implementing the first **biomass-to-ethanol** plant using LanzaTech process





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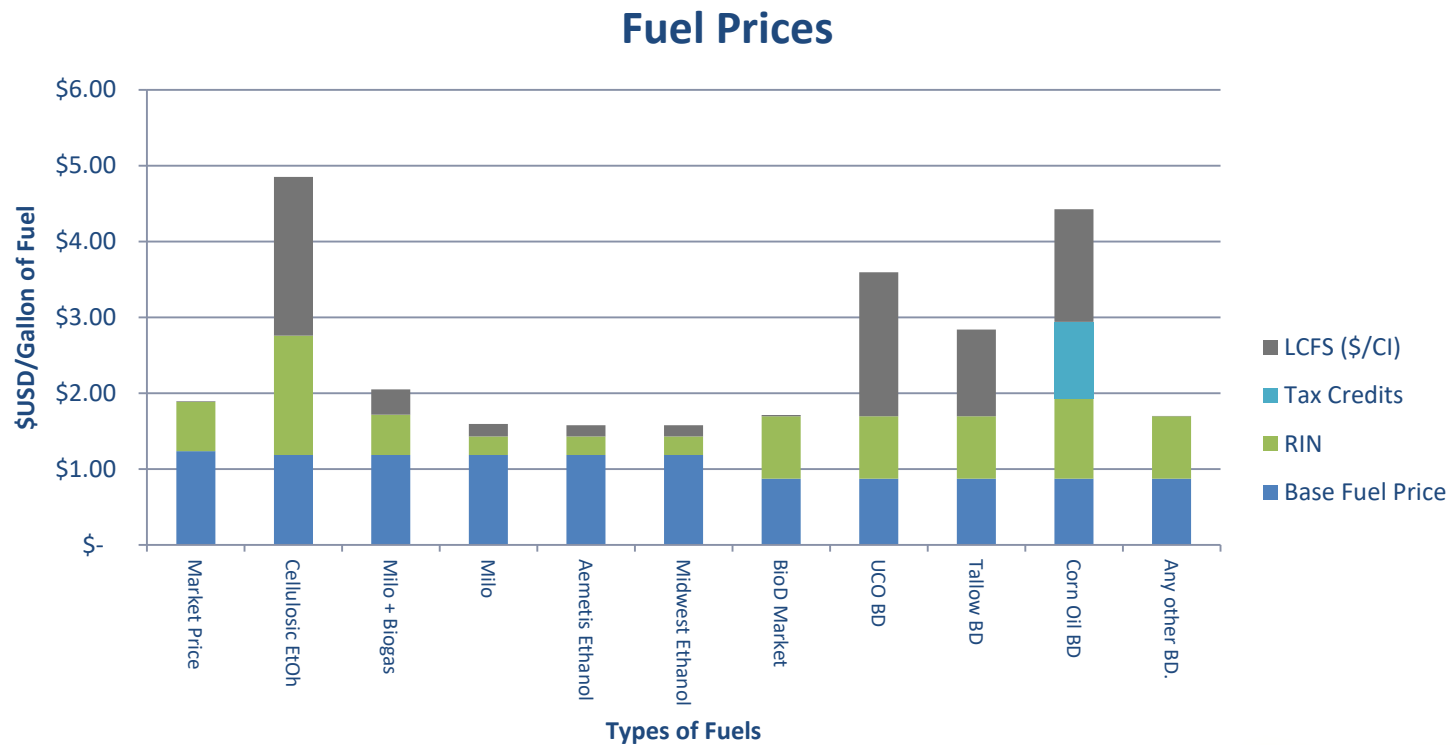
**Value Creation Through  
Incentives and Valued Products**



# Solving Barriers and Logistical Concerns for CA Feedstocks

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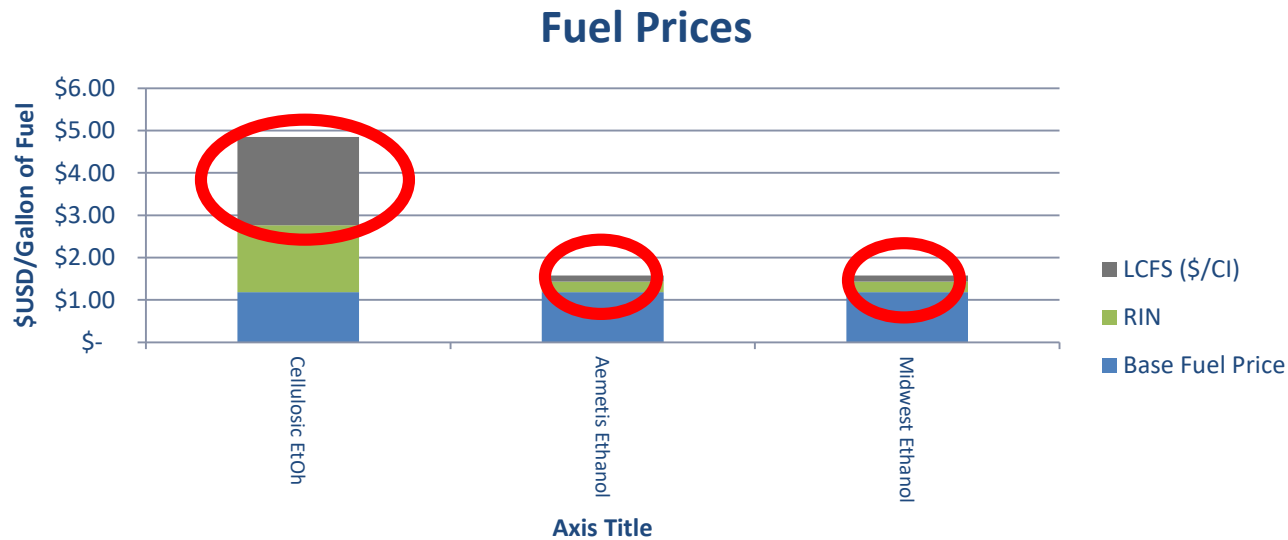
1) LCFS 2) RFS 3) Product and Process Considerations





# LCFS Value Creation

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- Perform Studies with credible local universities, national labs and established environmental engineers to exhibit the benefits of waste feedstock
- Work with CARB to create standardized pathway
- Change logistic and value chain to improve carbon intensity score
- Find ways to utilize the GREET model to accurately calculate appropriate CI
  - Example: Temporal model for ag. waste burning





# Aemetis Example: University Study and Expert Reports

## Biomass-to-Energy Plants Closing in California

- Biomass to energy plant operations decreased
- Lack of ability to compete with low-cost solar, wind and natural gas

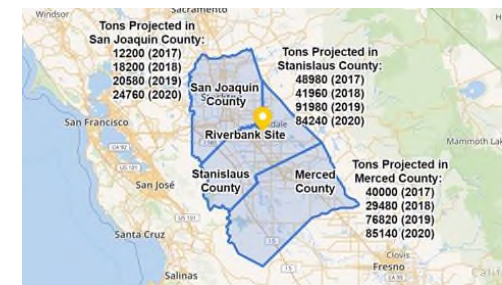
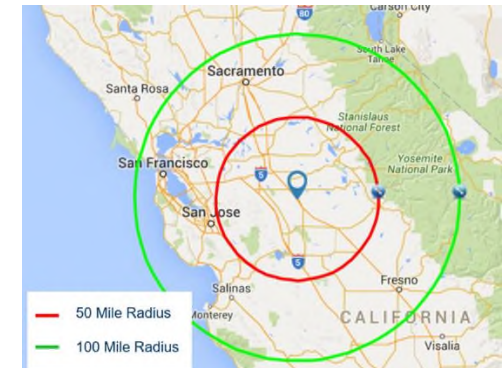
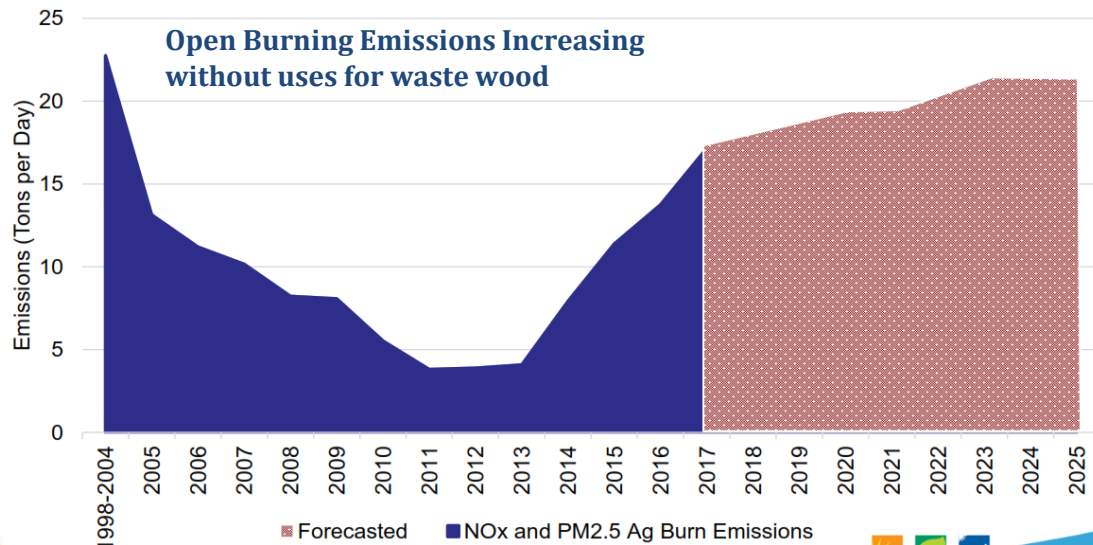
## California advanced ethanol plants could produce 160+ million cellulosic ethanol gallons per year from orchard waste

- 4 ethanol plants each could produce about 40 million cellulosic gallons / year
- At 80 gallons per ton of waste feedstock, requires 1.6 million tons of biomass
  - Almond / pistachio / walnut wood waste

## About 1.5 million acres of Almonds and walnuts in California

- 2+ million tons/year of Ag Waste
- Need for valuable uses for waste ag wood

Source: San Joaquin Valley Air Control District Emergency Meeting on Open Burning November 2017

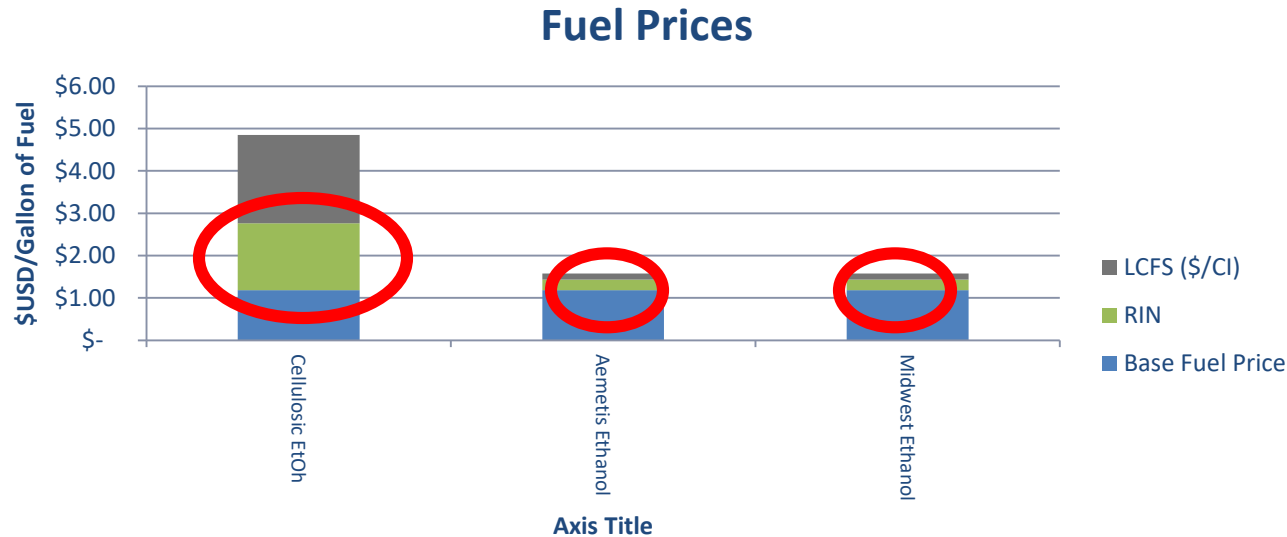




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**Renewable Fuels Standard  
Value Creation**

# Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Value Creation



- To receive value through the EPA’s RFS you must have a “Pathway”
- Products fall under an existing pathway or a pathway must be created
- Depending on the type of Renewable Identification Number, drastically different values result

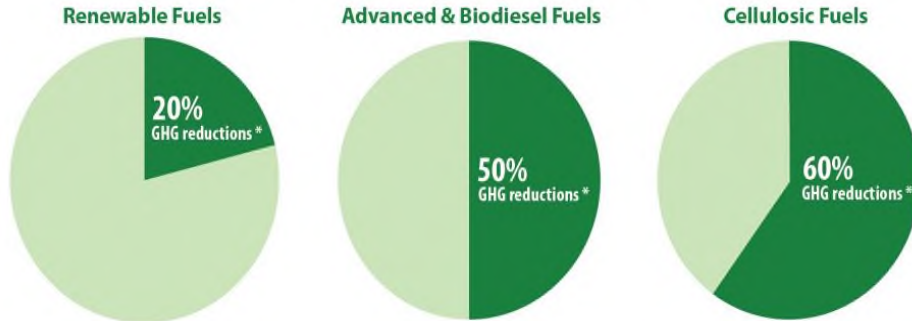




# How to Create RFS Value?

## Lifecycle Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

GHG emissions must take into account direct and significant indirect emissions, including land use change.



\* compared to a 2005 petroleum baseline

## 1) Meet GHG reduction thresholds

## 2) Meet or Create Pathway Definition

D-Code	Cellulosic Biofuel	Biomass-Based Diesel	Advanced Biofuel	Total Renewable Fuel
3	X		X	X
4		X	X	X
5			X	X
6				X
7	X		X	X



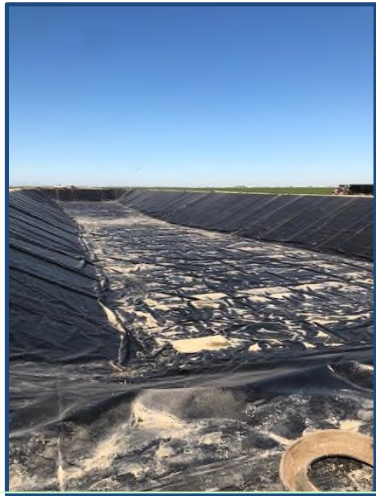
# Aemetis Biogas Project Supported by LCFS/RFS Value Creation



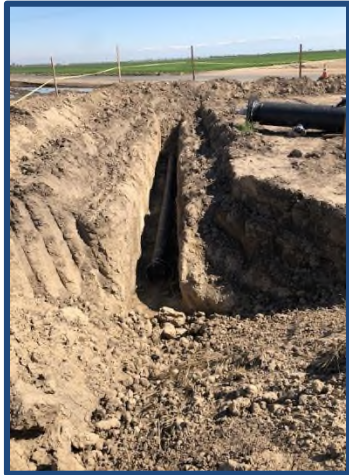
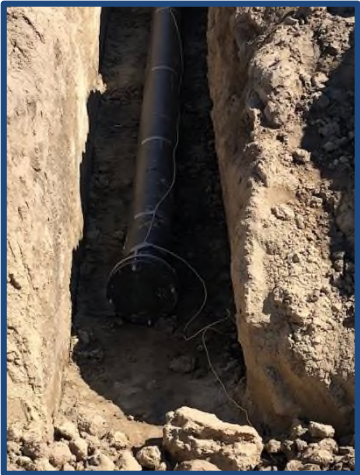
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Pipeline



Local Customer

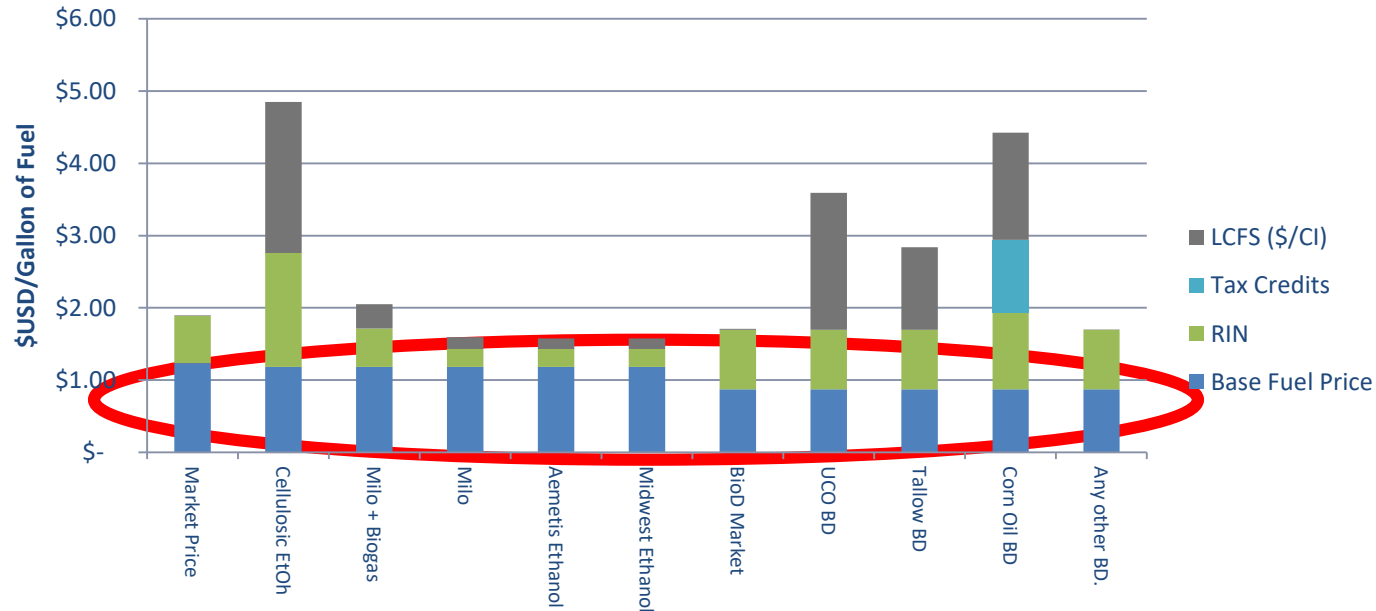




**Specification and Product  
Creation with Technology  
Considerations**

# Product Value Creation: Renewable Fuels

## Fuel Prices

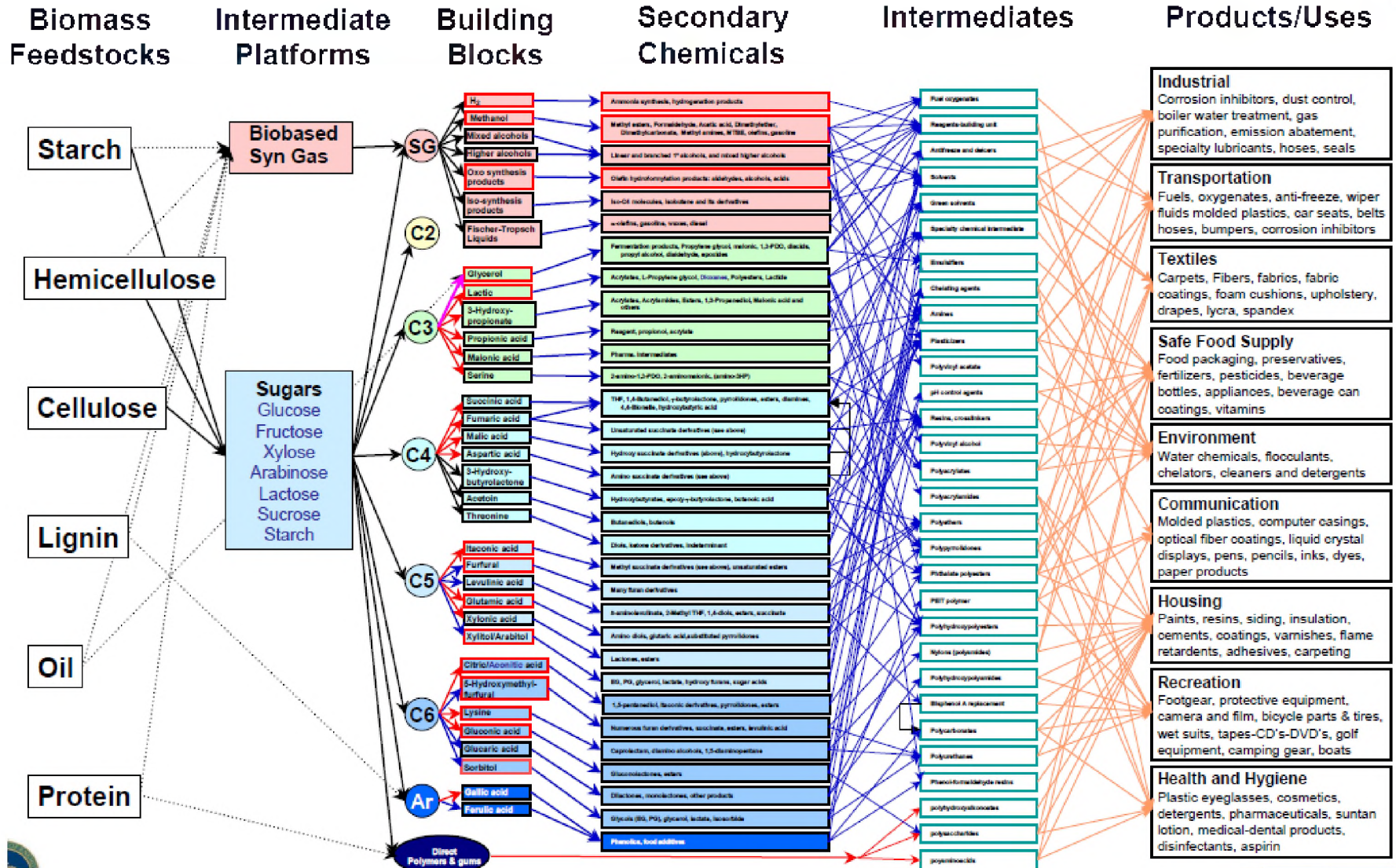


- Determine highest value creation from specific waste feedstocks
- Explore technologies capable of utilizing specific waste material and create a roadmap
- Narrow down technologies and focus on lessons learned from other commercialization efforts
- Perform pilot testing to determine feasibility of process with feedstock





# Product Creation Overall Roadmap



# Considerations When Determining Process and Product

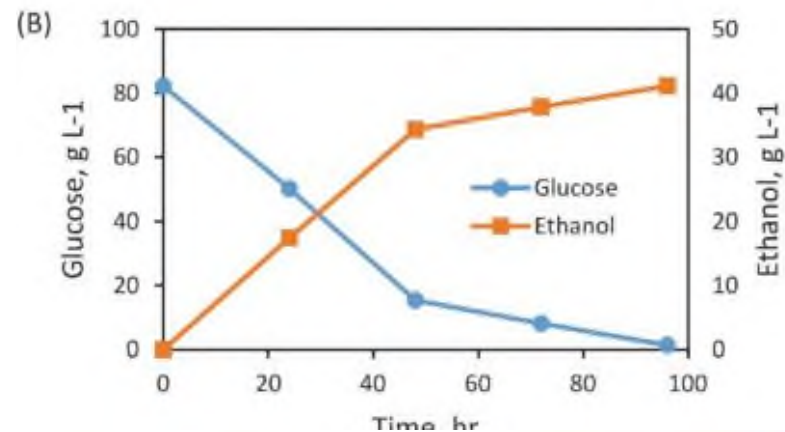
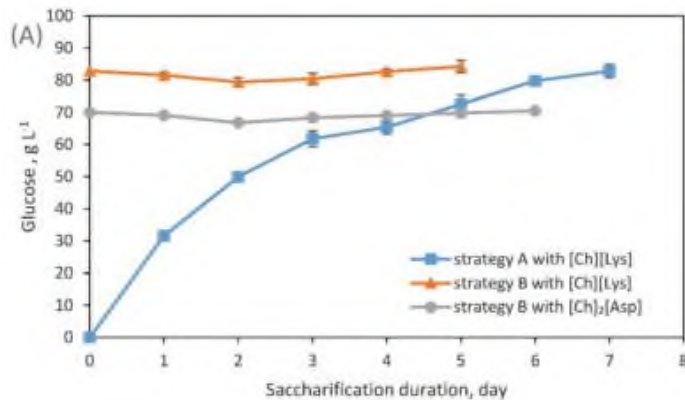
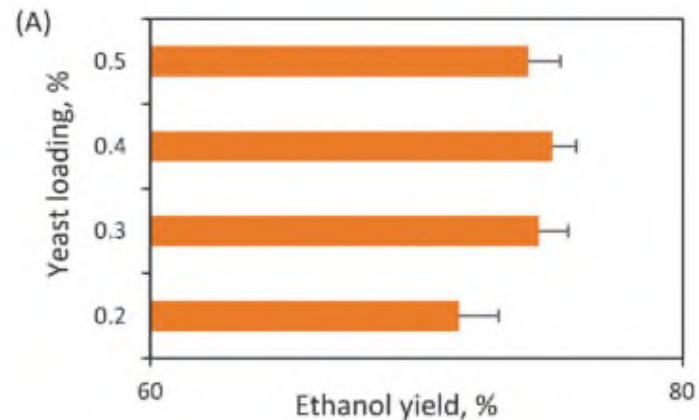
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- **What is the ultimate and compositional analysis of the feedstock?**
  - Sugar content, cellulose content, hemicellulose content, lignin content
  - Carbon content, oxygen content, hydrogen content, ash content
- **What contaminants and barriers exist?**
  - Are there catalyst poisons?
  - Microbial poison?
  - Mechanical/ physical issues (rocks, ash, contaminants)
- **What is the waste product best positioned to produce?**
  - Biogas with digestion?
    - What kind of digestion
  - Ethanol and other products with microbes?
    - Syngas, sugar, protein or oil fermentations?
  - Renewable Diesel/ Biodiesel
    - What process, pressures, distillation, product specification considerations?
    - What type of catalyst?



## Example: Ionic Liquids Overview (JBEI/Aemetis project funded by CEC)

- Ionic Liquids have the capability of breaking down any biomass source into their component sugar molecules
- With the production of sugars from cellulosic feedstocks, about 210 ethanol plants have the potential for upgrading
- Ionic liquids have the capability of changing the paradigm of biofuels







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**Recommendations for CARB**



## Recommendations to CARB

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- California Air Resource Board staff are the GHG experts and currently lead worldwide renewable energy policy
- CARB should **continue to work with project developers to create accurate carbon intensity scores** in order to assist projects in receiving funds and ultimately begin operations
- **Time delays prevent projects from being built**
- **CARB's continued work to adjust the GREET model** to match and assist project developers in creating accurate CI scores either **allows the project to be built – or not.**
- The future of the global energy policy is directly impacted by CARB





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