



Stahlbush Island unveils \$10 mil' biogas plant

Oregon family farm producing electricity from fruits, vegetables by-product

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Sustainable food producer, Stahlbush Island Farms, Inc. said it has started up the continent's first-of-its-kind biogas plant that provides enough electricity for approximately 1,100 homes, nearly twice what the farm and food processing plant uses in a year.

The Corvallis, Ore.-based company said it is already selling electricity back to the local power grid.

The farm currently grows vegetables and fruits on nearly 5,000 acres of land and has practiced sustainable farming and food processing for nearly 25 years.

The company markets its products under two brands: Stahlbush Island Farms sustainably grown frozen fruits and vegetables and Farmer's Market Organic canned products.

Both lines of products are available nationally at natural food co-ops, health food stores, large natural and gourmet food chains, and at select supermarkets.

The company's sustainability practices include protection of river areas, efficient water use, and low tillage methods.

All its farmland is certified as sustainable by the Food Alliance, a third-party certifier. There are 1,500 acres that are certified as organic by Oregon Tilth.

The \$10 million project took 14 months to complete and is the first plant in North America built to create biogas from fruit and vegetable by-product. The new operation should save the company nearly \$500,000 in energy costs annually.

Thermal energy and electrical energy are produced at the same time, both of which are required in food production.

VIDEO: To watch a video of the new plant, click [here](#).