Livestock Project Protocol V4.0 Public Comment

Item - 6.1-2-A - Sample periods should be allowed during a comparable period in the spring - April to June. Sampling 2 weeks apart should not provide any differences in manure characteristics as practices and feed rations do not change that quickly.

Rather than sample from each animal category, I would consider using a sample of the digester feedstock collected immediately before entering the digester. Collecting the mixed material will provide the most accurate representation of the input material. Mixing, pumping and blending with other animal manures may cause changes in the biogas potential that would not be identified by testing individual materials.

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