

Pure Strategies, Inc.

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Solutions for a Sustainable Future

# Pure Strategies Sustainability Consultants

- Pure Strategies: Calculating and translating carbon footprints for over a decade
- Case study: Oakhurst Dairy
- How is it done? Carbon Footprint preparation
- What next? Setting and working toward reduction goals

## Capabilities



- Corporate Strategy
- Clean and Lean Production
- Supply Chain and Product Stewardship
- Safer Chemicals and Materials
- Sustainable Product Design
- Life Cycle Analysis
- CSR Reporting
- Water Footprinting





## Pure Strategies Sample Clients































## Carbon Footprint Case Study



### Oakhurst Dairy



- Since 1921, the Bennett family has run Oakhurst Dairy by the motto "The Natural Goodness of Maine". Oakhurst is known for their quality, integrity and freshness.
- Oakhurst is the only truly local major dairy in Northern New England and Eastern Massachusetts.
   Headquartered in Portland, ME.
- All milk is sourced from local farms in Maine and Northern New England.



### Oakhurst Products





Milk, plus milk, cottage cheese, sour cream, juices, cream products



### Oakhurst Carbon Footprint history

- Summer 2007 Pure Strategies calculated
   Oakhurst's carbon footprint for a case of milk
   for Walmart.
- Cradle to Walmart store
  - >80% emissions from farm. Remainder from plant and transport
- Have calculated and reported carbon footprint 2007-present



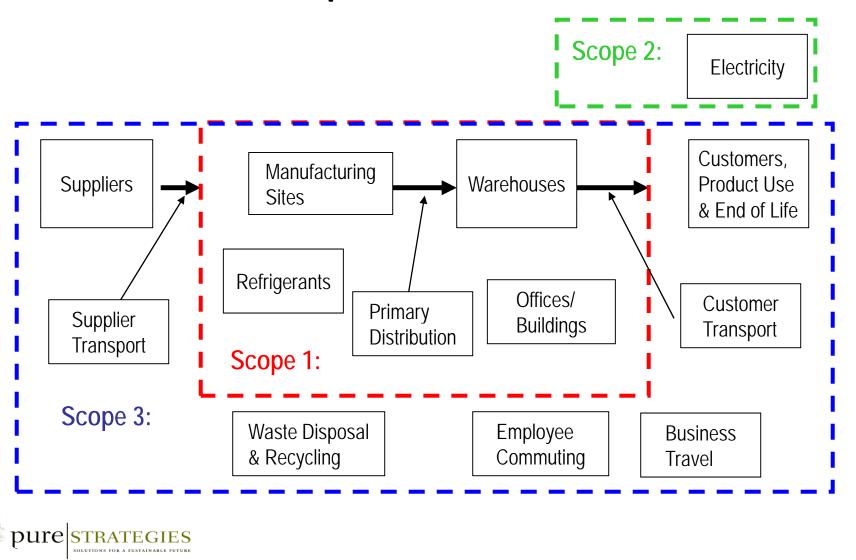
## Preparing a Carbon Footprint

- 1. Identify Boundaries
- 2. Identify Sources
- 3. Collect Data
- 4. Prepare Footprint to International Standards
- 5. Assess Strategic Implications
  - goals, cost savings & reduction opportunities, external
     & internal communication
- 6. Public Disclosure





## Carbon Footprint Boundaries



# Typical Facility S1 & S2 GHG Emission Sources

- Electricity
- Refrigerants (HFCs)
- Stationary Source Fossil Fuels Combustion
  - Natural gas
  - Diesel
  - Heavy Fuel Oil (#6)
  - Propane
  - Kerosene
- Mobile Source Fossil Fuel Combustion
- Anaerobic WWT



# Database Management

- Energy management programs
- Databases
- Excel spreadsheets



# **GHG** Accounting Standards

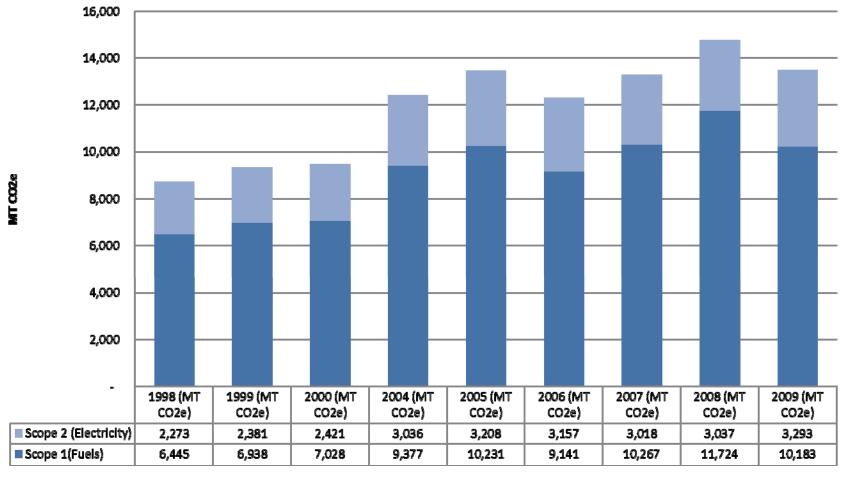
### Standard Set By

- World Resources Institute (WRI)
- World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

www.ghgprotocol.org



# Oakhurst Carbon Footprint Results





# GOAL SETTING AND PROGRESS



## Oakhurst Sustainability Goals

**Water** - 20%

Plant Energy - 20%

**GHG Emissions** - 20%

**Transportation - 20%** 

**Solid Waste - 5%** 

Goals established in 2010, to be accomplished by 2014 using a baseline from 2008. The percentage goals below reflect our efforts to reduce *per quart* equivalent (QE) of milk produced.



### Initial carbon reduction projects



- Worker training
  - Employee awareness
  - Turning off equipment when not in use
  - Weekend shut down
- Solar
- Transportation
  - biofuel use and hybrid delivery vehicles
  - truck skirts and re-routing



# 2010 Progress Reduced Plant Energy **6%**\$58,740 saved in 2010

### How did they do it??

- Upgraded lighting
- Replaced variable speed air compressor
- Installed a new ammonia refrigeration system
- Up-graded solar hot water system



## Reduced Water Use by 9%

- Stopped doing full washes on 13 tanks
- Oakhurst operators reduced sanitizer use
- Keep the floors dry
- Shut floor chains and conveyors off during down time





# Oakhurst Dairy Sustainability Dashboard Jan 1, 2011

Metric	Unit		2014 Goal	Actual Change (YTD)	Current YTD	2008 baseline
Plant Energy	Btu/QE	IMPROVING	-20%	-6%	311	329
GHG Emissions	lb CO2/QE	IMPROVING	-20%	-9.9%	0.20	0.22
Water	gallons/QE	IMPROVING	-20%	-9.2%	0.28	0.31
Total Solid Waste	lb/1000 QE	OFF TRACK	-5%	+0.1%	6.69	6.68
Transportation	gallons/1000 QE	IMPROVING	-20%	-9.9%	5.33	5.91



# CARBON FOOTPRINT EXTERNAL REPORTING



# Reporting



The Carbon Disclosure Project is an independent not-forprofit organization holding the largest database of primary corporate climate change information in the world.



April 2009; U.S. dairy, a \$200 billion industry, today formally announced its commitment to a roadmap for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of fluid milk by 25 percent by 2020 — equivalent to taking more than 1.25 million passenger cars off the road every year.



# Reporting (cont.)



### **Governor's Carbon Challenge**

- One of the first Maine-based corporations to participate
- Voluntary goal-setting program to assist businesses and nonprofit organizations accomplish their GHG reduction goals.



### **Customer interest**

#### **Walmart's Sustainability Goals**







To be supplied 100% by renewable energy

To create zero waste

To sell products that sustain our resources & environment

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### **External Communications**

Consumers

Information on website (solar energy and

biodiesel)





Direct communication to customers



### Oakhurst Future Activities

- Education at home; tips for lowering personal carbon footprint
- Exploring investing in wind power
- Completing solar installation at depot sites
- Investigating conversion to natural gas, eliminating oil



# Summary

- Oakhurst Family owned business
- Track GHG emissions
- Disclosing Emissions
- Set Reduction Goals
- Important to their customers and consumers



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