

CAPTURE+ A DAWN FOR BIOCHAR IN NORWAY

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OVERVIEW

- Past biochar research in Norway
- The Capture+ project
- Norway's first farm-scale pyrolyser
- Norway's GHG reductions: Obligations and openings for biochar
- Recent initiatives and projects

PAST BIOCHAR RESEARCH IN NORWAY

- Initiated by Daniel Rasse in 2007
- Lab and field trials on stability using C-13 and BPCA
- Yield, changes in soil characteristics and N₂O emissions
- Effects on soil biota and mycorrhiza
- Effects on metal uptake in plants







THE CAPTURE+ PROJECT

- Originated as a zero emission society sandpit winner, 2013
- Grouped NIBIO, SINTEF, Univ. of Life Sciences, DNV-GL and Inst. of Rural Research in a multidisciplinary team

Four aims:

- Explore implementation of biochar in Norway
- Improve pyrolysis processes using catalysers
- Explore value enhancement through synergies with other value chains
- Produce a small-scale demonstrator



NORWAY'S FIRST FARM-SCALE PYROLYSER

- Built by Russell Burnett in Australia in 2016 based on open source design by Prof. Stephen Joseph
- Capacity of 300 kg biomass/hr, produces 400 kW heat to air heat exchanger



NORWAY'S FIRST FARM-SCALE PYROLYSER

- Placed at Skjærgaarden Gartneri at Åsgårdstrand
- Motivation: Improving poor soil used for field grown plants
- Inagurated June 2017
- Co-financed by the county, Capture+ and Skjærgaarden
- Total cost: € 100.000,-











✓ Low CO₂ ✓ Very low CO ✓ Very low particle ✓ Very low VOC ✓ Zero NOx





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SKJÆRGAARDEN ACTIVITIES

- Continue to serve as a demonstration unit
- Using biochar as amendment in compost (horse manure, vegetable waste) to retain nutrients and avoid loss of volatiles
- Conduct field trials with biochar to combat plant diseases
- Experiment with addition of minerals and baking of biochar with biogas residues, sensu Pr. Stephen Joseph
- Sell bagged biochar?



NORWAY'S GHG REDUCTIONS: OBLIGATIONS AND OPENINGS FOR BIOCHAR

- Agricultural emissions represent 4.5 Mt CO₂ ekv./yr
- EU demands 40 % reduction by 2030
- Measures at <120 €/ton cover only 25 % (0.5 Mt)
- Biochar can cover another 0.6 Mt, or more... (Capture+ claims that we can cover half the cut (1 Mt/yr) within 2030 based on 2000 farm scale pyrolysers)









Kostnadseffektivitet (kø/torn CO2 - elvivlenter)

THE BUTS

Negative buts:

- But biochar is not approved as a mitigation measure
- Quality control must be ensured to verify stability
- Verification of use needed to ensure correct accounting and avoid cheating
- Politicians, regulators, potential users and the general public need to learn about biochar
- Politicians and regulators mainly look to the EU
- Producers of pyrolysing technology in Norway must see the opportunity

MORE BUTS

Positive buts:

- But biochar is catching the attention of politicians and the EPA
- Agricultural-, forestry- and waste sectors are interested
- Public funding available as of 2017 (Landbruksdirektoratet and Innovasjon Norge)



FUNDING SUPPORT



Biogass-,biokull- og kraft/varmeanlegg Bioenergiprogrammet i Innovasjon Norge kan gi støtte til investering i biogass-, kraft/varme- og biokullanlegg. Dette er anlegg som kan produsere biogass, varme, elkraft, biodrivstoff og biokull, på bioråstoff. Hvem kan søke: Totalproduksjon av energi Leveranse av energi Bønder, skogeiere og landbruksskoler Miljøgevinst/effekt av tiltaket Lønnsomhetsberegning Hva kan du søke om støtte til: Pyrolyseanlegg Krav til søker: Kraft/Varme anlegg Lager for brensel og substrater Lager for produksjon av varme, elkraft og biodrivstoff. Det kan søkes om støtte på inntil 45 prosent maksimalt Ved fastsettelse av tilskudd skal miljømessige forhold tillegger Merk:

Forstudier og forprosjekter Det kan gis støtte til forstudier og forprosjekt for etablering av Der kan gis størte til forstudier og forprosjektet omfatter tiltak i forbindelse med utredning og etablering som: Type og mengde råstoff/biomasse Type anlegg og kostnadsoverslag Avtaler, anbud og prosjekteringsarbeid Enkeltpersoner eller landbruksforetak som selv har til Må oppfylle bioenergiprogrammets kriterier Det kan gis inntil 50 prosent støtte på maksimalt kr. 50 000 til forstudier og kr. 150 000 til forprosjekter 16

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MORE BUTS

Positive buts (continued):

- Norway is well suited for implementing biochar:
 - Lots of unexploited biomass



- ✓ Mainly small-medium farms with both agriculture and forest
- Large demand for heat
- ✓ Farmers often burn wood pellets for heat and know this technology
- Farmers subsidies are revised annually and may be directed towards climate smart solutions
- ✓ Good infrastructure on farmers guidance used and trusted by farmers, and...

... short distance between innovators and policy makers



RECENT INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS

- CenBio has been granted large project for BC-fertilizer development
- Three municipal waste treatment plants are planning/evaluation biochar (Oslo wants to copy Stockholm for making biochar from garden waste!)
- Bioenergy companies inquire for aquisition of pyrolysis plant
- Forestry organisations lobby actively (Parliament inquiry)
- The main farmers organization develop a biochar strategy
- And more...











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