

CoProMax™ Process

Bringing Additional Value and Efficiency to
Ethanol Coproduct Production

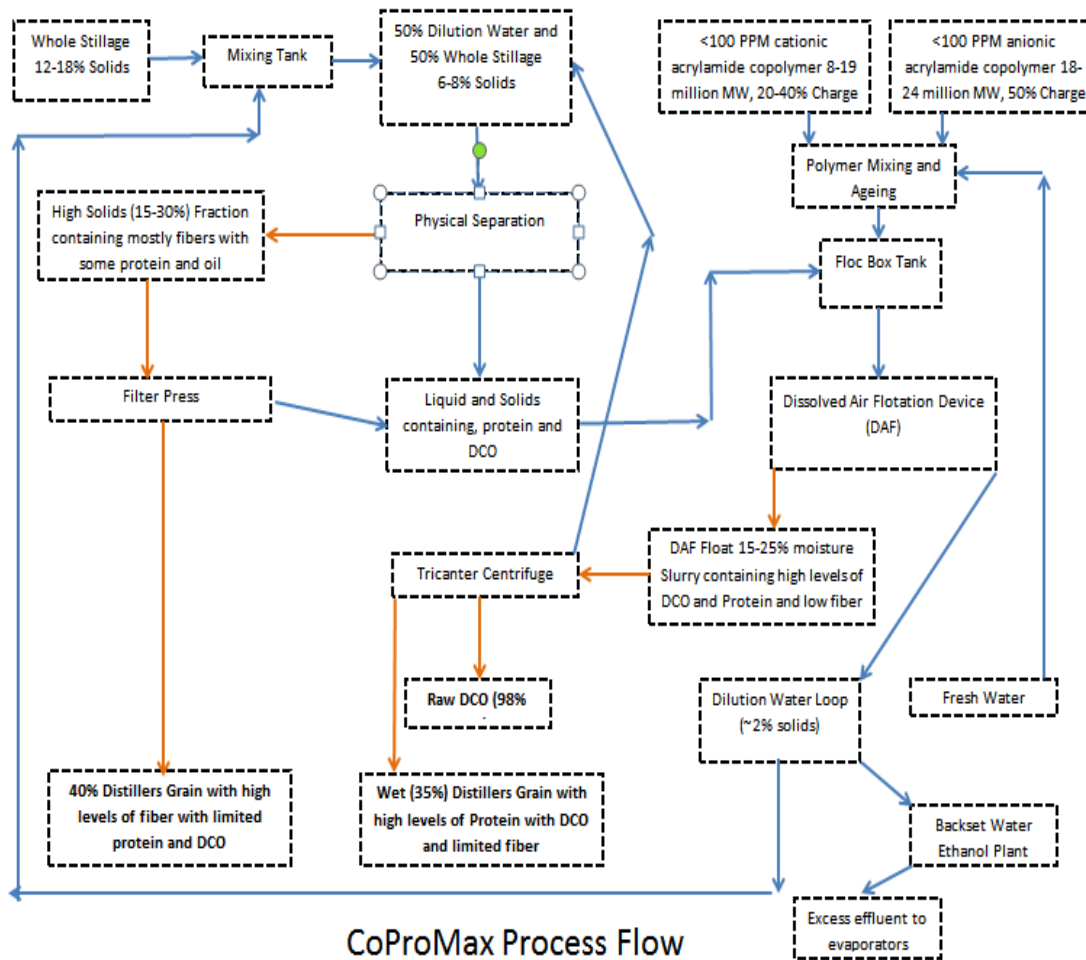
CoProMax™ History

Harvesting Technology LLC™ commercializes new agricultural production technologies:

- 2012: Established a working relationship with **Dr. Aicardo Roa** and **SoilNet™ Labs**.
- 2013: Funded Ethanol coproducts research with **SoilNet**.
- 2014: **SoilNet** Lab scale testing completed.
- 2015: **SoilNet** Patent issued: **Separation of Biocomponents from DDGS**
- 2015: Pilot Scale Demonstration at an Illinois Ethanol Plant.
- 2016: **SoilNet** Patent Issued: **Separation of Biocomponents from Whole Stillage**
- 2016: Commercial Demonstration under a Joint Development Agreement with a Large multi-plant Ethanol Producer at Easy Energy in Emmetsburg, Iowa.



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CoProMax Process Flow

- **Thin Stillage is no longer produced!** A simple mechanical extraction process to isolate **corn kernel fiber** eliminates the high maintenance and high power consumption centrifuges for corn distillers grain and thin stillage extraction.
- A Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) process separates the remaining solids containing high levels of protein and DCO from the liquids recovered from the initial solids separation. These solids are separated by a Tricanter into a **High Protein coproduct and DCO**.
- The liquids separated by the Tricanter and DAF are recycled for dilution of the whole stillage at the beginning of the CoProMax™ process and for use as low solids backset in the ethanol process, dramatically reducing the solids and liquids to the evaporators.
- The use of the recycled low solids liquids from the CoProMax processes allows a potential increase in the amount of corn introduced to the start of the fermentation process.

CoProMax™ Products

CKFiber™ a high corn kernel fiber coproduct:

- A low energy physical separation extracts 7.6 lbs. of 90% dry matter from each bushel of corn.
- The **CKFiber** is produced at 40% dry matter for sale as is or allows for reduced drying expenses.
- On a dry matter basis the **CKFiber** contains ~28% protein, 6.3% fat, 55% Neutral Detergent Fiber
- The corn kernel fiber in **CKFiber** is classified as a cellulosic ethanol feedstock.



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CoProMax™ a high protein coproduct:

- A Tricanter is used to separate the solids recovered from the DAF to provide 5.28 lbs. of 90% dry matter and 1.34 lbs. of Distillers Corn Oil from each bushel of corn.
- The **CoProMax** produced contains +50% protein and 8.0% fat on a dry matter basis.
- The **CoProMax** is produced at 30% Dry Matter



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Distillers Corn Oil coproduct:

- The **Distillers Corn Oil** produced contains less than 2% moisture and MIUs.



CoProMax™ Commercial Demonstration

- Harvesting Technology™ recently completed commercial scale testing at a Easy Energy in Emmetsburg Iowa.
- Whole stillage flow rates equivalent to the production of one million gallons of ethanol per year were tested.
- Flow rates and outputs were instrumented to provide mass balances which could easily be sized to any scale dry grind ethanol plant.



CoProMax™ Brings Carbon Intensity Gains

A 15-25% reduction in natural gas use and 20-30% reduction in grid electricity use associated with use of CoProMax™ in a both the default LCFS corn ethanol and a modern, real plant were modeled by Riffel Consulting based on Mr. Riffel's experience.

Default Corn Ethanol Plant Incremental Results.

| Reduction | CI Reduction | | Credit Value |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Units: | g CO2e/MJ | % | \$/gal |
| Natural Gas (15 - 25%) | 3.67 – 6.12 | 4.6 - 7.7% | 0.027 – 0.044 |
| Electricity (20 – 30%) | 1.15 – 1.73 | 1.4 – 2.2% | 0.008 – 0.013 |
| Combined | 4.82 – 7.85 | 6.1 – 9.9% | 0.035 – 0.057 |

producing 100 million gallons per year could generate 33,333 – 54,079 additional credits worth approximately \$3.0M to \$4.9M per year.

Advanced Corn Ethanol Plant Incremental Results

| Reduction | CI Reduction | | Credit Value |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Units: | g CO2e/MJ | % | \$/gal |
| Natural Gas (15 - 25%) | 3.04 – 5.07 | 4.0 – 6.7% | 0.022 – 0.037 |
| Electricity (20 – 30%) | 1.10 – 1.65 | 1.5 – 2.2% | 0.008 – 0.012 |
| Combined | 4.14 – 6.72 | 5.5 – 8.9% | 0.030 – 0.049 |

LCFS credit value calculated based on latest weekly data available (30th January 2016 – 5th February 2017)

CoProMax™ Brings Carbon Intensity Gains

Increasing the DCO yield from 0.8 lb/bu to 1.34 lb./bu reduces emissions by 1.52 g CO₂e/MJ for a default corn ethanol plant and 1.50 g CO₂e/MJ for an advanced plant. This incremental reduction translates into:

- a credit value of \$0.0147 - \$0.0153 per gallon of ethanol
- This value likely suggests that pursuing a Tier 2 pathway is worth exploring. This approach would need to be discussed with ARB and approved.

CoProMax™ Value

The CoProMax™ (CPM) process focuses on improving the capture, yield and value of the coproducts available from ethanol production. Combining the Potential CI, operational and energy gains from a 100M GPY Plant results in savings and increased value from:

- Energy and operational efficiencies. \$5,000,000
- Carbon Intensity gains from the LCFS. \$4,900,000
- Carbon Intensity gains from increased DCO. \$1,500,000

Total Efficiency and CI Gains \$11,400.000

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