Anheuser-Busch

Cartersville Brewery Environmental Overview

The Cartersville brewery brews more than 8 million barrels of beer per year.

Helping the Environment

In 2006, the Cartersville brewery recycled more than 99 percent of the solid waste it generated. Materials include grain from the brewing process, plastic strapping, stretch wrap, aluminum, glass, cardboard, plastics, office paper and metals.

In 2006, the brewery shipped approximately 165,400 tons of spent brewers grain that was used as cattle feed and approximately 10 million pounds of spent yeast that was dried and used as an animal feed in the pet food industry.

Anheuser-Busch has two of only 16 Wildlife Habitat Council certified sites in the state of Georgia (Anheuser-Busch's Metal Container Corp. in Rome is the other company facility). In addition, the Cartersville Brewery's resource recovery farm is the only certified "Corporate Lands for Learning" site in the state.

BERS Operation

The Cartersville brewery utilizes Bio-Energy Recovery Systems (BERS) technology that converts nutrients in leftover water from the brewing process into a renewable biogas. Anheuser-Busch is the world's largest operator of BERS.

BERS provides up to 12 percent of the Cartersville brewery's fuel needs.

Land Application

Byproducts from the brewery's BERS operation are dried and then applied to land as a nutrient source for crops. In 2006, the Cartersville brewery applied more than 800 tons of nutrients at its resource recovery farm. Grass crops – such as Bermuda, rye and fescue grass – are then grown and used as feed for cattle.

Recent Awards

- 2007 Georgia Water Pollution Control Association First Place Award for Industrial Indirect Biological Discharge
- 2006 Georgia Water Pollution Control Association Industrial Facility Gold Award
- 2007 & 2006 Georgia Water Pollution Wastewater System Operator - Top Operator Award
- 2006 Wildlife Habitat Council Wild Turkey Management Award
- 2005 White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation Environmental Management System Recognition

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