

# A Journey Towards Sustainable Ag... The Power of the Black Soldier Fly

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**ADULT** • Black Soldier Fly 7 - 14 days

- Not considered pests
- Native worldwide
- Do not bite, sting or carry zoonotic diseases
- Rapid lifecycle vs other insects

**PUPAL STAGE** • 10 days to several months 500 - 900 EGGS • Hatch in ~ 4 days • Laid near food waste LARVAL STAGE • 13 - 18 days • Includes 5 instars

PREPUPAL STAGE • Lasts ~ 7 days • 6th instar



- + Short lifecycle
- + Vertical farming
- + 100% edible
- = Incredible yield potential





74,0000 lb per acre

Edible Protein Production (lb protein/acre)











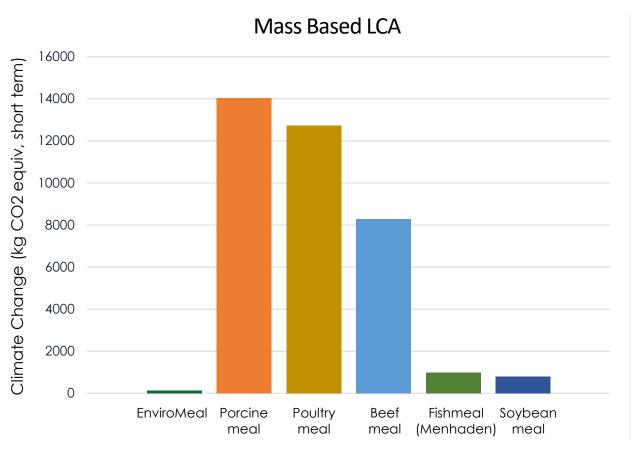
Soy: 1,500 lb per acre

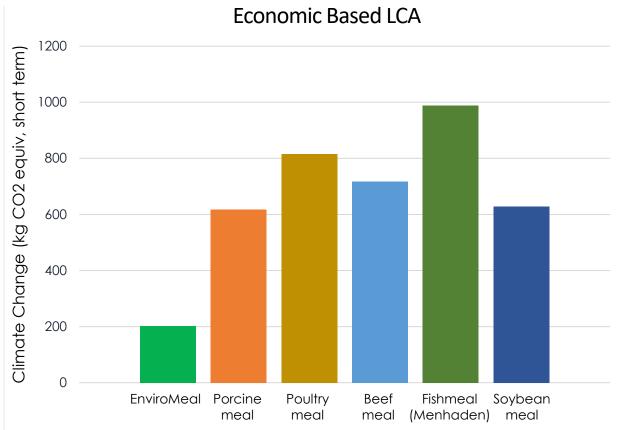
Poultry: 265 lb per acre

Beef: 192 lb per acre



BSFL ingredients can improve sustainability metrics for animal feed







- Can consume a wide range of feedstocks
  - Current US Regulatory approval requires AAFCO-Defined or GRAS status
  - Some approved ingredients may require further safety studies (e.g., manure)
- Feedstock can influence composition
  - Fatty acid profile
  - Vitamin content (esp. Vit E, D, pigments)
  - Mineral & heavy metal content
- Insects can bioremediate mycotoxins, antibiotics, pathogens













## **BSFL Ingredients Provide Essential Nutrition**





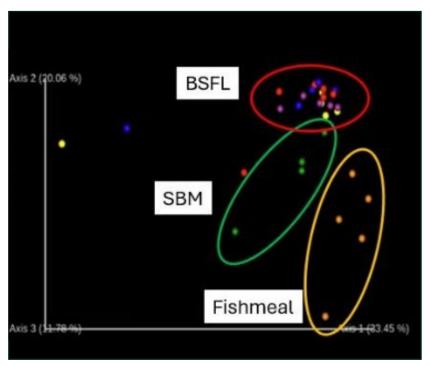


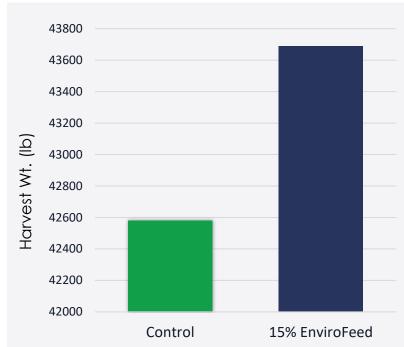


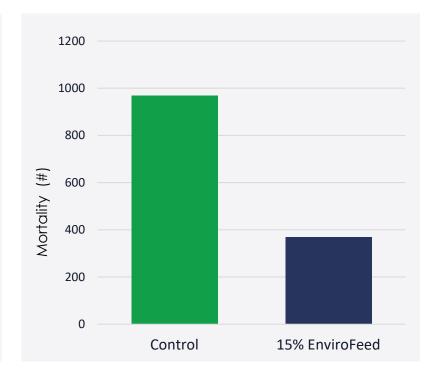
Nutrients	EnviroBug	EnviroMeal	EnviroOil	EnviroFeed	
Protein	34%	50-55%		20%	
Fat	26%	9 – 15%	98%	6%	
Calcium	2%	2%		2%	
Additional Benefits: lauric acid, chitin, antimicrobial peptides (AMPs)					



#### BSFL Ingredients Optimize Gut and Systemic Health







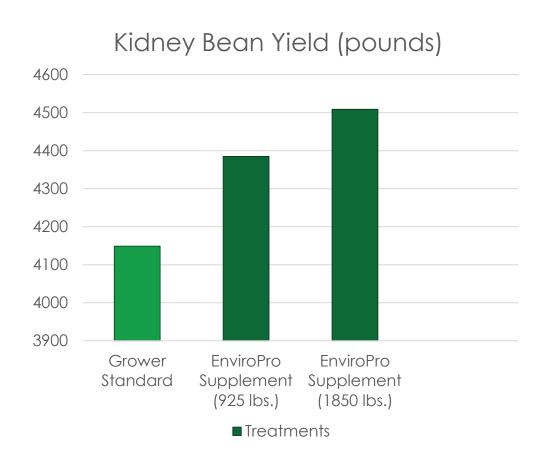


#### BSFL Ingredients Optimize Soil and Plant Health





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# US regulatory status of BSFL

Definition Status  as of October 2024					
Markets	EnviroBug/EnviroMeal	EnviroOil	EnviroFeed		
Dogs	All life stages (Exclusive*) Official – Adult dog (AAFCO)	All life stages (Exclusive*) Official – Adult dog (AAFCO)	Official (AAFCO)		
Cats	All life stages (Exclusive*) Tentative – Adult cat (AAFCO**)	All life stages (Exclusive*) Tentative – Adult cat (AAFCO**)	Official (AAFCO)		
Poultry	Official (AAFCO)	All life stages (Exclusive*) Under FDA review (AAFCO***)	Official (AAFCO)		
Swine	Official (AAFCO)	Official (AAFCO)	Official (AAFCO)		
Aquaculture	Official – Salmon Tentative – Finfish (AAFCO**)	Official (AAFCO)	Official (AAFCO)		



<sup>\*</sup>EnviroFlight exclusive – Self-determined GRAS

<sup>\*\*</sup>Official vote expected Jan 2025

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Official vote expected Aug 2025













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