

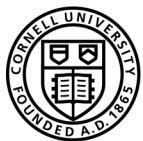
How much manure?

Using CNMP tools to make manure application recommendations in NYS



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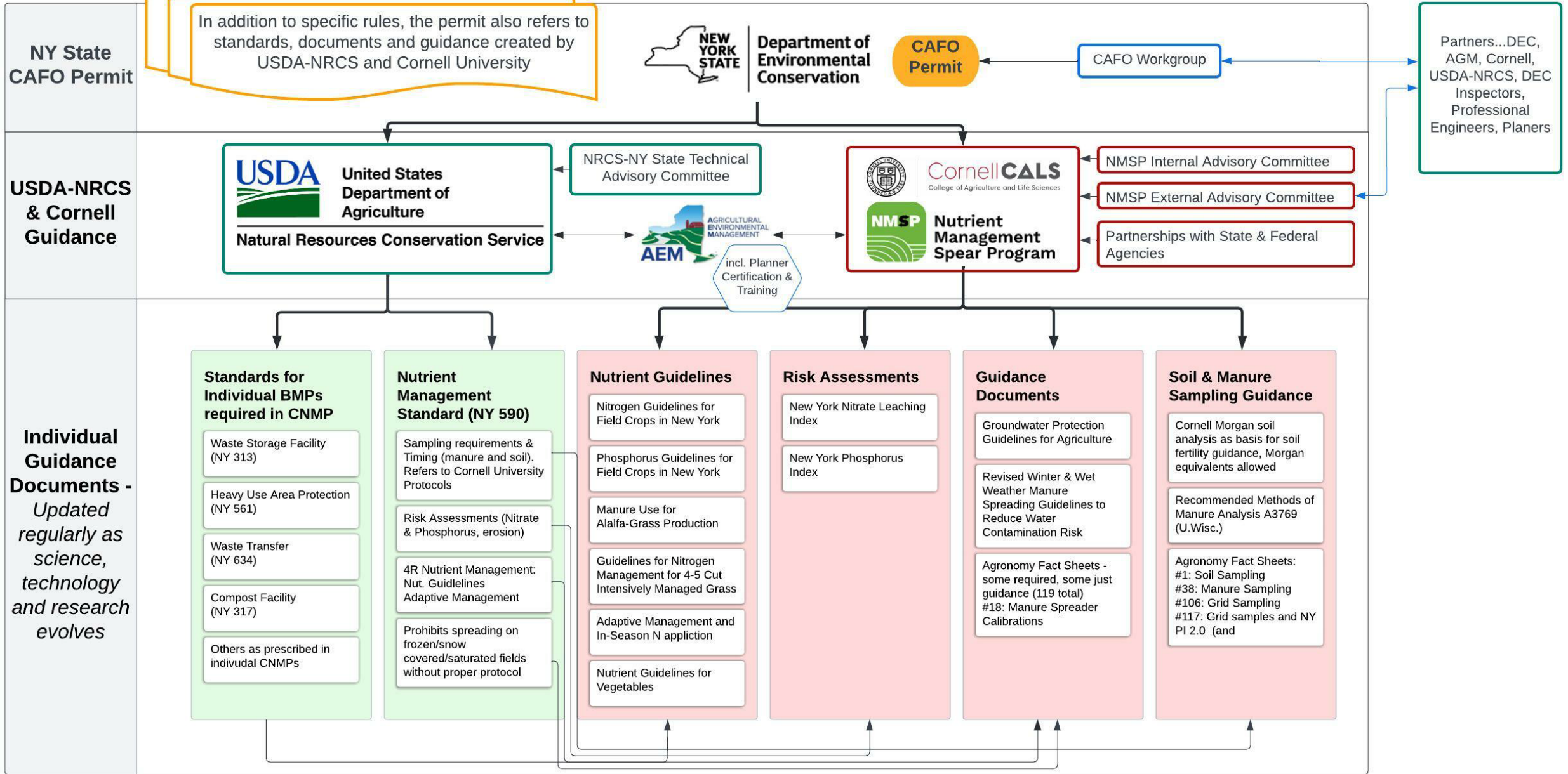
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Nutrient Management Planning

- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (*required*)
- Farms who receive financial assistance from AEM or NRCS for waste storage or other nutrient management practices
- Farms who WANT one...
 - NRCS
 - AEM
 - DAP
- Follow the NRCS 590 Standard





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Soil Sampling for Field C

Soil testing is done to determine pH and organic matter as well as levels of macronutrients [phosphorus (P), potassium (K), calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg)] and micronutrients [iron (Fe), manganese (Mn), zinc (Zn)]. When paired with data from crop response trials, chemical soil test results can be used to determine crop-specific nutrient needs for profitable and environmentally sound applications of soil amendments, including fertilizer, manure, and lime. Soil test results and the fertility management guidelines derived from them are heavily dependent on the quality and representativeness of the samples collected. As such, the main goal of a sampling program should be to obtain a reasonably representative sample of the field or sub-field that is in line with the farmer's field management objectives and yield potentials. This fact sheet provides guidance on soil sampling for field crop production.

Establish a Regular Sampling Time

It is recommended to take soil samples at least once every 2 to 3 years. Where it is desired to track nutrient fluctuations more closely, having soil test results before the next crop is planted will help refine management decisions. Soil samples are best taken in the fall after harvest of the main season crop but can also be taken in the spring or summer. Consistently sampling around the same month of the year will help reduce seasonal variation in soil tests and as a result create more reliable information on impact of crop management decisions on soil fertility and pH over time.

Use Proper Sampling Tools

Soil probes are often the best tool for the job because they collect soil in a continuous core from the surface through the entire sampling depth with minimal soil disturbance. In stony soils, an auger may work better. A spade or shovel may be used, but with care to avoid over-sampling surface soil and under-sampling at depth. All sampling tools must be clean and free of rust. Brass or galvanized tools or

containers can contain copper and zinc, so augers are recommended to be clean plastic buckets.

Sample the Proper

Lightly scrape the soil before sampling to remove surface residue. Remove visible stones, plant animal residues from sample after taking it. For field crops, conventional tillage, the top 0-8 inches (F This depth is ir because fertility g derived from fie research in New Y based on soil test re this depth. Sample because nutrients ca layer which can imp the fertility guidelir recommended to sam no-till or minimum-t two samples; one f depth and another fr nutrient analyses. T clearly labeled with The 0-1 inch sample determination of a system, nitrogen fe applied, and this re surface, which can b full-depth core. Early soil surface is import material cannot be i Without tillage, lime react beyond the top

Obtain a Represent
To adequately repres the field and to m individual soil cores t should be composi

Soil pH for Field Crop

The pH of a soil is among the most important soil characteristics for crop production. The pH of a soil is a measure of the activity of hydrogen (H⁺) ions in the soil solution usually obtained by shaking soil with distilled water. Mathematically, the pH is the negative logarithm of the hydrogen ion activity of a soil which means that for each unit increase in pH there is a 10 times change in acidity (so a soil with a pH of 5 is 10 times more acid than a soil with a pH of 6 and 100 times more acid than a soil with a pH of 7). A soil with a pH value of 7 or greater is called an alkaline or basic soil. If the pH is less than 7, the soil is called acidic.

As soils become increasingly acidic (decreasing pH), important nutrients like phosphorus become less available to plants (Figure 1). Other elements, like aluminum, become more available and may actually become toxic to the plant, resulting in reduced crop yields. Liming to optimum pH not only increases the availability of essential nutrients, but also supplies additional calcium and magnesium, improves soil conditions for microorganisms, increases the effectiveness of triazine herbicides, and improves soil structure.

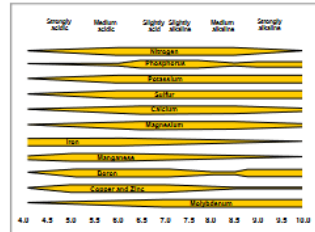


Figure 1: Soil pH impacts nutrient availability.

The pH of most calcareous soils (soils containing free calcium carbonates such as Honeoye, Lima, Ontario, and Kendaia soils) in

the New York lime belt along Interstate 90 ranges from 7-8.5. Most soils in New York

In humid climates of New York State, the magnesium, potassium naturally causes a soil because they leave H⁺ and aluminum ion can change the pH of most nitrogen fertilizer sources (compost formation of nitric acid (H₂SO₄). Both an increase in soil a pH of the soil).

The soil pH ranges for crops are given in Table 1. Test soil to determine desired range. If maintained, increase varieties can not be can not fix a problem

Table 1: Ranges and recommendations of various field crops in New York State.

Crop Species	Normal pH Range
Alfalfa	6.5
Barley	6.3
Birdsfoot trefoil	6.0
Clovers	5.8
Corn	5.8
Grasses	5.8
Oats	5.8
Soybeans	6.5
Wheat	6.3

Testing for soil pH

It is recommended to test soil pH and fertility at least per rotation. Take a samples from across

Corn Stalk Nitrate Test (CSNT)

Recent increases in nitrogen (N) fertilizer costs have caused producers to strive for better use of the N already on the farm (manure, sods, cover crops, etc.) to meet N requirements of silage corn. However, at the end of the growing season, unless drastic yield losses are observed, it is often difficult to determine if the corn crop had enough N for optimum yield that growing season. An end-of-season stalk nitrate test for evaluation of the N supply during the growing season is useful as a management tool as it helps identify if adjustments in N management are needed in future years. In 1996 researchers at Iowa State University developed a new tissue test: the Corn Stalk Nitrate Test (CSNT).

Since it was first developed, the CSNT has gained use in several parts of the US and over the past three years we have tested its performance under New York growing conditions. In this fact sheet we summarize our research findings and give interpretations for New York soils and growing conditions.

Sampling procedure

Timing

For corn silage, samples could be collected starting one week prior to harvest until four days after harvest. Low CSNTs for 1st year corn can occur even if sufficient N from sod decomposition was available. We recommend CSNT sampling of 2nd or higher year corn only.

Method

The portion of the stalk used for the test is important as the test is calibrated for the nitrates that accumulate in this part of the stalk. First measure up 6 inches from the soil surface and cut the plant. Then measure 8 inches up from this first cut, and make a 2nd cut. These cuts result in an 8-inch sample taken from between 6 and 14 inches above the ground (see Figure 1). Make sure not to touch the soil with the corn stalk segment; contamination with soil will impact test results. Split each stalk into four parts by cutting it lengthwise using a clean kitchen knife. Discard

3 of the 4 quarters of the stalk during the drying process with a number of plants (≤15 acres in size should be randomly one sample to be sampled separately more than 15 acres into smaller sampl

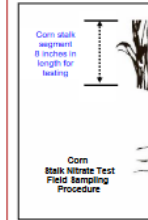


Figure 1: Sample an 8-inch segment from between 6 and 14 inches above the ground.

Sample submission
Samples can be submitted to the Cornell University Agronomy Department, 110 Thurston Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853. Samples should be submitted in a paper bag for some drying to reduce mold. See <http://www.cornell.edu/extension/soil-testing/corn-stalk-nitrate-test> for more information.

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Interpretation of CSNT
Research conducted following interpretation:
• Low = less than 25 ppm
• Marginal = 25 to 50 ppm
• Optimal = 50 to 75 ppm
• Excess = greater than 75 ppm

Measuring Corn Silage Yield

New guidance developed in consultation with the multi-agency partnership involved in nutrient management planning in New York allows for added nitrogen fertility for higher yielding corn fields if the farmer: (1) documents individual field yield data for each of the years where yield potential (YP) is adjusted for increased yield and (2) works to manage corn stalk nitrate test (CSNT) results to be below 3,000 ppm. See Agronomy Factsheets 77 and 78 for more detail. In this factsheet, we focus on methods to determine corn silage yield.

Methods to Determine Corn Silage Yield

Various methods can be used to determine corn silage yield. Examples range from totaling the actual weight determined by running each truck or wagon over a scale, to use of calibrated data from a forage chopper yield monitor, to tallying of loads multiplied by an estimated average load weight, or by using a yield check in a specific area of each field to estimate yield of the entire field. These methods will be discussed briefly.

Yield Check

A representative area in a field can be used to estimate whole field yield. Given spatial variability in many fields, this method is less accurate than measuring all loads off a field.

If machine harvest is possible, harvest a chopper-width along the length of a field, determine net harvest weight, determine the dry matter (DM) content of a subsample (see below), adjust the yield for DM, and divide by the total area harvested. Ideally, three subareas are harvested and measured in this way per field.

When hand-harvest is the only option, the sample area should be at least 40 feet in length and include two or more rows of corn. A subset of a minimum of five plants from this area should be taken to determine the moisture content. There are 43,560 ft² in one acre. If harvest consists of two rows (30 inch row spacing) each 40 feet long, weighing 220

lbs, the fresh silage yield is estimated at 24 tons/acre [(220/2000)/[(2*30/12*40/43560)]. If the forage sample is 35% dry matter, the yield is 8.4 tons of dry matter per acre (24*0.35). For either approach, it is important to select representative areas within a field.

Total harvest weight from a field

As more farms install truck scales, this option is more viable than in the past. This method, when combined with subsampling to determine the moisture content of the silage at harvest, is the most accurate way to determine yield. The empty and full weight must be recorded for each load from every field harvested. This is most easily done when farm scales are installed at a convenient location, close to the bunks. Subsamples for moisture should be taken a few times over the course of a field harvest. Moisture samples can most easily be taken when silage is dropped off at the bunk (5-6 grab samples per load). Moisture can be determined using a Koster tester, a microwave, or an oven.

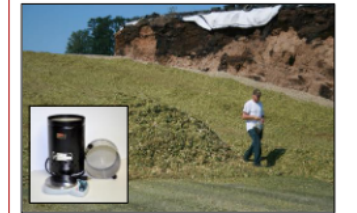


Figure 1: Subsampling for moisture at the bunk. Inset: Koster tester.

The sum of the net load weights per field can be tallied and multiplied by the percent dry matter in the samples from the field, and divided by the number of acres in the field, to determine an accurate per acre DM silage yield. For example: it took 20 trucks to harvest an 8 acre field. The average silage weight per

Breakdown

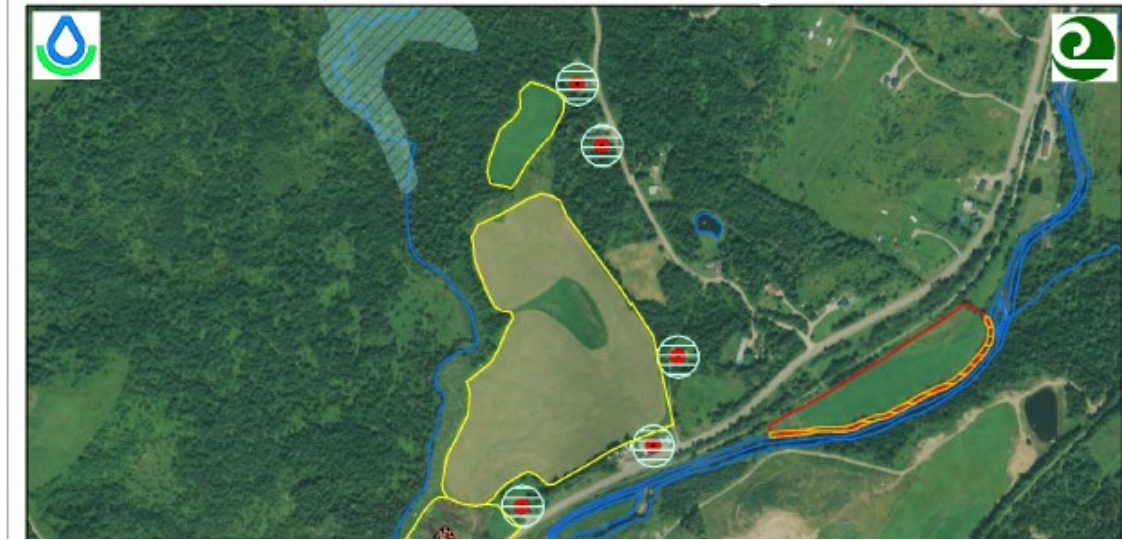
- **Basic information required FIRST**
- **Risk Assessments**
- **Crop Needs**
- **Nutrient Guidelines vs. Actual Rates**
- **Management during application to avoid losses**
- **Q&A...**

REMINDER: This ENTIRE process gets repeated for EVERY field in the CNMP



Step 1: Field Information

- Location, size
- Soil type
- Field characteristics
 - Slope, concentrated flows, existing erosion
- Proximity to environmentally sensitive areas & setbacks required
- Soil test
- Cropping history & management
 - Yield, rotation, previous nutrient applications
- **Soil, Water, Air, Plants, Animals, Humans, Energy analysis**



Soils Analysis Report with Dairy One Nutrient Guidelines



Dairy One
730 Warren Road
Ithaca NY 14850
Ph: 800.496.3344
Fax: 607.257.1350
www.dairyone.com

Sample #: 74860100
Date Sampled:
Date Received: 2/23/2023
Date Mailed: 2/24/2023

Crop, 3 Years Ago:
Crop, 2 Years Ago: Soybeans
Crop, Last Year: Corn-Grain
Plow Depth: Less than 9 inches
Manure: No

Farm Name / Client:
Field / Location:
Soil Name:
Acres:
Statement ID:

Component	Mehlich 3, ppm	Morgan, lbs/acre	Soil Test Levels				
			Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High
Phosphorus (P)	66.0	5.9	*****				
Potassium (K)	151.4	268.4	*****				
Calcium (Ca)	1,432.0	2,500.0	*****				
Magnesium (Mg)	155.8	282.4	*****				

pH	Buffer pH	Organic Matter, %	CEC meq/100g	Exchg. Acidity meq/100g	Nitrate-N ppm	Total N %	Sol. Salts mmhos/cm	Base Saturation Values, %					
								K	Ca	Mg	Na	H	Total
6.4	6.2	3.5	10.3	1.44				3.8	69.2	12.4	0.6	14.0	86.0

Other Nutrients, ppm										
Na	Al	S	Zn	Mn	Fe	Cu	B	Mo		
14.8	897.9		2.7							



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Step 2: Nutrient Information

- Types & volumes available
- Nutrient analysis
- Spreader calibration



6.11 % Dry Matter

8.34 Density (lbs per gal)

Manure Test Report

Agricultural & Environmental Testing Laboratory
and UVM Extension

Description	lbs/wet ton	lbs/1,000 gal	Dry Wt. Basis (%)
Total Nitrogen	4.2	17.4	3.41
Ammonium Nitrogen (NH ₄ -N, part of total)	1.1	4.8	0.94
Organic Nitrogen (part of total)	3.0	12.6	2.48
Phosphorus as P ₂ O ₅	2.0	8.2	1.61
Potassium as K ₂ O	5.3	21.9	4.30
Calcium	3.3	14.0	2.74
Magnesium	0.9	3.9	0.76
Sodium	0.3	1.1	0.22
<i>Micronutrients</i>			<i>(ppm or mg/kg)</i>
Copper	<0.01	< 0.05	23
Zinc	<0.01	< 0.05	65
Iron	0.14	0.6	1,119
Manganese	<0.01	< 0.05	110
Boron	<0.01	< 0.05	29

Step 3: Risk Assessment

- Soil Loss – Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation (RUSLE)
 - Must meet thresholds or ‘tolerable’ limits
- Phosphorus Runoff Index
- Nitrate Leaching Index
- Environmental Concerns - Setbacks
 - Surface water
 - Ground water & wells
 - Plants, wildlife
 - Air

Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG)	Type	Infiltration capacity/permeability	Leaching potential	Runoff potential
A	Deep, well-drained sands and gravels.	High	High	Low
B	Moderately drained, moderately fine to moderately coarse texture.	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
C	Impeding layer, or moderately fine to fine texture.	Low	Low	High
D	Clay soils, soils with high water table.	Very low	Very low	Very high



Phosphorus Runoff Index

National NRCS Code 590

P application shall be consistent with either:

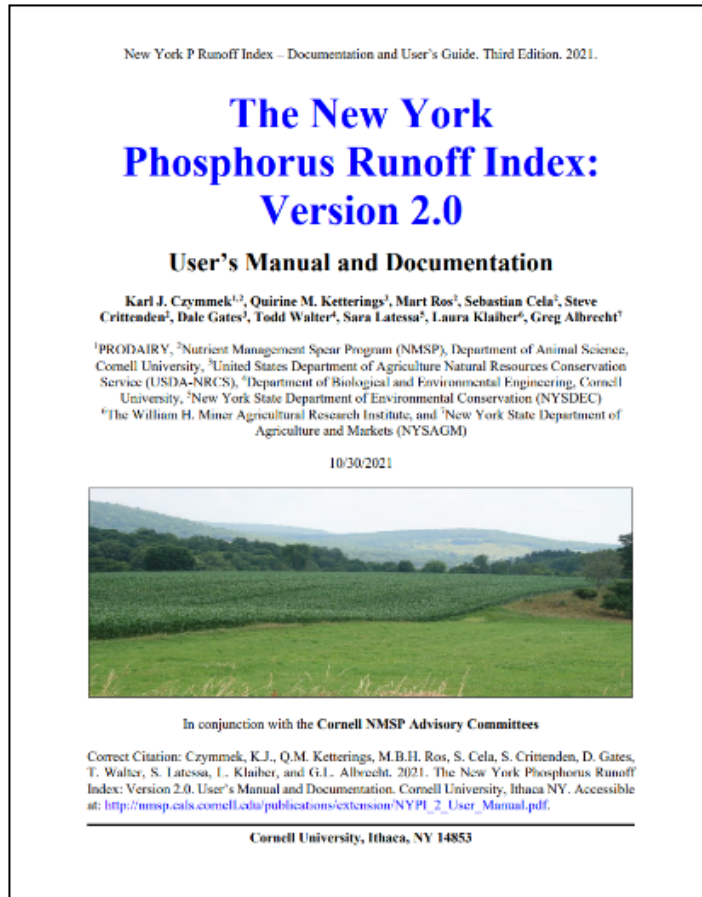
- *Agronomic soil test*
 - If STP says no P needed, no P can be added
- *P threshold*
 - If STP > threshold, no more P
- *P index - risk determination*
 - Combine source and transport risk



NY Phosphorus Index



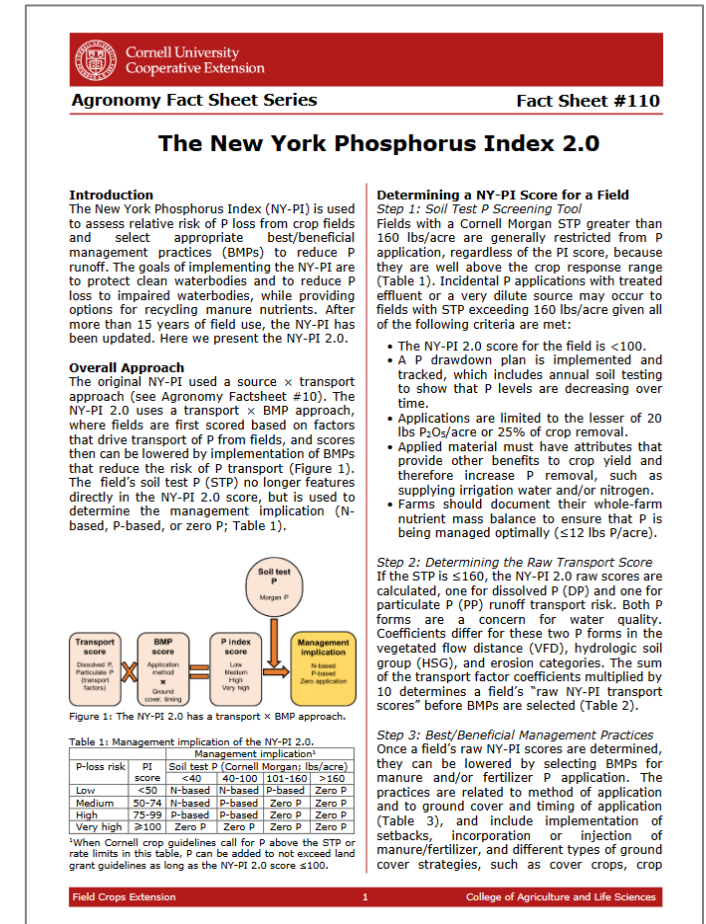
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NY-PI 2.0:

- Released Dec. 2019
- Added to NRCS 590 for NY
- NY CAFO Permit -2022 (2025 implementation)

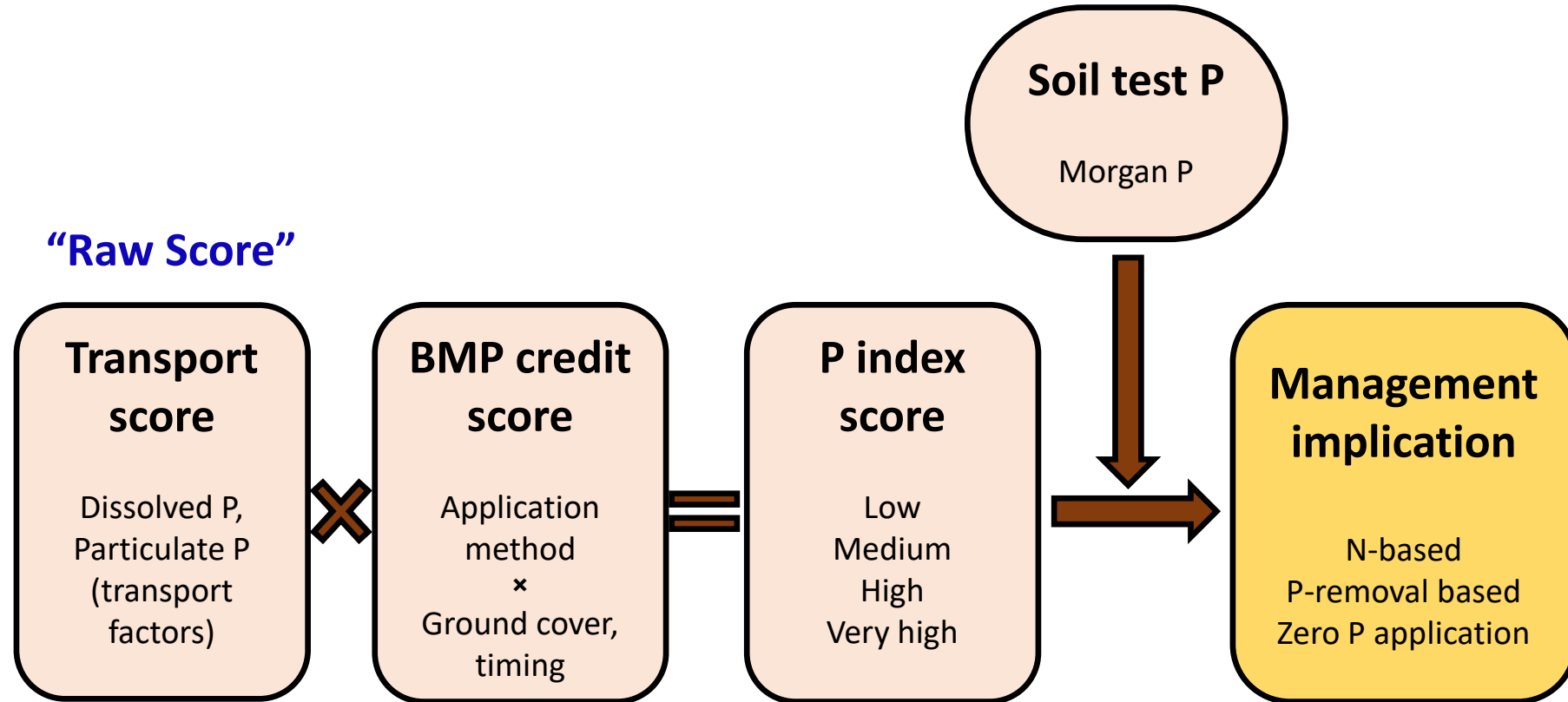
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Factsheet:
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NY-PI 2.0 structure



Dissolved P } Both have to be <100 to apply P
Particulate P }

Determining a Field NY-PI 2.0 Score

Four steps:

- Step 1: Soil Test P (STP) Screening Tool
- Step 2: Determining the Raw Transport Scores
- Step 3: Best/Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs)
- Step 4: Determine management implications (N-based, P-based, zero)

Additional considerations:

- Adaptive management option (farm with NMBs ≤ 12 lbs P/acre)
- Incidental P application to fields with STP > 160 lbs P/acre



Determining a Field NY-PI 2.0 Score

Step 1: Soil Test P Screening Tool

Cornell Morgan *STP >160 lbs P/acre*: zero P, regardless of PI score

PI categories	PI score	Cornell Morgan-extractable soil test P (lbs P/acre)			
		< 40	40-100	101-160	> 160
Low	< 50	N-based	N-based	P-based	Zero P
Medium	50 to 74	N-based	P-based	Zero P	Zero P
High	75 to 99	P-based	P-based	Zero P	Zero P
Very High	≥100	Zero P	Zero P	Zero P	Zero P



Step 2: Determination of Raw Transport Scores

**Transport
score**

Dissolved P,
Particulate P
(transport
factors)

Dissolved P (DP score) =
 $10 * [FD + VFD_{DP} + FF + HSG_{DP} + CF]$

Particulate P (PP score) =
 $10 * [FD + VFD_{PP} + FF + HSG_{PP} + E + CF]$

Factor	Option	Coefficient	
Flow distance (FD) to stream in ft	> 500	0	
	301-500	4	
	101-300	6	
	≤ 100	8	
Vegetated flow distance (VFD) ¹	<35 ft	0	
	≥35 ft	DP: -2	PP: -4
Flooding frequency (FF)	Never	0	
	Occasionally	2	
	Frequent	5	
Hydrologic soil group (HSG)	A	DP: 0	PP: 0
	B	DP: 4	PP: 1
	C	DP: 6	PP: 3
	D	DP: 8	PP: 5
Erosion (E) in ton/acre ²	≤ 1.0	0	
	1.1-3.0	1	
	3.1-5.0	3	
	> 5.0	5	
Concentrated flow (CF)	None/treated	0	
	Present	4	

¹Only for fields with FD ≤ 500 ft. ²RUSLE2 A-value (yearly).



Step 3: Best/Beneficial Management Practices

Select One from Each List and Multiply

BMP score

Application method
×
Ground cover, timing

Method of application	
Surface spread without setback	1.0
Surface spread with ≥100-ft setback from the field boundary (start of the predominant flow path) ¹	0.8
Surface spread with ≥35-ft managed vegetated (sod/harvested) setback from the field boundary (start of the predominant flow path) ¹	0.7
Incorporation within 24 h with ≥15-ft setback from down-gradient surface waters	0.7
Injection with ≥15-ft setback from down-gradient surface waters	0.5
Ground cover and timing	
Bare ground and more than 2 weeks before planting	1.0
Bare ground and within 2 weeks of planting (in spring)	0.8
Winter-hardy cover crop (fall/winter)	0.8
Whole-plant crop residue (~80% or more ground cover, e.g. corn grain)	0.7
Sod after last cutting (fall/winter)	0.6
Growing sod or row crop/planting green	0.5

¹Only for fields with FD ≤ 500 ft.

Implementing the Phosphorus Index 2.0

BMP COEFFICIENTS										
Method of Application	Coefficient									
	Scen. A			Scen. B			Scen. C*			
Surface spread without setback	1.0			1.0			1.0			
Surface spread with ≥100-ft setback from the field boundary (start of the predominant flow path)	0.8			0.8			0.8			
Surface spread with ≥35-ft managed vegetated (sod/harvested) setback from the field boundary (start of the predominant flow path)	0.7			0.7			0.7			
Incorporation within 24 hours with ≥15-ft setback from down-gradient surface waters	0.7			0.7			0.7			
Injection with ≥15-ft setback from down-gradient surface waters	0.5			0.5			0.5			
Ground Cover/Timing										
Bare ground and more than 2 weeks before planting	1.0			1.0			1.0			
Bare ground and within 2 weeks of planting (in spring)	0.8			0.8			0.8			
Winter-hardy cover crop (fall/winter)	0.8			0.8			0.8			
Whole-plant crop residue (~80% or more ground cover, e.g. corn grain)	0.7			0.7			0.7			
Sod after last cutting (fall/winter)	0.6			0.6			0.6			
Growing sod or row crop/planting green	0.5			0.5			0.5			
Phosphorus Index Score										
Higher Total Transport Score (of DP/PP above)	Method Coefficient			Cover/Timing Coefficient			P Index Score			
	Scen. A	Scen. B	Scen. C	Scen. A	Scen. B	Scen. C	=	Scen. A	Scen. B	Scen. C
100	0.5	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.7	1.0		25	56	100

*You have the option to choose three different BMP Scenarios to compare results based on different combinations of BMP's.

For example:

$$\text{Scen. A} = 100 * 0.5 * 0.5 = 25$$

$$\text{Scen. B} = 100 * 0.8 * 0.7 = 56$$

$$\text{Scen. C} = 100 * 1.0 * 1.0 = 100$$



Determining a Field NY-PI 2.0 Score

Step 4: Determine management implications (N-based, P-based, zero)

PI categories	PI score	Cornell Morgan-extractable soil test P (lbs P/acre)			
		< 40	40-100	101-160	> 160
Low	< 50	N-based	N-based	P-based	Zero P
Medium	50 to 74	N-based	P-based	Zero P	Zero P
High	75 to 99	P-based	P-based	Zero P	Zero P
Very High	≥100	Zero P	Zero P	Zero P	Zero P



N-based, P-based or No P?

P-Index Management	What does that mean
N-based	Manure and fertilizer application not to exceed annual nitrogen (N) needs for the crop grown based on the Cornell Nutrient Guidelines.
P-based	Manure and fertilizer P application not to exceed annual P removal with harvest.
Zero P	No manure or P-containing fertilizer.



Nitrate Leaching Index

- Identification of fields with elevated nitrate leaching risk and implementation of beneficial management practices (BMPs) to reduce nitrate loss
- Hydrologic Soil Groups
- Percolation Index and the Seasonal Index
 - **PI**=annual average precipitation and the hydrologic soil group
 - **SI**=annual precipitation and the sum of the fall and winter precipitation at the township level
- >10 = must implement practices
- 2-10 = should implement practices

New York Nitrate Leaching Index

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Nitrate Leaching Index - BMPs

- Use Cornell N Guidelines
- Winter cover crops
- Avoid early and pre-plant N
- Utilize enhanced efficiency fertilizers
- Starter n <50 lbs/acre
- Split apply
- Use PSNT to eliminate unneeded side dress
- Minimize fall/winter manure applications
- Don't terminate sod in the fall
- Frost injections

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Step 4:

Determine the nutrient need of the crop

- Which crop are you growing and what is your yield?
 - Start with a soil test.
 - Determine likelihood of a yield response to fertilizer for P & K
 - Nitrogen calculation (not based on a soil test).
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- Nutrient recommendations, manure nutrient availability are all based in decades of research on NY farms.



Soil Fertility – Soil Testing and P & K

Soil Fertility – Soil Testing, P & K Fertilization

Table 2.10.1 from 2022 Cornell Guide for Integrated Field Crop Management

Soil Management Group	Phosphorus Soil Test Value ²					Potassium Soil Test Value					Magnesium Soil Test Value ³				
	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High
I	<1	1-3	4-8	9-39	40+	<35	35-64	65-94	95-149	150+	<20	20-65	66-100	101-199	200+
II	<1	1-3	4-8	9-39	40+	<40	40-69	70-99	100-164	165+	<20	20-65	66-100	101-199	200+
III	<1	1-3	4-8	9-39	40+	<45	45-79	80-119	120-199	200+	<20	20-65	66-100	101-199	200+
IV	<1	1-3	4-8	9-39	40+	<55	55-99	100-149	150-239	240+	<20	20-65	66-100	101-199	200+
V	<1	1-3	4-8	9-39	40+	<60	60-114	115-164	165-269	270+	<20	20-65	66-100	101-199	200+

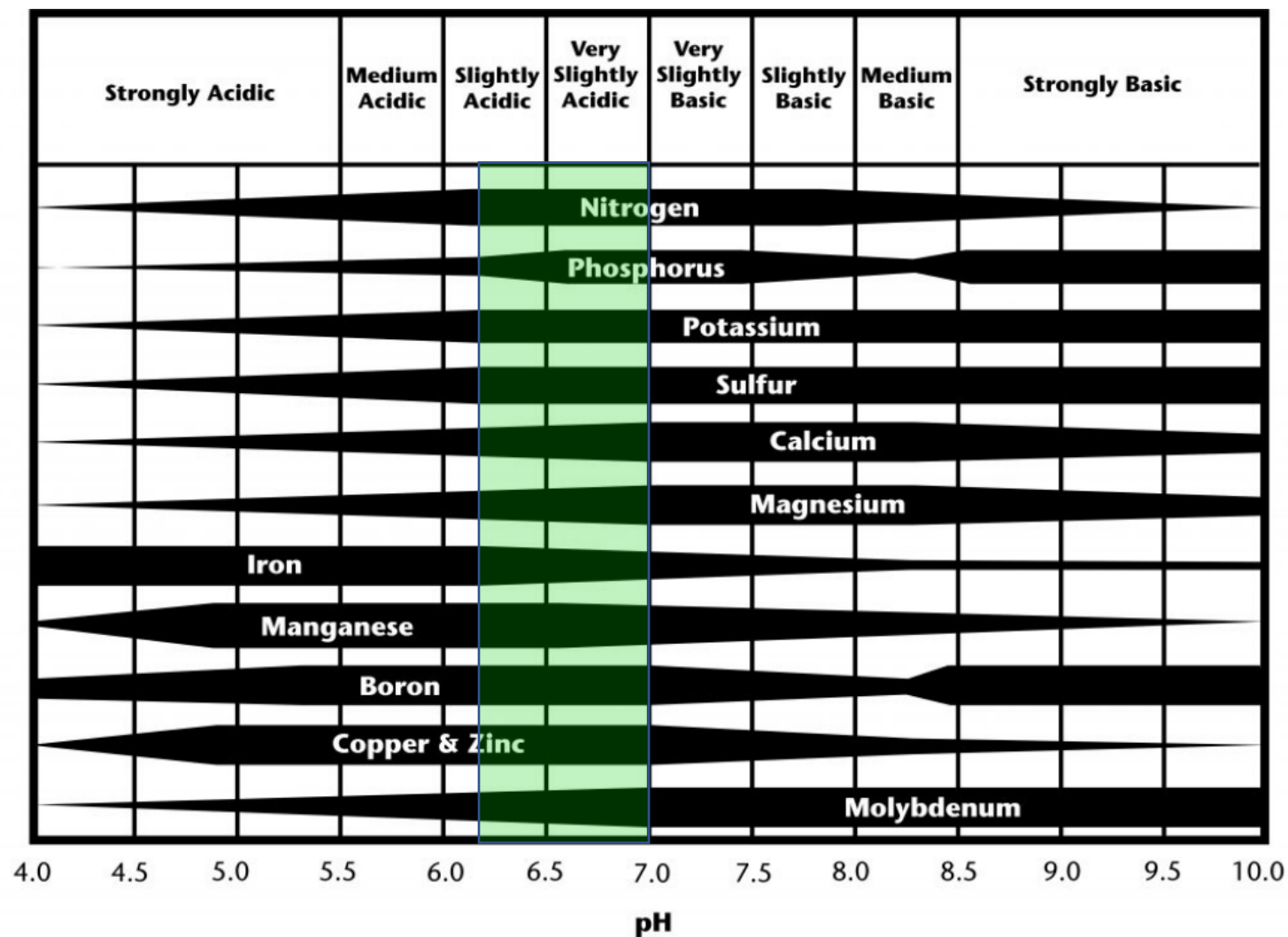
¹Values are in pounds per acre of soil test extractable nutrient using the Cornell Morgan soil test. Using a different test will add uncertainty to the interpretations and recommendations.

²Soil test phosphorus values differ for winter grains. High is 9-20 lbs P/acre and Very High is 20+ lbs P/acre.

³Magnesium levels shown are for all field crops except birdsfoot trefoil and soybeans. For these two crops, double the values shown above.

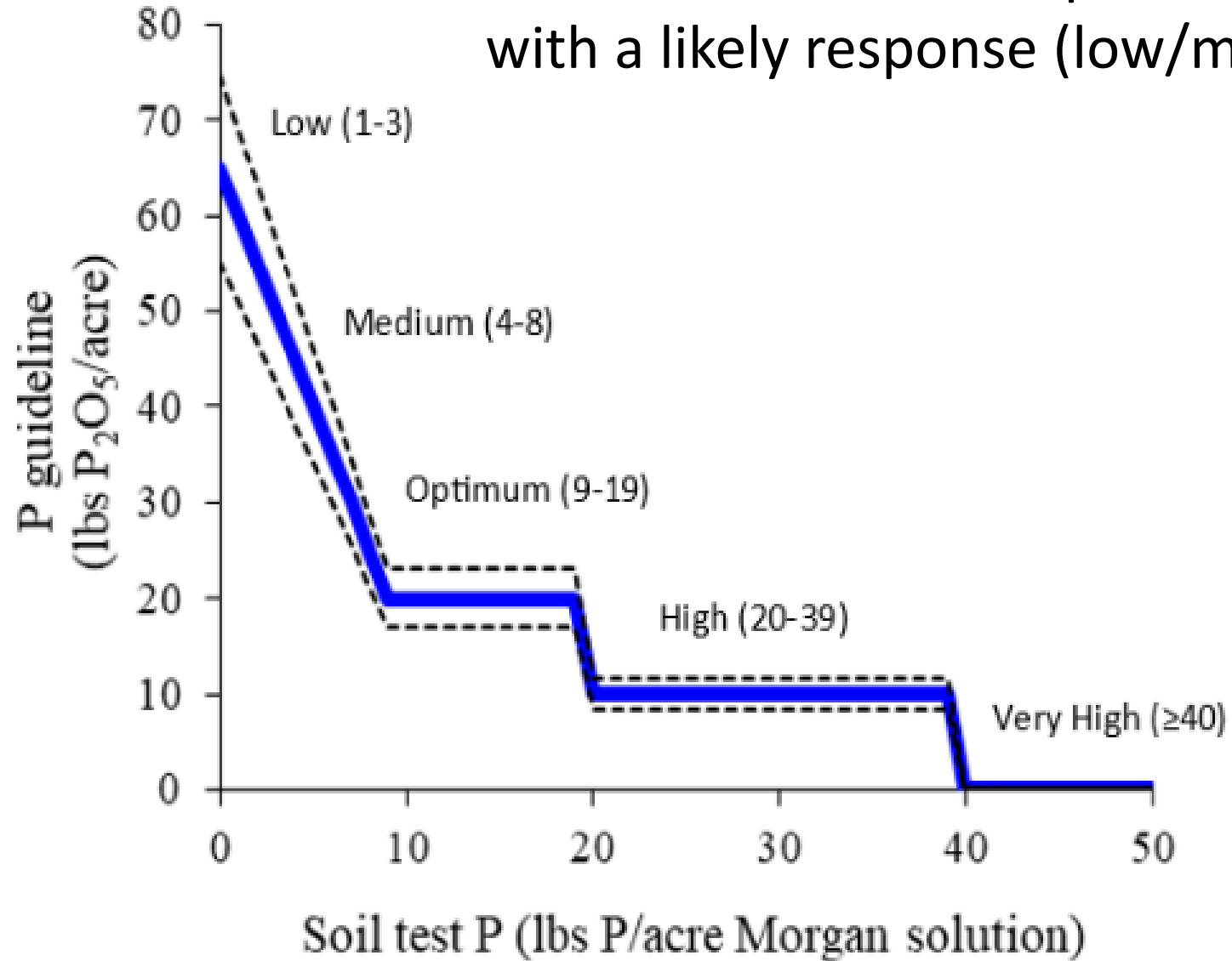
Soil Fertility - Lime! Lime! Lime!

- pH management helps with nutrient management
- To know when to apply lime, soil test



Fertilizer – P & K

Start with soil tests & prioritize fields with a likely response (low/medium STP)



A note about Cornell Guidance vs. other agronomic rates

- P-Index governs upper limits for manure application
- Fertility guidelines assume fertilizer use (purchased), so recommendations go to zero if no yield response expected in that year
- There are other benefits to manure beyond P content, which is why P-Index is soil test based and transport based
 - Increases soil carbon, improves soil structure, increases infiltration, reduces erosion
- Those benefits offset environmentally unfriendly purchases of fertilizer
 - Energy intensive production, importing nutrients into the watershed
- Not every pound of P applied (over a recommendation) is a pound lost
- Over 100 STP most and over 160 STP all fields would get cut off through P-Index assessment



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Corn N Equations

Corn Grain

$$\text{NetN} = \frac{(\text{YI_corngrain} * \text{A} - \text{SoilN} - \text{SodN})}{(\text{N_eff}/100)} - \text{SoyN} - \text{CCN}$$

Corn Silage

$$\text{NetN} = \frac{(\text{YI_cornsilage} * \text{B} - \text{SoilN} - \text{SodN})}{(\text{N_eff}/100)} - \text{SoyN} - \text{CCN}$$

NetN = the total N (lbs N/acre) from any source for optimum crop production.

YI is the soil and drainage specific yield index. A and B are YI multipliers (Table 6)

SoilN & **SodN** are N (lbs N/acre) from soil organic matter and alfalfa/grass sods

N_eff is the soil type and drainage dependent uptake efficiency (Appendix Table 2)

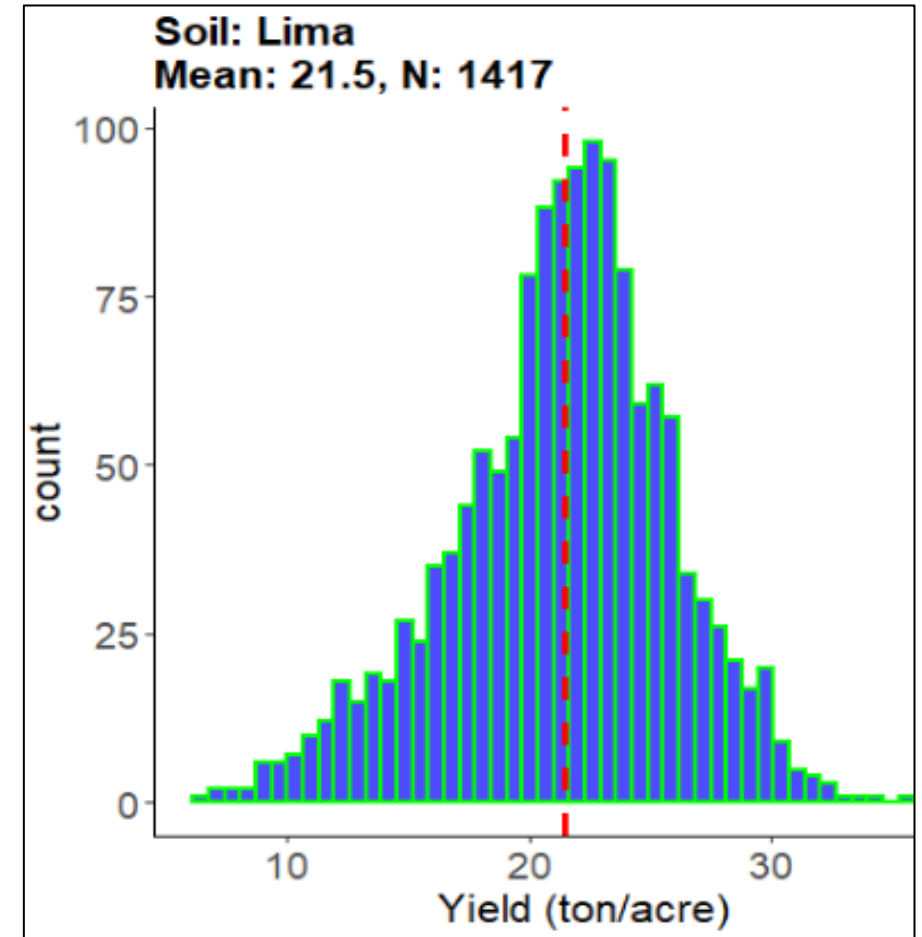
SoyN and **CCN** are soybean and cover crop N credits in lbs N/acre



Corn Yield Index Database

Corn Yield Database > Corn Yield Index

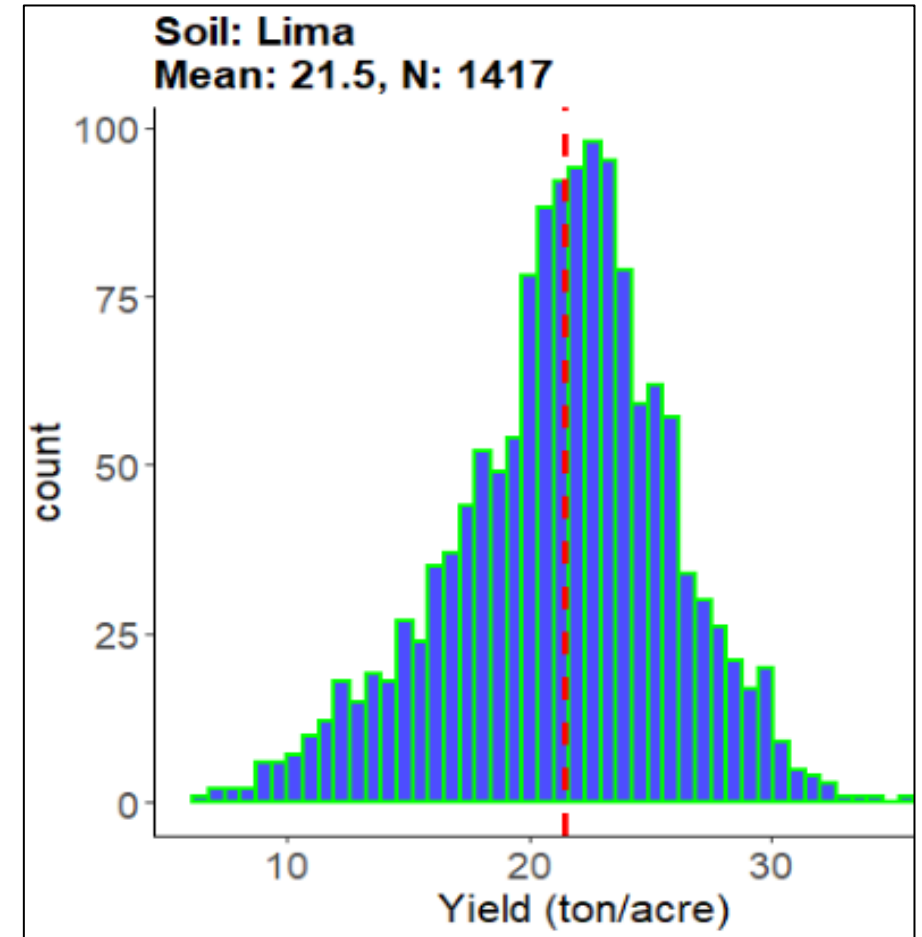
- About 230,000 acres of corn yield data were collected, cleaned through 2020
- About half was corn grain, the other half contributed to a new silage database
- ~90% from 2015-2020
- Developed yield distribution histograms for each soil type



Corn Yield Index Database

Corn Yield Database > Corn Yield Index

- Soil types included: \geq **3 farms, 20 fields, 250 acres**
- Mean:Median ratio between 0.9 and 1.1
- Applying these filters resulted in reliable data for **58** soil types for grain and **66** soil types for silage
- Consensus among consultants: use these data to set new yield potentials for all \sim 600 soil types (“**learn and apply**”)



New Corn Yield Index Database

Corn Yield Database > Corn Yield Index

Silage: 35% dry matter
Grain: 85% dry matter

Name	SMG	D	FF	N_eff		N_sup		YI_corngrain		YI_cornsilage		YI_alf	
				DR	UD	DR	UD	DR	UD	DR	UD	DR	UD
Acton	4	M	Rare/None	70	65	65	65	165	160	18.0	17.5	5.5	4.0
Adams	5	W	Rare/None	70	70	40	40	140	140	15.0	15.0	4.5	4.5
Adirondack	4	W	Rare/None	75	75	70	70	110	110	12.0	12.0	4.0	4.0
Adjidaumo	1	P	Frequent	60	55	75	65	155	125	16.5	13.5	3.5	2.5
Adrian	6	V	Rare/None	65	55	120	90	165	105	18.0	11.5	4.0	2.5
Agawam	4	W	Rare/None	75	75	65	65	165	165	18.5	18.5	6.0	6.0
Allendale	3	P	Rare/None	60	55	70	60	150	130	16.0	14.0	3.5	2.5



Farms are encouraged to use their own yield data.



Yield Check



- Subareas are harvested along the length of a field
- Determine net harvest weight
- Determine the DM of a subsample

$$\text{Yield} = \frac{\text{Net Harvest weight} \times \text{DM}}{\text{Harvested area}}$$

Total Harvest Weight



- Record empty and full weight for each load from harvested field
- Subsample to determine the moisture using a Koster tester, a microwave, or an oven

$$\text{Yield} = \frac{\text{Sum of net load weights for field} \times \text{DM}}{\text{Field acres}}$$



Yield Monitor System



- Records information on location, mass flow, and moisture content while combine is traveling
- Typically records data every second
- It is very important that yield monitors are calibrated properly

If YI <= 155, use 1.2

If 160-225, use $1.9233 - 0.0047 * YI$

If 230 or more, use 0.85

Corn Grain

If YI <= 17.0 tons, use 11

If YI 17.5-24.5 tons/acre, use $18.013 - 0.4125 * YP$

If YI 25.0 or more, use 7.7

Corn Silage

Multiplier...
Yield x A/B lbs N/unit
of yield

Yield (bu/acre at 85% DM)	A
150	1.20
155	1.20
160	1.17
165	1.15
170	1.12
175	1.10
180	1.08
185	1.05
190	1.03
195	1.01
200	0.98
205	0.96
210	0.94
215	0.91
220	0.89
225	0.87
230	0.85
235	0.85
240	0.85
276	0.85
300	0.85

Yield (tons/acre at 35% DM)	B
16.0	11.0
16.5	11.0
17.0	11.0
17.5	10.8
18.0	10.6
18.5	10.4
19.0	10.2
19.5	10.0
20.0	9.8
20.5	9.6
21.0	9.4
21.5	9.1
22.0	8.9
22.5	8.7
23.0	8.5
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26.0	7.7



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Yield (tons/acre at 35% DM)	B
16.0	11.0
16.5	11.0
17.0	11.0
17.5	10.8
18.0	10.6

$$\text{Net N} = \frac{18 \times 10.6 - \text{SoilN} - \text{SodN}}{N_{\text{eff}}/100} - \text{SoyN} - \text{CCN}$$

190 lbs N required for this corn crop...



Soil N Contribution

40 – 80 lbs N/acre is typical in NYS

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$$\text{Net N} = \frac{18 \times 10.6 - 65 - \text{SodN}}{N_{eff}/100} - \text{SoyN} - \text{CCN}$$

190 lbs N required for this corn crop...

but 65 lbs coming from Soil OM = 125 lbs



Sod N Credits



Table 1: Expected nitrogen availability for corn from sods in years following sod turnover.

% legume	Total N pool	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
		lbs N/acre		
0	150	83	18	8
1-25	200	110	24	10
26-50	250	138	30	13
50 or more	300	165	36	15

1st Year
Corn

2nd Year
Corn

3rd Year
Corn



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				DR	UD
Acton	4	M	Rare/None	70	65

$$\text{Net N} = \frac{18 \times 10.6 - 65 - 15}{0.7} - \text{SoyN} - \text{CCN}$$

190 lbs N required for this corn crop...

but 65 lbs coming from Soil OM = 125 lbs

15 lbs from alfalfa sod turned down three years ago = 110 lbs

Soil type is 70% efficient = 160 lbs



Soybean Credits

The optimum economic N rate for corn grown after soybeans in New York can be lowered by **20-30 lbs N/acre** (SoyN credits) as compared to corn after corn



"Soybean N Credits"

Introduction

Soybean acreage has more than doubled in New York State over the last 10 years. In response to high fertilizer prices, growers with soybean-corn rotations are asking about possible nitrogen (N) fertilizer savings for corn after soybean. We reviewed the scientific literature on soybean N fertilizer replacement values and potential causes of differences in N needs for corn after soybean as compared to corn after corn. In this agronomy fact sheet, our findings are summarized and Cornell guidelines are listed.



Figure 1: The optimum N rate for corn after soybean is often lower than for corn after corn. The difference is called the N fertilizer replacement value of soybean for corn.

Terminology

The term "soybean N credit" has been applied to the estimated N savings when corn follows soybean as compared to continuous corn. This term is confusing as N savings for corn after legumes are not necessarily due to N release of the previous crop alone. Two types of rotation effects are identified in the literature:

- *N rotation effects*
 - Effects that can be compensated for with an application of fertilizer N.
- *Non-N rotation effects*
 - Effects for which an application of fertilizer N is unable to compensate such as:
 - Soybean interruption of pest cycles.
 - Enhanced corn root functioning in the year after soybean (possibly due to soybean root exudates or changes in mycorrhizal fungi communities).
 - Changes in physical soil properties and moisture availability as a result of the year of soybean production.

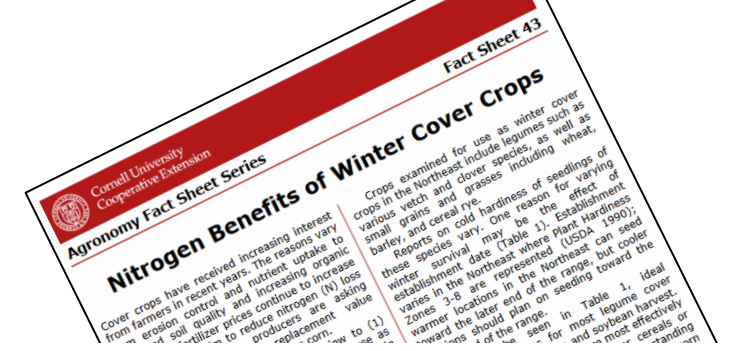
To avoid confusion, we will use the more general term "N fertilizer replacement value" (NFRV) when talking about differences in optimum N rates for corn after soybean as compared to corn after corn, and use the term "soybean N credits" for direct references to N release from soybean residue.

Findings

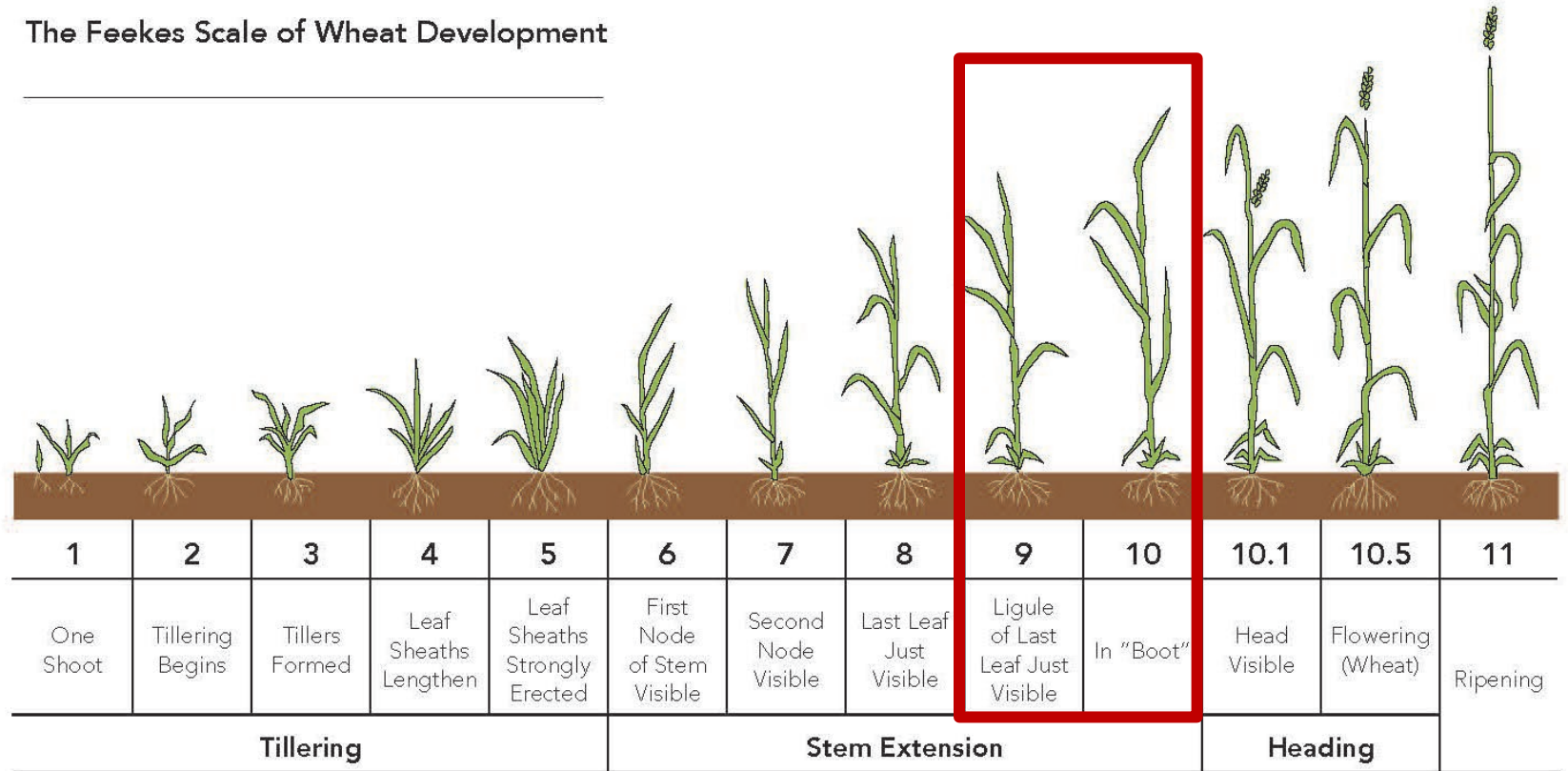
- Nitrogen fixation by soybean is often *not* a major factor in the overall N fertilizer replacement effect of soybean on corn in a soybean-corn rotation.
- Soybean residue decomposes more rapidly than corn residue. This leads to more rapid immobilization and also N mineralization resulting in an earlier N release peak than would be seen for corn after corn.
- Non-N rotation effects can and usually have a positive impact on yield beyond what an

Cover Crop Credits (CCN)

- **20-30 lbs** winter cereal (after corn)
- **40-50 lbs** for winter cereal interseeded or after cereal grain
- **70-120 lbs** for clover
- **IF...C:N ratio of the cover crop biomass is less than 25**



The Feekes Scale of Wheat Development



Corn N Equation

$$120 \text{ lbs N/acre} = \frac{18 \times 10.6 - 65 - 15}{0.7} - 20 - 20$$

190 lbs N required for this corn crop...

but 65 lbs coming from Soil OM,

15 lbs from alfalfa sod turned down three years ago = **110 lbs N**

Soil type is 70% efficient = **160 lbs N**

Subtract 30 lbs for a cover crop =

130 lbs Net N needed for your 18-ton corn silage crop



Step 5: Determine the manure application rate (and/or fertilizer) to meet the crop need

- MUST use a current manure test for each source (or rolling average of the farm/source) that includes the inorganic and organic portions of N, P & K
- Calibrate spreaders so you know you are applying the right rate

Manure Test Report

Agricultural & Environmental Testing Laboratory
and UVM Extension

6.11 % Dry Matter

8.34 Density (lbs per gal)

Description	lbs/wet ton	lbs/1,000 gal	Dry Wt. Basis (%)
Total Nitrogen	4.2	17.4	3.41
Ammonium Nitrogen (NH ₄ -N, part of total)	1.1	4.8	0.94
Organic Nitrogen (part of total)	3.0	12.6	2.48
Phosphorus as P ₂ O ₅	2.0	8.2	1.61
Potassium as K ₂ O	5.3	21.9	4.30
Calcium	3.3	14.0	2.74
Magnesium	0.9	3.9	0.76
Sodium	0.3	1.1	0.22
<i>Micronutrients</i>			<i>(ppm or mg/kg)</i>
Copper	<0.01	< 0.05	23
Zinc	<0.01	< 0.05	65
Iron	0.14	0.6	1,119
Manganese	<0.01	< 0.05	110
Boron	<0.01	< 0.05	29

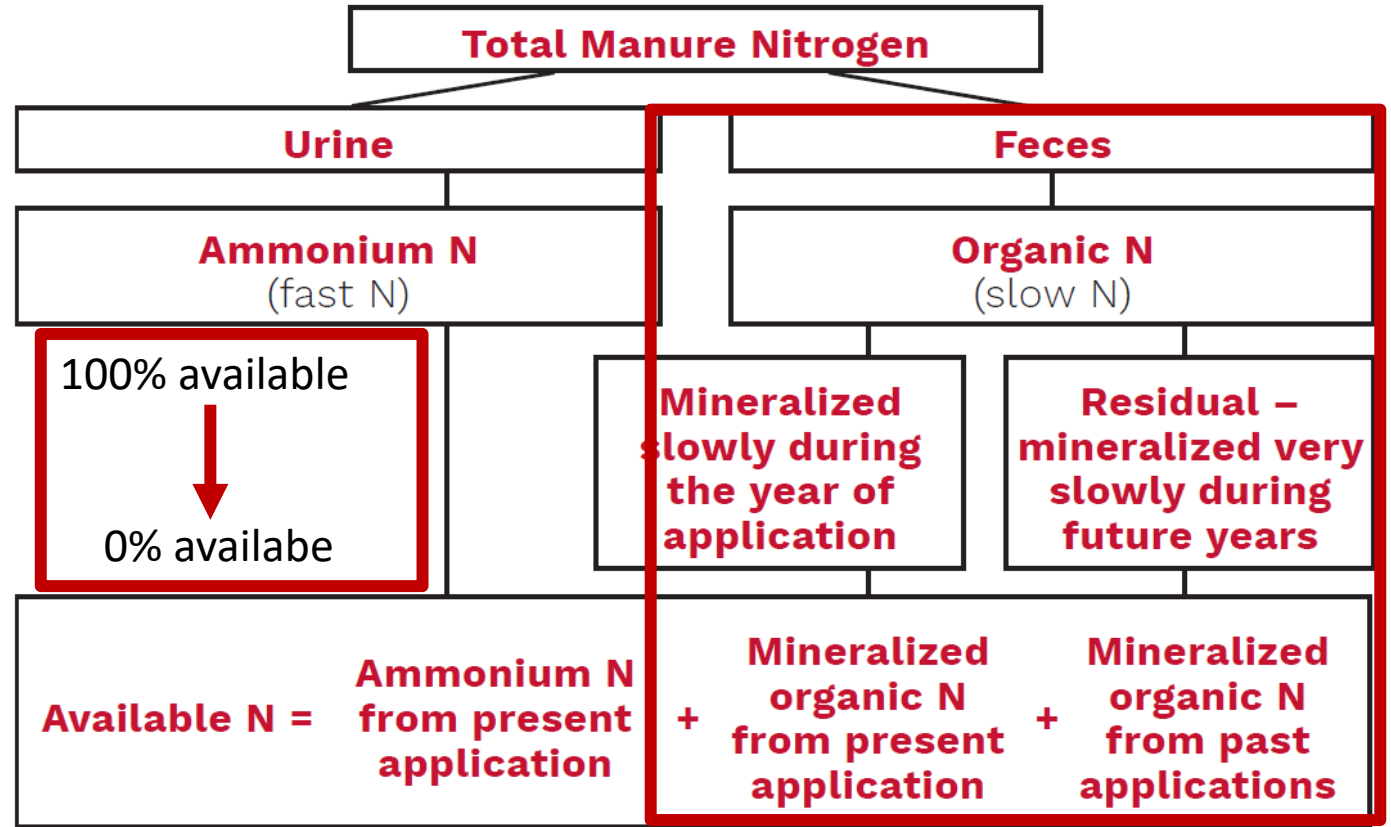


Start with Manure

- Manure has all 17 essential nutrients
- Nitrogen occurs in two major forms
 - Organic N
 - Behaves like a slow-release nitrogen source with credits over 3 years
 - Inorganic N
 - Behaves like urea and can easily be lost if not incorporated and applied when plants need it

FIGURE 1

Manure N consists of ammonium and organic N. Taken from Agronomy Fact Sheet #4.



Don't forget to credit previous year's manure N credits (from organic portion of N)
35% liquid/25% solid from THIS YEAR
12% from last year
5% from two years ago

Start with Manure

Phosphorus Based

N recommendation = **130 lbs Net N** needed for your 18-ton corn silage crop

P Crop removal = **70 lbs P₂O₅** (18 tons/acre x 3.85 lbs P₂O₅/ton)

Rate/Method	N/Acre Target = 130	P2O5/Acre Target = 70	K2O/Acre Target = 100	Additional N Fertilizer Needed
10,000 injected	135	70	210	0
10,000 incorporated in 1 day	100	70	210	20
10,000 incorporated in 3 days	76	70	210	44
10,000 incorporated in >5 days	35	70	210	85



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10,000 injected	135	70	210	100 acres
13,000 incorporated in 1 day	127	105	314	67 acres
17,000 incorporated in 3 days	129	119	357	59 acres



Step 6: Management of actual applications

- Follow the plan
 - Rate, timing, method (by source)
- Check the weather...and record it
- Winter & Wet Weather Guidance
- Groundwater Guidance
- Keep records



Winter & Wet Weather Guidelines

- If Wet...significant precipitation or snowmelt forecast
- If Winter...soil frozen >4", snow cover >4", surface icing
- Low risk fields – identified ahead of time
 - No history of runoff, groundwater issues
 - Limited surface connections to streams/ditches
 - Mild slopes
 - No concentrated flows
 - No karst/shallow soil features
 - High crop residue and surface roughness
- Emergency fields – identified ahead of time
 - Same as above +...300 feet away from water features, accessible, not prone to flooding
- BMPs used
 - Inject, incorporate, reduced rates, increased setbacks, groundcover, spread out applications



Revised winter and wet weather manure spreading guidelines to reduce water contamination risk

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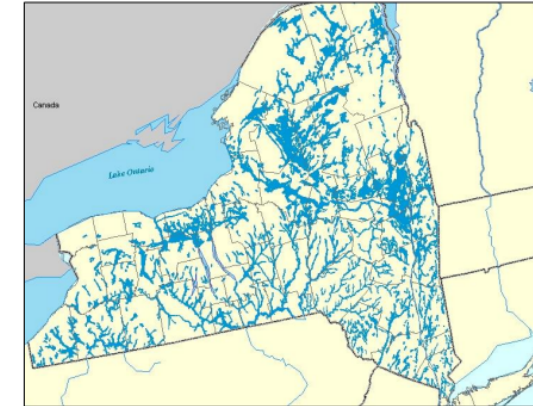
- CNMP must identify sensitive soil types
- **Follow winter/wet weather guidelines**
AND
 - Inject/incorporate same day
 - 100-foot setbacks from wells/springs
 - If Karst features (sinkholes, exposed bedrock), 35-foot vegetative buffer and 100-foot setbacks from entry points

Groundwater Protection Guidelines for Agriculture

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How do we avoid spreading in winter & wet weather and maximize nutrient efficiency in manure?





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Let's Chat

- Questions
- Scenarios
- Challenges
- Concerns





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