




What Does the NAEMS Data Results Mean for Dairy Producers?

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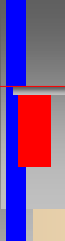
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Outline

- Air Quality Conflicts/Regulations
- Air Consent Agreement
- Overview of NAEMS
- NAEMS Dairy Data
 - Comparison with literature
 - Implications for producers




Air Emission Sources and Impacts

- Confinement buildings
- Outdoor manure storage
- Manure treatment facilities
- Land application of manure
- Mortalities



Neighborhood nuisance Animal, human health concerns
Compliance with regulations



Air Emissions from Livestock

- Ammonia
- Hydrogen sulfide
- Volatile organic compounds (VOC)
- Particulate matter (TSP, PM₁₀ or PM_{2.5})
- Odor (as sensed by humans)
- Greenhouse gases (CO₂, CH₄, N₂O)
- Pathogens (viable particles)

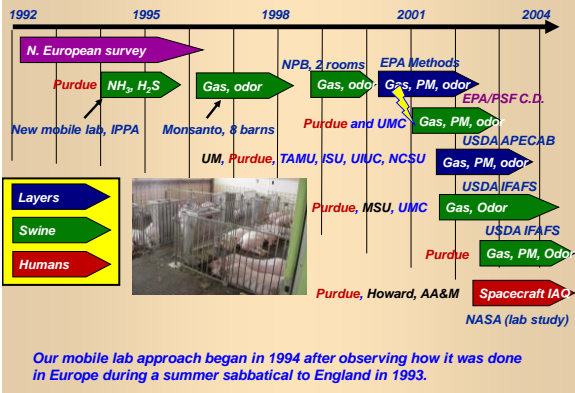


Increasing Knowledge about Emissions

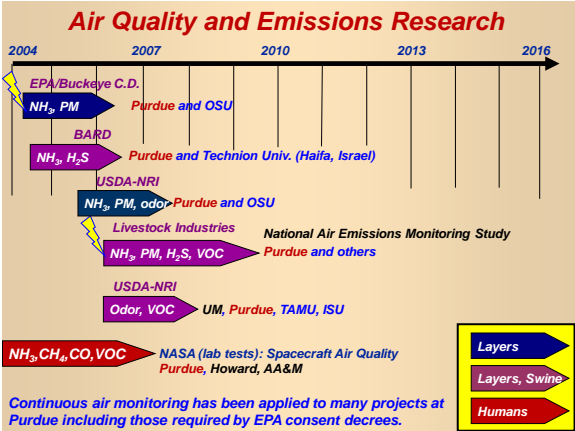
- **Laboratory tests**
 - Kinetics and process dynamics
 - Controlled tests of abatement ideas
- **Field measurements**
 - Baseline source emission rates
 - Emission characteristics
 - Demonstrations of abatement methods
 - Ambient downwind concentrations
- **Scientific models**
 - Process-based
 - Component emissions, e.g. barns, manure storage, etc.
 - System models (show tradeoffs and consequences)
- **Regulatory models**
 - Often shaped by untimely political and societal pressures
 - Marked by simplicity, unfairness, arbitrariness, and inaccuracy!
 - Can be influenced by scientific knowledge in a positive way.
- Multi-state and interdisciplinary research and education



Air Quality and Emissions Research



Our mobile lab approach began in 1994 after observing how it was done in Europe during a summer sabbatical to England in 1993.



Federal Enforcement (Authority: U.S. Clean Air Act of 1990)

- Lawsuits and consent decrees
- U.S. v. Premium Standard Farms, 2001
 - Air and water
 - \$350,000 penalty
 - Lagoon emission monitoring
 - Barn monitoring tests, six (6) months long
 - Test soybean oil sprinkling in one (1) of the barns.
- U.S. v. Buckeye Egg Farms, 2004
 - Air issues
 - \$880,000 penalty
 - Barn emissions monitoring and controls
 - Test dust and ammonia abatement
 - Brief summer tests showed 700 tpy > 250 tpy limit!

National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

Pollutant	Level, µg/m ³	Averaging time
PM ₁₀	150 (primary and secondary)	24-h
PM _{2.5}	12 (primary) 15 (secondary)	Annual (3-yr average)
	35 (primary and secondary)	24-h (98 th percentile, averaged over 3 yrs)

"Primary standards provide public health protection, including protecting the health of "sensitive" populations such as asthmatics, children, and the elderly. Secondary standards provide public welfare protection, including protection against decreased visibility and damage to animals, crops, vegetation, and buildings."

Source: <http://epa.gov/air/criteria.html>

Federal Regulations

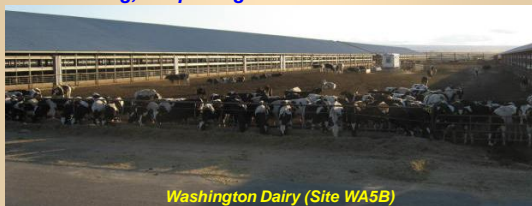
- EPCRA (Community Right to Know Laws)
 - Must report if NH_3 or H_2S emissions ≥ 100 lbs/day
 - Failure to report may result in significant fines.
- Clean Air Act
 - National Ambient Air Quality Standards
 - "Substances of concern" (PM, NMVOC, etc.)
 - Defines "Major Source" thresholds (annual permits)
- CAFO = 700 dairy cows or 1000 calves
- U.S. EPA began regulating AFOs in 2000
- EPA lacked data to determine whether AFOs violated these regulations
- 2003: NRC panel recommended U.S. EPA improve its methods of estimating AFO emissions.

"Air Consent Agreement" (2005)

- 2005: U.S. EPA announced Air Consent Agreement: The Plan:
 - Producers fund national emissions study, and accept data.
 - EPA "lays off" enforcement until after study.
 - Over 6,000 farms voluntarily participated.
- Between U.S. EPA and livestock industries
 - Producers voluntarily paid a "penalty"
 - EPA "forgave" producers for past violations
 - Producers voluntarily participated in the NAEMS (see below)
 - EPA develops "Emission Estimation Methodologies"
 - Controversial
- National Air Emissions Monitoring Study (NAEMS)
 - Required by Air Consent Agreement
 - EPA oversight
 - Funded by egg, pork, dairy, chicken checkoff dollars.
 - Turkeys, ducks and beef groups declined participation

Objectives of the NAEMS

- Quantify air emissions from livestock production.
- Provide reliable data for developing and validating barn and lagoon emission models.
- Develop national consensus on methods of measuring, calculating, & reporting emissions.



NAEMS Approach

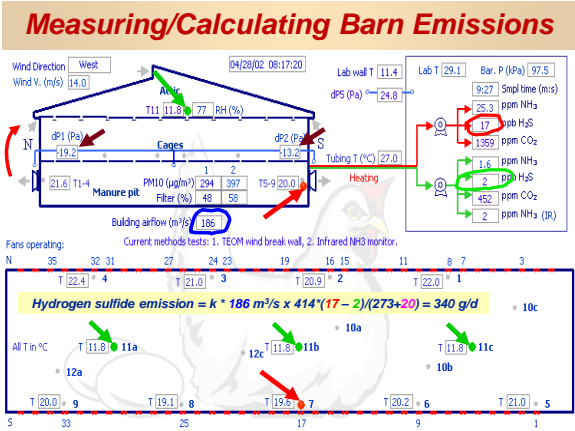
- Livestock barns (38) and manure storages (9) tested with same protocols to determine baseline emissions
 - Real-time barn emissions for two years – 2300 sensors, 2.5B data pts.
 - Subtracted inlet from outlet concentrations.
 - Manure storages for 2 weeks per season
- Quality assurance/quality control
 - Oversight of U.S. EPA Office of Air Quality
 - Quality Assurance Project Plan (Category 1)
 - On-site audits
- Pollutants: $PM_{2.5}$, PM_{10} , TSP, NH_3 , H_2S , CO_2 , CH_4 , VOC
- Add-on studies measured N_2O , odor and pathogens.
- Collected as much “metadata” as possible.
 - Weather: wind, temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, solar.
 - Environment: temperature, humidity
 - Process: worker and cow activity, flushing, fans
 - Biomaterials: manure, feed, bedding, milk, water

General Timeline of the NAEMS

- 2004 Protocol Development and Farm Selection Criteria
- 2005 PI Selection, Staffing, Budgeting, Producer Education
- 2006 Site Selection, Quality Assurance Project Plan
- 2007 Setup of Emission Monitoring at 20 Farms
- 2008 Data Collection, Analysis & Reporting, Audits
- 2009 Data Collection, Analysis & Reporting, Audits (1)
- 2010 Submit Final Report to EPA, Further Analysis (2)
- 2011 EPA Worked on EEMs, Further Analysis, Publish (3)
- 2012 SAP, EPA Worked on EEMs, Publish (14)
- 2013 SAP, EPA Publishes EEMs, Publish

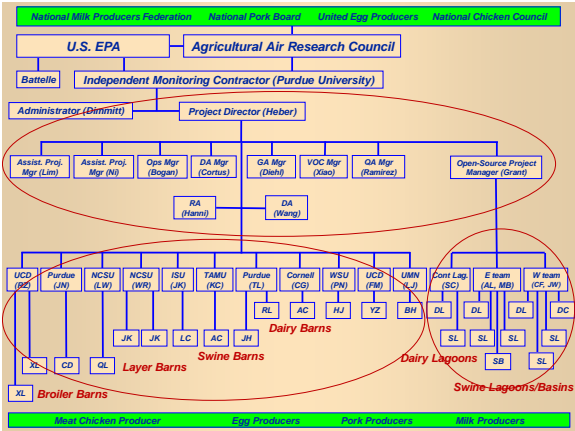
Was industry-funded NAEMS “tainted” or “biased”? No!

- Tests required by consent decrees or agreements typically funded by industry.
- AARC oversaw budgets and deadlines.
- EPA oversaw methods and data quality.
- NAEMS followed protocols of past studies and improved methods where possible.
- “Independent Monitoring Contractor” maintained independence/neutrality.



The NAEMS did not:

- Monitor downwind exposure
 - Monitored barn inlet air, not comparable to NAAQS
- Monitor worker/animal exposure
 - "Emission concentrations" were measured.
- Remove/adjust valid negative concentrations
 - Calibration zero offsets caused slight negative concentrations due to instrument noise.
- Remove/adjust valid negative emissions
 - Brief negative emissions were calculated when background > exhaust concentrations.



Timeline Since Data Submission

7/31/10 Data reports (6,211 pages) submitted to EPA

Dairy: 1,420 pp (barns) + 616 pp (open) = 2,036 pages

9/27/10 AAQTF Air Emissions Standardization Workshop, NC

1/13/11 EPA posted data to "www.epa.gov/airquality/agmonitoring/data.html"

6/30/11 536 pages of data analysis submitted to National Pork Board

8/4/11 NAEMS-related ASABE papers (14) presented in Louisville

2/1/12 EPA announced new Science Advisory Board

Review EPA's Emissions Estimation Methodologies

First meeting March 15-17, 2012

Second meeting March 7-8, 2013

2/29/12 181 pages of data analysis submitted to United Egg Producers

7/24/12 379 pages of data analysis submitted to Dairy Research Institute

12/31/12 20th journal article: NAEMS methods, data and add-on studies.

NAEMS Journal Articles (Published)

1. Joo ... '13. Particulate matter emissions from naturally-ventilated freestall dairy barns. *Atm Env* 69:182-190.

2. Akdeniz ... '12. Odor & chem. emissions: Pt 2 – Odor emissions. *T ASABE* 55(6):2335-2345.

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4. Berezniak ... '12. Odor & chem. emissions: Pt. 1 – Project overview, collection meth. & QC. *T ASABE* 55(6):2325-2334.

5. Chai ... '12. Ventilation rates at large commercial layer houses with 2-yr continuous mon. *Brit. Poul. Sci.* 53(1):19-31.

6. Jin ... '12. Emissions mon. at a deep-pit finishing facility: Res. methods & system perf. *J. AWMA* 62(11):1264-1276.

7. Li ... '12. Field evaluation of PM measurements using TEOM in a layer house. *J. AWMA* 62(3):322-335.

8. Lin ... '12. Field evaluation of biofilters at a commercial pig finishing barn. *Bio. Eng.* 112(3): 192-201.

9. Lin ... '12. NH₃, H₂S, CO₂ and PM emissions from commercial high-rise layer buildings. *Atm. Env.* 46:81-91.

10. Lin ... '12. Thermal environmental control of high-rise layer houses in California. *T ASABE* 55(5):1909-1920.

11. Lin ... '12. Air emissions from broiler buildings in California. *T ASABE* 55(5):1895-1908.

12. Ni ... '12. Assessment of NH₃ emissions from swine farms: Application of knowledge from exp. *Res. ES&P* 22:25-35.

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14. Ni ... '12. Charact. of NH₃, H₂S, CO₂, PM conc. in high-rise and manure-belt layer houses. *Atm. Env.* 57:165-174.

15. Parker ... '12. Odor & chem. emissions: Pt. 6 – Odor activity. *T ASABE* 55(6):2357-2368.

16. Chen ... '11. Large scale appl. of vibration sensors for fan monitoring at layer houses. *Sensors* 10(12):11590-11604.

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18. Ni, J. ... '11. Imp. NH₃ emission modeling & inv by data mining & intelligent interp. air quality data. *Atm* 2(2):110-128.

19. Chai ... '10. Assessment of long-term gas sampling design at 2 manure-belt layer barns. *J. AWMA* 60:702-710.

20. Ni ... '10. An on-site computer system for comprehensive AAQ research. *Comp. & Elect. Ag.* 71(1): 38-49.

21. Ni ... '09. AQ monitoring & on-site computer systems for livestock & poultry env. studies. *T. ASABE* 52(3):937-947.

NAEMS Journal Articles (Submitted)

1. Wang-Li, et al. (1/2/13). NAEMS – SE layer site: Pt I - site specifics & monitoring methodology. *T ASABE*.

2. Li, et al. (1/24/13). NAEMS – SE layer site: Pt II – particulate matter. *T ASABE*.

3. Wang-Li, et al. (1/24/13). NAEMS – Southeast layer site: Pt III – NH₃ concentrations & emissions. *T ASABE*.

4. Li, et al. (2/10/13). NAEMS – Southeast layer site: Pt IV - impacts of house management practices. *T ASABE*.

5. Zhang, et al. (1/24/12). Odor & chem. emissions animal bldgs: Pt 5 – Correlations. *T ASABE*.

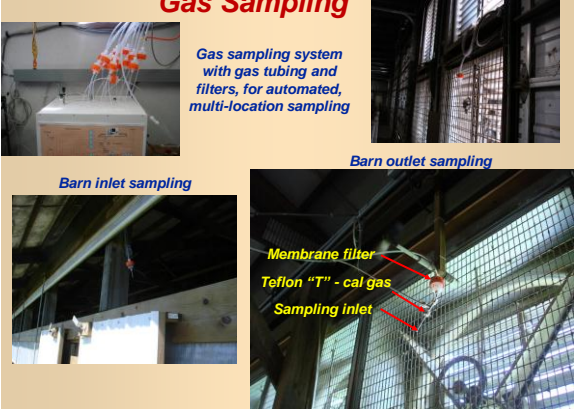
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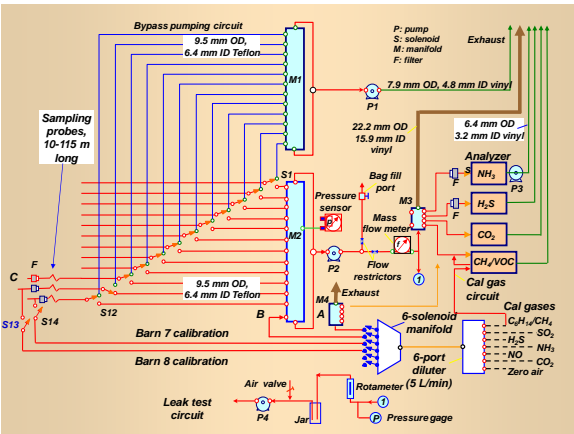
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PM Monitoring




Gas Sampling






VOC Sampling and Analysis

24-h sampling at barn outlets



GC-MS analysis

Canisters

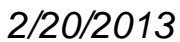


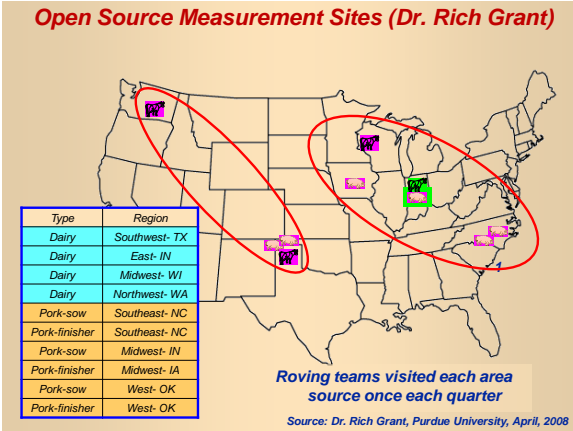
Summary of NAEMS Sites

Species	Barns per Site			Total number		Number of Area Sites			
	2-b	3-b	4-b	Sites	Barns	Corrals	Lagoons	Basins	Total
Swine	0	4	1	5	16	0	5	1	6
Dairy	5	0	0	5	10	1	3	0	4
Layers	4	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	0
Broilers	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Total	6	6	2	14	38	1	8	1	10

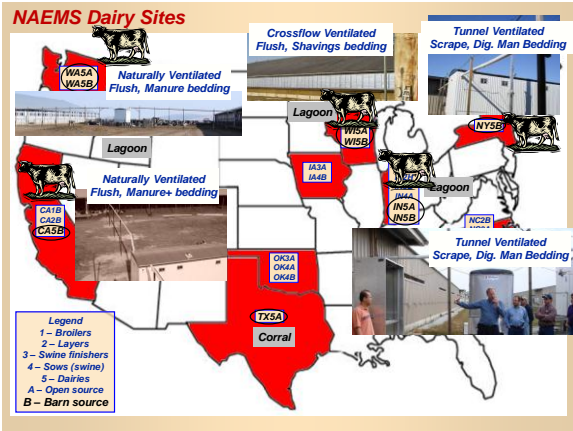
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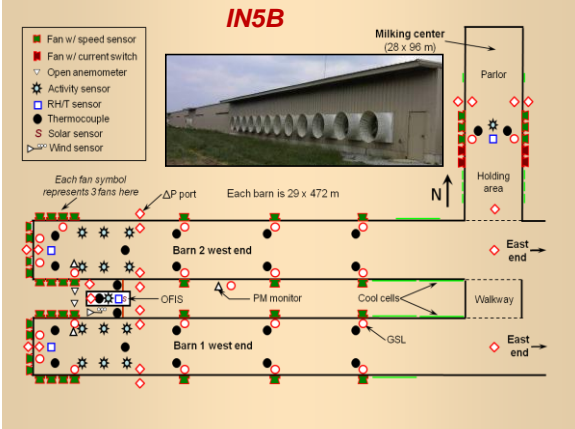
- Many important factors are the same:
 - Cattle inventory, weight and age
 - Feed type and schedule
 - Bedding type
 - Manure production, collection and handling
 - Temperature control setpoints.
- Some factors were accounted for:
 - Manure and litter characteristics
 - Barn temperature and humidity
- Some factors can be predicted using models:
 - Air velocity across the emitting surfaces.
 - Ventilation airflow rate.

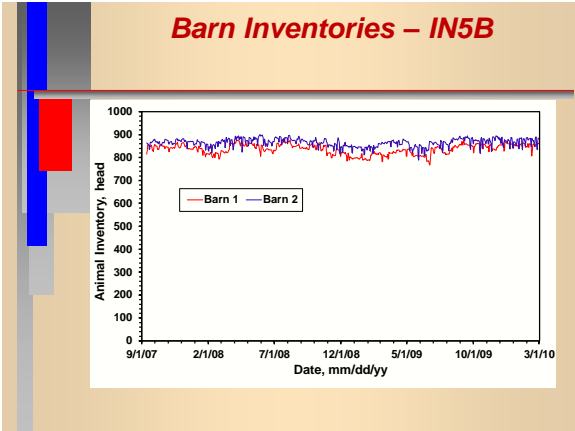


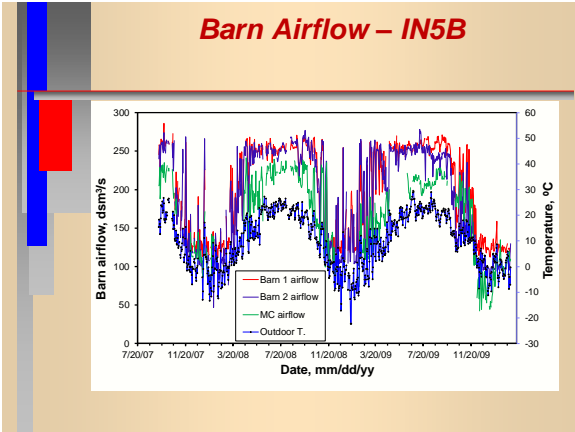




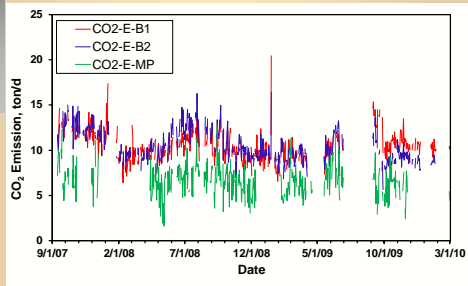








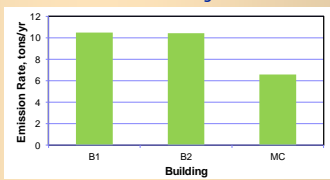
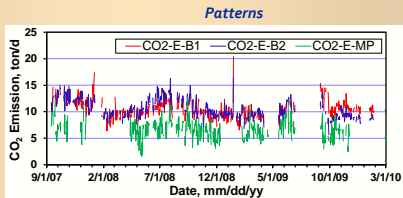
CO₂ Emission – IN5B



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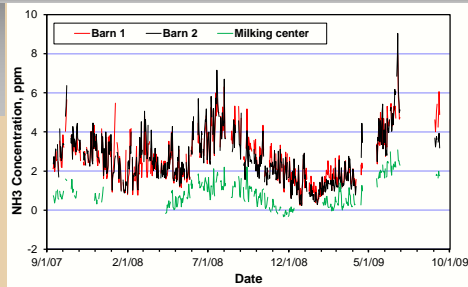


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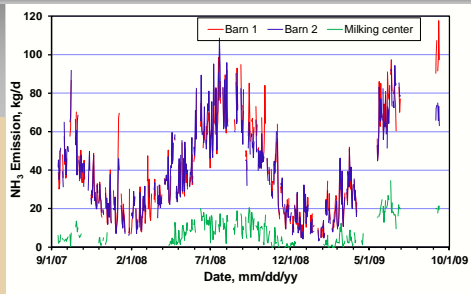


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NH₃ Concentrations – IN5B



Barn NH₃ Emission – IN5B

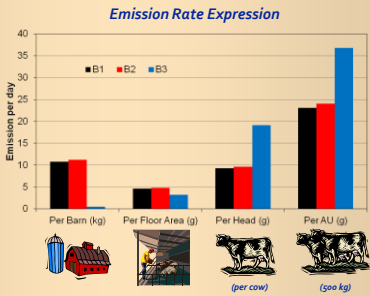


Emission Normalization

Emission Rates

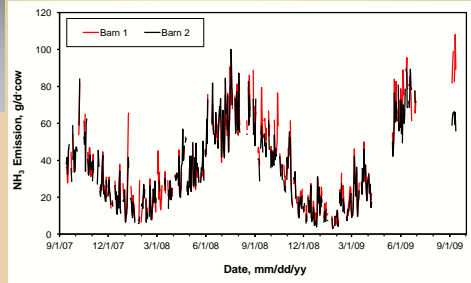


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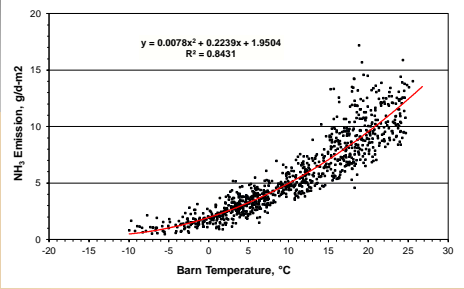


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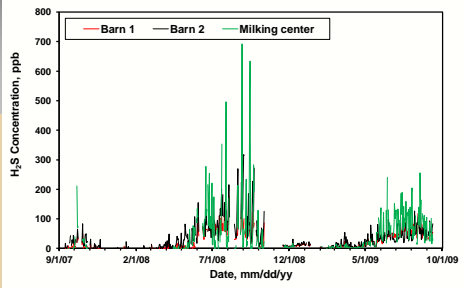
Cow-Specific Ammonia Emissions - IN5B



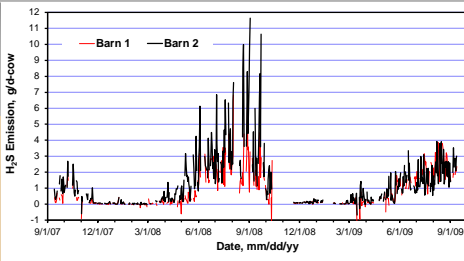
Ammonia Emission vs. Barn Temperature – IN5B



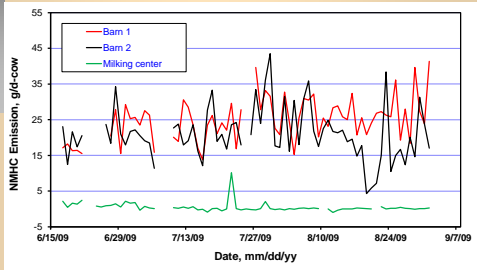
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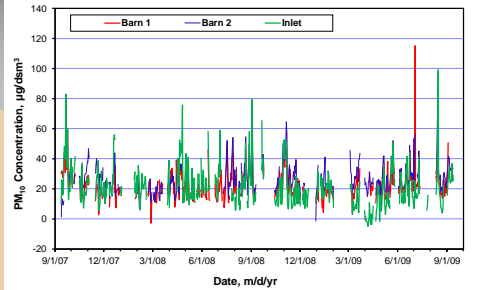
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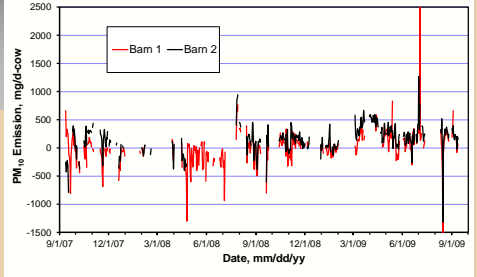
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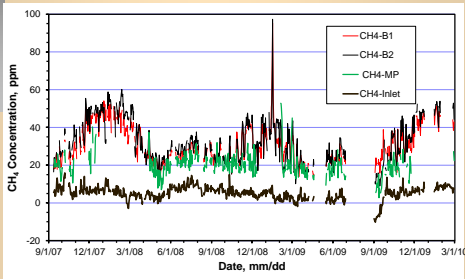
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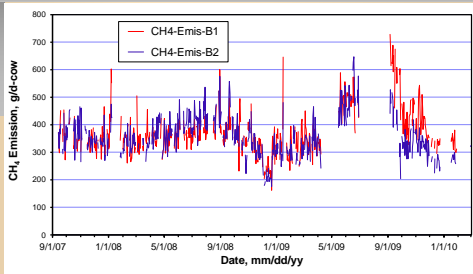
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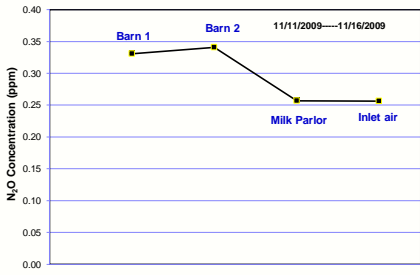
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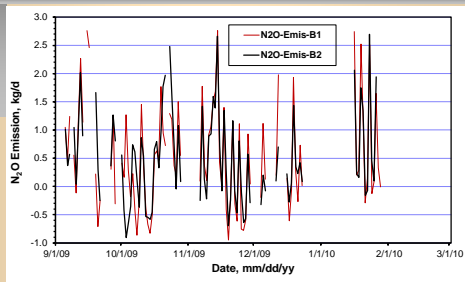


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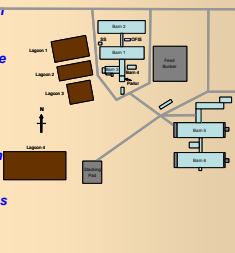


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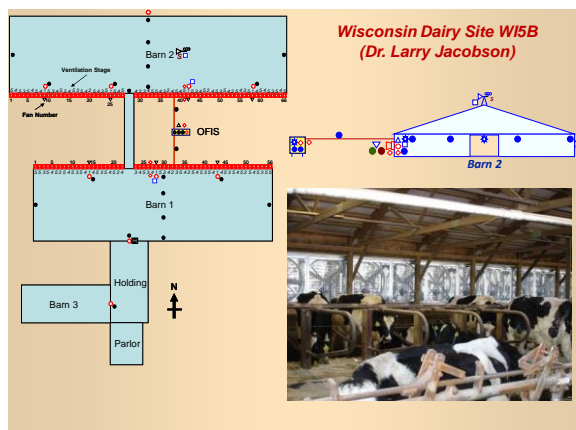


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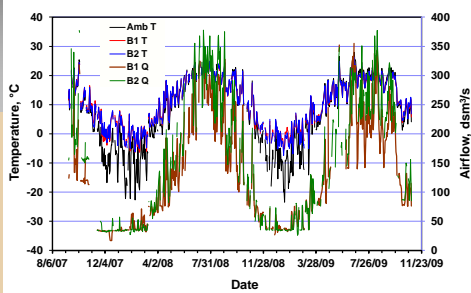
- **Barn 1**
 - 275-hd capacity; average 210 cows
 - Includes emissions from parlor
- **Barn 2**
 - 375-hd capacity; average 350 cows
- **Barn Features**
 - Retrofitted cross-flow ventilation
- **Key events**
 - Manure handling system change
 - Bedding change
 - Other farming operations



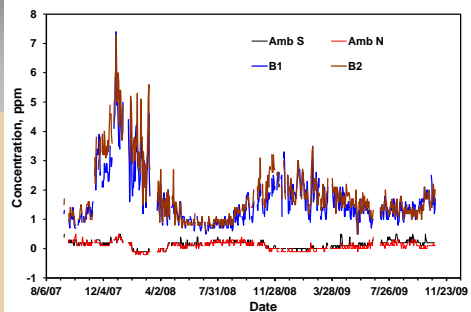
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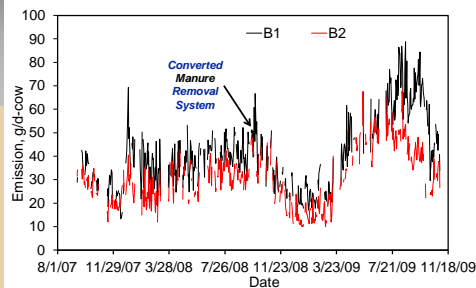
Temperature and Airflow - WI5B



Ammonia Concentration - WI5B

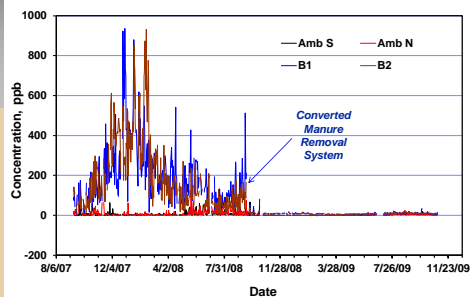


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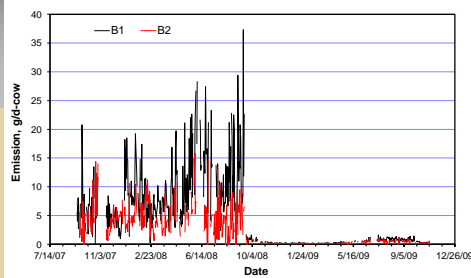


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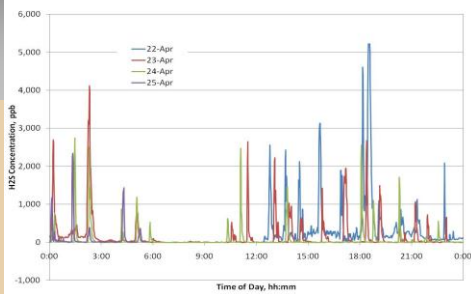
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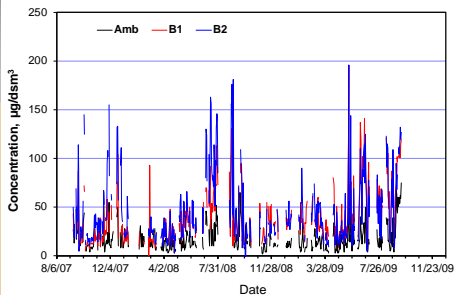


H₂S Concentrations at WI5B with Flushing System

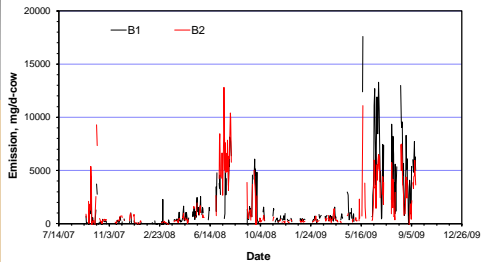


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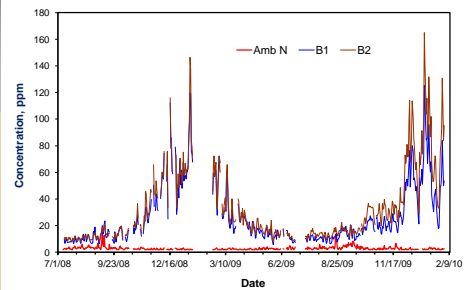
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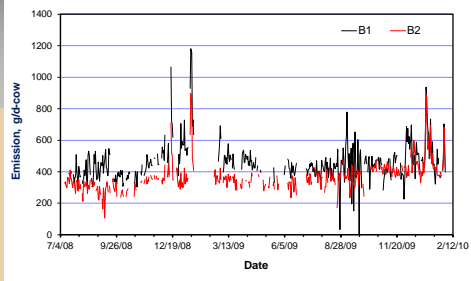
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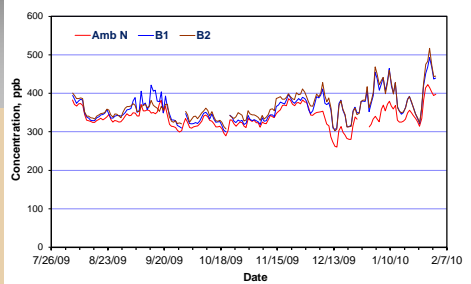
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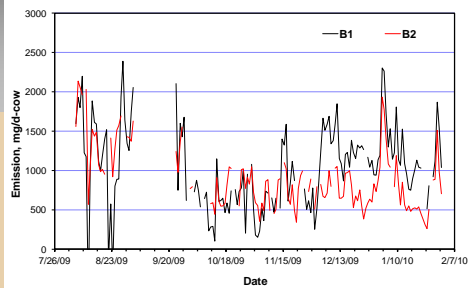
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N₂O Concentration – WI5B

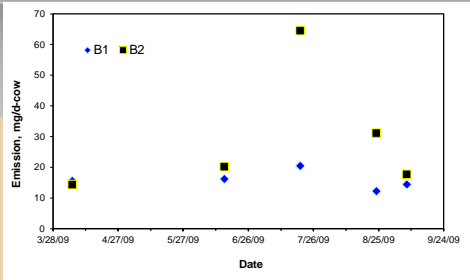


Nitrous Oxide Emission – WI5B

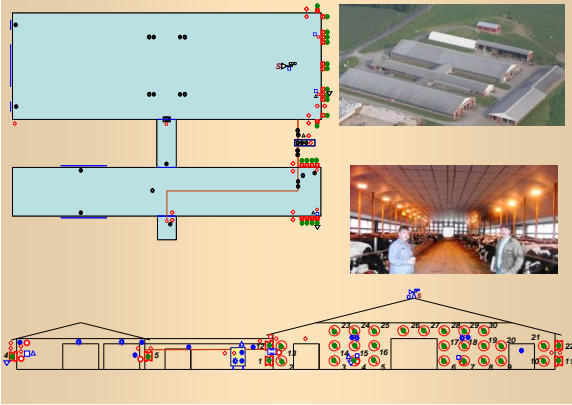


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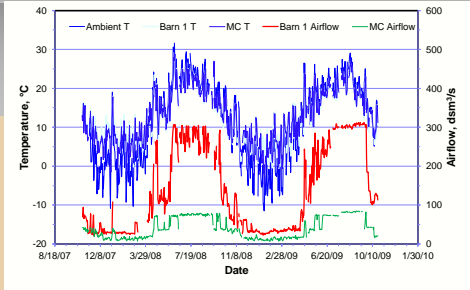
VOC Emission - WI5B



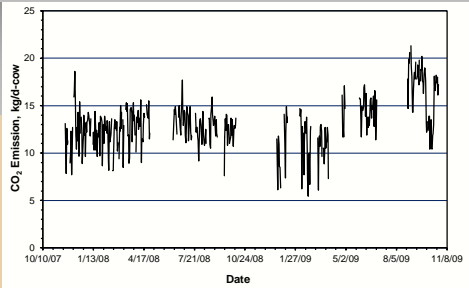
New York Dairy Site NY5B (Curt Gooch)



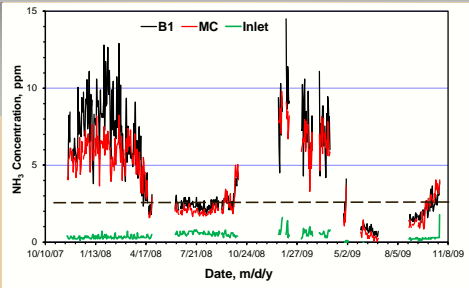
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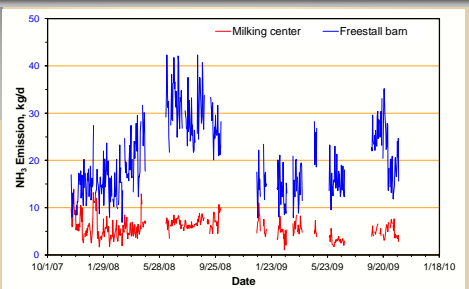
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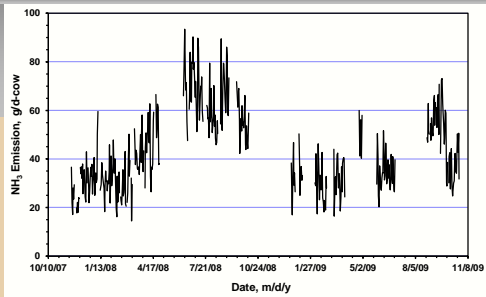
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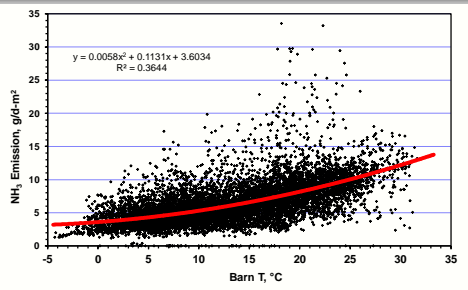
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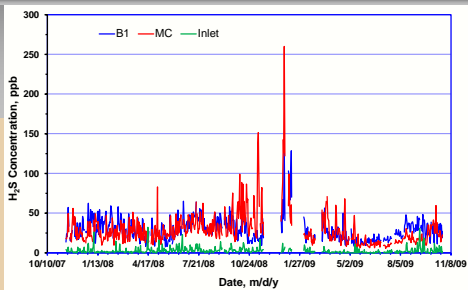
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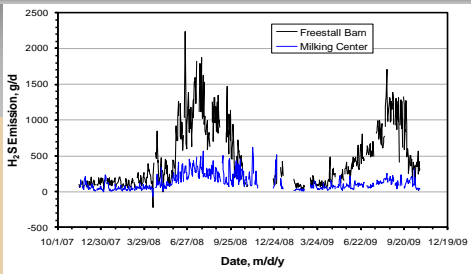
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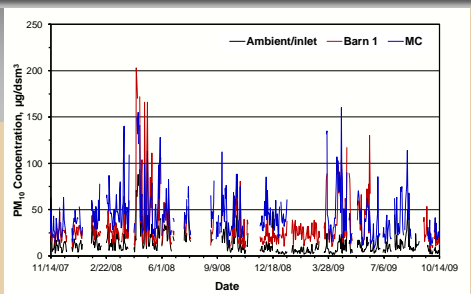
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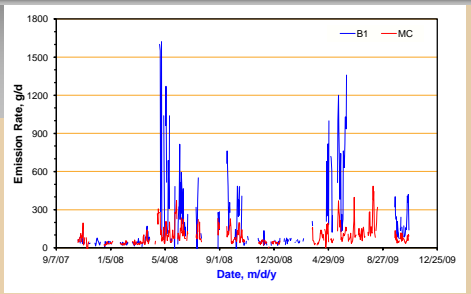
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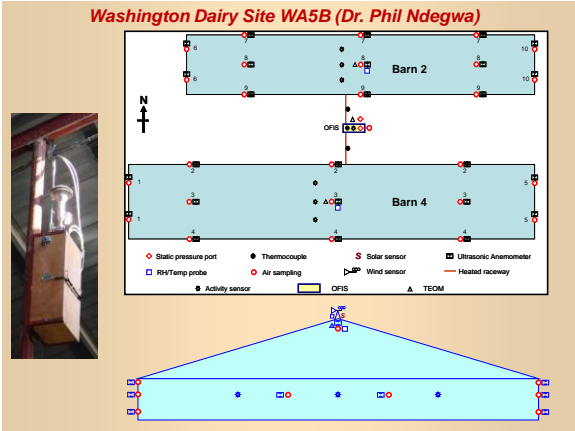


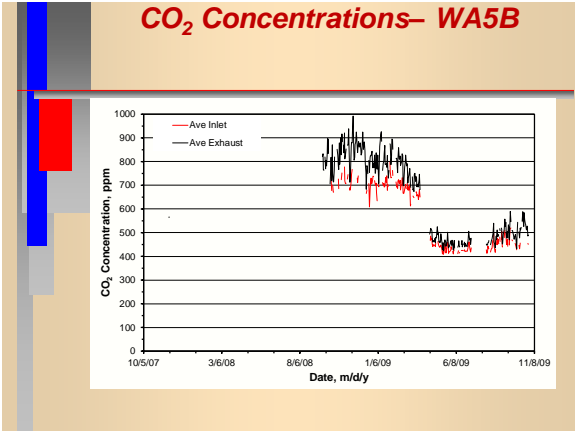
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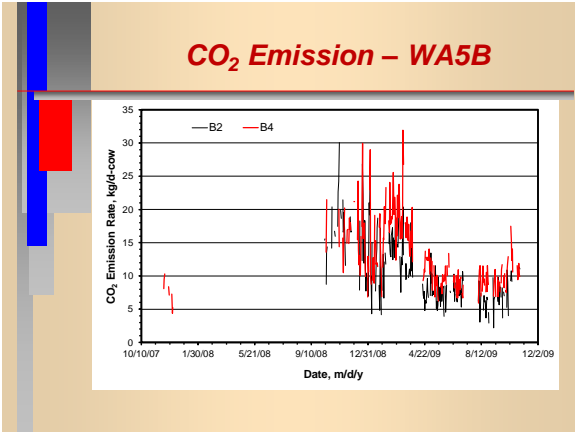


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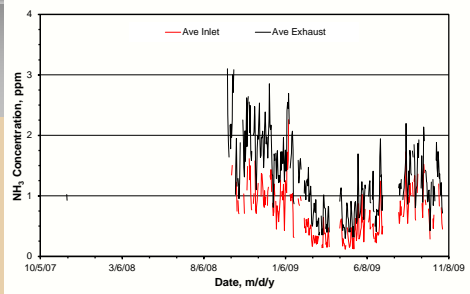




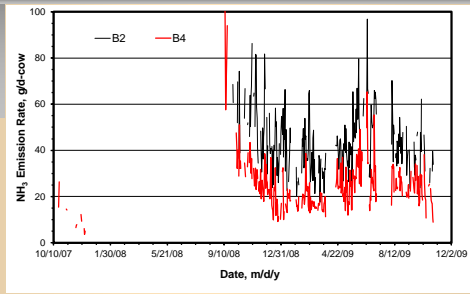




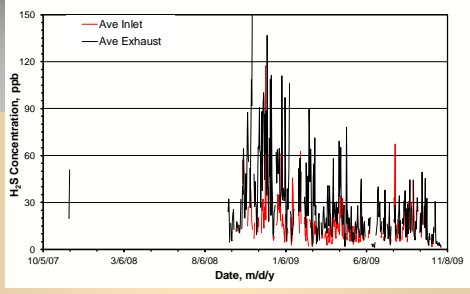
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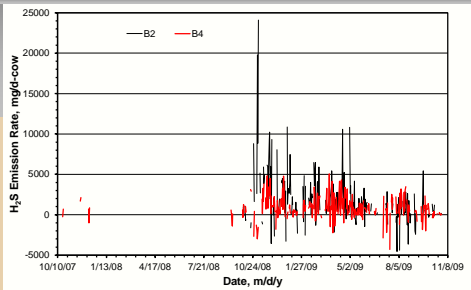
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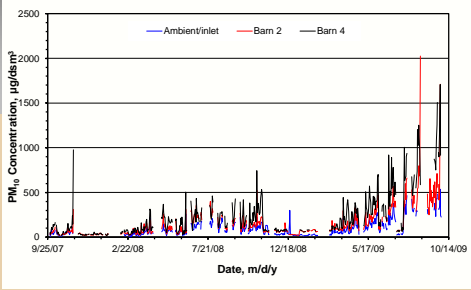
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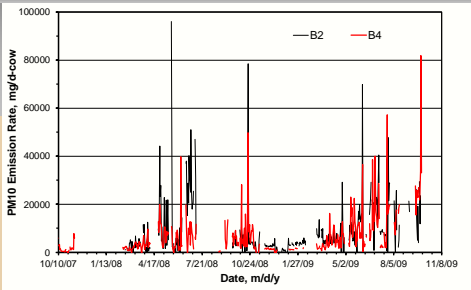
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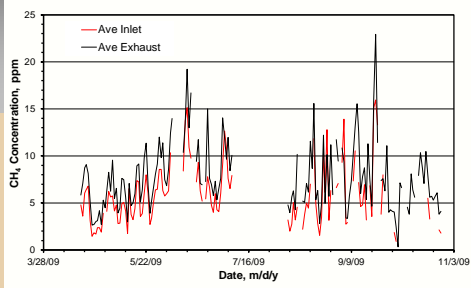
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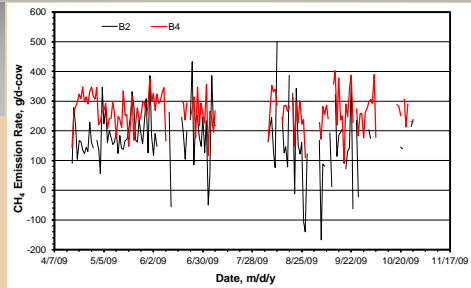
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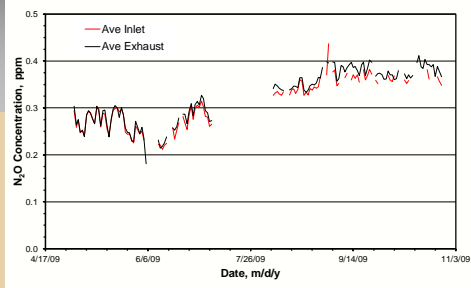
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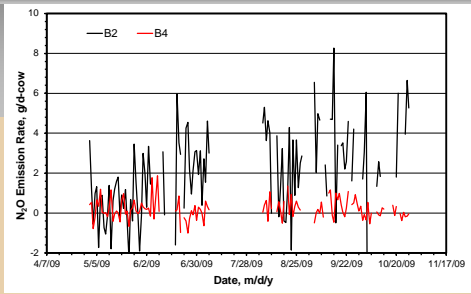
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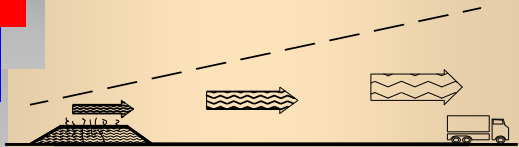
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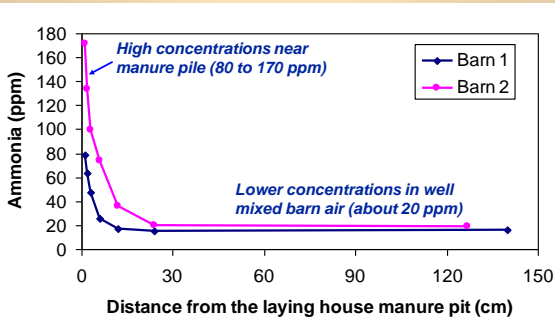
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Pollutant Dispersion



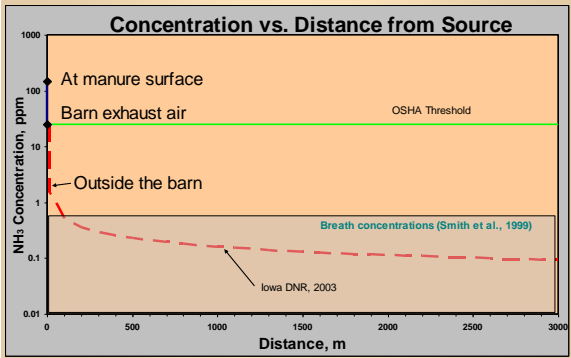
Vertical Gradients of Ammonia in in the Manure Pit of Layer Barn



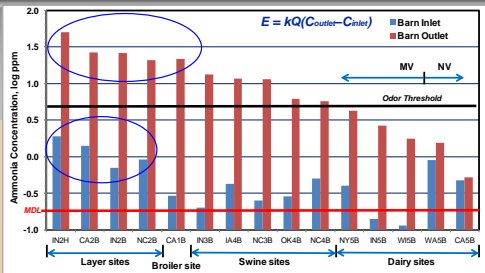
Inlet vs. Ambient Concentrations



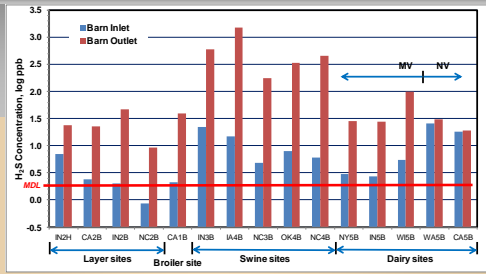
Typical Ammonia Concentrations



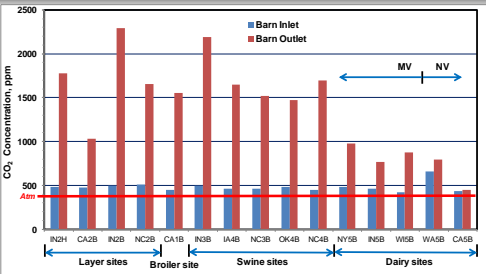
**Mean Ammonia Concentrations
Inlets vs. Outlets**



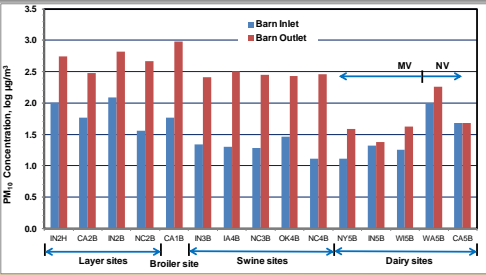
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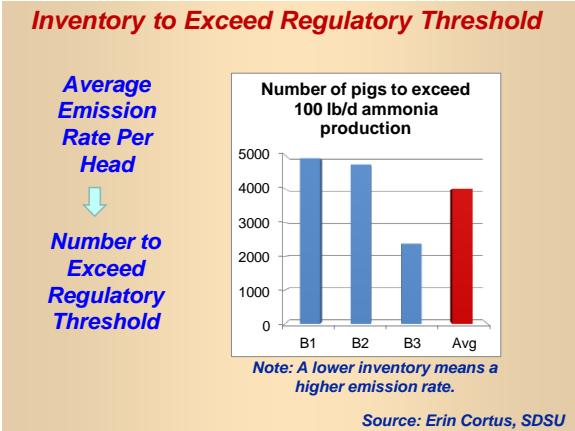


Mean CO_2 Concentrations
Inlets vs. Outlets



Mean PM_{10} Concentrations
Inlets vs. Outlets





Average CO₂ emission rates, kg/d-cow

Site	Barn 1	Barn 2	Barn Avg	Lagoon	Farm
Indiana (scrape) incl. MC	14.6	14.2	14.4	0.50	14.9
New York (scrape) incl. MC	14.8	-	14.8	0.50	15.3
Wisconsin (scrape)	18.6	13.6	16.1	0.50	16.6
Average (scrape)			15.1	0.50	15.6
Wisconsin (flush)	18.4	13.4	15.9	0.50	16.4
Washington (flush)	11.1	13.3	12.2	0.50	12.7
Average (flush)			14.1	0.50	14.6
Overall average			14.6	0.50	15.1

Literature: 11.5 to 12.7 g/d-cow

Average NH₃ Emission Rates, g/d-cow

Site	Barn 1	Barn 2	Barn Avg	Storage	Farm	NEET, hd
Indiana (scrape) incl. MC	53.3	48.6	51.0	25.1	76.1	597
New York (scrape) incl. MC	50.0	-	50.0	25.1	75.1	605
Wisconsin (scrape)	45.4	33.2	39.3	25.1	64.4	705
Average (scrape)			46.8	25.1	71.9	632
Wisconsin (flush)	36.3	28.3	32.3	25.1	57.4	791
Washington (flush)	44.2	24.5	34.4	10.9	45.2	1003
Average (flush)			33.3	18.0	51.3	885
Overall average		40.0		21.5	61.6	737
Texas (corral)		-			193	235

Literature: 1.1 to 98.4 g/d-cow

NEET=Number (of cows) to Exceed Emission Threshold

Average H₂S Emission Rates, mg/d-cow

Site	Barn 1	Barn 2	Barn Avg	Storage	Farm	NEET, hd
Indiana (scrape)*	1515	1989	1752	2100	3852	11,786
New York (scrape)*	1164	-	1164	2100	3264	13,909
Wisconsin (scrape)	496	310	403	2100	2503	18,138
Average (scrape)			1106	2100	3206	14,159
Wisconsin (flush)	9320	4720	7020	2100	9120	4,978
Washington (flush)	1830	871	1351	3145	4496	10,099
Average (flush)			4185	2623	6808	6,669
Overall average			2646	2361	5007	9,067
Texas (corral)		-			3241	14,008

*Includes milking center (per place)
Literature: 0.8 to 733 mg/d-cow

NEET=Number (of cows) to Exceed Emission Threshold

Average PM₁₀ emission rates, mg/d-cow

Site	Barn 1	Barn 2	Barn Avg	NEET, hd
Indiana (scrape) incl. MC	11	153	82	7,575,126
New York (scrape) incl. MC	473	-	473	1,314,837
Wisconsin (scrape)	2629	1537	2083	298,568
Average (scrape)			879	707,234
Wisconsin (flush)	923	1610	1266	491,246
Washington (flush)	8060	6500	7280	85,428
Average (flush)			4273	145,546
Overall average			2576	241,411

Literature: very limited: 192 (PM10), 360-1000 (respirable), and 600-9600 (inspirable) mg/d-cow

NEET=Number (of cows) to Exceed Emission Threshold

Relative Significance of Pollutants among Species

- Dairy: Ammonia > Hydrogen Sulfide > PM
- Swine: Ammonia > Hydrogen Sulfide > PM
- Poultry: Ammonia > PM > Hydrogen Sulfide

Average VOC Emission Rates, g/d-cow

Site	Barn 1	Barn 2	Barn Avg	NEET, hd
Indiana (scrape) incl. MC	82.0	71.0	76.5	8130
New York (scrape) incl. MC	147	-	147	4231
Wisconsin (scrape)	75.0	69.0	72.0	8638
Average (scrape)			99	6314
Wisconsin (flush)	Not measured			
Washington (flush)	184	222	203	3064
Average (flush)			203	3064
Overall average			151	4125

Literature: 24-89 g/d-cow (very limited and partial VOC)

NEET=Number (of cows) to Exceed Emission Threshold

Average CH₄ emission rates, g/d-cow

Site	Barn 1	Barn 2	Barn Avg	Lagoon	Farm
Indiana (scrape) incl. MC	433	419	426	200	626
New York (scrape) incl. MC	453	-	453	200	653
Wisconsin (scrape)	465	379	422	200	622
Average (scrape)			434	200	634
Wisconsin (flush)	457	367	412	200	612
Washington (flush)	175	267	221	200	421
Average (flush)			317	200	517
Overall average			375	200	575

Literature: 360 to 420 g/d-cow (four studies).

Average N₂O emission rates, g/d-cow

Site	Barn 1	Barn 2	Barn Avg	Lagoon	Farm
Indiana (scrape) incl. MC	0.38	0.43	0.41	0.13	0.54
New York (scrape) incl. MC	6.16	-	6.16	0.13	6.29
Wisconsin (scrape)	1.04	0.89	0.97	0.13	1.10
Average (scrape)			2.51	0.13	2.64
Wisconsin (flush)	Not measured				
Washington (flush)	2.03	0.20	1.12	0.13	1.25
Average (flush)			1.12	0.13	1.25
Overall average			1.81	0.13	1.94

Literature: 1-2 g/d-cow

Summary of Dairy Portion of NAEMS

- First long-term NH₃, H₂S, CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, TSP, VOC, and odor emissions – most comprehensive ever
- Freestall barns (9), milking centers (2), manure storage basins (3) and a corral (1) – most representative ever
- High level of oversight from U.S. EPA Office of Air Quality
- Collected extensive “metadata” (weather, milk production, etc.)
- MV freestalls produced the best quality data.
- Mean NH₃ emission > 100 lb/d with > 740 cows at freestall dairies and >240 cows at dairy corrals.
- Mean H₂S emission > 100 lb/d with > 9000 cows at freestall dairies and 14,000 cows at corral dairies.
- CAA’s 250 tpy VOC threshold would be exceeded with >3100 cows (flushing) and 6300 cows (scraping) based on relatively limited number of samples.
- PM emissions were insignificant with respect to regulations.
- Average whole farm CH₄ emissions – 575 g/d-cow.
- Average whole farm N₂O emissions – 2 g/d-cow.

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