

Introduction to Feeding Management, NRCS Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning, and Whole Farm Balance

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Presentation

- Feeding Management and Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning
- Why does it matter.....
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In total, a CNMP includes:

- 1) Feed Management,
- 2) Manure and Wastewater Handling and Storage,
- 3) Nutrient Management,
- 4) Land Treatment,
- 5) Record Keeping, and
- 6) Other Manure and Wastewater Utilization Options



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Subpart B, Part 600.51
Draft Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance

600.51 Definition of a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)

A CNMP is a conservation plan that is unique to animal feeding operations. It is a grouping of conservation practices and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. A CNMP incorporates practices to utilize animal manure and organic by-products as a beneficial resource. A CNMP addresses natural resource concerns dealing with soil erosion, manure, and organic by-products and their potential impacts on water quality, which may derive from an AFO. A CNMP is developed to assist an AFO owner/operator in meeting all applicable local, tribal, State, and Federal water quality goals or regulations. For nutrient impaired stream segments or water bodies, additional management activities or conservation practices may be required to meet local, tribal, State, or Federal water quality goals or regulations.

CNMP must meet NRCS technical standards. For those elements included by Owner and/or operator in a CNMP for which NRCS currently does not maintain technical standards (i.e., feed management, vector control, air quality, etc.), producers should meet criteria established by Land Grant Universities, industry, or other technically qualified entities. Within each state, the NRCS State Conservationist has the authority to approve non-NRCS criteria established for use in the planning and implementation of CNMP elements.

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(e) Feed Management

Feed management activities may be used to reduce the nutrient content of manure that may result in less land being required to effectively utilize the manure. Feed management activities may be dealt with as a planning consideration and not as a requirement that addresses specific criteria; however, AFO owners/operators are encouraged to incorporate feed management as part of their nutrient management strategy. Specific information and recommendations should be obtained from the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; Land Grant Universities; industry; the Agricultural Research Service; or professional societies such as the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) or American Registry of Professional Animal (ARPA); or other technically qualified entities.

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Feed management can be an effective approach to addressing excess nutrient production and should be encouraged; however, it also is recognized that feed management may not be a viable or acceptable alternative for all AFOs. A professional animal nutritionist should be consulted before making any recommendations associated with feed ration adjustment.

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(f) Other Utilization Activities

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Factors that might be considered under the topic of feeding management include:

Ration formulation,

Ration evaluation (nutrient analyses by a lab),

Routine forage and grain analyses,

Adoption of silage best management practices,

Use of production enhancers (rBST for dairy),

Phase feeding,

Drinking water quality,

Bunk management,

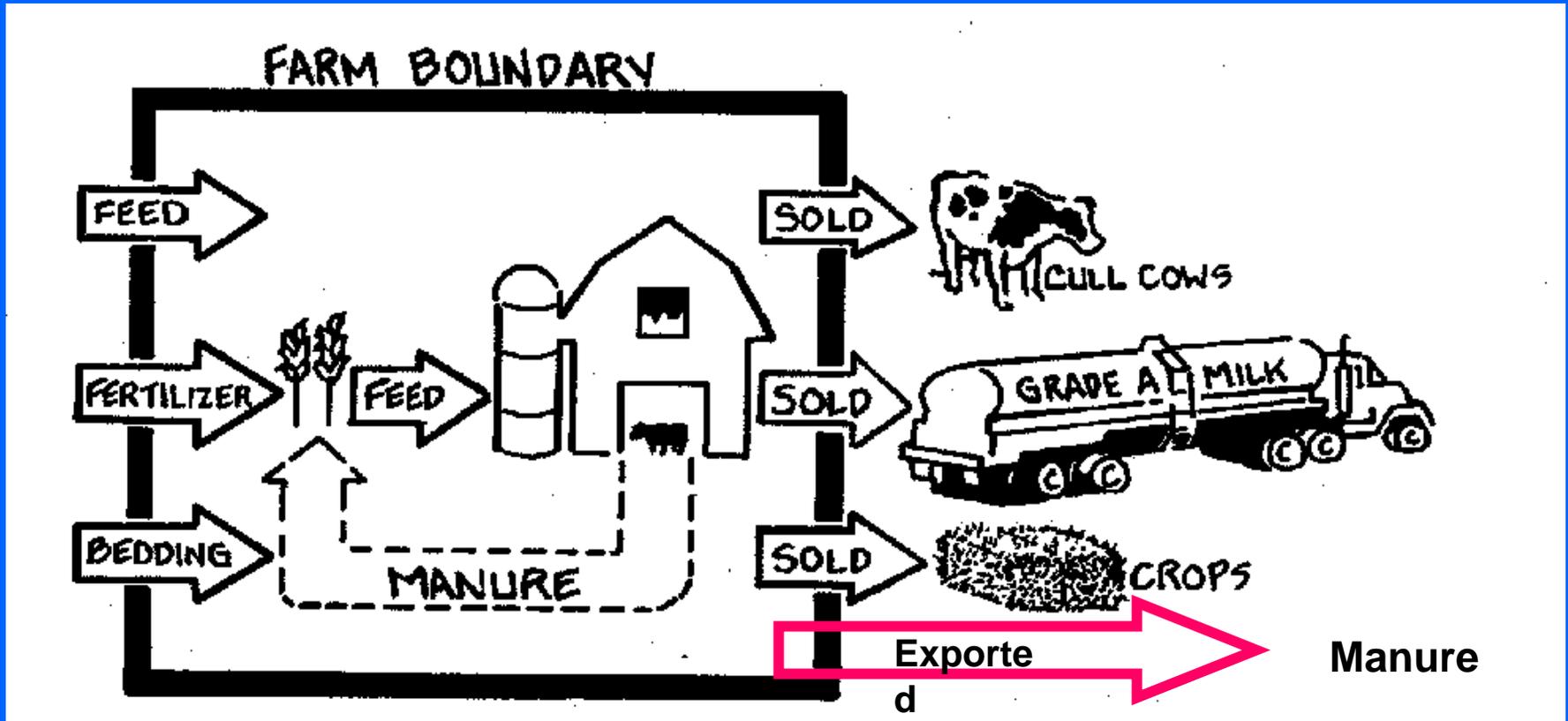
Amino acid supplementation,

Low phytic acid corn, and

Enzymes.



Nutrient Management Needs to be considered at the Whole Farm Level and Beyond



Most dairies are net importers of nutrients

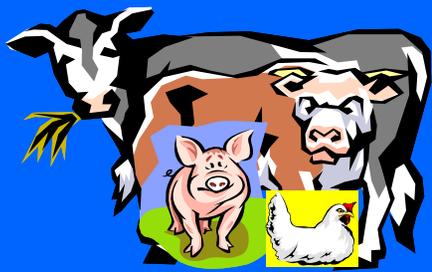
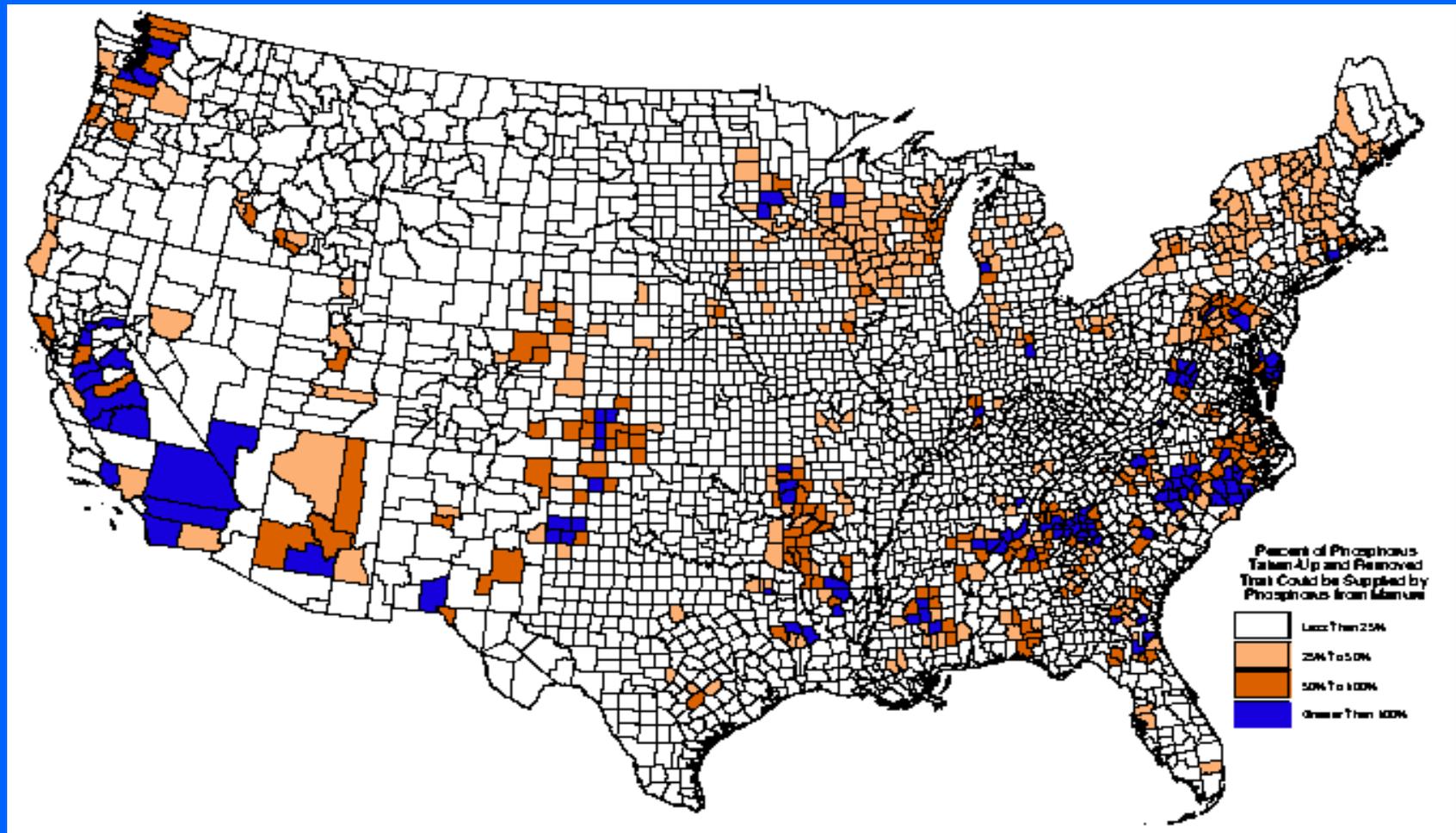
Table 1a. Changes in dairy farm and cow numbers, and the concentrate consumed for California from 1954 to 1987.

	California	
	1954	1987
No. dairy farms	34,031	3,631
Milk cows	790,730	1,070,366
Concentrate		
lb/yr per cow	1,898	7,541
lb/100 lb milk	24	42
lb/yr per farm	43,747	2,223,069



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Manure P vs. Crop Land P Use



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Phosphorus by Species

Swine - 31-37 % when diet P is .4 to .5%

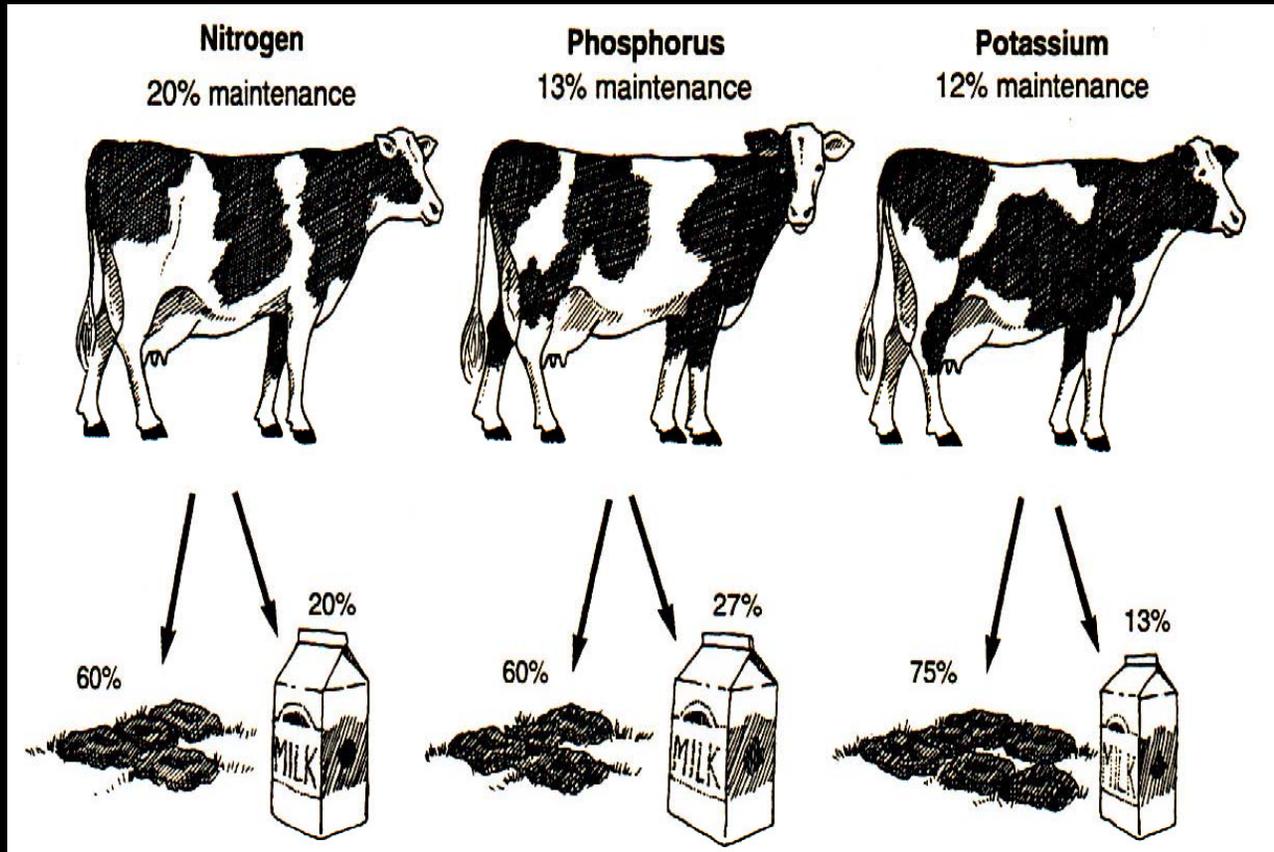
Laying Hen – 38 % retained

Finishing Beef Cow – 20 % retained

Dairy Cow – 27 % used for milk



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Phosphorus

Feeding at near 100 % of
NRC recommendations can
save ~ \$1000 to \$1400 per 100
cows per year



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WSU/Werkhoven Study

Can we realistically reduce
Protein Imports to the Farm
In a High Producing Herd?



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Approach

Reformulate the general herd
Diet to be balanced for estimated
Needs for amino acids (Met and Lys)

Reduced CP by ~ 1 %

Increased Feed Cost Slightly - \$0.06



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Trial Response

<u>Item</u>	<u>Control</u>	<u>Experimental</u>
DMI, lb	56.7	55.2
Milk, lb	99.9	101.9
Milk fat, lb	3.26	3.23
Milk protein, lb	2.88	2.95
MUN, mg/dl	17.5	14.5



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Nitrogen Performance

Nitrogen Intake - 7.4%

Milk Nitrogen +2.4%

Predicted Urinary N - 17.3%

Predicted Fecal N - 5.0%



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Economic Evaluation

Item

Control

Experimental

Feed Cost, \$/day

4.82

4.

Milk Income, \$/day

11.92

12.10

IOFC, \$/day/cow

7.10

7.22



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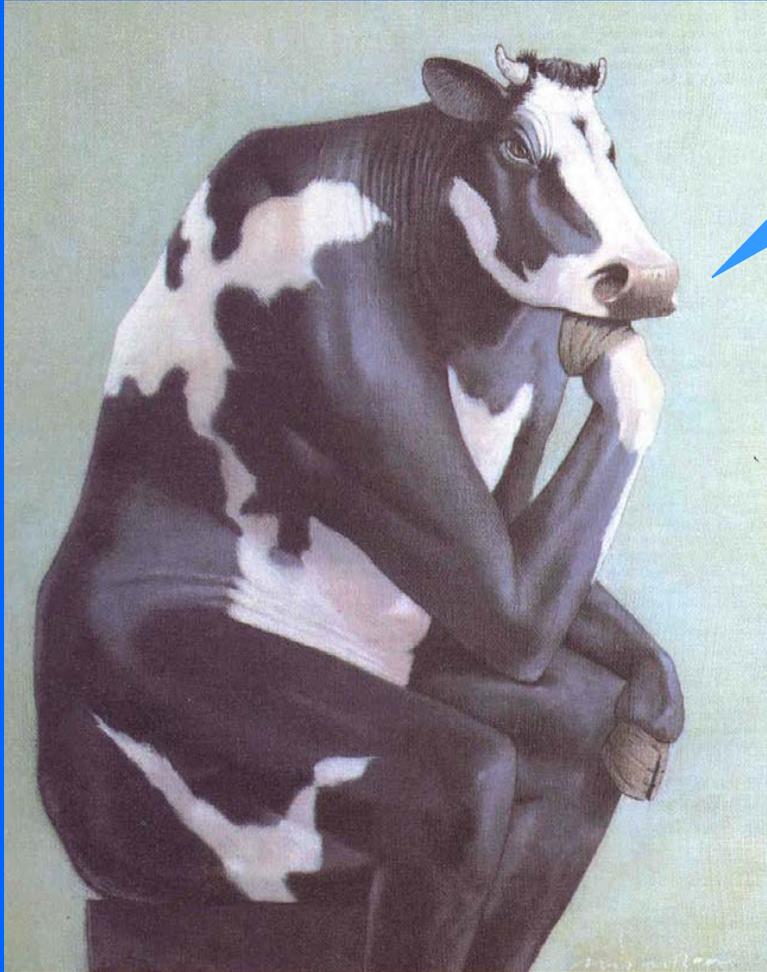
Nutrient management has and will continue to be legislatively mandated

Real cost savings can be realized by understanding the “system” and its components

Make it a team effort



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Any Questions



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