

# CHAPTER 11

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## N<sub>2</sub>O EMISSIONS FROM MANAGED SOILS, AND CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS FROM LIME AND UREA APPLICATION

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## 11.1 INTRODUCTION

*No refinement*

## 11.2 N<sub>2</sub>O EMISSIONS FROM MANAGED SOILS

*This section has further elaboration of the methods and updates.*

This section presents the methods and equations for estimating total national anthropogenic emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O (direct and indirect) from managed soils. The generic equations presented here can also be used for estimating N<sub>2</sub>O within specific land-use categories or by condition-specific variables (e.g., N additions to rice paddies) if the country can disaggregate the activity data to that level (i.e., N use activity within a specific land use).

Nitrous oxide is produced naturally in soils through the processes of nitrification and denitrification. Nitrification is the aerobic microbial oxidation of ammonium to nitrate, and denitrification is the anaerobic microbial reduction of nitrate to nitrogen gas (N<sub>2</sub>). Nitrous oxide is a gaseous intermediate in the reaction sequence of denitrification and a by-product of nitrification that leaks from microbial cells into the soil and ultimately into the atmosphere. One of the main controlling factors in this reaction is the availability of inorganic N in the soil. This methodology, therefore, estimates N<sub>2</sub>O emissions using human-induced net N additions to soils (e.g., synthetic or organic fertilisers, deposited manure, crop residues, sewage sludge), or of mineralisation of N in soil organic matter following drainage/management of organic soils, or cultivation/land-use change on mineral soils (e.g., Forest Land/Grassland/Settlements converted to Cropland).

The emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O that result from anthropogenic N inputs or N mineralisation occur through both a direct pathway (i.e., directly from the soils to which the N is added/released), and through two indirect pathways: (i) following volatilisation of NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> from managed soils and from fossil fuel combustion and biomass burning, and the subsequent redeposition of these gases and their products NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> to soils and waters; and (ii) after leaching and runoff of N, mainly as NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, from managed soils. The principal pathways are illustrated in Figure 11.1.

Direct emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O from managed soils are estimated separately from indirect emissions, though using a common set of activity data. The Tier 1 methodologies do not take into account different land cover, soil type, climatic conditions or management practices (other than specified above). Neither do they take account of any lag time for direct emissions from crop residues N, and allocate these emissions to the year in which the residues are returned to the soil. These factors are not considered for direct or (where appropriate, indirect) emissions because limited data are available to provide appropriate emission factors. Countries that have data to show that default factors are inappropriate for their country should utilise Tier 2 equations or Tier 3 approaches and include a full explanation for the values used.

### 11.2.1 Direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions

In most soils, an increase in available N enhances nitrification and denitrification rates which then increase the production of N<sub>2</sub>O. Increases in available N can occur through human-induced N additions or change of land-use and/or management practices that mineralise soil organic N.

The following N sources are included in the methodology for estimating direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils:

- synthetic N fertilisers (F<sub>SN</sub>);
- organic N applied as fertiliser (e.g., animal manure, compost, sewage sludge, rendering waste) (F<sub>ON</sub>);
- urine and dung N deposited on pasture, range and paddock by grazing animals (F<sub>PRP</sub>);

- N in crop residues (above-ground and below-ground), including from N-fixing crops <sup>1</sup> and from forages during pasture renewal <sup>2</sup> ( $F_{CR}$ );
- N mineralisation associated with loss of soil organic matter resulting from change of land use or management of mineral soils ( $F_{SOM}$ ); and
- drainage/management of organic soils (i.e., Histosols) <sup>3</sup> ( $F_{OS}$ ).

### 11.2.1.1 CHOICE OF METHOD

The decision tree in Figure 11.2 provides guidance on which tier method to use.

#### Tier 1

In its most basic form, direct  $N_2O$  emissions from managed soils are estimated using Equation 11.1 as follows:

**EQUATION 11.1**

**DIRECT  $N_2O$  EMISSIONS FROM MANAGED SOILS (TIER 1)**

$$N_2O_{Direct-N} = N_2O-N_{N\ inputs} + N_2O-N_{OS} + N_2O-N_{PRP}$$

Where:

$$N_2O-N_{N\ inputs} = \left[ \frac{(F_{SN} + F_{ON} + F_{CR} + F_{SOM}) \cdot EF_1}{(F_{SN} + F_{ON} + F_{CR} + F_{SOM})_{FR} \cdot EF_{1FR}} \right]$$

$$N_2O-N_{OS} = \left[ \frac{(F_{OS,CG,Temp} \cdot EF_{2CG,Temp}) + (F_{OS,CG,Trop} \cdot EF_{2CG,Trop}) + (F_{OS,F,Temp,NR} \cdot EF_{2F,Temp,NR}) + (F_{OS,F,Temp,NP} \cdot EF_{2F,Temp,NP}) + (F_{OS,F,Trop} \cdot EF_{2F,Trop})}{1} \right]$$

$$N_2O-N_{PRP} = [(F_{PRP,CPP} \cdot EF_{3PRP,CPP}) + (F_{PRP,SO} \cdot EF_{3PRP,SO})]$$

Where:

$N_2O_{Direct-N}$  = annual direct  $N_2O$ -N emissions produced from managed soils, kg  $N_2O$ -N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$N_2O-N_{N\ inputs}$  = annual direct  $N_2O$ -N emissions from N inputs to managed soils, kg  $N_2O$ -N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$N_2O-N_{OS}$  = annual direct  $N_2O$ -N emissions from managed organic soils, kg  $N_2O$ -N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$N_2O-N_{PRP}$  = annual direct  $N_2O$ -N emissions from urine and dung inputs to grazed soils, kg  $N_2O$ -N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$F_{SN}$  = annual amount of synthetic fertiliser N applied to soils, kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Biological nitrogen fixation has been removed as a direct source of  $N_2O$  because of the lack of evidence of significant emissions arising from the fixation process itself (Rochette and Janzen, 2005). These authors concluded that the  $N_2O$  emissions induced by the growth of legume crops/forages may be estimated solely as a function of the above-ground and below-ground nitrogen inputs from crop/forage residue (the nitrogen residue from forages is only accounted for during pasture renewal). Conversely, the release of N by mineralisation of soil organic matter as a result of change of land use or management is now included as an additional source. These are significant adjustments to the methodology previously described in the 1996 IPCC Guidelines.

<sup>2</sup> The nitrogen residue from perennial forage crops is only accounted for during periodic pasture renewal, i.e. not necessarily on an annual basis as is the case with annual crops.

<sup>3</sup> Soils are organic if they satisfy the requirements 1 and 2, or 1 and 3 below (FAO, 1998): 1. Thickness of 10 cm or more. A horizon less than 20 cm thick must have 12 percent or more organic carbon when mixed to a depth of 20 cm; 2. If the soil is never saturated with water for more than a few days, and contains more than 20 percent (by weight) organic carbon (about 35 percent organic matter); 3. If the soil is subject to water saturation episodes and has either: (i) at least 12 percent (by weight) organic carbon (about 20 percent organic matter) if it has no clay; or (ii) at least 18 percent (by weight) organic carbon (about 30 percent organic matter) if it has 60 percent or more clay; or (iii) an intermediate, proportional amount of organic carbon for intermediate amounts of clay (FAO, 1998).

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$F_{ON}$  = annual amount of animal manure, compost, sewage sludge and other organic N additions applied to soils (Note: If including sewage sludge, cross-check with Waste Sector to ensure there is no double counting of  $N_2O$  emissions from the N in sewage sludge),  $kg\ N\ yr^{-1}$

$F_{CR}$  = annual amount of N in crop residues (above-ground and below-ground), including N-fixing crops, and from forage/pasture renewal, returned to soils,  $kg\ N\ yr^{-1}$

$F_{SOM}$  = annual amount of N in mineral soils that is mineralised, in association with loss of soil C from soil organic matter as a result of changes to land use or management,  $kg\ N\ yr^{-1}$

$F_{OS}$  = annual area of managed/drained organic soils, ha (Note: the subscripts CG, F, Temp, Trop, NR and NP refer to Cropland and Grassland, Forest Land, Temperate, Tropical, Nutrient Rich, and Nutrient Poor, respectively)

$F_{PRP}$  = annual amount of urine and dung N deposited by grazing animals on pasture, range and paddock,  $kg\ N\ yr^{-1}$  (Note: the subscripts CPP and SO refer to Cattle, Poultry and Pigs, and Sheep and Other animals, respectively)

$EF_1$  = emission factor for  $N_2O$  emissions from N inputs,  $kg\ N_2O-N\ (kg\ N\ input)^{-1}$  (Table 11.1)

$EF_{1FR}$  is the emission factor for  $N_2O$  emissions from N inputs to flooded rice,  $kg\ N_2O-N\ (kg\ N\ input)^{-1}$  (Table 11.1) <sup>4</sup>

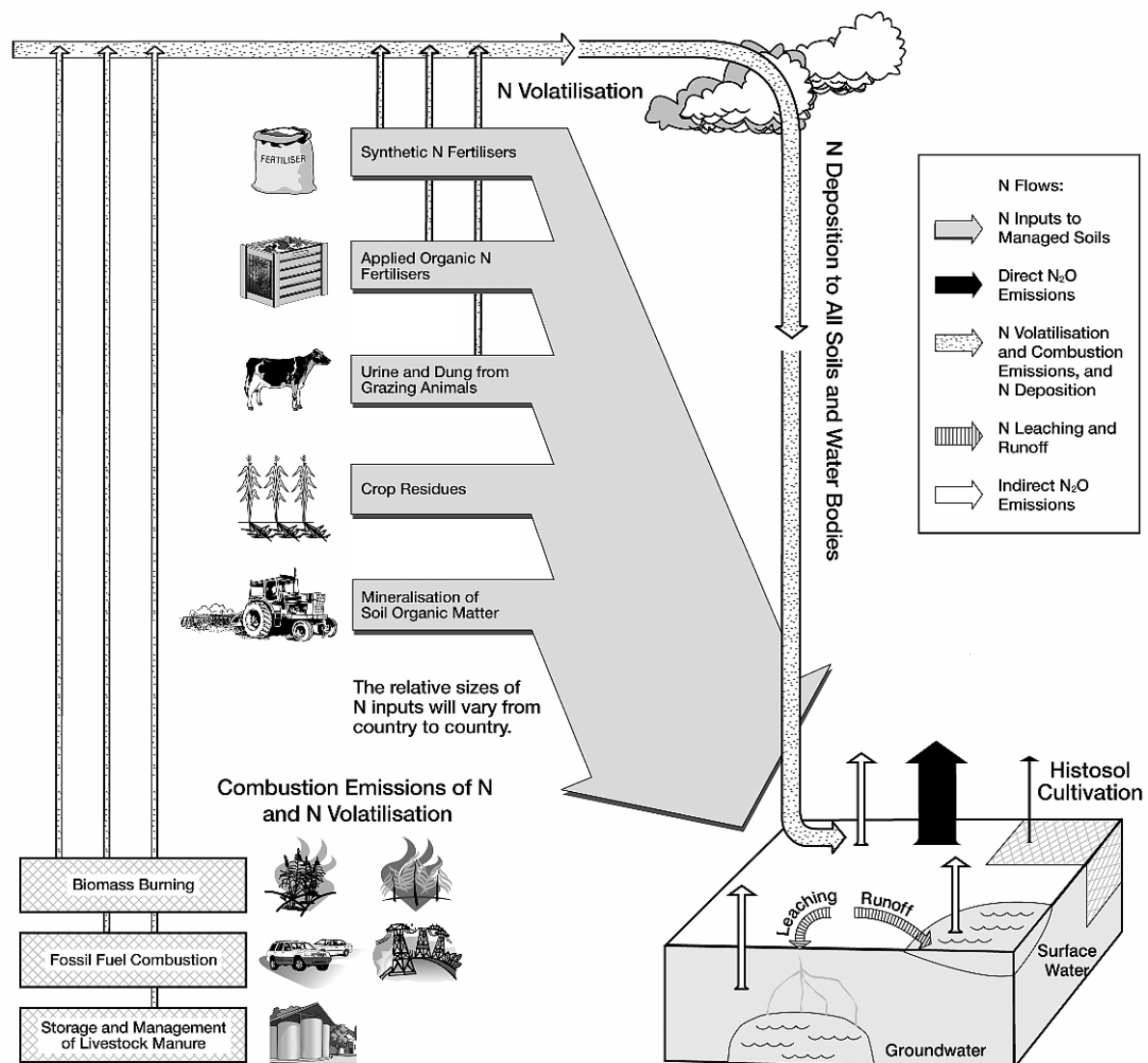
$EF_2$  = emission factor for  $N_2O$  emissions from drained/managed organic soils,  $kg\ N_2O-N\ ha^{-1}\ yr^{-1}$ ; (Table 11.1) (Note: the subscripts CG, F, Temp, Trop, NR and NP refer to Cropland and Grassland, Forest Land, Temperate, Tropical, Nutrient Rich, and Nutrient Poor, respectively)

$EF_{3PRP}$  = emission factor for  $N_2O$  emissions from urine and dung N deposited on pasture, range and paddock by grazing animals,  $kg\ N_2O-N\ (kg\ N\ input)^{-1}$ ; (Table 11.1) (Note: the subscripts CPP and SO refer to Cattle, Poultry and Pigs, and Sheep and Other animals, respectively)

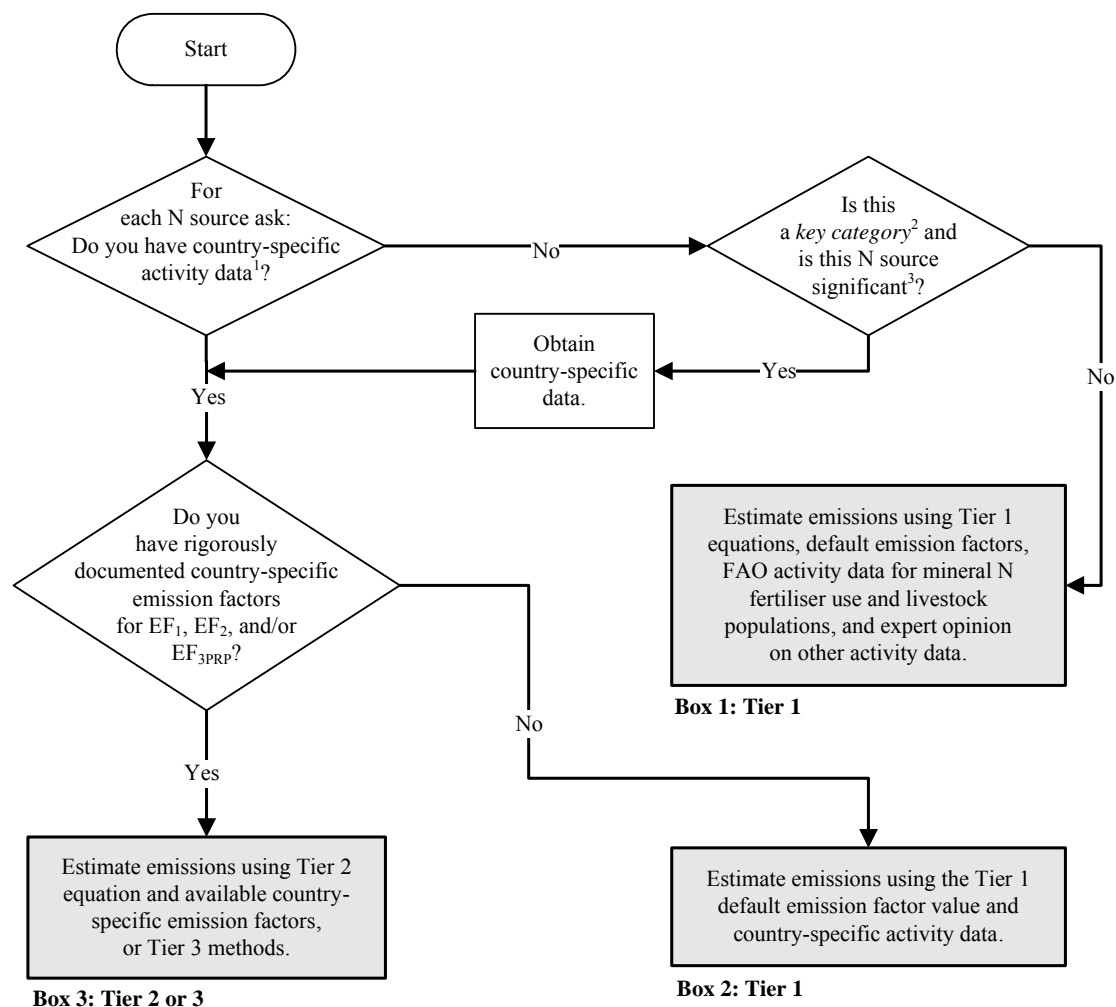
<sup>4</sup> When the total annual quantity of N applied to flooded paddy rice is known, this N input may be multiplied by a lower default emission factor applicable to this crop,  $EF_{1FR}$  (Table 11.1) (Akiyama *et al.*, 2005) or, where a country-specific emission factor has been determined, by that factor instead. Although there is some evidence that intermittent flooding (as described in Chapter 5.5) can increase  $N_2O$  emissions, current scientific data indicate that  $EF_{1FR}$  also applies to intermittent flooding situations.

**Figure 11.1** Schematic diagram illustrating the sources and pathways of N that result in direct and indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from soils and waters

Note: Sources of N applied to, or deposited on, soils are represented with arrows on the left-hand side of the graphic. Emission pathways are also shown with arrows including the various pathways of volatilisation of NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> from agricultural and non-agricultural sources, deposition of these gases and their products NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, and consequent indirect emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O are also illustrated. “Applied Organic N Fertilisers” include animal manure, all compost, sewage sludge, tankage, etc. “Crop Residues” include above- and below-ground residues for all crops (non-N and N fixing) and from perennial forage crops and pastures following renewal. On the lower right-hand side is a cut-away view of a representative sections of managed land; Histosol cultivation is represented here.



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**Figure 11.2 Decision tree for direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils**

Note:

1: N sources include: synthetic N fertiliser, organic N additions, urine and dung deposited during grazing, crop/forage residue, mineralisation of N contained in soil organic matter that accompanies C loss from soils following a change in land use or management and drainage/management of organic soils. Other organic N additions (e.g., compost, sewage sludge, rendering waste) can be included in this calculation if sufficient information is available. The waste input is measured in units of N and added as an additional source sub-term under  $F_{ON}$  in Equation 11.1 to be multiplied by  $EF_1$ .

2: See Volume 1 Chapter 4, "Methodological Choice and Identification of Key Categories" (noting Section 4.1.2 on limited resources), for discussion of *key categories* and use of decision trees.

3: As a rule of thumb, a sub-category would be significant if it accounts for 25-30% of emissions from the source category.

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Conversion of N<sub>2</sub>O–N emissions to N<sub>2</sub>O emissions for reporting purposes is performed by using the following equation:

$$N_2O = N_2O-N \bullet 44/28$$

## Tier 2

If more detailed emission factors and corresponding activity data are available to a country than are presented in Equation 11.1, further disaggregation of the terms in the equation can be undertaken. For example, if emission factors and activity data are available for the application of synthetic fertilisers and organic N (F<sub>SN</sub> and F<sub>ON</sub>) under different conditions *i*, Equation 11.1 would be expanded to become <sup>5</sup>:

### EQUATION 11.2

#### DIRECT N<sub>2</sub>O EMISSIONS FROM MANAGED SOILS (TIER 2)

$$N_2O_{Direct}-N = \sum_i (F_{SN} + F_{ON})_i \bullet EF_{1i} + (F_{CR} + F_{SOM}) \bullet EF_1 + N_2O-N_{OS} + N_2O-N_{PRP}$$

Where:

EF<sub>1i</sub> = emission factors developed for N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from synthetic fertiliser and organic N application under conditions *i* (kg N<sub>2</sub>O–N (kg N input)<sup>-1</sup>); *i* = 1, ...n.

Equation 11.2 may be modified in a variety of ways to accommodate any combination of N source-, crop type-, management-, land use-, climate-, soil- or other condition-specific emission factors that a country may be able to obtain for each of the individual N input variables (F<sub>SN</sub>, F<sub>ON</sub>, F<sub>CR</sub>, F<sub>SOM</sub>, F<sub>OS</sub>, F<sub>PRP</sub>).

Conversion of N<sub>2</sub>O–N emissions to N<sub>2</sub>O emissions for reporting purposes is performed by using the following equation:

$$N_2O = N_2O-N \bullet 44/28$$

## Tier 3

Tier 3 methods are modelling or measurement approaches. Models are useful because in appropriate forms they can relate the soil and environmental variables responsible for N<sub>2</sub>O emissions to the size of those emissions. These relationships may then be used to predict emissions from whole countries or regions for which experimental measurements are impracticable. Models should only be used after validation by representative experimental measurements. Care should also be taken to ensure that the emission estimates developed through the use of models or measurements account for all anthropogenic N<sub>2</sub>O emissions <sup>6</sup>. Guidance that provides a sound scientific basis for the development of a Tier 3 Model-based Accounting System is given in Chapter 2, Section 2.5.

## 11.2.1.2 CHOICE OF EMISSION FACTORS

### Tiers 1 and 2

Three emission factors (EF) are needed to estimate direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils. The default values presented here may be used in the Tier 1 equation or in the Tier 2 equation in combination with country-specific emission factors. The first EF (EF<sub>1</sub>) refers to the amount of N<sub>2</sub>O emitted from the various synthetic and organic N applications to soils, including crop residue and mineralisation of soil organic carbon in mineral soils due to land-use change or management. The second EF (EF<sub>2</sub>) refers to the amount of N<sub>2</sub>O emitted from an area of drained/managed organic soils, and the third EF (EF<sub>3PRP</sub>) estimates the amount of N<sub>2</sub>O emitted from urine and dung N deposited by grazing animals on pasture, range and paddock. Default emission factors for the Tier 1 method are summarised in Table 11.1.d

The default value for EF<sub>1</sub> has been set at TBD% of the N applied to soils or released through activities that result in mineralisation of organic matter in mineral soils <sup>7</sup>. Given the growing number of studies highlighting the role

<sup>5</sup> It is important to note that Equation 11.2 is just one of many possible modifications to Equation 11.1 when using the Tier 2 method. The eventual form of Equation 11.2 will depend upon the availability of condition-specific emission factors and the ability to which a country can disaggregate its activity data.

<sup>6</sup> Natural N<sub>2</sub>O emissions on managed land are assumed to be equal to emissions on unmanaged land. These latter emissions are very low. Therefore, nearly all emissions on managed land are considered anthropogenic. Estimates using the IPCC methodology are of the same magnitude as total measured emissions from managed land. Some Tier 3 methods may estimate only part of or aggregate some of the emission sources. Developers of Tier 3 methods should be aware of which components of Equation 11.2 are included in the estimate produced by their country-specific method.

<sup>7</sup> The value of EF<sub>1</sub> is under revision based on the available experimental data. These analyses draw on a much larger number of measurements than were available for the previous value used for EF<sub>1</sub> in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (Bouwman *et al.*, 2002a,b; Stehfest and Bouwman, 2006; Novoa and Tejeda, 2006).

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of climate in determining EF<sub>1</sub> (Cayuela *et al.*, 2017), alternative emission factors that are disaggregated by climatic zone are also provided. There are data to suggest that the emission factor could also be further disaggregated as part of the Tier 2 method. This disaggregation could be based on (1) environmental factors (soil organic C content, soil texture, drainage and soil pH); and (2) management-related factors (N application rate per fertiliser type; and type of crop with differences between legumes, non-leguminous arable crops, and grass) (Cayuela *et al.*, 2017; Rochette *et al.*, 2017). Countries that are able to disaggregate their activity data from all or some of these factors may choose to use disaggregated emission factors with the Tier 2 approach.

UPDATED TABLE 11.1 DEFAULT EMISSION FACTORS TO ESTIMATE DIRECT N <sub>2</sub> O EMISSIONS FROM MANAGED SOILS					
Emission factor	Aggregated		Disaggregated		
	Default value	Uncertainty range	Disaggregation	Default value	Uncertainty range
EF <sub>1</sub> for N additions from mineral fertilisers, organic amendments and crop residues, and N mineralised from mineral soil as a result of loss of soil carbon [kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N (kg N) <sup>-1</sup> ] <sup>1</sup>	TBD <sup>3</sup>	TBD	Temperate/Boreal Wet	TBD	TBD
			Temperate/Boreal Dry	TBD	TBD
			Tropical Wet	TBD	TBD
			Tropical Dry	TBD	TBD
EF <sub>1FR</sub> for flooded rice fields [kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N (kg N) <sup>-1</sup> ] <sup>2</sup>	0.004	0.003 - 0.005	Continuous flooding	0.004	0.003 – 0.004
			With drainage	0.005	0.003 - 0.007
EF <sub>3PRP, CPP</sub> for cattle (dairy, non-dairy and buffalo), poultry and pigs [kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N (kg N) <sup>-1</sup> ] <sup>1</sup>	0.006	0.005 – 0.007	Wet climates	TBD	TBD
			Dry climates	TBD	TBD
EF <sub>3PRP, SO</sub> for sheep and ‘other animals’ [kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N (kg N) <sup>-1</sup> ] <sup>1</sup>	0.003	0.002 – 0.004	Wet climates	TBD	TBD
			Dry climates	TBD	TBD
Notes:					
TBD - To be determined after completing the analysis of experimental data.					
EF <sub>1</sub> : From the databases by Albanito et al. (2017), Cayuela et al. (2017), Liu et al. (2017), Stehfest and Bouwman (2006), Rochette et al. (2017), van Lent et al. (2015) (See methods and data in Annex 11A.2).					
EF <sub>1FR</sub> : From the databases by Akiyama <i>et al.</i> , 2005, Albanito et al. (2017), Cayuela et al. (2017) (See methods and data in Annex 11A.3).					
EF <sub>3PRP, CPP</sub> and EF <sub>3PRP, SO</sub> : From an updated version of the database by Cai and Akiyama (2016) (See methods and data in Annex 11A.4)					
<sup>1</sup> Disaggregation of EF <sub>1</sub> and EF <sub>3PRP</sub> : Wet climates relate to temperate and boreal zones where the ratio of annual precipitation: potential evapotranspiration > 1, and tropical zones where annual precipitation > 1000 mm. Dry climates relate to temperate and boreal zones where the ratio of annual precipitation: potential evapotranspiration < 1, and tropical zones where annual precipitation < 1000 mm. Temperate, boreal and tropical zones correspond to those defined in Chapter 3 of Vol. 4.					
<sup>2</sup> Disaggregation of EF <sub>1FR</sub> : ‘With drainage’ includes multiple drainage, single drainage, alternate wet and drying. Disaggregated EF <sub>1FR</sub> for rain-fed and deep-water were not provided due to lack of data.					

The latest values for EF<sub>2</sub> values are provided in the 2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands. The default value for EF<sub>3PRP</sub> is 0.6% of the N deposited by all animal types except ‘sheep’ and ‘other’ animals. For these latter species, a default emission factor of 0.3% of the N deposited may be used<sup>8</sup>. When disaggregated by climate and animal type, for wet climates EF<sub>3PRP</sub> is TBD% for all animal

<sup>8</sup> This is an update on the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, with over 400 cattle and sheep dung and urine EF<sub>3</sub> values collated from 13 countries (See Annex 11.3). As noted in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, reasons for the lower EF<sub>3PRP</sub> for sheep include more even urine distribution (smaller and more frequent urinations), and smaller effects on soil compaction during grazing. There are no or very limited data for N<sub>2</sub>O emission factors of other animal types, and the emission factor for poultry and swine is assumed to be the same as for cattle. However, a value of 0.3% of the nitrogen deposited may be used for animals classified as ‘other animals’ which includes goats, horses, mules, donkeys, camels, reindeer, and camelids, as these are likely to have nitrogen excretion rates and patterns that are more similar to sheep than to cattle. For disaggregation of EF<sub>3</sub> by climate for each livestock group, see Annex 11.3. A disaggregation of EF<sub>3PRP</sub> for dung vs. urine nitrogen could also be considered.

types except ‘sheep’ and ‘other’ animals and TBD for sheep and other animals. For dry climates, EF<sub>3PRP</sub> is TBD for all animal types except ‘sheep’ and ‘other’ animals and TBD for sheep and other animals.

### 11.2.1.3 CHOICE OF ACTIVITY DATA

#### Tiers 1 and 2

This section describes generic methods for estimating the amount of various N inputs to soils ( $F_{SN}$ ,  $F_{ON}$ ,  $F_{PRP}$ ,  $F_{CR}$ ,  $F_{SOM}$ ,  $F_{OS}$ ) that are needed for the Tier 1 and Tier 2 methodologies (Equations 11.1 and 11.2).

#### *Applied synthetic fertiliser ( $F_{SN}$ )*

The term  $F_{SN}$  refers to the annual amount of synthetic N fertiliser applied to soils<sup>9</sup>. It is estimated from the total amount of synthetic fertiliser consumed annually. Annual fertiliser consumption data may be collected from official country statistics, often recorded as fertiliser sales and/or as domestic production and imports. If country-specific data are not available, data from the International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFIA) (<http://www.fertilizer.org/ifa/statistics.asp>) on total fertiliser use by type and by crop, or from the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO): (<http://faostat.fao.org/>) on synthetic fertiliser consumption, can be used. It may be useful to compare national statistics to international databases such as those of the IFIA and FAO. If sufficient data are available, fertiliser use may be disaggregated by fertiliser type, crop type and climatic regime for major crops. These data may be useful in developing revised emission estimates if inventory methods are improved in the future. It should be noted that most data sources (including FAO) might limit reporting to agricultural N uses, although applications may also occur on Forest Land, Settlements, or other lands. This unaccounted N is likely to account for a small proportion of the overall emissions. However, it is recommended that countries seek out this additional information whenever possible.

#### *Applied organic N fertilisers ( $F_{ON}$ )*

The term “applied organic N fertiliser” ( $F_{ON}$ ) refers to the amount of organic N inputs applied to soils other than by grazing animals and is calculated using Equation 11.3. This includes applied animal manure, sewage sludge applied to soil, compost applied to soils, as well as other organic amendments of regional importance to agriculture (e.g., rendering waste, guano, brewery waste, etc.). Organic N fertiliser ( $F_{ON}$ ) is calculated using Equation 11.3:

$$\text{EQUATION 11.3}$$

$$\text{N FROM ORGANIC N ADDITIONS APPLIED TO SOILS (TIER 1)}$$

$$F_{ON} = F_{AM} + F_{SEW} + F_{COMP} + F_{OOA}$$

Where:

$F_{ON}$  = total annual amount of organic N fertiliser applied to soils other than by grazing animals, kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$F_{AM}$  = annual amount of animal manure N applied to soils, kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$F_{SEW}$  = annual amount of total sewage N (coordinate with Waste Sector to ensure that sewage N is not double-counted) that is applied to soils, kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$F_{COMP}$  = annual amount of total compost N applied to soils (ensure that manure N in compost is not double-counted), kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$F_{OOA}$  = annual amount of other organic amendments used as fertiliser (e.g., rendering waste, guano, brewery waste, etc.), kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

The term  $F_{AM}$  is determined by adjusting the amount of manure N available ( $N_{MMS\ Avb}$ ; see Equation 10.34 in Chapter 10) for the amount of managed manure used for feed ( $Frac_{FEED}$ ), burned for fuel ( $Frac_{FUEL}$ ), or used for construction ( $Frac_{CNST}$ ) as shown in Equation 11.4. Data for  $Frac_{FUEL}$ ,  $Frac_{FEED}$ ,  $Frac_{CNST}$  can be obtained from

However, this is difficult to implement as it is unlikely that countries have the required information readily available to assess excretion rates in urine and dung. However, this approach may be considered by countries that use a higher tier methodology.

<sup>9</sup> For the Tier 1 approach, the amounts of applied mineral nitrogen fertilisers ( $F_{SN}$ ) and of applied organic nitrogen fertilisers ( $F_{ON}$ ) are no longer adjusted for the amounts of  $NH_3$  and  $NO_x$  volatilisation after application to soil. This is a change from the methodology described in the 1996 IPCC Guidelines. The reason for this change is that field studies that have determined  $N_2O$  emission factors for applied N were not adjusted for volatilisation when they were estimated. In other words, these emission factors were determined from: fertiliser-induced  $N_2O$ -N emitted / total amount of N applied, and not from: fertiliser-induced  $N_2O$ -N emitted / (total amount of N applied –  $NH_3$  and  $NO_x$  volatilised). As a result, adjusting the amount of N input for volatilisation before multiplying it with the emission factor would in fact underestimate total  $N_2O$  emissions. Countries using Tier 2 or Tier 3 approaches should be aware that correction for  $NH_3/NO_x$  volatilisation after mineral or organic N application to soil may be required depending on the emission factor and/or the inventory methodology used.

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official statistics or a survey of experts. However, if these data are not available use  $N_{MMS\_Avb}$  as  $F_{AM}$  without adjusting for  $Frac_{FUEL}$ ,  $Frac_{FEED}$ ,  $Frac_{CNST}$ .

**EQUATION 11.4****N FROM ANIMAL MANURE APPLIED TO SOILS (TIER 1)**

$$F_{AM} = N_{MMS\_Avb} \cdot \left[ 1 - \left( Frac_{FEED} + Frac_{FUEL} + Frac_{CNST} \right) \right]$$

Where:

$F_{AM}$  = annual amount of animal manure N applied to soils, kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$N_{MMS\_Avb}$  = amount of managed manure N available for soil application, feed, fuel or construction, kg N yr<sup>-1</sup> (see Equation 10.34 in Chapter 10)

$Frac_{FEED}$  = fraction of managed manure used for feed

$Frac_{FUEL}$  = fraction of managed manure used for fuel

$Frac_{CNST}$  = fraction of managed manure used for construction

*Urine and dung from grazing animals ( $F_{PRP}$ )*

The term  $F_{PRP}$  refers to the annual amount of N deposited on pasture, range and paddock soils by grazing animals. It is important to note that the N from managed animal manure applied to soils is included in the  $F_{AM}$  term of  $F_{ON}$ . The term  $F_{PRP}$  is estimated using Equation 11.5 from the number of animals in each livestock species/category  $T$  ( $N_{(T)}$ ), the annual average amount of N excreted by each livestock species/category  $T$  ( $Nex_{(T)}$ ), and the fraction of this N deposited on pasture, range and paddock soils by each livestock species/category  $T$  ( $MS_{(T,PRP)}$ ). The data needed for this equation can be obtained from the livestock chapter (see Chapter 10, Section 10.5).

Equation 11.5 provides an estimate of the amount of N deposited by grazing animals:

**EQUATION 11.5****N IN URINE AND DUNG DEPOSITED BY GRAZING ANIMALS ON PASTURE, RANGE AND Paddock (TIER 1)**

$$F_{PRP} = \sum_T \left[ \left( N_{(T)} \cdot Nex_{(T)} \right) \cdot MS_{(T,PRP)} \right]$$

Where:

$F_{PRP}$  = annual amount of urine and dung N deposited on pasture, range, paddock and by grazing animals, kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$N_{(T)}$  = number of head of livestock species/category  $T$  in the country (see Chapter 10, Section 10.2)

$Nex_{(T)}$  = annual average N excretion per head of species/category  $T$  in the country, kg N animal<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (see Chapter 10, Section 10.5)

$MS_{(T,PRP)}$  = fraction of total annual N excretion for each livestock species/category  $T$  that is deposited on pasture, range and paddock<sup>10</sup> (see Chapter 10, Section 10.5)

*Crop residue N, including N-fixing crops and forage/pasture renewal, returned to soils, ( $F_{CR}$ )*

The term  $F_{CR}$  refers to the amount of N in crop residues (above-ground and below-ground), including N-fixing crops, returned to soils annually<sup>11</sup>. It also includes the N from N-fixing and non-N-fixing forages mineralised during forage or pasture renewal<sup>12</sup>. It is estimated from crop yield statistics and default factors for above-/below-ground residue:yield ratios and residue N contents. In addition, the method accounts for the effect of residue

<sup>10</sup> In the livestock section, pasture, range and paddock is referred to as one of the manure management systems denoted as "S".

<sup>11</sup> The equation to estimate  $F_{CR}$  has been modified from the previous 1996 IPCC Guidelines to account for the contribution of the below-ground nitrogen to the total input of nitrogen from crop residues, which previously was ignored in the estimate of  $F_{CR}$ . As a result,  $F_{CR}$  now represents a more accurate estimate of the amount of nitrogen input from crop residue, which makes it possible to assess the contribution to residue nitrogen arising from the growth of forage legumes such as alfalfa, where the harvesting of virtually all the above-ground dry matter results in no significant residue except the root system.

<sup>12</sup> The inclusion of nitrogen from forage or pasture renewal is a change from previous 1996 IPCC Guidelines.

burning or other removal of residues (direct emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O from residue burning are addressed under Chapter 2, Section 2.4. Because different crop types vary in residue:yield ratios, renewal time and N contents, separate calculations should be performed for major crop types and then N values from all crop types are summed up. At a minimum, it is recommended that crops be segregated into: 1) non-N-fixing grain crops (e.g., maize, rice, wheat, barley); 2) N-fixing grains and pulses (e.g., soybean, dry beans, chickpea, lentils); 3) root and tuber crops (e.g., potato, sweet potato, cassava); 4) N-fixing forage crops (alfalfa, clover); and 5) other forages including perennial grasses and grass/clover pastures. Equation 11.6 provides the equation to estimate N from crop residues and forage/pasture renewal, for a Tier 1 approach.

**UPDATED EQUATION 11.6**  
**N FROM CROP RESIDUES AND FORAGE/PASTURE RENEWAL (TIER 1)**

$$F_{CR} = \sum_T [AGR_{(T)} * N_{AG(T)} * (1 - Frac_{Remove(T)} - (Frac_{Burnt(T)} * C_f))]$$

Where:

$F_{CR}$  = annual amount of N in crop residues (above and below ground), including N-fixing crops, and from forage/pasture renewal, returned to soils annually, kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$AGR_{(T)}$  = annual total amount of above-ground crop residue for crop  $T$ , kg d.m. ha<sup>-1</sup>. (Use factors in Table 11.2, or alternatively, the amount can be calculated using the method and data in Table 11.3)

$N_{AG(T)}$  = N content of above-ground residues for crop  $T$ , kg N (kg d.m.)<sup>-1</sup> (Table 11.2)

$Frac_{Remove(T)}$  = fraction of above-ground residues of crop  $T$  removed annually for purposes such as feed, bedding and construction, dimensionless. Survey of experts in country is required to obtain data. If data for  $Frac_{Remove}$  are not available, assume no removal

$Frac_{Burnt(T)}$  = fraction of annual harvested area of crop  $T$  burnt, dimensionless

$C_f$  = combustion factor (dimensionless) (refer to Chapter 2, Table 2.6)

$BGR_{(T)}$  = annual total amount of belowground crop residue for crop  $T$ , kg d.m. ha<sup>-1</sup>

$N_{BG(T)}$  = N content of below-ground residues for crop  $T$ , kg N (kg d.m.)<sup>-1</sup>, (Table 11.2)

$Crop_{(T)}$  = harvested annual dry matter yield for crop  $T$ , kg d.m. ha<sup>-1</sup>

$R_{AG(T)}$  = ratio of above-ground residues dry matter ( $AG_{DM(T)}$ ) to harvested yield for crop  $T$  ( $Crop_{(T)}$ ), kg d.m. (kg d.m.)<sup>-1</sup>, (Table 11.2)

$Area_{(T)}$  = total annual area harvested of crop  $T$ , ha yr<sup>-1</sup>

$Frac_{Renew(T)}$  = fraction of total area under crop  $T$  that is renewed annually<sup>13</sup>, dimensionless. For countries where pastures are renewed on average every  $X$  years,  $Frac_{Renew} = 1/X$ . For annual crops  $Frac_{Renew} = 1$

$R:S_{(T)}$  = ratio of below-ground root biomass to above-ground biomass for crop  $T$ , kg d.m. (kg d.m.)<sup>-1</sup>, (Table 11.2)

$T$  = crop or forage type

Data on crop yield statistics (yields and area harvested, by crop) may be obtained from national sources. If such data are not available, FAO publishes data on crop production: (<http://faostat.fao.org/>).

Since yield statistics for many crops are reported as field-dry or fresh weight, a correction factor can be applied to estimate dry matter yields ( $Crop_{(T)}$ ) where appropriate (Equation 11.7). The proper correction to be used is dependent on the standards used in yield reporting, which may vary between countries. Alternatively, the default values for dry matter content given in Table 11.2 may be used.

<sup>13</sup>This term is included in the equation to account for N release and the subsequent increases in N<sub>2</sub>O emissions (e.g., van der Weerden *et al.*, 1999; Davies *et al.*, 2001), from renewal/cultivation of grazed grass or grass/clover pasture and other forage crops.

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**EQUATION 11.7****DRY-WEIGHT CORRECTION OF REPORTED CROP YIELDS**

$$Crop_{(T)} = YieldFresh_{(T)} \bullet DRY$$

Where:

Crop<sub>(T)</sub> = harvested dry matter yield for crop *T*, kg d.m. ha<sup>-1</sup>Yield\_Fresh<sub>(T)</sub> = harvested fresh yield for crop *T*, kg fresh weight ha<sup>-1</sup>DRY = dry matter fraction of harvested crop *T*, kg d.m. (kg fresh weight)<sup>-1</sup>

An improvement on this approach for determining F<sub>CR</sub> (i.e., Tier 2) would be the use of country-specific data rather than the values provided in Table 11.2, as well as country-specific values for the fraction of above-ground residue burned.

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<b>NEW GUIDANCE - TABLE 11.2</b>					
<b>DEFAULT VALUES FOR N<sub>AG(T)</sub>, N<sub>BG(T)</sub>, R<sub>AG(T)</sub>, R:S(T) AND DRY TO BE USED IN EQUATIONS 11.6 AND 11.7</b>					
<b>Crops</b>	<b>N content of above-ground residues (N<sub>AG(T)</sub>)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>N content of below-ground residues (N<sub>BG(T)</sub>)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>R<sub>AG(T)</sub><sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Ratio of below-ground biomass to above-ground biomass (R:S(T))<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Dry matter fraction of harvested product (DRY)<sup>a</sup></b>
Generic value for crops not indicated below	TBD	TBD	1.0	TBD	TBD
Generic Grains	0.006	0.009	1.3	0.22 (±16%)	0.88
Winter Wheat	0.006	0.009	1.3	0.23 (±41%)	0.89
Spring Wheat	0.006	0.009	1.3	0.28 (±26%)	0.89
Barley	0.007	0.014	1.2	0.22 (± 33%)	0.89
Oats	0.007	0.008	1.3	0.25 (± 120%)	0.89
Maize	0.007	0.007	1.0	0.22 (± 26%)	0.87
Rye	0.005	0.011	1.6	TBD	0.88
Rice	0.007	TBD	1.4	0.16 (± 35%)	0.89
Millet	0.007	TBD	1.4	TBD	0.90
Sorghum	0.007	0.006	1.4	TBD	0.89
Beans and Pulses	0.01	0.01	2.1	TBD	0.90
Soybeans	0.008	0.008	2.1	0.19 (± 45%)	0.91
Potatoes and Tubers	0.019	0.014	0.4	0.20 (± 50%) <sup>d</sup>	0.22
Peanuts	0.016	TBD	1.0	TBD	0.94
Alfalfa	0.027	0.019	TBD	0.40 (± 50%) <sup>e</sup>	0.90
Non-legume hay	0.015	0.012	TBD	0.54 (± 50%) <sup>e</sup>	0.90
N-fixing forages	0.027	0.022	0.3	0.40 (± 50%)	0.90
Non-N-fixing forages	0.015	0.012	0.3	0.54 (± 50%)	0.90
Perennial Grasses	0.015	0.012	0.3	0.80 (± 50%) <sup>f</sup>	0.90
Grass-Clover Mixtures	0.025	0.016 <sup>c</sup>	0.3	0.80 (± 50%) <sup>f</sup>	0.90
<p>TBD – Values to be determined based on review of literature.</p> <p><sup>a</sup> Source: 2006 IPCC Guidelines, Chapter 11.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> Source: 2000 IPCC Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories. Chapter 4 for R<sub>AG(T)</sub> except forages, grasses and grass-clover mixes, which are from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, Chapter 11, and the generic value for all crops, which is the expert opinion of authors.</p> <p><sup>c</sup> It is assumed here that grass dominates the system by 2 to 1 over legumes.</p> <p><sup>d</sup> This is an estimate of non-tuber roots based on the root:shoot values found for other crops. If unmarketable tuber yield is returned to the soil then data are derived from Vangessel and Renner, 1990 (see Annex 11A.1) (unmarketable yield = 0.08 * marketable yield = 0.29 * above-ground biomass) suggest that the total residues returned might then be on the order of 0.49 * above-ground biomass. Default s.d.</p> <p><sup>e</sup> This is based an estimate of root turnover in perennial systems. Default s.d.</p> <p><sup>f</sup> Estimate of root turnover to above-ground production based on the assumption that in natural grass systems below-ground biomass is approximately equal to twice (one to three times) the above-ground biomass and that root turnover in these systems averages about 40% (30% to 50%) per year. Default s.d.</p>					

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ELABORATED - TABLE 11.3 ALTERNATIVE METHOD AND DATA FOR ESTIMATING ABOVE-GROUND RESIDUE ( $AGR_{(T)}$ ) A					
Crop	Above-ground residue dry matter $AGR_{(T)}$ (kg d.m. ha <sup>-1</sup> ): $AGR_{(T)} = Crop_{(T)} * Slope_{(T)} + (Intercept_{(T)} * 1000)$				
	Slope	± 2 s.d. as % of mean	Intercept	± 2 s.d. as % of mean	R <sup>2</sup> adj.
<i>Major crop types</i>					
Grains	1.09	± 2%	0.88	± 6%	0.65
Beans & pulses <sup>b</sup>	1.13	± 19%	0.85	± 56%	0.28
Tubers <sup>c</sup>	0.10	± 69%	1.06	± 70%	0.18
Root crops, other <sup>d</sup>	1.07	± 19%	1.54	± 41%	0.63
N-fixing forages	0.3	± 50% default	0	-	-
Non-N-fixing forages	0.3	± 50% default	0	-	-
Perennial grasses	0.3	± 50% default	0	-	-
Grass-clover mixtures	0.3	± 50% default	0	-	-
<i>Individual crops</i>					
Maize	1.03	± 3%	0.61	± 19%	0.76
Wheat	1.51	± 3%	0.52	± 17%	0.68
Winter wheat	1.61	± 3%	0.40	± 25%	0.67
Spring wheat	1.29	± 5%	0.75	± 26%	0.76
Rice	0.95	± 19%	2.46	± 41%	0.47
Barley	0.98	± 8%	0.59	± 41%	0.68
Oats	0.91	± 5%	0.89	± 8%	0.45
Millet	1.43	± 18%	0.14	± 308%	0.50
Sorghum	0.88	± 13%	1.33	± 27%	0.36
Rye <sup>e</sup>	1.09	± 50% default	0.88	± 50% default	-
Soybean <sup>f</sup>	0.93	± 31%	1.35	± 49%	0.16
Dry bean <sup>g</sup>	0.36	± 100%	0.68	± 47%	0.15
Potato <sup>h</sup>	0.10	± 69%	1.06	± 70%	0.18
Peanut (w/pod) <sup>i</sup>	1.07	± 19%	1.54	± 41%	0.63
Alfalfa	0.29 <sup>j</sup>	± 31%	0	-	-
Non-legume hay	0.18	± 50% default	0	-	-



<sup>a</sup> Source: Literature review by Stephen A. Williams, Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory, Colorado State University. (Email: stevewi@warnernr.colostate.edu) for CASMGS (<http://www.casngs.colostate.edu/>). A list of the original references is given in Annex 11A.1.

<sup>b</sup> The average above-ground residue:grain ratio from all data used was 2.0 and included data for soya bean, dry bean, lentil, cowpea, black gram, and pea.

<sup>c</sup> Modelled after potatoes.

<sup>d</sup> Modelled after peanuts.

<sup>e</sup> No data for rye. Slope and intercept values are those for all grain. Default s.d.

<sup>f</sup> The average above-ground residue:grain ratio from all data used was 1.9.

<sup>g</sup> Ortega, 1988 (see Annex 11A.1). The average above-ground residue:grain ratio from this single source was 1.6. default s.d. for root:AGB.

<sup>h</sup> The mean value for above-ground residue:tuber ratio in the sources used was 0.27 with a standard error of 0.04.

<sup>i</sup> The mean value for above-ground residue: pod yield in the sources used was 1.80 with a standard error of 0.10.

<sup>j</sup> This is the average above-ground biomass reported as litter or harvest losses. This does not include reported stubble, which averaged 0.165 x Reported Yields. Default s.d.

Mineralised N resulting from loss of soil organic C stocks in mineral soils through land-use change or management practices ( $F_{SOM}$ ) <sup>14</sup>

The term  $F_{SOM}$  refers to the amount of N mineralised from loss in soil organic C in mineral soils through land-use change or management practices. As explained in Chapter 2, Section 2.3.3, land-use change and a variety of management practices can have a significant impact on soil organic C storage. Organic C and N are intimately linked in soil organic matter. Where soil C is lost through oxidation as a result of land-use or management change, this loss will be accompanied by a simultaneous mineralisation of N. Where a loss of soil C occurs, this mineralised N is regarded as an additional source of N available for conversion to  $N_2O$  (Smith and Conen, 2004); just as mineral N released from decomposition of crop residues, for example, becomes a source. The same default emission factor ( $EF_1$ ) is applied to mineralised N from soil organic matter loss as is used for direct emissions resulting from fertiliser and organic N inputs to agricultural land. This is because the ammonium and nitrate resulting from soil organic matter mineralisation is of equal value as a substrate for the microorganisms producing  $N_2O$  by nitrification and denitrification, no matter whether the mineral N source is soil organic matter loss from land-use or management change, decomposition of crop residues, synthetic fertilisers or organic amendments. (Note: the opposite process to mineralisation, whereby inorganic N is sequestered into newly formed SOM, is not taken account of in the calculation of the mineralisation N source. This is because of the different dynamics of SOM decomposition and formation, and also because reduced tillage in some circumstances can increase both SOM and  $N_2O$  emission.)

For all situations where soil C losses occur (as calculated in Chapter 2, Equation 2.25) the Tier 1 and 2 methods for calculating the release of N by mineralisation are shown below:

#### *Calculation steps for estimating changes in N supply from mineralisation*

**Step 1:** Calculate the average annual loss of soil C ( $\Delta C_{Mineral, LU}$ ) for the area, over the inventory period, using Equation 2.25 in Chapter 2. Using the Tier 1 approach, the value for  $\Delta C_{Mineral, LU}$  will have a single value for all land-uses and management systems. Using Tier 2, the value for  $\Delta C_{Mineral, LU}$  will be disaggregated by individual land-use and/or management systems.

**Step 2:** Estimate the N mineralised as a consequence of this loss of soil C ( $F_{SOM}$ ), using Equation 11.8:

#### **EQUATION 11.8** **N MINERALISED IN MINERAL SOILS AS A RESULT OF LOSS OF SOIL C THROUGH CHANGE IN LAND USE OR MANAGEMENT (TIERS 1 AND 2)**

$$F_{SOM} = \sum_{LU} \left[ \left( \Delta C_{Mineral, LU} \cdot \frac{1}{R} \right) \cdot 1000 \right]$$

Where:

$F_{SOM}$  = the net annual amount of N mineralised in mineral soils as a result of loss of soil carbon through change in land use or management, kg N

<sup>14</sup>The inclusion of the term  $F_{SOM}$  is a change from the previous 1996 IPCC Guidelines, which did not include the N from mineralisation associated with a loss of soil organic C.

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$\Delta C_{\text{Mineral}, LU}$  = average annual loss of soil carbon for each land-use type ( $LU$ ), tonnes C (Note: for Tier 1,  $\Delta C_{\text{Mineral}, LU}$  will have a single value for all land-uses and management systems. Using Tier 2 the value for  $\Delta C_{\text{Mineral}, LU}$  will be disaggregated by individual land-use and/or management systems.

$R$  = C:N ratio of the soil organic matter. A default value of 15 (uncertainty range from 10 to 30) for the C:N ratio ( $R$ ) may be used for situations involving land-use change from Forest Land or Grassland to Cropland, in the absence of more specific data for the area. A default value of 10 (range from 8 to 15) may be used for situations involving management changes on *Cropland Remaining Cropland*. C:N ratio can change over time, land use, or management practice<sup>15</sup>. If countries can document changes in C:N ratio, then different values can be used over the time series, land use, or management practice.

$LU$  = land-use and/or management system type

**Step 3:** For Tier 1, the value for  $F_{\text{SOM}}$  is calculated in a single step. For Tier 2,  $F_{\text{SOM}}$  is calculated by summing across all land-uses and/or management system types ( $LU$ ).

Countries that are not able to estimate gross changes of mineral soil C will create a bias in the  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  estimate, and it is *good practice* to acknowledge this limitation in the reporting documentation. It is also *good practice* to use specific data for the C:N ratios for the disaggregated land areas, if these are available, in conjunction with the data for carbon changes.

*Area of drained/managed organic soils ( $F_{\text{OS}}$ )*

The term  $F_{\text{OS}}$  refers to the total annual area (ha) of drained/managed organic soils (see footnote 3 for definition). This definition is applicable for both the Tier 1 and Tier 2 methods. For all land uses, the areas should be stratified by climate zone (temperate and tropical). In addition, for temperate Forest Land the areas should be further stratified by soil fertility (nutrient rich and nutrient poor). The area of drained/managed organic soils ( $F_{\text{OS}}$ ) may be collected from official national statistics. Alternatively, total areas of organic soils from each country are available from FAO (<http://faostat.fao.org/>), and expert advice may be used to estimate areas that are drained/managed. For Forest Land, national data will be available at soil survey organisations and from wetland surveys, e.g., for international conventions. In case no stratification by soil fertility is possible, countries may rely on expert judgment.

### 11.2.1.4 UNCERTAINTY ASSESSMENT

*No Refinement*

<sup>15</sup> Information on C:N ratios in forest and cropped soils may be found in the following references: Aitkenhead-Peterson *et al.*, 2005; Garten *et al.*, 2000; John *et al.*, 2005; Lobe *et al.*, 2001; Snowdon *et al.*, 2005, and other references cited by these authors.

## 11.2.2 Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions

*This section has further elaboration of the methods and updates.*

In addition to the direct emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O from managed soils that occur through a direct pathway (i.e., directly from the soils to which N is applied), emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O also take place through two indirect pathways (as illustrated above in Section 11.2).

The first of these pathways is the volatilisation of N as NH<sub>3</sub> and oxides of N (NO<sub>x</sub>), and the deposition of these gases and their products NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> onto soils and the surface of lakes and other waters. The sources of N as NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> are not confined to agricultural fertilisers and manures, but also include fossil fuel combustion, biomass burning, and processes in the chemical industry (see Volume 1, Chapter 7, Section 7.3). Thus, these processes cause N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in an exactly analogous way to those resulting from deposition of agriculturally derived NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>, following the application of synthetic and organic N fertilisers and /or urine and dung deposition from grazing animals. The second pathway is the leaching and runoff from land of N from synthetic and organic fertiliser additions, crop residues<sup>16</sup>, mineralisation of N associated with loss of soil C in mineral and drained/managed organic soils through land-use change or management practices, and urine and dung deposition from grazing animals. Some of the inorganic N in or on the soil, mainly in the NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> form, may bypass biological retention mechanisms in the soil/vegetation system by transport in overland water flow (runoff) and/or flow through soil macropores or pipe drains. Where NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> is present in the soil in excess of biological demand, e.g., under cattle urine patches, the excess leaches through the soil profile. The nitrification and denitrification processes described at the beginning of this chapter transform some of the NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> to N<sub>2</sub>O. This may take place in the groundwater below the land to which the N was applied, or in riparian zones receiving drain or runoff water, or in the ditches, streams, rivers and estuaries (and their sediments) into which the land drainage water eventually flows.

This methodology described in this Chapter addresses the following N sources of indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils arising from agricultural inputs of N:

- synthetic N fertilisers (F<sub>SN</sub>);
- organic N applied as fertiliser (e.g., applied animal manure<sup>17</sup>, compost, sewage sludge, rendering waste and other organic amendments) (F<sub>ON</sub>);
- urine and dung N deposited on pasture, range and paddock by grazing animals (F<sub>PRP</sub>);
- N in crop residues (above- and below-ground), including N-fixing crops and forage/pasture renewal returned to soils (F<sub>CR</sub>)<sup>18</sup>; and
- N mineralisation associated with loss of soil organic matter resulting from change of land use or management on mineral soils (F<sub>SOM</sub>)<sup>18</sup>.

The generic Tier 1 and Tier 2 methods described below can be used to estimate aggregate total indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from agricultural N additions to managed soils for an entire country. If a country is estimating its direct N<sub>2</sub>O from managed soils by land-use category, the indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions can also be estimated by the same disaggregation of land-use categories using the equations presented below with activity data, partitioning fractions, and/or emission factors specific for each land-use category. The methodology for estimating indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from combustion-related and industrial sources is described in Volume 1, Chapter 7, Section 7.3.

### 11.2.2.1 CHOICE OF METHOD

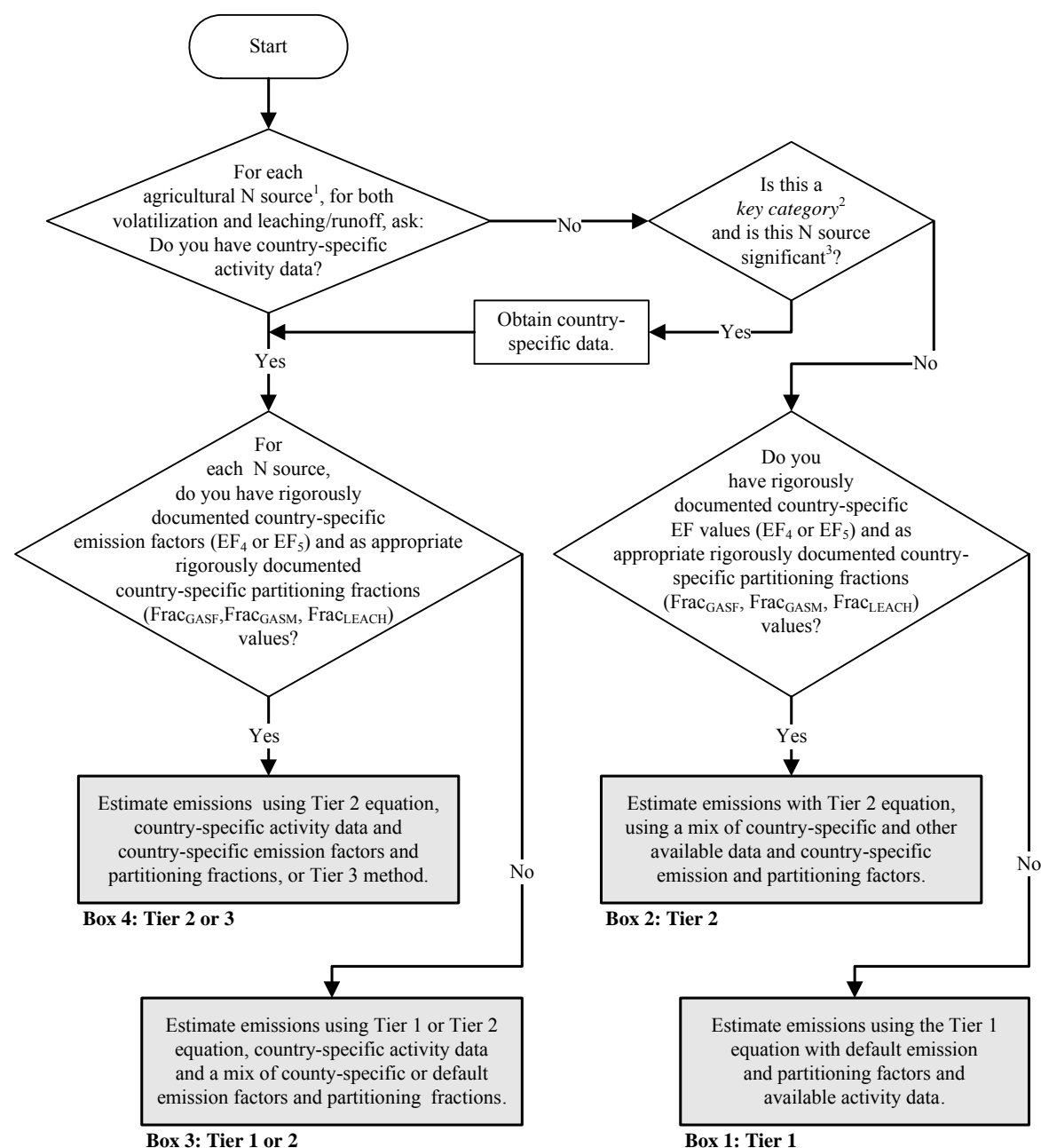
Refer to the decision tree in Figure 11.3 (Indirect N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions) for guidance on which Tier method to use.

<sup>16</sup>Crop residues should be included as an N input into the leaching and runoff component.

<sup>17</sup>Volatilisation and subsequent deposition of nitrogen from the manure in manure management systems is covered in the manure management section of this Volume.

<sup>18</sup>Nitrogen from these components is only included in the leaching/run-off component of indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emission.

512 **Figure 11.3 Decision tree for indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils**



Note:

1: N sources include: synthetic N fertilizer, organic N additions, urine and dung depositions, crop residue, N mineralization/immobilization associated with loss/gain of soil C on mineral soils as a result of land use change or management practices (crop residue and N mineralization/immobilization is only accounted for in the indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from leaching/runoff). Sewage sludge or other organic N additions can be included if sufficient information is available.

2: See Volume 1 Chapter 4, "Methodological Choice and Identification of Key Categories" (noting Section 4.1.2 on limited resources), for discussion of *key categories* and use of decision trees.

3: As a rule of thumb, a sub-source category would be significant if it accounts for 25-30% of emissions from the source category.

**Tier 1****Volatilisation,  $N_2O_{(ATD)}$** 

The  $N_2O$  emissions from atmospheric deposition of N volatilised from managed soil are estimated using Equation 11.9:

**EQUATION 11.9** **$N_2O$  FROM ATMOSPHERIC DEPOSITION OF N VOLATILISED FROM MANAGED SOILS (TIER 1)**

$$N_2O_{(ATD)}-N = [(F_{SN} \bullet \text{Frac}_{GASF}) + ((F_{ON} + F_{PRP}) \bullet \text{Frac}_{GASM})] \bullet EF_4$$

Where:

$N_2O_{(ATD)}-N$  = annual amount of  $N_2O$ -N produced from atmospheric deposition of N volatilised from managed soils, kg  $N_2O$ -N  $yr^{-1}$

$F_{SN}$  = annual amount of synthetic fertiliser N applied to soils, kg N  $yr^{-1}$

$\text{Frac}_{GASF}$  = fraction of synthetic fertiliser N that volatilises as  $NH_3$  and  $NO_x$ , kg N volatilised (kg of N applied) $^{-1}$  (Table 11.4)

$F_{ON}$  = annual amount of managed animal manure, compost, sewage sludge and other organic N additions applied to soils, kg N  $yr^{-1}$

$F_{PRP}$  = annual amount of urine and dung N deposited by grazing animals on pasture, range and paddock, kg N  $yr^{-1}$

$\text{Frac}_{GASM}$  = fraction of applied organic N fertiliser materials ( $F_{ON}$ ) and of urine and dung N deposited by grazing animals ( $F_{PRP}$ ) that volatilises as  $NH_3$  and  $NO_x$ , kg N volatilised (kg of N applied or deposited) $^{-1}$  (Table 11.4)

$EF_4$  = emission factor for  $N_2O$  emissions from atmospheric deposition of N on soils and water surfaces, [kg N- $N_2O$  (kg  $NH_3$ -N +  $NO_x$ -N volatilised) $^{-1}$ ] (Table 11.4)

Conversion of  $N_2O_{(ATD)}$ -N emissions to  $N_2O$  emissions for reporting purposes is performed by using the following equation:

$$N_2O_{(ATD)} = N_2O_{(ATD)}-N \bullet 44/28$$

**Leaching/Runoff,  $N_2O_{(L)}$** 

The  $N_2O$  emissions from leaching and runoff in regions where leaching and runoff occurs are estimated using Equation 11.10:

**EQUATION 11.10** **$N_2O$  FROM N LEACHING/RUNOFF FROM MANAGED SOILS IN REGIONS WHERE LEACHING/RUNOFF OCCURS (TIER 1)**

$$N_2O_{(L)}-N = (F_{SN} + F_{ON} + F_{PRP} + F_{CR} + F_{SOM}) \bullet \text{Frac}_{LEACH-(H)} \bullet EF_5$$

Where:

$N_2O_{(L)}-N$  = annual amount of  $N_2O$ -N produced from leaching and runoff of N additions to managed soils in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg  $N_2O$ -N  $yr^{-1}$

$F_{SN}$  = annual amount of synthetic fertiliser N applied to soils in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg N  $yr^{-1}$

$F_{ON}$  = annual amount of managed animal manure, compost, sewage sludge and other organic N additions applied to soils in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg N  $yr^{-1}$

$F_{PRP}$  = annual amount of urine and dung N deposited by grazing animals in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg N  $yr^{-1}$  (from Equation 11.5)

$F_{CR}$  = amount of N in crop residues (above- and below-ground), including N-fixing crops, and from forage/pasture renewal, returned to soils annually in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg N  $yr^{-1}$

$F_{SOM}$  = annual amount of N mineralised in mineral soils associated with loss of soil C from soil organic matter as a result of changes to land use or management in regions where leaching/runoff occurs, kg N  $yr^{-1}$  (from Equation 11.8)

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$Frac_{LEACH-(H)}$  = fraction of all N added to/mineralised in managed soils in regions where leaching/runoff occurs that is lost through leaching and runoff, kg N (kg of N additions)<sup>-1</sup> (Table 11.4)

$EF_5$  = emission factor for N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from N leaching and runoff, kg N<sub>2</sub>O–N (kg N leached and runoff)<sup>-1</sup> (Table 11.4)

Note: If a country is able to estimate the quantity of N mineralised from organic soils, then include this as an additional input to Equation 11.10.

Conversion of N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>(L)</sub>–N emissions to N<sub>2</sub>O emissions for reporting purposes is performed by using the following equation:

$$N_2O_{(L)} = N_2O_{(L)}-N \bullet 44/28$$

**Tier 2**

If more detailed emission, volatilisation or leaching factors are available to a country than are presented in Table 11.4, further disaggregation of the terms in the equations can also be undertaken. For example, if specific volatilisation factors are available for the application of synthetic fertilisers ( $F_{SN}$ ) under different conditions  $i$ , Equation 11.9 would be expanded to become <sup>19</sup>:

**EQUATION 11.11****N<sub>2</sub>O FROM ATMOSPHERIC DEPOSITION OF N VOLATILISED FROM MANAGED SOILS (TIER 2)**

$$N_2O_{(ATD)}-N = \left\{ \sum_i (F_{SN_i} \bullet Frac_{GASF_i}) + [(F_{ON} + F_{PRP}) \bullet Frac_{GASM}] \right\} \bullet EF_4$$

Where:

$N_2O_{(ATD)}-N$  = annual amount of N<sub>2</sub>O–N produced from atmospheric deposition of N volatilised from managed soils, kg N<sub>2</sub>O–N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$F_{SN_i}$  = annual amount of synthetic fertiliser N applied to soils under different conditions  $i$ , kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$Frac_{GASF_i}$  = fraction of synthetic fertiliser N that volatilises as NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> under different conditions  $i$ , kg N volatilised (kg of N applied)<sup>-1</sup>

$F_{ON}$  = annual amount of managed animal manure, compost, sewage sludge and other organic N additions applied to soils, kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$F_{PRP}$  = annual amount of urine and dung N deposited by grazing animals on pasture, range and paddock, kg N yr<sup>-1</sup>

$Frac_{GASM}$  = fraction of applied organic N fertiliser materials ( $F_{ON}$ ) and of urine and dung N deposited by grazing animals ( $F_{PRP}$ ) that volatilises as NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>, kg N volatilised (kg of N applied or deposited)<sup>-1</sup> (Table 11.4)

$EF_4$  = emission factor for N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from atmospheric deposition of N on soils and water surfaces, [kg N–N<sub>2</sub>O (kg NH<sub>3</sub>–N + NO<sub>x</sub>–N volatilised)<sup>-1</sup>] (Table 11.4)

Note: If a country is able to estimate the quantity of N mineralised from drainage/management of organic soils then include this as one of the N inputs into the Tier 2 modification of Equation 11.10.

Conversion of N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>(ATD)</sub>–N emissions to N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>(ATD)</sub> emissions for reporting purposes is performed by using the following equation:

$$N_2O_{(ATD)} = N_2O_{(ATD)}-N \bullet 44/28$$

<sup>19</sup>It is important to note that Equation 11.11 is just one of many possible modifications to Equation 11.9, and is also meant to illustrate how Equation 11.10 could be modified, when using the Tier 2 method. The eventual form of Equation 11.11 will depend upon the availability of land use and/or condition-specific partitioning fractions and/or emission factors and the ability to which a country can disaggregate its activity data.

**Tier 3**

Tier 3 methods are modelling or measurement approaches. Models are useful as they can relate the variables responsible for the emissions to the size of those emissions. These relationships may then be used to predict emissions from whole countries or regions for which experimental measurements are impracticable. For more information refer to Chapter 2, Section 2.5, where guidance is given that provides a sound scientific basis for the development of a Tier 3 Model-based Accounting System.

### 11.2.2.2 CHOICE OF EMISSION, VOLATILISATION AND LEACHING FACTORS

The method for estimating indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions includes two emission factors: one associated with volatilised and re-deposited N (EF<sub>4</sub>), and the second associated with N lost through leaching/runoff (EF<sub>5</sub>). The method also requires values for the fractions of N that are lost through volatilisation (Frac<sub>GASF</sub> and Frac<sub>GASM</sub>) or leaching/runoff (Frac<sub>LEACH-(H)</sub>). The default values of all these factors are presented in Table 11.4.

Note that in the Tier 1 method, for humid regions or in dryland regions where irrigation (other than drip irrigation) is used, the default Frac<sub>LEACH-(H)</sub> is 0.32. For dryland regions, where precipitation is lower than evapotranspiration throughout most of the year and leaching is unlikely to occur, the default Frac<sub>LEACH</sub> is zero. The method of calculating whether Frac<sub>LEACH-(H)</sub> = 0.32 should be applied is given in Table 11.4.

Country-specific values for EF<sub>4</sub> should be used with great caution because of the special complexity of transboundary atmospheric transport. Although inventory compilers may have specific measurements of N deposition and associated N<sub>2</sub>O flux, in many cases the deposited N may not have originated in their country. Similarly, some of the N that volatilises in their country may be transported to and deposited in another country, where different conditions that affect the fraction emitted as N<sub>2</sub>O may prevail. For these reasons, the value of EF<sub>4</sub> is very difficult to determine, and the method presented in Volume 1, Chapter 7, Section 7.3 attributes all indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions resulting from inputs to managed soils to the country of origin of the atmospheric NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub>, rather than the country to which the atmospheric N may have been transported.

### 11.2.2.3 CHOICE OF ACTIVITY DATA

In order to estimate indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from the various N additions to managed soils, the parameters F<sub>SN</sub>, F<sub>ON</sub>, F<sub>PRP</sub>, F<sub>CR</sub>, F<sub>SOM</sub> need to be estimated.

#### *Applied synthetic fertiliser (F<sub>SN</sub>)*

The term F<sub>SN</sub> refers to the annual amount of synthetic fertiliser N applied to soils. Refer to the activity data section on direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils (Section 11.2.1.3) and obtain the value for F<sub>SN</sub>.

#### *Applied organic N fertilisers (F<sub>ON</sub>)*

The term F<sub>ON</sub> refers to the amount of organic N fertiliser materials intentionally applied to soils. Refer to the activity data section on direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils (Section 11.2.1.3) and obtain the value for F<sub>ON</sub>.

#### *Urine and dung from grazing animals (F<sub>PRP</sub>)*

The term F<sub>PRP</sub> refers to the amount of N deposited on soil by animals grazing on pasture, range and paddock. Refer to the activity data section on direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils (Section 11.2.1.3) and obtain the value for F<sub>PRP</sub>.

#### *Crop residue N, including N from N-fixing crops and forage/pasture renewal, returned to soils (F<sub>CR</sub>)*

The term F<sub>CR</sub> refers to the amount of N in crop residues (above- and below-ground), including N-fixing crops, returned to soils annually. It also includes the N from N-fixing and non-N-fixing forages mineralised during forage/pasture renewal. Refer to the activity data section on direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils (Section 11.2.1.3) and obtain the value for F<sub>CR</sub>.

#### *Mineralised N resulting from loss of soil organic C stocks in mineral soils (F<sub>SOM</sub>)*

The term F<sub>SOM</sub> refers to the amount of N mineralised from the loss of soil organic C in mineral soils through land-use change or management practices. Refer to the activity data section on direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from managed soils (Section 11.2.1.3) and obtain the value for F<sub>SOM</sub>.

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<b>UPDATED TABLE 11.4</b> <b>DEFAULT EMISSION, VOLATILISATION AND LEACHING FACTORS FOR INDIRECT SOIL N<sub>2</sub>O EMISSIONS</b>					
	<b>Aggregated</b>		<b>Disaggregated</b>		
<b>Emission factor</b>	<b>Default value</b>	<b>Uncertainty range (95% confidential interval)</b>	<b>Disaggregation</b>	<b>Default value</b>	<b>Uncertainty range</b>
EF <sub>4</sub> [N volatilisation and re-deposition], kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N (kg NH <sub>3</sub> –N + NO <sub>x</sub> –N volatilised) <sup>-1 20</sup>	TBD	TBD	-	-	-
EF <sub>5</sub> [leaching/runoff], kg N <sub>2</sub> O–N (kg N leaching/runoff) <sup>-1 21</sup>	0.011	0.009 - 0.012	-	-	-
Frac <sub>GASF</sub> [Volatilisation from synthetic fertiliser], (kg NH <sub>3</sub> –N + NO <sub>x</sub> –N) (kg N applied) <sup>-1</sup>	0.177	0.159-0.195	Urea	0.205	0.177-0.234
			Ammonium-based	0.165	0.130-0.203
			Nitrate-based	0.032	0.005-0.060
			Ammonium-nitrate-based	0.076	0.029-0.123
Frac <sub>GASM</sub> [Volatilisation from all organic N fertilisers applied, and dung and urine deposited by grazing animals], (kg NH <sub>3</sub> –N + NO <sub>x</sub> –N) (kg N applied or deposited) <sup>-1</sup>	0.12	0.05 - 0.19	-	-	-
Frac <sub>LEACH-(H)</sub> [N losses by leaching/runoff for regions where Σ(rain in rainy season) - Σ (PE in same period) > soil water holding capacity, OR where irrigation (except drip irrigation) is employed], kg N (kg N additions or deposition by grazing animals) <sup>-1</sup>	0.32	0.26 - 0.37	-	-	-
<p>Note: The Frac<sub>LEACH-(H)</sub> only applies to regions where soil water-holding capacity is exceeded, as a result of rainfall and/or irrigation (excluding drip irrigation), and leaching/runoff occurs. In the definition of Frac<sub>LEACH-(H)</sub> above, PE is potential evaporation, and the rainy season(s) can be taken as the period(s) when rainfall &gt; 0.5 * Pan Evaporation. (Explanations of potential and pan evaporation are available in standard meteorological and agricultural texts). For other regions the default Frac<sub>LEACH</sub> is taken as zero.</p> <p>EF<sub>4</sub>: To be determined based on review of literature (See methods and data in Annex 11A.5).</p> <p>EF<sub>5</sub>: From Cai and Akiyama (2018) (See methods and data in Annex 11A.6).</p> <p>Frac<sub>GASF</sub>: : Calculated by weighting number of observations from review papers by Bouwman et al. (2002) and Pan et al. (2006) for NH<sub>3</sub> and Liu et al. (2017) for NO<sub>x</sub> (See methods and data in Annex 11A.7).</p> <p>Frac<sub>GASM</sub>: Calculated by weighting number of observations from review papers by Cai &amp; Akiyama (2016) and IFA &amp; FAO (2001) for NH<sub>3</sub>, by Cai &amp; Akiyama (2016) and Liu et al. (2017) for NO<sub>x</sub> (See methods and data in Annex 11A.8).</p> <p>Frac<sub>LEACH-(H)</sub>: From Cai and Akiyama (2016) and Di and Cameron (2002) (See methods and data in Annex 11A.9)</p>					

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<sup>20</sup> Explanation on EF<sub>4</sub> (to be updated in SOD)

<sup>21</sup> This emission factor incorporates three components: EF<sub>5g</sub>, EF<sub>5r</sub> and EF<sub>5e</sub>, which are the emission factors for groundwater and surface drainage, including upstream supersaturated with N<sub>2</sub>O (N<sub>2</sub>O emitted mainly from degas of groundwater), rivers and reservoirs, including downstream (supersaturated N<sub>2</sub>O was already degassed and N<sub>2</sub>O mainly produced by nitrification/denitrification in situ), and estuaries, respectively. EF<sub>5g</sub>: 0.006 N<sub>2</sub>O–N/kg NO<sub>3</sub>–N in the water, EF<sub>5r</sub>: 0.003 N<sub>2</sub>O–N/kg NO<sub>3</sub>–N in the water and EF<sub>5e</sub>: 0.002 N<sub>2</sub>O–N/kg NO<sub>3</sub>–N in the water, based on Cai and Akiyama (2018).



659 **11.2.2.4 UNCERTAINTY ASSESSMENT**

660 *No Refinement*

661 **11.2.3 Completeness, Time series, QA/QC**

662 *No refinement*

663 **11.3 CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS FROM LIMING**

664 *No refinement*

665 **11.4 CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS FROM UREA**  
666 **FERTILIZATION**

667 *No refinement*

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796 **Annex 11A.1**    **References for crop residue data in Table 11.3**

797 *No Refinement*

## Annex 11A.2 Estimation of Default Emission Factor(s) for EF<sub>1</sub>

We extracted all studies from the databases by Albanito et al. (2017), Cayuela et al. (2017), Liu et al. (2017), Stehfest and Bouwman (2006), Rochette et al. (2017), and van Lent et al. (2015) and excluded studies which:

- Were non-peer-reviewed publications,
- Were conducted in the laboratory and greenhouse, and modelling studies (only field studies were selected),
- Were conducted in flooded rice fields,
- Related to grazed soils where urine and/or dung was applied,
- Related to manure or fertilizer treated with inhibitors, and
- Were conducted on drained organic soils.

The resulting merged database contained 2048 cases reporting soil fluxes of N<sub>2</sub>O from natural and anthropogenically modified sites on mineral soils, either fertilized or unfertilized. Climate (Temperate/Boreal Wet, Temperate/Boreal, Dry Tropical Wet, Tropical Dry) could be assigned to 2033 cases. Wet climates relate to temperate and boreal zones where the ratio of annual precipitation: potential evapotranspiration > 1, and tropical zones where annual precipitation > 1000 mm. Dry climates relate to temperate and boreal zones where the ratio of annual precipitation: potential evapotranspiration < 1, and tropical zones where annual precipitation < 1000 mm. Temperate, boreal and tropical zones correspond to those defined in Chapter 3 of Vol. 4 in the 2006 IPCC guidelines.

The updated EF, aggregated and disaggregated by climate, will be developed following further data analysis including quality control, potential influence of the length of the experiment on EF values, and appropriate calculation method for the EF. The latest refers to either the average of EF computed using a control site as:

$$EF(\%) = \frac{N2O_{N\ treatment} - N2O_{control}}{N\ input} \times 100$$

Another option is to use a linear regression of N<sub>2</sub>O emission against N input given the available data. We will test relationships between EF computed using a control site (EF<sub>control</sub>) and EF computed without a control site (EF<sub>nocontrol</sub>). The advantage of this approach is to increase the sample size for each climate zone and compute disaggregated EF that integrate the existing variability.

$$EF_{nocontrol}(\%) = \frac{N2O_{N\ treatment}}{N\ input} \times 100$$

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### Annex 11A.3 Estimation of Default Emission Factor(s) for $EF_{1FR}$

We extracted all studies on paddy rice fields with zero-N control from the databases by Akiyama et al. (2005), Albanito et al. (2017), and Cayuela et al. (2017). We excluded studies which:

- Were non-peer-reviewed publications,
- Were conducted in the laboratory and greenhouses, and modelling studies (only field studies were selected),
- Were conducted in upland rice fields,
- Were less than 70 days in duration,
- Related to grazed soils where urine and/or dung was applied, and
- Related to manure or fertilizer treated with inhibitors.

The database contained 70  $EF_{1FR}$  values and the arithmetic mean was 0.4%. Water management strongly affects  $N_2O$  emission from paddy rice fields (Akiyama et al., 2005). Therefore, aggregated and disaggregated values by water management were calculated. Arithmetic mean of ‘continuous flooding’ (0.35%, n=44) was lower than ‘with drainage’ based on these data (0.5%, n=26).

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## Annex 11A.4 Estimation of Default Emission Factor(s) for EF<sub>3</sub>PRP

We expanded the dataset recently collated by Cai & Akiyama (2016) by including data from 22 additional studies (see reference list). We excluded studies which:

- Were non-peer-reviewed publications,
- Were conducted in the laboratory and greenhouses, and modelling studies (only field studies were selected),
- Were conducted in flooded rice fields,
- Included fertiliser (manure or synthetic) additions,
- Were less than 30 days in duration, and
- Related to excreta treated with inhibitors.

The updated dataset contained 427 EF<sub>3</sub> values (Table 11A.1), with urine dominating the data, representing 304 (=71%) of the values. Data was collated from studies where excreta was deposited onto either pasture or forage crops such as brassicas (e.g. kale, rape) or fodder beets.

Arithmetic mean 'excreta' EF<sub>3</sub> values were calculated from urine and dung EF<sub>3</sub> values, assuming a urine:dung ratio of 0.66:0.34 (Kelliher et al. 2014). We determined if there were significant differences in excreta EF<sub>3</sub> values between different categories (e.g. cattle vs sheep) after the data were log transformed due to the non-normal distribution thus violating the assumptions for analysis of variance. For the urine dataset, three of the 304 values were zero or negative, and these three values were deleted for the statistical analysis as it is not possible to calculate a log of zero or a negative value. The impact of excluding these three values was considered to be minimal for the purposes of statistical analysis between different categories given the overall size of the dataset. For the dung dataset, there were many negative values so a log ( $x + a$ ) approach was adopted to ensure all values were positive prior to log transformation, where the value of  $a$  was 0.25% (the most negative value for dung was 0.23%)

Nitrogen sources were dung, urine and artificial urine. Artificial urine represented a substantial number of data values (63), adding richness in the dataset. We retained these data, as analysis of studies containing both real and artificial urine showed a linear correlation between EF<sub>3</sub> values, with the distribution close to the 1:1 line (i.e., no significant difference between the emissions from natural and artificial urine).

Cattle and sheep dung, and urine data were tested for statistical differences. Analysis showed that mean cattle and sheep dung EF<sub>3</sub> values were not significantly different ( $P = 0.09$ ), however the difference in mean cattle and sheep urine EF<sub>3</sub> values were highly significant ( $P = 0.001$ ). Therefore, 'excreta' EF<sub>3</sub> values were calculated for cattle and sheep by using the pooled dung data and the disaggregated urine data. The updated EF<sub>3</sub> values for cattle and sheep were 0.55% and 0.30%, respectively; this is approximately 30% of the values in the 2006 IPCC guidelines.

Research has shown that increasing soil water content generally results in greater N<sub>2</sub>O production and emission from urine patches (de Klein and Ledgard, 2005; van der Weerden et al. 2014). For countries with suitable activity data to allow disaggregation of livestock classes by climate zones, EF<sub>3</sub> data will be classified into two different climate zones (dry and wet). The division between wet and dry in the tropics will be based on 1000mm of precipitation (greater than 1000 mm equating with wet/moist climate), and the division in the temperate region will be based on mean annual precipitation:potential evapotranspiration ratio of 1 (greater than 1 equating with a wet/moist climate). There is currently insufficient observations in the dataset to allow further climate disaggregation, but will be further investigated for the second order draft.

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981 **Annex 11A.5 Estimation of Default Emission Factor(s) for EF<sub>4</sub>**

982 Will be provided in the second order draft after the analysis is completed.

## **Annex 11A.6 Estimation of Default Emission Factor(s) for EF<sub>5</sub>**

We collected peer-reviewed papers, and included data observations that were in situ field studies. The final dataset contained 182 data observations (EF<sub>5g</sub>: n=82, EF<sub>5r</sub>: n=79, EF<sub>5e</sub>: n=21).

Categorization of EF<sub>5g</sub>, EF<sub>5r</sub> and EF<sub>5e</sub>:

EF<sub>5g</sub>: groundwater (soil solution and lysimeter leaching water were not included), spring, surface drainage, and upstream (upstream supersaturated with N<sub>2</sub>O, N<sub>2</sub>O emitted mainly from degas of groundwater)

EF<sub>5r</sub>: rivers, reservoirs (including lake and pond), and downstream (supersaturated N<sub>2</sub>O was already degassed and N<sub>2</sub>O mainly produced by nitrification/denitrification in situ).

EF<sub>5e</sub>: estuaries (only including inner estuaries or lower reaches of river that are close to the river mouth, while outer estuaries and coastal seawater are excluded)

We found some confusion on dividing EF<sub>5g</sub> and EF<sub>5r</sub> for streams in some studies. Here, we categorized data into EF<sub>5g</sub> (upstream supersaturated with N<sub>2</sub>O, N<sub>2</sub>O emitted mainly from degassing of groundwater) and EF<sub>5r</sub> (downstream, supersaturated N<sub>2</sub>O was already degassed and N<sub>2</sub>O mainly produced by nitrification/denitrification in situ).

Note that the N sources in most rivers include both agricultural (mainly arable farming and grazing grassland) and urban sewage. However, we found it was hard to separate the different N sources based on the limited information in the collected papers. Therefore, our dataset on EF<sub>5r</sub> includes non-agriculture N source.

Most estuaries are impacted by the urban waste water and fish farming in addition to agriculture. However, all available data were included because the number of data were limited.

### **Sources of data**

To be provided in the second order draft after analysis is completed.

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## Annex 11A.7 Estimation of Default Emission Factor(s) for $\text{Frac}_{\text{GASF}}$

The Tier 1 aggregated default  $\text{NH}_3 + \text{NO}$  EF for emissions from synthetic fertilizer has been derived as a mean of default EFs for the different types of individual N fertilizers. Individual fertilizer types were weighted according to their use in the period 2007-2015 as reported by the International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFA) (Table 11A.2). In contrast to developing countries, developed countries will generally have comprehensive information on synthetic fertilizer usage. Therefore, we weighted the data based on developing country usage. Moreover, for countries that require inventories for air pollutant emissions, there is a continuous update of  $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{NO}$  EFS through the EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook.

Table 11A.2. Fertilizer consumption in developing countries in the period 2007-2015 expressed as thousand tonnes nutrients and % of total fertilizer consumed in these countries (source: IFA: <http://ifadata.fertilizer.org/> ).

Fertilizer product	2007-2015	%
Ammonia dir. applic.	1098	0%
AS	18443	3%
Urea	371858	62%
AN	14231	2%
CAN	4737	1%
Nitrogen solutions	1576	0%
Other N straight	37229	6%
AP	42854	7%
Other NP (N)	13345	2%
N K compound (N)	806	0%
N P K compound (N)	96907	16%

For disaggregation, we divided all fertilizer usage into 4 types of fertilizer categories based on their basic chemical composition: urea, ammonium-based, nitrate-based and ammonium-nitrate-based. For weighting purposes, assumptions on chemical compositions had to be considered for different fertilizer types reported by IFA for compound fertilizers and for those fertilizers that had not been tested in our experimental datasets. We assumed that emissions from these fertilizer types were those obtained from the mean value of a mix of different straight fertilizers for different IFA fertilizer products, in the absence of clear statistics on their composition and based on qualitative assessments (Table 11A.3).

Table 11A.3. Assumptions on the potential mix of different IFA fertilizer products

Fertilizer product	Fertilizer Mix
Ammonia dir. applic.	AS, DAP and MAP
Nitrogen solutions	AN, CAN
Other N straight	urea, AS, AN, CAN, DAP, MAP, nitrate-based, UAN
Other NP (N)	urea, AS, AN, CAN, DAP, MAP, nitrate-based, UAN
N K compound (N)	Nitrate-based
N P K compound (N)	AS, AN, CAN, DAP, MAP, UAN

For  $\text{NH}_3$ , we used the datasets of peer-reviewed studies from the Bouwman et al (2002) meta-analysis and the recently published dataset collated by Pan et al (2016). A total number of 273 studies were used, and included most of the common fertilizer types. Although data were primarily obtained from studies comparing  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions from different fertilizer types, we also included emissions data from other studies that were conducted for other purposes (e.g., assessing effect of urease inhibitors, application rate, and amendments) by using the EF values from the control treatments. Averaged EF values for each fertilizer type and study is shown in Table 11A.4.

Table 11A.4. Emission factors ((% NH<sub>3</sub>-N) (N applied)<sup>-1</sup>) from different fertilizer types resulting from two meta-analysis and number of studies involved in each meta-analysis and used as a weighting factor to derive the final EF.

Fertilizer	% lost as NH <sub>3</sub> -N			number of studies		
	Total	Pan et al. (2016)	Bouwman et al. (2002)	Total	Pan et al. (2016)	Bouwman et al. (2002)
urea	19.4%	18.4%	21.0%	187	113	74
AS	12.3%	9.2%	18.7%	37	25	12
AN	2.9%	1.8%	8.1%	23	19	4
CAN	9.1%	12.5%	2.2%	6	4	2
DAP	18.4%	21.1%	13.8%	8	5	3
MAP	14.8%	20.2%	9.4%	2	1	1
nitrate	2.4%	2.4%		1	1	
UAN	9.4%	5.7%	12.4%	9	4	5

For NO<sub>x</sub>, we used the dataset of peer-reviewed studies collated by Liu et al. (2017). For the Tier1 EF, we used the data from 54 studies (171 field measurements) comprising information on NO emissions by aggregating data from all types of fertilizer. To develop the disaggregated NO<sub>x</sub> EFs, we estimated values that were specific to different fertilizer types. The summary of this information is provided in Table 11A.5.

Table 11A.5. Emission factors ((% NO<sub>x</sub>-N) (N applied)<sup>-1</sup>) from different fertilizer types resulting from Liu et al (2017) meta-analysis and number of studies and field measurements involved.

Fertilizer	% lost as NO <sub>x</sub> -N	number of studies	field measurements
urea	1.13%	22	45
AS	1.34%	4	11
AN	3.37%	11	19
CAN	0.53%	1	1
nitrate	0.80%	3	5
UAN	0.28%	2	12
All fertilizer types	1.18%	54	171

#### Sources of data

Meta-analysis (references for individual studies can be obtained from these three articles)

Bouwman, A.F., Boumans, L.J.M., Batjes, N.H., 2002. Estimation of global NH<sub>3</sub> volatilization loss from synthetic fertilizers and animal manure applied to arable lands and grasslands. *Global Biogeochem. Cycles* 16, 8–1. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2000GB001389>

Liu, S., Lin, F., Wu, S., Ji, C., Sun, Y., Jin, Y., Li, S., Li, Z., Zou, J., 2017. A meta-analysis of fertilizer-induced soil NO and combined NO+N<sub>2</sub>O emissions. *Glob Change Biol* 23, 2520–2532. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.13485>

Pan, B., Lam, S.K., Mosier, A., Luo, Y., Chen, D., 2016. Ammonia volatilization from synthetic fertilizers and its mitigation strategies: A global synthesis. *Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment* 232, 283–289. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agee.2016.08.019>

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## **Annex 11A.8 Estimation of Default Emission Factor(s) for Frac<sub>GASM</sub>**

Review papers on NH<sub>3</sub> and NO were collected to derive the fraction of N that is volatilized. Field measurement data with manure application and excreta patches were extracted from published literature (see below). Field measurement data with chemical N application were excluded from this analysis, as well as studies with a focus on mitigation analyses, such as nitrification inhibitors.

For NH<sub>3</sub>, a weighted mean (11.8%) was calculated by weighting the results from each of the individual studies by their associated number of observations (mean=7.86%, n= 49 for cattle excreta and mean=8.4%, n=7 for sheep excreta, Cai & Akiyama (2016); mean=21.2%, n=18 for manure application, IFA & FAO (2001)). For NO, the same approach was used to derive the fraction volatilized with a weighted mean (0.43%) (mean=0.08, n=15 for cattle excreta, mean=0.078% for sheep excreta, Cai and Akiyama (2016); mean=0.66%, n=34 for manure and organic fertilizer application, Liu et al., 2017). The sum of NH<sub>3</sub> and NO is 12%, and 95% CI was calculated using equation 3.2 in 2006 IPCC guidelines Vol. 1 Chapter 3.

### **Sources of data**

Cai, Y., Akiyama, H., 2016. Nitrogen loss factors of nitrogen trace gas emissions and leaching from excreta patches in grassland ecosystems: A summary of available data. *Science of the Total Environment* 572, 185-195.

International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFA) & Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), 2001, Global estimates of gaseous emissions of NH<sub>3</sub>, NO and N<sub>2</sub>O from agricultural land, [http://www.fao.org/docrep/004/y2780e/y2780e00.htm#P-1\\_0](http://www.fao.org/docrep/004/y2780e/y2780e00.htm#P-1_0)

Liu, S., Lin, F., Wu, S., Cheng, J., Sun, Y., Jin, Y., Li, S., Li, Z., Zou, J., 2017. A meta-analysis of fertilizer-induced soil NO and combined with N<sub>2</sub>O emissions. *Global Change Biol.* 23, 2520-2532.



## **Annex 11A.9 Estimation of Default Emission Factor(s) for Frac<sub>LEACH</sub>-(H)**

Review papers and original research papers on N leaching were collected for this analysis. Only peer-review papers were included that used lysimeter field and in-situ field measurements. Lab studies were excluded, along with studies that focused on mitigation options such as nitrification inhibitor were excluded. The final dataset contains 226 data observations.

### **Sources of data**

Cai, Y., Akiyama, H., 2016. Nitrogen loss factors of nitrogen trace gas emissions and leaching from excreta patches in grassland ecosystems: A summary of available data. *Science of the Total Environment* 572, 185-195.

Di and Cameron, 2002, Nitrate leaching in temperate agroecosystems: sources, factors and mitigating strategies, *Nutrient Cycling in Agroecosystems* 46, 237–256.

*Additional data sources: will be provided in the second order draft after completing the analysis.*