3.10. Methodology for Estimating CH₄ Emissions from Enteric Fermentation

The steps outlined in this annex were used to estimate methane emissions from enteric fermentation for the years 1990 through 2015. As explained in the Enteric Fermentation chapter, a simplified approach was used to estimate emissions for 2016. The methodology used for 2016 relied on 2016 population estimates and 2015 implied emission factors and is explained in further detail within Chapter 5.1 Enteric Fermentation (IPCC Source Category 3A). Methane emissions from enteric fermentation were estimated for seven livestock categories: cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, American bison, and the non-horse equines (mules and asses). Emissions from cattle represent the majority of U.S. emissions from enteric fermentation; consequently, a more detailed IPCC Tier 2 methodology was used to estimate emissions from cattle. The IPCC Tier 1 methodology was used to estimate emissions for the other types of livestock, including horses, goats, sheep, swine, American bison, and mules and asses (IPCC 2006).

Estimate Methane Emissions from Cattle

This section describes the process used to estimate CH₄ emissions from enteric fermentation from cattle using the Cattle Enteric Fermentation Model (CEFM). The CEFM was developed based on recommendations provided in the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* (IPCC 2006) and uses information on population, energy requirements, digestible energy, and CH₄ conversion rates to estimate CH₄ emissions.[72] The emission methodology consists of the following three steps: (1) characterize the cattle population to account for animal population categories with different emission profiles; (2) characterize cattle diets to generate information needed to estimate emission factors; and (3) estimate emissions using these data and the IPCC Tier 2 equations.

Step 1: Characterize U.S. Cattle Population

The CEFM's state-level cattle population estimates are based on data obtained from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service Quick Stats database (USDA 2016). State-level cattle population estimates are shown by animal type for 2015 in Table A-154. A national-level summary of the annual average populations upon which all livestock-related emissions are based is provided in Table A-155. Cattle populations used in the Enteric Fermentation source category were estimated using the cattle transition matrix in the CEFM, which uses January 1 USDA population estimates and weight data to simulate the population of U.S. cattle from birth to slaughter, and results in an estimate of the number of animals in a particular cattle grouping while taking into account the monthly rate of weight gain, the average weight of the animals, and the death and calving rates. The use of supplemental USDA data and the cattle transition matrix in the CEFM results in cattle population estimates for this sector differing slightly from the January 1 or July 1 USDA point estimates and the cattle population data obtained from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Table A-154: 2015 Cattle Population Estimates from the CEFM Transition Matrix, by Animal Type and State (1,000 head)[73]

State	Dairy Calves	Dairy Cows	Dairy Repl. Heif. 7-11 Months	Dairy Repl. Heif. 12-23 Months	Bulls	Beef Calves	Beef Cows	Beef Repl. Heif. 7-11 Months	Beef Repl. Heif. 12-23 Months	Steer Stockers	Heifer Stockers	Feedlot
Alabama	4	8	1	2	45	336	652	27	63	24	16	5
Alaska	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	0
Arizona	100	195	20	46	20	90	175	8	19	132	11	254
Arkansas	4	7	1	3	55	445	863	36	84	63	27	11
California	911	1,780	232	541	70	304	590	31	73	265	73	438
Colorado	74	145	30	70	55	374	725	41	96	375	244	927
Conn.	10	19	2	6	1	3	5	1	1	1	0	0
Delaware	3	5	1	2	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0
Florida	63	124	11	25	60	467	906	31	73	12	16	3
Georgia	41	81	8	19	28	247	479	22	51	22	16	4
Hawaii	1	2	0	1	4	35	69	3	6	4	3	1
Idaho	296	579	96	225	40	238	461	29	67	135	88	241
Illinois	48	94	16	37	25	189	366	15	36	101	51	234
Indiana	93	181	24	56	17	103	199	12	28	56	23	101

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[72] Additional information on the Cattle Enteric Fermentation Model can be found in ICF (2006).

[73] This table has not been updated for the current (1990 through 2016) Inventory. It will be updated for the next (1990 through 2017) Inventory submission.

Iowa	107	210	39	91	60	464	900	44	101	620	328	1,210
Kansas	73	143	27	63	95	736	1,427	70	163	909	692	2,149
Kentucky	32	63	14	32	65	514	997	34	79	96	55	15
Louisiana	7	14	2	4	30	240	466	18	42	12	12	3
Maine	15	30	5	11	2	6	11	1	3	2	1	0
Maryland	25	49	8	18	4	22	42	2	5	7	5	10
Mass.	6	13	2	5	1	3	6	0	1	1	1	0
Michigan	206	403	50	117	15	55	107	6	13	82	18	156
Minn.	235	460	84	197	35	175	340	22	51	240	83	379
Miss.	6	12	2	4	38	241	468	23	55	27	17	6
Missouri	46	89	18	42	110	955	1,851	83	194	192	117	70
Montana	7	14	2	5	100	772	1,496	105	245	84	103	42
Nebraska	28	54	6	14	95	906	1,756	102	236	1,121	666	2,484
Nevada	14	28	3	6	12	109	212	9	21	21	15	4
N. Hamp.	7	14	2	4	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	0
N. Jersey	4	7	1	3	1	4	8	0	1	1	0	0
N. Mexico	165	323	33	77	35	210	407	21	48	46	36	10
New York	315	615	105	246	15	54	105	10	23	17	23	25
N. Car.	24	47	5	13	29	187	363	17	39	17	14	4
N. Dakota	8	16	2	4	50	461	894	41	95	103	96	42
Ohio	137	268	38	88	25	145	282	12	28	94	26	166
Oklahoma	20	40	8	18	140	970	1,880	102	236	418	190	262
Oregon	64	125	18	42	40	271	525	27	62	79	55	82
Penn	271	530	92	214	25	77	150	13	31	70	29	93
R.Island	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
S. Car.	8	15	2	4	14	88	170	7	17	4	6	1
S. Dakota	51	99	20	46	100	831	1,611	98	228	327	255	379
Tenn.	24	47	8	18	60	450	873	34	79	58	34	9
Texas	241	470	75	176	320	2,131	4,130	181	422	1,212	723	2,474
Utah	49	96	14	34	22	167	324	19	44	38	33	24
Vermont	68	132	17	39	3	6	12	1	2	2	3	1
Virginia	48	93	13	30	40	329	637	27	62	75	22	20
Wash.	142	277	41	96	18	102	198	13	30	84	70	205
W. Virg.	5	9	1	3	13	95	185	8	19	21	10	4
Wisconsin	653	1,275	220	513	35	142	275	18	42	180	23	257
Wyoming	3	6	2	4	40	358	694	47	109	65	74	74

Table A-155: Cattle Population Estimates from the CEFM Transition Matrix for 1990–2015 (1,000 head)[74]

Livestock Type	1990	1995	2000	2005	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Dairy									
Dairy Calves (0–6 months)	5,369	5,091	4,951	4,628	4,709	4,770	4,758	4,727	4,764
Dairy Cows	10,015	9,482	9,183	9,004	9,156	9,236	9,221	9,208	9,307
Dairy Replacements 7–11 months	1,214	1,216	1,196	1,257	1,362	1,348	1,341	1,356	1,417
Dairy Replacements 12–23 months	2,915	2,892	2,812	2,905	3,215	3,233	3,185	3,190	3,310
Beef									
Beef Calves (0–6 months)	16,909	18,177	17,431	16,918	15,817	15,288	14,859	14,946	15,117
Bulls	2,160	2,385	2,293	2,214	2,165	2,100	2,074	2,038	2,109
Beef Cows	32,455	35,190	33,575	32,674	30,913	30,282	29,631	29,085	29,302
Beef Replacements 7–11 months	1,269	1,493	1,313	1,363	1,232	1,263	1,291	1,342	1,473
Beef Replacements 12–23 months	2,967	3,637	3,097	3,171	2,889	2,968	3,041	3,113	3,422
Steer Stockers	10,321	11,716	8,724	8,185	7,568	7,173	7,457	7,411	7,517
Heifer Stockers	5,946	6,699	5,371	5,015	4,752	4,456	4,455	4,384	4,402
Feedlot Cattle	9,549	11,064	13,006	12,652	13,601	13,328	13,267	13,222	12,883

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The population transition matrix in the CEFM simulates the U.S. cattle population over time and provides an estimate of the population age and weight structure by cattle type on a monthly basis.[75] Since cattle often do not remain in a single population type for an entire year (e.g., calves become stockers, stockers become feedlot animals), and emission profiles vary both between and within each cattle type, these monthly age groups are tracked in the enteric fermentation model to obtain more accurate emission estimates than would be available from annual point estimates of population (such as available from USDA statistics) and weight for each cattle type.

The transition matrix tracks both dairy and beef populations, and divides the populations into males and females, and subdivides the population further into specific cattle groupings for calves, replacements, stockers, feedlot, and mature animals. The matrix is based primarily on two types of data: population statistics and weight statistics (including target weights, slaughter weights, and weight gain). Using the weight data, the transition matrix simulates the growth of animals over time by month. The matrix also relies on supplementary data, such as feedlot placement statistics, slaughter statistics, death rates, and calving rates, described in further detail below.

The basic method for tracking population of animals per category is based on the number of births (or graduates) into the monthly age group minus those animals that die or are slaughtered and those that graduate to the next category (such as stockers to feedlot placements).

Each stage in the cattle lifecycle was modeled to simulate the cattle population from birth to slaughter. This level of detail accounts for the variability in CH_4 emissions associated with each life stage. Given that a stage can last less than one year (e.g., calves are usually weaned between 4 and 6 months of age), each is modeled on a per-month basis. The type of cattle also influences CH_4 emissions (e.g., beef versus dairy). Consequently, there is an independent transition matrix for each of three separate lifecycle phases, 1) calves, 2) replacements and stockers, and 3) feedlot animals. In addition, the number of mature cows and bulls are tabulated for both dairy and beef stock. The transition matrix estimates total monthly populations for all cattle subtypes. These populations are then reallocated to the state level based on the percent of the cattle type reported in each state in the January 1 USDA data. Each lifecycle is discussed separately below, and the categories tracked are listed in Table A-156.

Table A-156: Cattle Population Categories Used for Estimating CH₄ Emissions

Dairy Cattle	Beef Cattle
Calves	Calves
Heifer Replacements	Heifer Replacements
Cows	Heifer and Steer Stockers
	Animals in Feedlots (Heifers & Steer)
	Cows
	Bulls[a]

[a] Bulls (beef and dairy) are accounted for in a single category.

The key variables tracked for each of these cattle population categories are as follows:

Calves. Although enteric emissions are only calculated for 4- to 6-month old calves, it is necessary to calculate populations from birth as emissions from manure management require total calf populations and the estimates of populations for older cattle rely on the available supply of calves from birth. The number of animals born on a monthly basis was used to initiate monthly cohorts and to determine population age structure. The number of calves born each month was obtained by multiplying annual births by the percentage of births per month. Annual birth information for each year was taken from USDA (2016). For dairy cows, the number of births is assumed to be distributed equally throughout the year (approximately 8.3 percent per month) while beef births are distributed according to Table A-157, based on approximations from the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) (USDA/APHIS/VS 1998, 1994, 1993). To determine whether calves were born to dairy or beef cows, the dairy cow calving rate (USDA/APHIS/VS 2002, USDA/APHIS/VS 1996) was multiplied by the total dairy cow population to determine the number of births attributable to dairy cows, with the remainder assumed to be attributable to beef cows. Total annual calf births are obtained from USDA, and distributed into monthly cohorts by cattle type (beef or dairy). Calf growth is modeled by month, based on estimated monthly weight gain for each cohort (approximately 61 pounds per month). The total calf population is modified through time to account for veal calf slaughter at 4 months and a calf death loss of 0.35 percent annually (distributed across age cohorts up to 6 months of age). An example of a transition matrix for calves is shown in Table A-158. Note that 1- to 6-month old calves in January of each year have been tracked through the model based on births and death loss from the previous year.

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[75] Mature animal populations are not assumed to have significant monthly fluctuations, and therefore the populations utilized are the January estimates downloaded from USDA (2016).

Table A-157: Estimated Beef Cow Births by Month

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
7%	15%	28%	22%	9%	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%

Table A-158: Example of Monthly Average Populations from Calf Transition Matrix (1,000 head)

Age (month)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
6	1,138	1,131	1,389	1,612	1,554	1,538	2,431	4,488	7,755	6,298	2,971	1,522
5	1,131	1,389	1,612	1,554	1,538	2,431	4,488	7,755	6,298	2,971	1,522	1,153
4	1,389	1,612	1,554	1,538	2,431	4,488	7,755	6,298	2,971	1,522	1,153	1,144
3	1,612	1,554	1,538	2,431	4,488	7,755	6,298	2,971	1,522	1,153	1,144	1,402
2	1,554	1,538	2,431	4,488	7,755	6,298	2,971	1,522	1,153	1,144	1,402	1,625
1	1,538	2,431	4,488	7,755	6,298	2,971	1,522	1,153	1,144	1,402	1,625	1,565
0	2,431	4,488	7,755	6,298	2,971	1,522	1,153	1,144	1,402	1,625	1,565	1,547

Note: The cohort starting at age 0 months on January 1 is tracked in order to illustrate how a single cohort moves through the transition matrix. Each month, the cohort reflects the decreases in population due to the estimated 0.35 percent annual death loss, and between months 4 and 5, a more significant loss is seen than in other months due to estimated veal slaughter.

Replacements and Stockers. At 7 months of age, calves "graduate" and are separated into the applicable cattle types: replacements (cattle raised to give birth), or stockers (cattle held for conditioning and growing on grass or other forage diets). First the number of replacements required for beef and dairy cattle are calculated based on estimated death losses and population changes between beginning and end of year population estimates. Based on the USDA estimates for "replacement beef heifers" and "replacement dairy heifers," the transition matrix for the replacements is back-calculated from the known animal totals from USDA, and the number of calves needed to fill that requirement for each month is subtracted from the known supply of female calves. All female calves remaining after those needed for beef and dairy replacements are removed and become "stockers" that can be placed in feedlots (along with all male calves). During the stocker phase, animals are subtracted out of the transition matrix for placement into feedlots based on feedlot placement statistics from USDA (2016).

The data and calculations that occur for the stocker category include matrices that estimate the population of backgrounding heifers and steer, as well as a matrix for total combined stockers. The matrices start with the beginning of year populations in January and model the progression of each cohort. The age structure of the January population is based on estimated births by month from the previous two years, although in order to balance the population properly, an adjustment is added that slightly reduces population percentages in the older populations. The populations are modified through addition of graduating calves (added in month 7, bottom row of Table A-159) and subtraction through death loss and animals placed in feedlots. Eventually, an entire cohort population of stockers may reach zero, indicating that the complete cohort has been transitioned into feedlots. An example of the transition matrix for stockers is shown in Table A-159.

Table A-159: Example of Monthly Average Populations from Stocker Transition Matrix (1,000 head)

Age (month)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
23	185	180	104	37	15	9	8	8	6	3	1	0
22	320	146	49	19	12	9	9	9	6	3	17	181
21	260	69	25	14	11	11	11	8	6	68	218	313
20	123	35	19	14	14	13	10	8	133	331	387	254
19	63	27	19	17	16	13	10	196	472	615	318	120
18	48	27	23	20	16	13	241	610	900	514	149	61
17	47	33	27	19	15	295	709	1,179	759	237	129	47
16	58	38	26	19	363	828	1,380	1,000	348	340	47	46
15	67	36	25	452	977	1,619	1,172	456	603	47	46	57
14	65	36	599	1,172	1,921	1,378	534	862	47	46	57	66
13	64	845	1,478	2,309	1,639	629	1,117	47	46	57	66	63
12	982	1,602	2,556	1,858	755	1,512	214	46	57	66	63	63
11	1,814	2,770	2,056	855	1,872	277	138	76	89	81	80	1,016
10	3,133	2,255	945	2,241	385	189	184	231	209	185	1,135	2,445
9	2,545	1,062	2,502	484	335	341	420	372	371	1,292	2,786	5,299
8	1,200	2,951	664	482	557	759	658	649	1,503	3,247	5,984	4,877
7	3,381	800	794	956	1,160	1,109	1,100	1,876	3,666	6,504	5,243	2,353

Note: The cohort starting at age 7 months on January 1 is tracked in order to illustrate how a single cohort moves through the transition matrix. Each month, the cohort reflects the decreases in population due to the estimated 0.35 percent annual death loss and loss due to placement in feedlots (the latter resulting in the majority of the loss from the matrix).

In order to ensure a balanced population of both stockers and placements, additional data tables are utilized in the stocker matrix calculations. The tables summarize the placement data by weight class and month, and is based on the total number of animals within the population that are available to be placed in feedlots and the actual feedlot placement statistics provided by USDA (2016). In cases where there are discrepancies between the USDA estimated placements by weight class and the calculated animals available by weight, the model pulls available stockers from one higher weight category if available. If there are still not enough animals to fulfill requirements the model pulls animals from one lower weight category. In the current time series, this method was able to ensure that total placement data matched USDA estimates, and no shortfalls have occurred.

In addition, average weights were tracked for each monthly age group using starting weight and monthly weight gain estimates. Weight gain (i.e., pounds per month) was estimated based on weight gain needed to reach a set target weight, divided by the number of months remaining before target weight was achieved. Birth weight was assumed to be 88 pounds for both beef and dairy animals. Weaning weights were estimated at 515 pounds. Other reported target weights were available for 12-, 15-, 24-, and 36-month-old animals, depending on the animal type. Beef cow mature weight was taken from measurements provided by a major British Bos taurus breed (Enns 2008) and increased during the time series through 2007.[76] Bull mature weight was calculated as 1.5 times the beef cow mature weight (Doren et al. 1989). Beef replacement weight was calculated as 70 percent of mature weight at 15 months and 85 percent of mature weight at 24 months. As dairy weights are not a trait that is typically tracked, mature weight for dairy cows was estimated at 1,500 pounds for all years, based on a personal communication with Kris Johnson (2010) and an estimate from Holstein Association USA (2010).[77] Dairy replacement weight at 15 months was assumed to be 875 pounds and 1,300 pounds at 24 months. Live slaughter weights were estimated from dressed slaughter weight (USDA 2016) divided by 0.63. This ratio represents the dressed weight (i.e., weight of the carcass after removal of the internal organs), to the live weight (i.e., weight taken immediately before slaughter). The annual typical animal mass for each livestock type are presented in Table A-160.

Weight gain for stocker animals was based on monthly gain estimates from Johnson (1999) for 1989, and from average daily estimates from Lippke et al. (2000), Pinchack et al. (2004), Platter et al. (2003), and Skogerboe et al. (2000) for 2000. Interim years were calculated linearly, as shown in Table A-161, and weight gain was held constant starting in 2000. Table A-161 provides weight gains that vary by year in the CEFM.

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[76] Mature beef weight is held constant after 2007 but future inventory submissions will incorporate known trends through 2007 and extrapolate to future years, as noted in the Planned Improvements section of 5.1 Enteric Fermentation.

[77] Mature dairy weight is based solely on Holstein weight, so could be higher than the national average. Future Inventory submissions will consider other dairy breeds, as noted in the Planned Improvements section of 5.1 Enteric Fermentation.

Table A-160: Typical Animal Mass (lbs)[78]

Year/Cattle Type	Calves	Dairy Cows[a]	Dairy Replacements[b]	Beef Cows[a]	Bulls[a]	Beef Replacements[b]	Steer Stockers[b]	Heifer Stockers[b]	Steer Feedlot[b]	Heifer Feedlot[b]
1990	269	1,500	899	1,221	1,832	819	691	651	923	845
1991	270	1,500	897	1,225	1,838	821	694	656	933	855
1992	269	1,500	897	1,263	1,895	840	714	673	936	864
1993	270	1,500	898	1,280	1,920	852	721	683	929	863
1994	270	1,500	897	1,280	1,920	853	720	688	943	875
1995	270	1,500	897	1,282	1,923	857	735	700	947	879
1996	269	1,500	898	1,285	1,928	858	739	707	939	878
1997	270	1,500	899	1,286	1,929	860	736	707	938	876
1998	270	1,500	896	1,296	1,944	865	736	709	956	892
1999	270	1,500	899	1,292	1,938	861	730	708	959	894
2000	270	1,500	896	1,272	1,908	849	719	702	960	898
2001	270	1,500	897	1,272	1,908	850	725	707	963	900
2002	270	1,500	896	1,276	1,914	851	725	707	981	915
2003	270	1,500	899	1,308	1,962	871	718	701	972	904
2004	270	1,500	896	1,323	1,985	877	719	702	966	904
2005	270	1,500	894	1,327	1,991	879	717	706	974	917
2006	270	1,500	897	1,341	2,012	889	724	712	983	925
2007	270	1,500	896	1,348	2,022	894	720	706	991	928
2008	270	1,500	897	1,348	2,022	894	720	704	999	938
2009	270	1,500	895	1,348	2,022	894	730	715	1007	947
2010	270	1,500	897	1,348	2,022	896	726	713	996	937
2011	270	1,500	897	1,348	2,022	891	721	712	989	932
2012	270	1,500	899	1,348	2,022	892	714	706	1003	945
2013	270	1,500	898	1,348	2,022	892	718	709	1016	958
2014	270	1,500	895	1,348	2,022	888	722	714	1022	962
2015	270	1,500	896	1,348	2,022	891	717	713	1037	982

[a] Input into the model.
[b] Annual average calculated in model based on age distribution.

Table A-161: Weight Gains that Vary by Year (lbs)

Year/Cattle Type	Steer Stockers to 12 months(lbs/day)	Steer Stockers to 24 months (lbs/day)	Heifer Stockers to 12 months(lbs/day)	Heifer Stockers to 24 months(lbs/day)
1990	1.53	1.23	1.23	1.08
1991	1.56	1.29	1.29	1.15
1992	1.59	1.35	1.35	1.23
1993	1.62	1.41	1.41	1.30
1994	1.65	1.47	1.47	1.38
1995	1.68	1.53	1.53	1.45
1996	1.71	1.59	1.59	1.53
1997	1.74	1.65	1.65	1.60
1998	1.77	1.71	1.71	1.68
1999	1.80	1.77	1.77	1.75
2000–onwards	1.83	1.83	1.83	1.83

Sources: Enns (2008), Johnson (1999), Lippke et al. (2000), NRC (1999), Pinchack et al. (2004), Platter et al. (2003), Skogerboe et al. (2000).

Feedlot Animals. Feedlot placement statistics from USDA provide data on the placement of animals from the stocker population into feedlots on a monthly basis by weight class. The model uses these data to shift a sufficient number of animals from the stocker cohorts into the feedlot populations to match the reported placement data. After animals are placed in feedlots they progress through two steps. First, animals spend 25 days on a step-up diet to become acclimated to the new feed type (e.g., more grain than forage, along with new dietary supplements), during this time weight gain is estimated to be 2.7 to 3 pounds per day (Johnson 1999). Animals are then switched to a finishing diet (concentrated, high energy) for a period of time before they are slaughtered. Weight gain during finishing diets is estimated to be 2.9 to 3.3 pounds per day (Johnson 1999). The length of time an animal spends in a feedlot depends on the start weight (i.e., placement

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weight), the rate of weight gain during the start-up and finishing phase of diet, and the target weight (as determined by weights at slaughter). Additionally, animals remaining in feedlots at the end of the year are tracked for inclusion in the following year's emission and population counts. For 1990 to 1995, only the total placement data were available, therefore placements for each weight category (categories displayed in Table A-162) for those years are based on the average of monthly placements from the 1996 to 1998 reported figures. Placement data is available by weight class for all years from 1996 onward. Table A-162 provides a summary of the reported feedlot placement statistics for 2015.

Table A-162: Feedlot Placements in the United States for 2015 (Number of animals placed/1,000 Head)[79]

Weight Placed When:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
< 600 lbs	410	330	365	320	360	350	365	395	405	645	470	375
600 – 700 lbs	340	265	275	240	260	250	235	215	290	530	387	355
700 – 800 lbs	474	396	449	348	389	336	327	362	416	431	310	357
> 800 lbs	565	560	720	640	710	545	620	660	830	680	435	440
Total	1,789	1,551	1,809	1,548	1,719	1,481	1,547	1,632	1,941	2,286	1,602	1,527

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.
Source: USDA (2016).

Mature Animals. Energy requirements and hence, composition of diets, level of intake, and emissions for particular animals, are greatly influenced by whether the animal is pregnant or lactating. Information is therefore needed on the percentage of all mature animals that are pregnant each month, as well as milk production, to estimate CH_4 emissions. A weighted average percent of pregnant cows each month was estimated using information on births by month and average pregnancy term. For beef cattle, a weighted average total milk production per animal per month was estimated using information on typical lactation cycles and amounts (NRC 1999), and data on births by month. This process results in a range of weighted monthly lactation estimates expressed as pounds per animal per month. The monthly estimates for daily milk production by beef cows are shown in Table A-163. Annual estimates for dairy cows were taken from USDA milk production statistics. Dairy lactation estimates for 1990 through 2015 are shown in Table A-164. Beef and dairy cow and bull populations are assumed to remain relatively static throughout the year, as large fluctuations in population size are assumed to not occur. These estimates are taken from the USDA beginning and end of year population datasets.

Table A-163: Estimates of Average Monthly Milk Production by Beef Cows (lbs/cow)[80]

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Beef Cow Milk Production (lbs/ head)	3.3	5.1	8.7	12.0	13.6	13.3	11.7	9.3	6.9	4.4	3.0	2.8

Table A-164: Dairy Lactation Rates by State (lbs/ year/cow)[81]

State/Year	1990	1995	2000	2005	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Alabama	12,214	14,176	13,920	14,000	14,300	13,000	13,000	13,625	12,625
Alaska	13,300	17,000	14,500	12,273	13,800	14,250	10,667	11,667	11,667
Arizona	17,500	19,735	21,820	22,679	23,473	23,979	23,626	24,368	24,477
Arkansas	11,841	12,150	12,436	13,545	11,917	13,300	11,667	13,714	13,000
California	18,456	19,573	21,130	21,404	23,438	23,457	23,178	23,786	23,002
Colorado	17,182	18,687	21,618	22,577	23,430	24,158	24,292	24,951	25,685
Connecticut	15,606	16,438	17,778	19,200	19,000	19,889	20,556	20,158	20,842
Delaware	13,667	14,500	14,747	16,622	18,300	19,542	19,521	20,104	19,700
Florida	14,033	14,698	15,688	16,591	19,067	19,024	19,374	20,390	20,656
Georgia	12,973	15,550	16,284	17,259	18,354	19,138	19,600	20,877	21,651
Hawaii	13,604	13,654	14,358	12,889	14,421	14,200	13,409	13,591	15,909
Idaho	16,475	18,147	20,816	22,332	22,926	23,376	23,440	24,127	24,126
Illinois	14,707	15,887	17,450	18,827	18,510	19,061	19,063	19,681	20,128
Indiana	14,590	15,375	16,568	20,295	20,657	21,440	21,761	21,865	22,143
Iowa	15,118	16,124	18,298	20,641	21,191	22,015	22,149	22,449	22,943
Kansas	12,576	14,390	16,923	20,505	21,016	21,683	21,881	22,085	22,231
Kentucky	10,947	12,469	12,841	12,896	14,342	15,135	15,070	15,905	17,607

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Louisiana	11,605	11,908	12,034	12,400	12,889	13,059	12,875	13,600	13,429
Maine	14,619	16,025	17,128	18,030	18,688	18,576	19,548	19,967	19,800
Maryland	13,461	14,725	16,083	16,099	18,654	19,196	19,440	19,740	20,061
Massachusetts	14,871	16,000	17,091	17,059	16,923	18,250	17,692	17,923	18,083
Michigan	15,394	17,071	19,017	21,635	23,164	23,976	24,116	24,638	25,130
Minnesota	14,127	15,894	17,777	18,091	18,996	19,512	19,694	19,841	20,578
Mississippi	12,081	12,909	15,028	15,280	14,571	14,214	13,286	14,462	15,000
Missouri	13,632	14,158	14,662	16,026	14,611	14,979	14,663	15,539	15,511
Montana	13,542	15,000	17,789	19,579	20,571	21,357	21,286	21,500	21,357
Nebraska	13,866	14,797	16,513	17,950	20,579	21,179	21,574	22,130	22,930
Nevada	16,400	18,128	19,000	21,680	22,966	22,931	22,034	23,793	23,069
New Hampshire	15,100	16,300	17,333	18,875	20,429	19,643	20,923	20,143	20,143
New Jersey	13,538	13,913	15,250	16,000	16,875	18,571	18,143	18,143	18,143
New Mexico	18,815	18,969	20,944	21,192	24,854	24,694	24,944	25,093	24,245
New York	14,658	16,501	17,378	18,639	21,046	21,623	22,070	22,325	22,816
North Carolina	15,220	16,314	16,746	18,741	20,089	20,435	20,326	20,891	20,979
North Dakota	12,624	13,094	14,292	14,182	18,158	19,278	18,944	20,250	20,750
Ohio	13,767	15,917	17,027	17,567	19,194	19,833	20,178	20,318	20,573
Oklahoma	12,327	13,611	14,440	16,480	17,415	17,896	17,311	18,150	18,462
Oregon	16,273	17,289	18,222	18,876	20,488	20,431	20,439	20,565	20,408
Pennsylvania	14,726	16,492	18,081	18,722	19,495	19,549	19,797	20,121	20,387
Rhode Island	14,250	14,773	15,667	17,000	17,909	16,636	19,000	19,000	17,667
South Carolina	12,771	14,481	16,087	16,000	17,438	17,250	16,500	16,438	17,400
South Dakota	12,257	13,398	15,516	17,741	20,582	21,391	21,521	21,753	22,255
Tennessee	11,825	13,740	14,789	15,743	16,200	16,100	15,938	16,196	16,489
Texas	14,350	15,244	16,503	19,646	22,232	22,009	21,991	22,268	22,235
Utah	15,838	16,739	17,573	18,875	22,161	22,863	22,432	22,989	23,146
Vermont	14,528	16,210	17,199	18,469	18,940	19,316	19,448	20,197	20,197
Virginia	14,213	15,116	15,833	16,990	17,906	17,990	18,337	19,129	19,462
Washington	18,532	20,091	22,644	23,270	23,727	23,794	23,820	24,088	23,848
West Virginia	11,250	12,667	15,588	14,923	15,700	15,400	15,200	15,556	15,667
Wisconsin	13,973	15,397	17,306	18,500	20,599	21,436	21,693	21,869	22,697
Wyoming	12,337	13,197	13,571	14,878	20,517	20,650	21,367	21,583	22,567

Source: USDA (2016).

Step 2: Characterize U.S. Cattle Population Diets

To support development of digestible energy (DE, the percent of gross energy intake digested by the animal) and CH_4 conversion rate (Y_m, the fraction of gross energy converted to CH_4) values for each of the cattle population categories, data were collected on diets considered representative of different regions. For both grazing animals and animals being fed mixed rations, representative regional diets were estimated using information collected from state livestock specialists, the USDA, expert opinion, and other literature sources. The designated regions for this analysis for dairy cattle for all years and foraging beef cattle from 1990 through 2006 are shown in Table A-165. For foraging beef cattle from 2007 onwards, the regional designations were revised based on data available from the NAHMS 2007 through 2008 survey on cow-calf system management practices (USDA:APHIS:VS 2010) and are shown in and Table A-166. The data for each of the diets (e.g., proportions of different feed constituents, such as hay or grains) were used to determine feed chemical composition for use in estimating DE and Y_m for each animal type.

Table A-165: Regions used for Characterizing the Diets of Dairy Cattle (all years) and Foraging Cattle from 1990–2006

West	California	Northern Great Plains	Midwestern	Northeast	Southcentral	Southeast
Alaska	California	Colorado	Illinois	Connecticut	Arkansas	Alabama
Arizona		Kansas	Indiana	Delaware	Louisiana	Florida
Hawaii		Montana	Iowa	Maine	Oklahoma	Georgia
Idaho		Nebraska	Michigan	Maryland	Texas	Kentucky
Nevada		North Dakota	Minnesota	Massachusetts		Mississippi
New Mexico		South Dakota	Missouri	New Hampshire		North Carolina
Oregon		Wyoming	Ohio	New Jersey		South Carolina
Utah			Wisconsin	New York		Tennessee
Washington				Pennsylvania		Virginia
				Rhode Island		
				Vermont		
				West Virginia		

Source: USDA (1996).

Table A-166: Regions used for Characterizing the Diets of Foraging Cattle from 2007–2015[82]

West	Central	Northeast	Southeast
Alaska	Illinois	Connecticut	Alabama
Arizona	Indiana	Delaware	**Arkansas**
California	Iowa	Maine	Florida
Colorado	**Kansas**	Maryland	Georgia
Hawaii	Michigan	Massachusetts	Kentucky
Idaho	Minnesota	New Hampshire	**Louisiana**
Montana	Missouri	New Jersey	Mississippi
Nevada	**Nebraska**	New York	North Carolina
New Mexico	**North Dakota**	Pennsylvania	**Oklahoma**
Oregon	Ohio	Rhode Island	South Carolina
Utah	**South Dakota**	Vermont	Tennessee
Washington	Wisconsin	West Virginia	**Texas**
Wyoming			Virginia

Note: States in **bold** represent a change in region from the 1990 to 2006 assessment.
Source: Based on data from USDA:APHIS:VS (2010).

DE and Y_m vary by diet and animal type. The IPCC recommends Y_m values of 3.0 ± 1.0 percent for feedlot cattle and 6.5 ± 1.0 percent for all other cattle (IPCC 2006). Given the availability of detailed diet information for different regions and animal types in the United States, DE and Y_m values unique to the United States were developed for dairy and beef cattle. Digestible energy and Y_m values were estimated across the time series for each cattle population category based on physiological modeling, published values, and/or expert opinion.

For dairy cows, ruminant digestion models were used to estimate Y_m. The three major categories of input required by the models are animal description (e.g., cattle type, mature weight), animal performance (e.g., initial and final weight, age at start of period), and feed characteristics (e.g., chemical composition, habitat, grain or forage). Data used to simulate ruminant digestion is provided for a particular animal that is then used to represent a group of animals with similar characteristics. The Y_m values were estimated for 1990 using the Donovan and Baldwin model (1999), which represents physiological processes in the ruminant animals, as well as diet characteristics from USDA (1996). The Donovan and Baldwin model is able to account for differing diets (i.e., grain-based or forage-based), so that Y_m values for the variable feeding characteristics within the U.S. cattle population can be estimated. Subsequently, a literature review of dairy diets was conducted and nearly 250 diets were analyzed from 1990 through 2009 across 23 states—the review indicated highly variable diets, both temporally and spatially. Kebreab et al. (2008) conducted an evaluation of models and found that the COWPOLL model was the best model for estimating Y_m for dairy, so COWPOLL was used to determine the Y_m value associated with each of the evaluated diets. The statistical analysis of the resulting Y_m estimates showed a downward trend in predicting Y_m, which inventory team experts modeled using the following best-fit non-liner curve:

$$Y_m = 4.52 e^{\left(\frac{1.22}{Year-1980}\right)}$$

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The team determined that the most comprehensive approach to estimating annual, region-specific Y_m values was to use the 1990 baseline Y_m values derived from Donovan and Baldwin and then scale these Y_m values for each year beyond 1990 with a factor based on this function. The scaling factor is the ratio of the Y_m value for the year in question to the 1990 baseline Y_m value. The scaling factor for each year was multiplied by the baseline Ym value. The resulting Y_m equation (incorporating both Donovan and Baldwin (1999) and COWPOLL) is shown below (and described in ERG 2016):

$$Y_m = Y_m(1990)EXP\left(\frac{1.22}{(Year-1980)}\right) / EXP\left(\frac{1.22}{(1990-1980)}\right)$$

DE values for dairy cows were estimated from the literature search based on the annual trends observed in the data collection effort. The regional variability observed in the literature search was not statistically significant, and therefore DE was not varied by region, but did vary over time, and was grouped by the following years 1990 through 1993, 1994 through 1998, 1999 through 2003, 2004 through 2006, 2007, and 2008 onwards.

Considerably less data was available for dairy heifers and dairy calves. Therefore, for dairy heifers assumptions were based on the relationship of the collected data in the literature on dairy heifers to the data on dairy cow diets. From this relationship, DE was estimated as the mature cow DE minus three percent, and Y_m was estimated as that of the mature dairy cow plus 0.1 percent.

To calculate the DE values for grazing beef cattle, diet composition assumptions were used to estimate weighted DE values for a combination of forage and supplemental diets. The forage portion makes up an estimated 85 to 95 percent of grazing beef cattle diets, and there is considerable variation of both forage type and quality across the United States. Currently there is no comprehensive survey of this data, so for this analysis two regional DE values were developed to account for the generally lower forage quality in the "West" region of the United States versus all other regions in Table A-165 (California, Northern Great Plains, Midwestern, Northeast, Southcentral, Southeast) and Table A-166 (Central, Northeast, and Southeast). For all non-western grazing cattle, the forage DE was an average of the estimated seasonal values for grass pasture diets for a calculated DE of 64.2 percent. For foraging cattle in the west, the forage DE was calculated as the seasonal average for grass pasture, meadow and range diets, for a calculated DE of 61.3 percent. The assumed specific components of each of the broad forage types, along with their corresponding DE value and the calculated regional DE values can be found in Table A-167. In addition, beef cattle are assumed to be fed a supplemental diet, consequently, two sets of supplemental diets were developed, one for 1990 through 2006 (Donovan 1999) and one for 2007 onwards (Preston 2010, Archibeque 2011, USDA:APHIS:VS 2010) as shown in Table A-168 and Table A-169 along with the percent of each total diet that is assumed to be made up of the supplemental portion. By weighting the calculated DE values from the forage and supplemental diets, the DE values for the composite diet were calculated.[83] These values are used for steer and heifer stockers and beef replacements. Finally, for mature beef cows and bulls, the DE value was adjusted downward by two percent to reflect the lower digestibility diets of mature cattle based on Johnson (2002). Y_m values for all grazing beef cattle were set at 6.5 percent based on Johnson (2002). The Y_m values and the resulting final weighted DE values by region for 2007 onwards are shown in Table A-170.

For feedlot animals, DE and Y_m are adjusted over time as diet compositions in actual feedlots are adjusted based on new and improved nutritional information and availability of feed types. Feedlot diets are assumed to not differ significantly by state, and therefore only a single set of national diet values is utilized for each year. The DE and Y_m values for 1990 were estimated by Dr. Don Johnson (1999). In the CEFM, the DE values for 1991 through 1999 were linearly extrapolated based on values for 1990 and 2000. DE and Y_m values from 2000 through the current year were estimated using the MOLLY model as described in Kebreab et al. (2008), based on a series of average diet feed compositions from Galyean and Gleghorn (2001) for 2000 through 2006 and Vasconcelos and Galyean (2007) for 2007 onwards. In addition, feedlot animals are assumed to spend the first 25 days in the feedlot on a "step-up" diet to become accustomed to the higher quality feedlot diets. The step-up DE and Y_m are calculated as the average of all state forage and feedlot diet DE and Y_m values.

For calves aged 4 through 6 months, a gradual weaning from milk is simulated, with calf diets at 4 months assumed to be 25 percent forage, increasing to 50 percent forage at age 5 months, and 75 percent forage at age 6 months. The portion of the diet allocated to milk results in zero emissions, as recommended by the IPCC (2006). For calves, the DE for the remainder of the diet is assumed to be similar to that of slightly older replacement heifers (both beef and dairy are calculated separately). The Y_m for beef calves is also assumed to be similar to that of beef replacement heifers (6.5 percent), as literature does not provide an alternative Y_m for use in beef calves. For dairy calves, the Y_m is assumed to be 7.8 percent at 4 months, 8.03 percent at 5 months, and 8.27 percent at 6 months based on estimates provided by Soliva (2006) for Y_m at 4 and 7 months of age and a linear interpolation for 5 and 6 months.

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[83] For example, the West has a forage DE of 61.3 which makes up 90 percent of the diet and a supplemented diet DE of 67.4 percent was used for 10 percent of the diet, for a total weighted DE of 61.9 percent, as shown in Table A-170.

Table A-167: Feed Components and Digestible Energy Values Incorporated into Forage Diet Composition Estimates

Forage Type	DE (% of GE)	Grass pasture - Spring	Grass pasture - Summer	Grass pasture - Fall	Range June	Range July	Range August	Range September	Range Winter	Meadow - Spring	Meadow - Fall
Bahiagrass Paspalum notatum, fresh	61.38			x							
Bermudagrass Cynodon dactylon, fresh	66.29		x								
Bremudagrass, Coastal Cynodon dactylon, fresh	65.53		x								
Bluegrass, Canada Poa compressa, fresh, early vegetative	73.99	x									
Bluegrass, Kentucky Poa pratensis, fresh, early vegetative	75.62	x									
Bluegrass, Kentucky Poa pratensis, fresh, mature	59.00		x	x							
Bluestem Andropagon spp, fresh, early vegetative	73.17				x						
Bluestem Andropagon spp, fresh, mature	56.82					x	x	x	x		x
Brome Bromus spp, fresh, early vegetative	78.57	x									
Brome, Smooth Bromus inermis, fresh, early vegetative	75.71	x									
Brome, Smooth Bromus inermis, fresh, mature	57.58		x	x					x		
Buffalograss, Buchloe dactyloides, fresh	64.02				x	x					
Clover, Alsike Trifolium hybridum, fresh, early vegetative	70.62	x									
Clover, Ladino Trifolium repens, fresh, early vegetative	73.22	x									
Clover, Red Trifolium pratense, fresh, early bloom	71.27	x									
Clover, Red Trifolium pratense, fresh, full bloom	67.44		x		x						
Corn, Dent Yellow Zea mays indentata, aerial part without ears, without husks, sun-cured, (stover)(straw)	55.28			x							
Dropseed, Sand Sporobolus cryptandrus, fresh, stem cured	64.69				x	x	x			x	
Fescue Festuca spp, hay, sun-cured, early vegetative	67.39	x									
Fescue Festuca spp, hay, sun-cured, early bloom	53.57			x							
Grama Bouteloua spp, fresh, early vegetative	67.02	x									
Grama Bouteloua spp, fresh, mature	63.38		x	x						x	
Millet, Foxtail Setaria italica, fresh	68.20	x			x						
Napiergrass Pennisetum purpureum, fresh, late bloom	57.24		x	x							
Needleandthread Stipa comata, fresh, stem cured	60.36					x	x	x			
Orchardgrass Dactylis glomerata, fresh, early vegetative	75.54	x									
Orchardgrass Dactylis glomerata, fresh, midbloom	60.13		x								
Pearlmillet Pennisetum glaucum, fresh	68.04	x									
Prairie plants, Midwest, hay, sun-cured	55.53			x							x
Rape Brassica napus, fresh, early bloom	80.88	x									
Rye Secale cereale, fresh	71.83	x									
Ryegrass, Perennial Lolium perenne, fresh	73.68	x									
Saltgrass Distichlis spp, fresh, post ripe	58.06		x	x							
Sorghum, Sudangrass Sorghum bicolor sudanense, fresh, early vegetative	73.27	x									
Squirreltail Stanion spp, fresh, stem-cured	62.00		x			x					
Summercypress, Gray Kochia vestita, fresh, stem-cured	65.11			x	x	x					
Timothy Phleum pratense, fresh, late vegetative	73.12	x									
Timothy Phleum pratense, fresh, midbloom	66.87		x								
Trefoil, Birdsfoot Lotus corniculatus, fresh	69.07	x									
Vetch Vicia spp, hay, sun-cured	59.44			x							

Forage Type	DE (% of GE)	Grass pasture - Spring	Grass pasture - Summer	Grass pasture - Fall	Range June	Range July	Range August	Range September	Range Winter	Meadow - Spring	Meadow - Fall
Wheat Triticum aestivum, straw	45.77			x							
Wheatgrass, Crested Agropyron desertorum, fresh, early vegetative	79.78	x									
Wheatgrass, Crested Agropyron desertorum, fresh, full bloom	65.89		x			x					
Wheatgrass, Crested Agropyron desertorum, fresh, post ripe	52.99			x					x		x
Winterfat, Common Eurotia lanata, fresh, stem-cured	40.89								x		
Weighted Average DE		72.99	62.45	57.26	67.11	62.70	60.62	58.59	52.07	64.03	55.11
Forage Diet for West	61.3	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Forage Diet for All Other Regions	64.2	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Sources: Preston (2010) and Archibeque (2011).
Note that forages marked with an x indicate that the DE from that specific forage type is included in the general forage type for that column (e.g., grass pasture, range, meadow or meadow by month or season).

Table A-168: DE Values with Representative Regional Diets for the Supplemental Diet of Grazing Beef Cattle for 1990–2006

Feed	Source of DE (NRC 1984)	Unweighted DE (% of GE)	California[a]	West	Northern Great Plains	Southcentral	Northeast	Midwest	Southeast
Alfalfa Hay	Table 8, feed #006	61.79	65%	30%	30%	29%	12%	30%	
Barley		85.08	10%	15%					35%
Bermuda	Table 8, feed #030	66.29							35%
Bermuda Hay	Table 8, feed #031	50.79				40%			
Corn	Table 8, feed #089	88.85	10%	10%	25%	11%	13%	13%	
Corn Silage	Table 8, feed #095	72.88			25%		20%	20%	
Cotton Seed Meal						7%			
Grass Hay	Table 8, feed #126, 170, 274	58.37		40%				30%	
Orchard	Table 8, feed #147	60.13							40%
Soybean Meal Supplement		77.15		5%	5%				5%
Sorghum	Table 8, feed #211	84.23							20%
Soybean Hulls		66.86						7%	
Timothy Hay	Table 8, feed #244	60.51					50%		
Whole Cotton Seed		75.75	5%				5%		
Wheat Middlings	Table 8, feed #257	68.09			15%	13%			
Wheat	Table 8, feed #259	87.95	10%						
Weighted Supplement DE (%)			70.1	67.4	73.0	62.0	67.6	66.9	68.0
Percent of Diet that is Supplement			5%	10%	15%	10%	15%	10%	5%

Source of representative regional diets: Donovan (1999).
[a] Note that emissions are currently calculated on a state-by-state basis, but diets are applied by the regions shown in the table above.

Table A-169: DE Values and Representative Regional Diets for the Supplemental Diet of Grazing Beef Cattle for 2007–2015[84]

Feed	Source of DE (NRC1984)	Unweighted DE (% of GE)	West[a]	Central[a]	Northeast[a]	Southeast[a]
Alfalfa Hay	Table 8, feed #006	61.79	65%	30%	12%	
Bermuda	Table 8, feed #030	66.29				20%
Bermuda Hay	Table 8, feed #031	50.79				20%
Corn	Table 8, feed #089	88.85	10%	15%	13%	10%
Corn Silage	Table 8, feed #095	72.88		35%	20%	
Grass Hay	Table 8, feed #126, 170, 274	58.37	10%			
Orchard	Table 8, feed #147	60.13				30%
Protein supplement (West)	Table 8, feed #082, 134, 225 [b]	81.01	10%			
Protein Supplement (Central and Northeast)	Table 8, feed #082, 134, 225 [b]	80.76		10%	10%	
Protein Supplement (Southeast)	Table 8, feed #082, 134, 101 [b]	77.89				10%
Sorghum	Table 8, feed #211	84.23		5%		10%
Timothy Hay	Table 8, feed #244	60.51			45%	
Wheat Middlings	Table 8, feed #257	68.09		5%		
Wheat	Table 8, feed #259	87.95	5%			
Weighted Supplement DE			**67.4**	**73.1**	**68.9**	**66.6**
Percent of Diet that is Supplement			**10%**	**15%**	**5%**	**15%**

[a] Note that emissions are currently calculated on a state-by-state basis, but diets are applied by the regions shown in the table above.
[b] Not in equal proportions.
Sources of representative regional diets: Donovan (1999), Preston (2010), Archibeque (2011), and USDA:APHIS:VS (2010).

Table A-170: Foraging Animal DE (% of GE) and Y_m Values for Each Region and Animal Type for 2007–2015[85]

Animal Type	Data	West[a]	Central	Northeast	Southeast
Beef Repl. Heifers	DE[b]	61.9	65.6	64.5	64.6
	Y_m[c]	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Beef Calves (4–6 mo)	DE	61.9	65.6	64.5	64.6
	Y_m	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Steer Stockers	DE	61.9	65.6	64.5	64.6
	Y_m	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Heifer Stockers	DE	61.9	65.6	64.5	64.6
	Y_m	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Beef Cows	DE	59.9	63.6	62.5	62.6
	Y_m	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Bulls	DE	59.9	63.6	62.5	62.6
	Y_m	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%

[a] Note that emissions are currently calculated on a state-by-state basis, but diets are applied by the regions shown in the table above. To see the regional designation per state, please see Table A-166.
[b] DE is the digestible energy in units of percent of GE (MJ/Day).
[c] Y_m is the methane conversion rate, the fraction of GE in feed converted to methane.

[84] This table has not been updated for the current (1990 through 2016) Inventory. It will be updated for the next (1990 through 2017) Inventory submission.
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Table A-171: Regional DE (% of GE) and Y_m Rates for Dairy and Feedlot Cattle by Animal Type for 2015[86]

Animal Type	Data	California[a]	West	Northern Great Plains	Southcentral	Northeast	Midwest	Southeast
Dairy Repl. Heifers	DE[b]	63.7	63.7	63.7	63.7	63.7	63.7	63.7
	Y_m[c]	6.0%	6.0%	5.7%	6.5%	6.4%	5.7%	7.0%
Dairy Calves (4–6 mo)	DE	63.7	63.7	63.7	63.7	63.7	63.7	63.7
	Y_m	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Dairy Cows	DE	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7
	Y_m	5.9%	5.9%	5.6%	6.4%	6.3%	5.6%	6.9%
Steer Feedlot	DE	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Y_m	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Heifer Feedlot	DE	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
	Y_m	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%

[a] Note that emissions are currently calculated on a state-by-state basis, but diets are applied in Table A-165 by the regions shown in the table above. To see the regional designation for foraging cattle per state, please see Table A-165.
[b] DE is the digestible energy in units of percent of GE (MJ/Day).
[c] Y_m is the methane conversion rate, the fraction of GE in feed converted to methane.

Step 3: Estimate CH_4 Emissions from Cattle

Emissions by state were estimated in three steps: a) determine gross energy (GE) intake using the Tier 2 IPCC (2006) equations, b) determine an emission factor using the GE values, Y_m and a conversion factor, and c) sum the daily emissions for each animal type. Finally, the state emissions were aggregated to obtain the national emissions estimate. The necessary data values for each state and animal type include:

- Body Weight (kg)
- Weight Gain (kg/day)
- Net Energy for Activity (C_a, MJ/day)[87]
- Standard Reference Weight (kg)[88]
- Milk Production (kg/day)
- Milk Fat (percent of fat in milk = 4)
- Pregnancy (percent of population that is pregnant)
- DE (percent of GE intake digestible)
- Y_m (the fraction of GE converted to CH_4)
- Population

Step 3a: Determine Gross Energy, GE

As shown in the following equation, GE is derived based on the net energy estimates and the feed characteristics. Only variables relevant to each animal category are used (e.g., estimates for feedlot animals do not require the NE_l factor). All net energy equations are provided in IPCC (2006). Calculated GE values for 2015 are shown by state and animal type in Table A-172.

$$GE = \left[\frac{\left(\dfrac{NE_m + NE_a + NE_l + NE_{work} + NE_p}{REM} \right) + \left(\dfrac{NE_g}{REG} \right)}{\dfrac{DE\%}{100}} \right]$$

where,

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[87] Zero for feedlot conditions, 0.17 for high quality confined pasture conditions, and 0.36 for extensive open range or hilly terrain grazing conditions. C_a factor for dairy cows is weighted to account for the fraction of the population in the region that grazes during the year (IPCC 2006).

[88] Standard Reference Weight is the mature weight of a female animal of the animal type being estimated, used in the model to account for breed potential.

GE = Gross energy (MJ/day)
NE_m = Net energy required by the animal for maintenance (MJ/day)
NE_a = Net energy for animal activity (MJ/day)
NE_l = Net energy for lactation (MJ/day)
NE_{work} = Net energy for work (MJ/day)
NE_p = Net energy required for pregnancy (MJ/day)
REM = Ratio of net energy available in a diet for maintenance to digestible energy consumed
NE_g = Net energy needed for growth (MJ/day)
REG = Ratio of net energy available for growth in a diet to digestible energy consumed
DE = Digestible energy expressed as a percent of gross energy (percent)

Table A-172: Calculated Annual GE by Animal Type and State, for 2015 (MJ/1,000 head)[89]

State	Dairy Calves	Dairy Cows	Dairy Replacement Heifers 7-11 Months	Dairy Replacement Heifers 12-23 Months	Bulls	Beef Calves	Beef Cows	Beef Replacement Heifers 7-11 Months	Beef Replacement Heifers 12-23 Months	Steer Stockers	Heifer Stockers	Feedlot
Alabama	35	902	41	146	3,749	3,017	52,535	1,385	3,732	1,188	801	227
Alaska	1	32	1	5	213	21	370	12	32	8	3	1
Arizona	852	30,695	897	3,164	1,779	874	15,053	453	1,216	7,034	604	11,759
Arkansas	31	781	55	195	4,582	3,993	69,536	1,854	4,998	3,090	1,362	513
California	7,779	267,829	10,630	37,484	6,226	2,947	50,750	1,734	4,648	14,069	4,026	19,832
Colorado	634	23,528	1,381	4,868	4,892	3,621	62,362	2,267	6,078	19,952	13,517	43,396
Conn.	83	2,713	110	389	42	23	404	31	84	48	13	7
Delaware	22	691	35	122	33	12	202	9	23	52	19	8
Florida	542	17,979	483	1,704	4,999	4,192	73,000	1,607	4,331	594	801	156
Georgia	354	12,068	373	1,314	2,333	2,216	38,595	1,113	2,999	1,070	801	212
Hawaii	10	271	14	49	356	344	5,918	147	393	230	144	40
Idaho	2,530	90,326	4,418	15,578	3,558	2,302	39,654	1,600	4,290	7,162	4,889	11,432
Illinois	411	13,154	718	2,531	2,036	1,650	28,830	771	2,081	4,867	2,577	10,732
Indiana	791	26,794	1,104	3,894	1,385	897	15,675	602	1,626	2,688	1,145	4,666
Iowa	918	31,762	1,795	6,328	4,887	4,057	70,894	2,168	5,854	29,897	16,397	56,928
Kansas	625	21,219	1,242	4,381	7,738	6,432	112,406	3,493	9,431	43,803	34,617	101,724
Kentucky	275	8,363	621	2,191	5,415	4,613	80,333	1,731	4,664	4,753	2,803	700
Louisiana	61	1,586	69	243	2,499	2,156	37,548	915	2,466	570	614	133
Maine	131	4,159	221	779	125	51	889	56	150	107	67	20
Maryland	214	6,844	345	1,217	334	195	3,394	112	301	358	241	467
Mass.	55	1,647	97	341	84	26	444	25	67	48	27	8
Michigan	1,761	64,494	2,305	8,130	1,222	482	8,428	277	748	3,940	911	7,466
Minn.	2,010	65,205	3,865	13,631	2,851	1,533	26,782	1,084	2,927	11,588	4,164	17,965
Miss.	52	1,467	83	292	3,166	2,165	37,709	1,199	3,232	1,331	881	252
Missouri	389	10,804	828	2,921	8,959	8,343	145,805	4,156	11,220	9,270	5,856	3,266
Montana	61	2,028	97	341	8,894	7,472	128,681	5,801	15,552	4,476	5,695	1,866
Nebraska	236	8,165	276	974	7,738	7,915	138,321	5,059	13,659	54,000	33,315	118,056
Nevada	122	4,249	124	438	1,067	1,059	18,236	493	1,323	1,126	834	187
N. Hamp.	61	1,960	76	268	42	14	242	12	33	24	13	4
N. Jersey	31	924	52	185	84	35	606	16	43	48	24	8
N. Mexico	1,412	50,542	1,519	5,355	3,113	2,033	35,009	1,134	3,039	2,430	2,013	467
New York	2,688	92,703	4,832	17,038	1,253	487	8,484	508	1,370	834	1,178	1,213
N. Car.	205	6,876	248	876	2,416	1,680	29,249	865	2,332	856	721	178
N. Dakota	70	2,279	83	292	4,072	4,030	70,421	2,036	5,496	4,983	4,815	2,053
Ohio	1,171	37,983	1,726	6,085	2,036	1,271	22,213	602	1,626	4,519	1,301	7,933
Oklahoma	175	5,340	345	1,217	11,664	8,698	151,480	5,192	13,993	20,677	9,745	12,366
Oregon	546	17,633	828	2,921	3,558	2,622	45,159	1,467	3,933	4,221	3,020	3,966
Penn.	2,316	74,719	4,211	14,848	2,089	696	12,120	682	1,838	3,457	1,473	4,200
R. Island	4	117	7	24	8	7	121	6	17	12	5	2

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S. Car.	66	1,979	69	243	1,166	787	13,698	371	1,000	214	320	59
S. Dakota	433	14,700	897	3,164	8,145	7,262	126,900	4,879	13,171	15,760	12,754	17,965
Tenn.	205	6,028	345	1,217	4,999	4,039	70,341	1,731	4,664	2,852	1,735	524
Texas	2,054	69,866	3,451	12,170	26,661	19,109	332,772	9,272	24,988	59,892	37,111	117,123
Utah	420	14,598	663	2,337	1,957	1,618	27,869	1,040	2,789	1,995	1,841	1,120
Vermont	577	18,509	773	2,726	251	56	970	50	134	95	134	25
Virginia	406	13,038	594	2,093	3,333	2,947	51,326	1,360	3,665	3,684	1,121	933
Wash.	1,211	42,903	1,877	6,621	1,601	989	17,031	720	1,931	4,476	3,883	9,799
W. Virg.	39	1,098	55	195	1,086	859	14,948	409	1,108	1,049	536	187
Wisconsin	5,572	191,584	10,078	35,537	2,851	1,240	21,662	903	2,439	8,691	1,171	12,132
Wyoming	26	898	69	243	3,558	3,466	59,696	2,574	6,900	3,453	4,084	3,500

Step 3b: Determine Emission Factor

The daily emission factor (DayEmit) was determined using the GE value and the methane conversion factor (Y_m) for each category. This relationship is shown in the following equation:

$$DayEmit = \frac{GE \times Y_m}{55.65}$$

where,

DayEmit = Emission factor (kg CH_4/head/day)
GE = Gross energy intake (MJ/head/day)
Y_m = CH_4 conversion rate, which is the fraction of GE in feed converted to CH_4 (%)
55.65 = A factor for the energy content of methane (MJ/kg CH_4)

The daily emission factors were estimated for each animal type and state. Calculated annual national emission factors are shown by animal type in Table A-173. State-level emission factors are shown by animal type for 2015 in Table A-174.

Table A-173: Calculated Annual National Emission Factors for Cattle by Animal Type, for 2015 (kg CH₄/head/year)[90]

Cattle Type	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Dairy										
Calves	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Cows	124	125	132	133	142	142	144	144	145	146
Replacements 7–11 months	48	46	46	45	46	46	46	46	46	46
Replacements 12–23 months	73	69	70	67	69	69	69	69	69	69
Beef										
Calves	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Bulls	91	94	94	97	98	98	98	98	98	98
Cows	89	92	91	94	95	95	95	95	95	95
Replacements 7–11 months	54	57	56	59	60	60	60	60	60	60
Replacements 12–23 months	63	66	66	68	70	70	70	70	70	70
Steer Stockers	55	57	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58
Heifer Stockers	52	56	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Feedlot Cattle	39	38	39	39	42	42	42	43	43	43

Note: To convert to a daily emission factor, the yearly emission factor can be divided by 365 (the number of days in a year).

[90] This table has not been updated for the current (1990 through 2016) Inventory. It will be updated for the next (1990 through 2017) Inventory submission.

Table A-174: Emission Factors for Cattle by Animal Type and State, for 2015 (kg CH₄/head/year)[91]

State	Dairy Calves	Dairy Cows	Dairy Replacement Heifers 7-11 Months	Dairy Replacement Heifers 12-23 Months	Bulls	Beef Calves	Beef Cows	Beef Replacement Heifers 7-11 Months	Beef Replacement Heifers 12-23 Months	Steer Stockers	Heifer Stockers	Feedlot
Alabama	12	128	53	80	97	10	94	60	69	58	60	33
Alaska	12	103	46	69	104	11	100	64	74	62	65	33
Arizona	12	154	46	69	104	11	100	64	74	62	65	34
Arkansas	12	117	49	74	97	10	94	60	69	58	60	33
California	12	147	46	69	104	11	100	64	74	62	65	33
Colorado	12	150	43	65	104	11	100	64	74	62	65	34
Conn.	12	148	48	73	98	11	94	60	69	58	60	34
Delaware	12	143	48	73	98	11	94	60	69	58	60	35
Florida	12	165	53	80	97	10	94	60	69	58	60	34
Georgia	12	169	53	80	97	10	94	60	69	58	60	35
Hawaii	12	120	46	69	104	11	100	64	74	62	65	36
Idaho	12	152	46	69	104	11	100	64	74	62	65	35
Illinois	12	129	43	65	95	10	92	58	68	56	58	34
Indiana	12	137	43	65	95	10	92	58	68	56	58	34
Iowa	12	140	43	65	95	10	92	58	68	56	58	34
Kansas	12	137	43	65	95	10	92	58	68	56	58	35
Kentucky	12	151	53	80	97	10	94	60	69	58	60	33
Louisiana	12	119	49	74	97	10	94	60	69	58	60	35
Maine	12	143	48	73	98	11	94	60	69	58	60	34
Maryland	12	144	48	73	98	11	94	60	69	58	60	34
Mass.	12	136	48	73	98	11	94	60	69	58	60	36
Michigan	12	148	43	65	95	10	92	58	68	56	58	35
Minn.	12	131	43	65	95	10	92	58	68	56	58	35
Miss.	12	139	53	80	97	10	94	60	69	58	60	33
Missouri	12	112	43	65	95	10	92	58	68	56	58	34
Montana	12	134	43	65	104	11	100	64	74	62	65	32
Nebraska	12	140	43	65	95	10	92	58	68	56	58	35
Nevada	12	148	46	69	104	11	100	64	74	62	65	34
N. Hamp.	12	145	48	73	98	11	94	60	69	58	60	34
N. Jersey	12	136	48	73	98	11	94	60	69	58	60	34
N. Mexico	12	153	46	69	104	11	100	64	74	62	65	35
New York	12	156	48	73	98	11	94	60	69	58	60	35
N. Car.	12	166	53	80	97	10	94	60	69	58	60	34
N. Dakota	12	132	43	65	95	10	92	58	68	56	58	35
Ohio	12	131	43	65	95	10	92	58	68	56	58	35
Oklahoma	12	140	49	74	97	10	94	60	69	58	60	34
Oregon	12	138	46	69	104	11	100	64	74	62	65	35
Penn.	12	146	48	73	98	11	94	60	69	58	60	33
R. Island	12	135	48	73	98	11	94	60	69	58	60	34
S. Car.	12	150	53	80	97	10	94	60	69	58	60	33
S. Dakota	12	137	43	65	95	10	92	58	68	56	58	35
Tenn.	12	146	53	80	97	10	94	60	69	58	60	40
Texas	12	156	49	74	97	10	94	60	69	58	60	35
Utah	12	149	46	69	104	11	100	64	74	62	65	34
Vermont	12	145	48	73	98	11	94	60	69	58	60	34
Virginia	12	159	53	80	97	10	94	60	69	58	60	34
Wash.	12	151	46	69	104	11	100	64	74	62	65	35
W. Virg.	12	126	48	73	98	11	94	60	69	58	60	33
Wisconsin	12	139	43	65	95	10	92	58	68	56	58	34
Wyoming	12	138	43	65	104	11	100	64	74	62	65	34

Note: To convert to a daily emission factor, the yearly emission factor can be divided by 365 (the number of days in a year).

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For quality assurance purposes, U.S. emission factors for each animal type were compared to estimates provided by the other Annex I member countries of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (the most recently available summarized results for Annex I countries are through 2012 only). Results, presented in Table A-175, indicate that U.S. emission factors are comparable to those of other Annex I countries. Results in Table A-175 are presented along with Tier I emission factors provided by IPCC (2006). Throughout the time series, beef cattle in the United States generally emit more enteric CH_4 per head than other Annex I member countries, while dairy cattle in the United States generally emit comparable enteric CH_4 per head.

Table A-175: Annex I Countries' Implied Emission Factors for Cattle by Year (kg CH_4/head/year)[92,93]

	Dairy Cattle		Beef Cattle	
Year	United States Implied Emission Factor	Mean of Implied Emission Factors for Annex I countries (excluding U.S.)	United States Implied Emission Factor	Mean of Implied Emission Factors for Annex I countries (excluding U.S.)
1990	107	96	71	53
1991	107	97	71	53
1992	107	96	72	54
1993	106	97	72	54
1994	106	98	73	54
1995	106	98	72	54
1996	105	99	73	54
1997	106	100	73	54
1998	107	101	73	55
1999	110	102	72	55
2000	111	103	72	55
2001	110	104	73	55
2002	111	105	73	55
2003	111	106	73	55
2004	109	107	74	55
2005	110	109	74	55
2006	110	110	74	55
2007	114	111	75	55
2008	115	112	75	55
2009	115	112	75	56
2010	115	113	75	55
2011	116	113	75	55
2012	117	112	75	51
2013	117	NA	75	NA
2014	118	NA	74	NA
2015	117	NA	75	NA
Tier I EFs For North America, from IPCC (2006)		121		53

Step 3c: Estimate Total Emissions

Emissions were summed for each month and for each state population category using the daily emission factor for a representative animal and the number of animals in the category. The following equation was used:

$$Emissions_{state} = DayEmit_{state} \times Days/Month \times SubPop_{state}$$

where,

$Emissions_{state}$	=	Emissions for state during the month (kg CH_4)
$DayEmit_{state}$	=	Emission factor for the subcategory and state (kg CH_4/head/day)
Days/Month	=	Number of days in the month
$SubPop_{state}$	=	Number of animals in the subcategory and state during the month

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[92] Excluding calves.

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This process was repeated for each month, and the monthly totals for each state subcategory were summed to achieve an emission estimate for a state for the entire year and state estimates were summed to obtain the national total. The estimates for each of the 10 subcategories of cattle are listed in Table A-176. The emissions for each subcategory were then aggregated to estimate total emissions from beef cattle and dairy cattle for the entire year.

Table A-176: CH₄ Emissions from Cattle (kt)[94]

Cattle Type	1990	1995	2000	2005	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Dairy	**1,574**	**1,498**	**1,519**	**1,503**	**1,645**	**1,670**	**1,664**	**1,679**	**1,706**
Calves (4–6 months)	62	59	59	54	57	58	58	58	58
Cows	1,242	1,183	1,209	1,197	1,302	1,326	1,325	1,337	1,355
Replacements 7–11 months	58	56	55	56	63	62	61	63	65
Replacements 12–23 months	212	201	196	196	223	224	220	221	228
Beef	**4,763**	**5,419**	**5,070**	**5,007**	**4,873**	**4,763**	**4,722**	**4,660**	**4,724**
Calves (4–6 months)	182	193	186	179	166	161	157	156	159
Bulls	196	225	215	214	212	206	203	200	207
Cows	2,884	3,222	3,058	3,056	2,927	2,868	2,806	2,754	2,774
Replacements 7–11 months	69	85	74	80	74	76	78	83	89
Replacements 12–23 months	188	241	204	217	202	208	213	218	239
Steer Stockers	563	662	509	473	436	413	431	426	434
Heifer Stockers	306	375	323	299	283	266	267	256	264
Feedlot Cattle	375	416	502	488	573	565	568	567	558
Total	**6,338**	**6,917**	**6,589**	**6,510**	**6,518**	**6,433**	**6,386**	**6,339**	**6,430**

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

Emission Estimates from Other Livestock

"Other livestock" include horses, sheep, swine, goats, American bison, and mules and asses. All livestock population data, except for American bison for years prior to 2002, were taken from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) agricultural statistics database (USDA 2016) or earlier census data (USDA 1992, 1997). The Manure Management Annex discusses the methods for obtaining annual average populations and disaggregating into state data where needed and provides the resulting population data for the other livestock that were used for estimating all livestock-related emissions (see Table A-178). For each animal category, the USDA publishes monthly, annual, or multi-year livestock population and production estimates. American bison estimates prior to 2002 were estimated using data from the National Bison Association (1999).

Methane emissions from sheep, goats, swine, horses, mules and asses were estimated by multiplying national population estimates by the default IPCC emission factor (IPCC 2006). For American bison the emission factor for buffalo (IPCC 2006) was used and adjusted based on the ratio of live weights of 300 kg for buffalo (IPCC 2006) and 1,130 pounds (513 kg) for American Bison (National Bison Association 2011) to the 0.75 power. This methodology for determining emission factors is recommended by IPCC (2006) for animals with similar digestive systems. Table A-177 shows the emission factors used for these other livestock. National enteric fermentation emissions from all livestock types are shown in Table A-178 and Table A-179. Enteric fermentation emissions from most livestock types, broken down by state, for 2015 are shown in Table A-180 and Table A-185. Livestock populations are shown in Table A-182.

Table A-177: Emission Factors for Other Livestock (kg CH₄/head/year)

Livestock Type	Emission Factor
Swine	1.5
Horses	18
Sheep	8
Goats	5
American Bison	82.2
Mules and Asses	10.0

Source: IPCC (2006), except American Bison, as described in text.

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Table A-178: CH₄ Emissions from Enteric Fermentation (MMT CO₂ Eq.)[95]

Livestock Type	1990	1995	2000	2005	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Beef Cattle	119.1	135.5	126.7	125.2	121.8	119.1	118.0	116.5	118.1
Dairy Cattle	39.4	37.5	38.0	37.6	41.1	41.7	41.6	42.0	42.6
Swine	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.6
Horses	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5
Sheep	2.3	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1
Goats	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
American Bison	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Mules and Asses	+	+	+	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	**164.2**	**178.7**	**170.6**	**168.9**	**168.9**	**166.7**	**165.5**	**164.2**	**166.5**

+ Does not exceed 0.05 MMT CO₂ Eq.
Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

Table A-179: CH₄ Emissions from Enteric Fermentation (kt)[96]

Livestock Type	1990	1995	2000	2005	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Beef Cattle	4,763	5,419	5,070	5,007	4,873	4,763	4,722	4,660	4,724
Dairy Cattle	1,574	1,498	1,519	1,503	1,645	1,670	1,664	1,679	1,706
Swine	81	88	88	92	98	100	98	96	102
Horses	40	47	61	70	67	65	64	62	61
Sheep	91	72	56	49	44	43	43	42	42
Goats	13	12	12	14	14	13	13	12	12
American Bison	4	9	16	17	14	13	13	12	12
Mules and Asses	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3
Total	**6,566**	**7,146**	**6,824**	**6,755**	**6,757**	**6,670**	**6,619**	**6,572**	**6,661**

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

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Table A-180: CH₄ Emissions from Enteric Fermentation from Cattle (metric tons), by State, for 2015[97]

State	Dairy Calves	Dairy Cows	Dairy Replace-ment Heifers 7-11 Months	Dairy Replace-ment Heifers 12-23 Months	Bulls	Beef Calves	Beef Cows	Beef Replace-ment Heifers 7-11 Months	Beef Replace-ment Heifers 12-23 Months	Steer Stockers	Heifer Stockers	Feedlot	Total
Alabama	50	1,025	48	169	4,379	3,523	61,361	1,617	4,359	1,388	936	215	79,069
Alaska	2	31	1	5	249	25	432	14	38	9	3	1	810
Arizona	1,216	29,979	893	3,147	2,078	1,021	17,582	530	1,420	8,216	705	11,002	77,789
Arkansas	44	819	59	208	5,352	4,664	81,219	2,166	5,837	3,609	1,590	496	106,063
California	11,102	261,579	10,573	37,283	7,272	3,442	59,276	2,025	5,429	16,433	4,703	18,975	438,091
Colorado	904	21,739	1,300	4,585	5,714	4,229	72,840	2,648	7,099	23,305	15,788	40,154	200,306
Conn.	119	2,806	116	410	49	27	472	36	98	56	16	7	4,211
Delaware	31	715	36	128	39	14	236	10	27	61	22	7	1,327
Florida	773	20,432	558	1,967	5,839	4,896	85,266	1,877	5,059	694	936	144	128,440
Georgia	505	13,714	430	1,517	2,725	2,589	45,080	1,300	3,502	1,249	936	191	73,738
Hawaii	14	264	14	48	416	401	6,912	171	459	269	168	35	9,172
Idaho	3,611	88,218	4,394	15,494	4,155	2,689	46,316	1,869	5,011	8,366	5,711	10,421	196,256
Illinois	586	12,154	676	2,384	2,378	1,927	33,674	900	2,431	5,685	3,010	10,129	75,935
Indiana	1,129	24,757	1,040	3,668	1,617	1,048	18,309	704	1,899	3,140	1,338	4,377	63,026
Iowa	1,310	29,347	1,690	5,961	5,708	4,738	82,805	2,533	6,837	34,920	19,152	52,417	247,419
Kansas	892	19,606	1,170	4,127	9,038	7,513	131,292	4,080	11,016	51,162	40,433	93,069	373,397
Kentucky	393	9,504	717	2,529	6,325	5,388	93,830	2,022	5,448	5,552	3,274	670	135,652
Louisiana	87	1,664	74	260	2,919	2,518	43,856	1,069	2,880	666	717	122	56,832
Maine	187	4,301	232	820	146	60	1,038	65	176	125	78	18	7,247
Maryland	306	7,079	363	1,281	390	228	3,964	130	351	418	282	429	15,220
Mass.	78	1,703	102	359	98	30	519	29	78	56	31	8	3,090
Michigan	2,514	59,590	2,172	7,658	1,427	563	9,845	324	874	4,602	1,064	6,775	97,405
Minn.	2,869	60,246	3,641	12,839	3,330	1,790	31,282	1,266	3,419	13,535	4,864	16,426	155,507
Miss.	75	1,667	96	337	3,698	2,529	44,044	1,401	3,775	1,555	1,029	241	60,447
Missouri	555	9,983	780	2,751	10,465	9,745	170,302	4,854	13,105	10,828	6,840	3,046	243,254
Montana	87	1,874	91	321	10,389	8,727	150,301	6,776	18,165	5,229	6,651	1,839	210,450
Nebraska	337	7,544	260	917	9,038	9,245	161,561	5,910	15,954	63,073	38,913	107,555	420,306
Nevada	175	4,150	124	436	1,247	1,237	21,299	576	1,545	1,315	974	172	33,249
N. Hamp.	87	2,027	80	282	49	16	283	14	39	28	16	4	2,925
N. Jersey	44	955	55	195	98	41	708	19	51	56	28	8	2,256
N. Mexico	2,015	49,363	1,510	5,326	3,636	2,374	40,891	1,324	3,549	2,838	2,351	429	115,607
New York	3,836	95,883	5,084	17,929	1,464	569	9,909	594	1,600	975	1,376	1,089	140,309

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N. Car.	293	7,814	287	1,012	2,822	1,962	34,163	1,011	2,724	999	842	167	54,095
N. Dakota	100	2,106	78	275	4,757	4,707	82,253	2,378	6,419	5,820	5,624	1,835	116,351
Ohio	1,672	35,095	1,625	5,732	2,378	1,485	25,946	704	1,899	5,279	1,520	7,204	90,538
Oklahoma	249	5,602	368	1,299	13,624	10,160	176,931	6,065	16,345	24,151	11,382	11,367	277,542
Oregon	780	17,222	824	2,905	4,155	3,063	52,746	1,713	4,593	4,930	3,527	3,558	100,016
Penn.	3,306	77,283	4,431	15,624	2,440	813	14,156	797	2,147	4,038	1,721	4,036	130,789
R. Island	6	121	7	26	10	8	142	7	20	14	6	2	368
S. Car.	94	2,249	80	281	1,362	919	15,999	433	1,167	250	374	57	23,265
S. Dakota	617	13,582	845	2,980	9,513	8,482	148,221	5,698	15,384	18,408	14,896	16,426	255,053
Tenn.	293	6,850	398	1,405	5,839	4,718	82,160	2,022	5,448	3,331	2,027	410	114,901
Texas	2,932	73,299	3,683	12,987	31,140	22,319	388,683	10,830	29,187	69,955	43,346	107,136	795,495
Utah	599	14,257	659	2,324	2,285	1,890	32,552	1,215	3,257	2,330	2,150	1,047	64,566
Vermont	823	19,144	813	2,869	293	65	1,132	58	156	111	156	24	25,645
Virginia	580	14,817	685	2,416	3,892	3,442	59,949	1,588	4,281	4,303	1,310	858	98,123
Wash.	1,728	41,902	1,867	6,585	1,870	1,155	19,893	841	2,255	5,229	4,535	8,876	96,736
W. Virg.	56	1,136	58	205	1,269	1,003	17,459	478	1,288	1,225	626	180	24,983
Wisconsin	7,953	177,016	9,492	33,473	3,330	1,448	25,301	1,055	2,849	10,151	1,368	11,152	284,588
Wyoming	37	830	65	229	4,155	4,048	69,725	3,006	8,059	4,033	4,770	3,217	102,177

Table A-181: CH₄ Emissions from Enteric Fermentation from Other Livestock (metric tons), by State, for 2015[98]

State	Swine	Horses	Sheep	Goats	American Bison	Mules and Asses	Total
Alabama	150	894	97	181	15	117	1,454
Alaska	2	21	97	3	149	1	273
Arizona	198	1,919	1,200	447	-	37	3,800
Arkansas	249	907	97	181	7	85	1,525
California	143	2,154	4,800	728	72	64	7,961
Colorado	1,076	1,893	3,360	131	648	65	7,173
Connecticut	4	378	57	21	11	10	481
Delaware	5	135	97	5	8	1	250
Florida	24	2,183	97	243	-	101	2,648
Georgia	240	1,184	97	322	13	88	1,943
Hawaii	14	77	97	76	4	4	271
Idaho	38	970	2,080	92	373	39	3,592
Illinois	7,238	948	456	151	28	34	8,855
Indiana	5,644	1,928	400	168	79	55	8,274
Iowa	31,575	1,014	1,400	282	99	44	34,414
Kansas	2,861	1,185	528	190	377	36	5,178
Kentucky	623	2,190	384	218	102	131	3,648
Louisiana	12	1,068	97	86	2	77	1,341
Maine	7	214	57	34	15	4	331
Maryland	32	493	97	35	19	12	688
Massachusetts	17	363	57	44	6	5	492
Michigan	1,676	1,442	608	133	71	41	3,971
Minnesota	12,075	938	1,040	159	97	29	14,339
Mississippi	773	985	97	104	-	91	2,049
Missouri	4,481	1,767	680	540	84	93	7,645
Montana	263	1,684	1,720	46	1,211	48	4,971
Nebraska	4,838	1,144	648	103	2,164	40	8,936
Nevada	2	448	552	135	3	6	1,147
New Hampshire	6	155	57	27	27	2	274
New Jersey	18	471	97	34	17	9	646
New Mexico	2	882	720	141	441	18	2,204
New York	114	1,679	640	172	40	38	2,682
North Carolina	12,863	1,079	240	236	9	94	14,521
North Dakota	207	821	512	25	474	13	2,052
Ohio	3,611	2,000	968	204	45	71	6,899
Oklahoma	3,289	2,789	424	337	764	136	7,738
Oregon	15	1,063	1,560	151	125	31	2,945
Pennsylvania	1,748	2,197	688	224	39	94	4,989
Rhode Island	2	32	57	5	-	1	98
South Carolina	353	1,042	97	179	10	59	1,739
South Dakota	1,999	1,227	2,040	100	2,515	15	7,896
Tennessee	330	1,247	352	341	0	137	2,407
Texas	1,324	6,660	5,760	3,611	285	636	18,276
Utah	1,058	1,053	2,320	66	80	33	4,610
Vermont	6	193	57	65	6	13	340
Virginia	405	1,525	600	217	80	70	2,898
Washington	38	892	416	118	51	35	1,550
West Virginia	8	355	264	67	-	29	722
Wisconsin	480	1,684	616	321	256	58	3,415
Wyoming	158	1,218	2,760	49	638	28	4,850

"-" Indicates there are no emissions, as there is no significant population of this animal type.

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3.11. Methodology for Estimating CH₄ and N₂O Emissions from Manure Management[99]

The following steps were used to estimate methane (CH_4) and nitrous oxide (N_2O) emissions from the management of livestock manure for the years 1990 through 2015. As explained in the Manure Management section (Section 5.2 Manure Management (IPCC Source Category 3B)), a simplified approach was used to estimate emissions for 2016.

Step 1: Livestock Population Characterization Data

Annual animal population data for 1990 through 2015 for all livestock types, except American bison, goats, horses, mules and asses were obtained from the USDA NASS. The population data used in the emissions calculations for cattle, swine, and sheep were downloaded from the USDA NASS Quick Stats Database (USDA 2016a). Poultry population data were obtained from USDA NASS reports (USDA 1995a, 1995b, 1998, 1999, 2004a, 2004b, 2009a, 2009b, 2009c, 2009d, 2010a, 2010b, 2011a, 2011b, 2012a, 2012b, 2013a, 2013b, 2014b, 2014c, 2015a 2015b, 2016b, and 2016c). Goat population data for 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012 were obtained from the Census of Agriculture (USDA 2014a), as were horse, mule and ass population data for 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012, and American bison population for 2002, 2007, and 2012. American bison population data for 1990-1999 were obtained from the National Bison Association (1999). Additional data sources used and adjustments to these data sets are described below.

Cattle: For all cattle groups (cows, heifers, steers, bulls, and calves), the USDA data provide cattle inventories from January (for each state) and July (as a U.S. total only) of each year. Cattle inventories change over the course of the year, sometimes significantly, as new calves are born and as cattle are moved into feedlots and subsequently slaughtered; therefore, to develop the best estimate for the annual animal population, the populations and the individual characteristics, such as weight and weight gain, pregnancy, and lactation of each animal type were tracked in the Cattle Enteric Fermentation Model (CEFM—see section 5.1 Enteric Fermentation). For animals that have relatively static populations throughout the year, such as mature cows and bulls, the January 1 values were used. For animals that have fluctuating populations throughout the year, such as calves and growing heifers and steer, the populations are modeled based on a transition matrix that uses annual population data from USDA along with USDA data on animal births, placement into feedlots, and slaughter statistics.

Swine: The USDA provides quarterly data for each swine subcategory: breeding, market under 50 pounds (under 23 kg), market 50 to 119 pounds (23 to 54 kg), market 120 to 179 pounds (54 to 81 kg), and market 180 pounds and over (greater than 82 kg). The average of the quarterly data was used in the emission calculations. For states where only December inventory is reported, the December data were used directly.

Sheep: The USDA provides total state-level data annually for lambs and sheep. Population distribution data for lamb and sheep on feed are not available after 1993 (USDA 1994). The number of lamb and sheep on feed for 1994 through 2015 were calculated using the average of the percent of lamb and sheep on feed from 1990 through 1993. In addition, all of the sheep and lamb "on feed" are not necessarily on "feedlots;" they may be on pasture/crop residue supplemented by feed. Data for those animals on feed that are in feedlots versus pasture/crop residue were provided only for lamb in 1993. To calculate the populations of sheep and lamb in feedlots for all years, it was assumed that the percentage of sheep and lamb on feed that are in feedlots versus pasture/crop residue is the same as that for lambs in 1993 (Anderson 2000).

Goats: Annual goat population data by state were available for 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012 (USDA 2014a). The data for 1992 were used for 1990 through 1992. Data for 1993 through 1996, 1998 through 2001, 2003 through 2006, 2008 through 2011, and 2013 through 2015 were interpolated and extrapolated based on the 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012 Census data.

Horses: Annual horse population data by state were available for 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012 (USDA 2014a). Data for 1990 through 1991, 1993 through 1996, 1998 through 2001, 2003 through 2006, 2008 through 2011, and 2013 through 2015 were interpolated and extrapolated based on the 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012 Census data.

Mules and Asses: Annual mule and ass (burro and donkey) population data by state were available for 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012 (USDA 2014a). Data for 1990 through 1991, 1993 through 1996, 1998 through 2001, 2003

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[99] Note that direct N_2O emissions from dung and urine spread onto fields either directly as daily spread or after it is removed from manure management systems (e.g., lagoon, pit, etc.) and from livestock dung and urine deposited on pasture, range, or paddock lands are accounted for and discussed in the Agricultural Soil Management source category within the Agriculture sector. Indirect N_2O emissions dung and urine spread onto fields after it is removed from manure management systems (e.g., lagoon, pit, etc.) and from livestock dung and urine deposited on pasture, range, or paddock lands are also included in the Agricultural Soil Management source category.

through 2006, 2008 through 2011, and 2013 through 2015 were interpolated and extrapolated based on the 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012 Census data.

American Bison: Annual American bison population data by state were available for 2002, 2007, and 2012 (USDA 2014a). Data for 1990 through 1999 were obtained from the Bison Association (1999). Data for 2000, 2001, 2003 through 2006, 2008 through 2011, and 2013 through 2015 were interpolated and extrapolated based on the Bison Association and 2002, 2007, and 2012 Census data.

Poultry: The USDA provides population data for hens (one year old or older), pullets (hens younger than one year old), other chickens, and production (slaughter) data for broilers and turkeys (USDA 1995a, 1995b, 1998, 1999, 2004a, 2004b, 2009b, 2009c, 2009d, 2009e, 2010a, 2010b, 2011a, 2011b, 2012a, 2012b, 2013a, 2013b, 2014b, 2014c, 2015a, 2015b, 2016b, and 2016c). All poultry population data were adjusted to account for states that report non-disclosed populations to USDA NASS. The combined populations of the states reporting non-disclosed populations are reported as "other" states. State populations for the non-disclosed states were estimated by equally distributing the population attributed to "other" states to each of the non-disclosed states.

Because only production data are available for boilers and turkeys, population data are calculated by dividing the number of animals produced by the number of production cycles per year, or the turnover rate. Based on personal communications with John Lange, an agricultural statistician with USDA NASS, the broiler turnover rate ranges from 3.4 to 5.5 over the course of the inventory (Lange 2000). For turkeys, the turnover rate ranges from 2.4 to 3.0. A summary of the livestock population characterization data used to calculate CH_4 and N_2O emissions is presented in Table A-182.

Step 2: Waste Characteristics Data

Methane and N_2O emissions calculations are based on the following animal characteristics for each relevant livestock population:

- Volatile solids (VS) excretion rate;
- Maximum methane producing capacity (B_o) for U.S. animal waste;
- Nitrogen excretion rate (Nex); and
- Typical animal mass (TAM).

Table A-183 presents a summary of the waste characteristics used in the emissions estimates. Published sources were reviewed for U.S.-specific livestock waste characterization data that would be consistent with the animal population data discussed in Step 1. The USDA's *Agricultural Waste Management Field Handbook* (AWMFH; USDA 1996, 2008) is one of the primary sources of waste characteristics for non-cattle animal groups. Data from the 1996 and 2008 USDA AWMFH were used to estimate VS and Nex for most non-cattle animal groups across the time series of the Inventory, as shown in Table A-184 (ERG 2010b and 2010c). The 1996 AWMFH data were based on measured values from U.S. farms; the 2008 AWMFH data were developed using the calculation method created by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE), which is based on U.S. animal dietary intake and performance measures. Since the values from each of the two AWMFHs result from different estimation methods and reflect changes in animal genetics and nutrition over time, both data sources were used to create a time series across the Inventory as neither value would be appropriate to use across the entire span of Inventory years. Expert sources agreed interpolating the two data sources across the time series would be appropriate as each methodology reflect the best available for that time period and the more recent data may not appropriately reflect the historic time series (ERG 2010b). Although the AWMFH values are lower than the IPCC values, these values are more appropriate for U.S. systems because they have been calculated using U.S.-specific data. Animal-specific notes about VS and Nex are presented below:

- *Swine:* The VS and Nex data for breeding swine are from a combination of the types of animals that make up this animal group, namely gestating and farrowing swine and boars. It is assumed that a group of breeding swine is typically broken out as 80 percent gestating sows, 15 percent farrowing swine, and 5 percent boars (Safley 2000). Differing trends in VS and Nex values are due to the updated Nex calculation method from 2008 AWMFH. VS calculations did not follow the same procedure and were updated based on a fixed ratio of VS to total solids and past ASABE standards (ERG 2010b).
- *Poultry:* Due to the change in USDA reporting of hens and pullets in 2005, new nitrogen and VS excretion rates were calculated for the combined population of hens and pullets; a weighted average rate was calculated based on hen and pullet population data from 1990 to 2004.
- *Goats, Sheep, Horses, Mules and Asses:* In cases where data were not available in the USDA documents, data from the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, Standard D384.1 (ASAE 1998) or the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* were used as a supplement.

The method for calculating VS excretion and Nex for cattle (including American bison, beef and dairy cows, bulls, heifers, and steers) is based on the relationship between animal performance characteristics such as diet, lactation, and weight gain and energy utilization. The method used is outlined by the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* Tier II methodology, and is modeled using the CEFM as described in the enteric fermentation portion of the inventory (documented in Moffroid and Pape 2013) in order to take advantage of the detailed diet and animal performance data assembled as part of the Tier II analysis for cattle. For American bison, VS and Nex were assumed to be the same as beef NOF bulls.

The VS content of manure is the fraction of the diet consumed by cattle that is not digested and thus excreted as fecal material; fecal material combined with urinary excretions constitutes manure. The CEFM uses the input of digestible energy (DE) and the energy requirements of cattle to estimate gross energy (GE) intake and enteric CH_4 emissions. GE and DE are used to calculate the indigestible energy per animal as gross energy minus digestible energy plus the amount of gross energy for urinary energy excretion per animal (2 or 4 percent). This value is then converted to VS production per animal using the typical conversion of dietary gross energy to dry organic matter of 18.45 MJ/kg, after subtracting out the ash content of manure. The current equation recommended by the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* is:

$$\text{VS production (kg)} = \left[(GE - DE) + (UE \times GE) \right] \times \frac{1 - ASH}{18.45}$$

where,

GE	= Gross energy intake (MJ)
DE	= Digestible energy (MJ)
$(UE \times GE)$	= Urinary energy expressed as fraction of GE, assumed to be 0.04 except for feedlots which are reduced 0.02 as a result of the high grain content of their diet.
ASH	= Ash content of manure calculated as a fraction of the dry matter feed intake (assumed to be 0.08).
18.45	= Conversion factor for dietary GE per kg of dry matter (MJ per kg). This value is relatively constant across a wide range of forage and grain-based feeds commonly consumed by livestock.

Total nitrogen ingestion in cattle is determined by dietary protein intake. When feed intake of protein exceeds the nutrient requirements of the animal, the excess nitrogen is excreted, primarily through the urine. To calculate the nitrogen excreted by each animal type, the CEFM utilizes the energy balance calculations recommended by the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* for gross energy and the energy required for growth along with inputs of weight gain, milk production, and the percent of crude protein in the diets. The total nitrogen excreted is measured in the CEFM as nitrogen consumed minus nitrogen retained by the animal for growth and in milk. The basic equation for calculating Nex is shown below, followed by the equations for each of the constituent parts.

$$N_{excreted} = N_{consumed} - \left(N_{growth} + N_{milk} \right)$$

where,

$N_{excreted}$	= Daily N excreted per animal, kg per animal per day.
$N_{consumed}$	= Daily N intake per animal, kg per animal per day
N_{growth}	= Nitrogen retained by the animal for growth, kg per animal per day
N_{milk}	= Nitrogen retained in milk, kg per animal per day

The equation for N consumed is based on the *2006 IPCC Guidelines*, and is estimated as:

$$N_{consumed} = \left[\frac{GE}{18.45} * \left(\frac{\frac{CP\%}{100}}{6.25} \right) \right]$$

where,

$N_{consumed}$	= Daily N intake per animal, kg per animal per day
GE	= Gross energy intake, as calculated in the CEFM, MJ per animal per day
18.45	= Conversion factor for dietary GE per kg of dry matter, MJ per kg.

| CP% | = Percent crude protein in diet, input into the CEFM |
| 6.25 | = Conversion from kg of dietary protein to kg of dietary N, kg feed per kg N |

The portion of consumed N that is retained as product equals the nitrogen required for weight gain plus that in milk. The nitrogen retained in body weight gain by stockers, replacements, or feedlot animals is calculated using the net energy for growth (NEg), weight gain (WG), and other conversion factors and constants. The equation matches current *2006 IPCC Guidelines* recommendations, and is as follows:

$$N_{growth} = \frac{\left\{ WG * \left[268 - \frac{(7.03 * NEg)}{WG} \right] \right\}}{1000}\Big/6.25$$

where,

N_{growth}	= Nitrogen retained by the animal for growth, kg per animal per day
WG	= Daily weight gain of the animal, as input into the CEFM transition matrix, kg per day
268	= Constant from *2006 IPCC Guidelines*
7.03	= Constant from *2006 IPCC Guidelines*
NEg	= Net energy required for growth, as calculated in the CEFM, MJ per animal per day
1,000	= Conversion from grams to kilograms
6.25	= Conversion from kg of dietary protein to kg of dietary N, kg feed per kg N

The N content of milk produced also currently matches the *2006 IPCC Guidelines*, and is calculated using milk production and percent protein, along with conversion factors. Milk N retained as product is calculated using the following equation:

$$N_{milk} = \frac{milk * \left(\frac{pr\%}{100} \right)}{6.38}$$

where,

N_{milk}	= Nitrogen retained in milk, kg per animal per day
milk	= Milk production, kg per day
pr%	= Percent protein in milk, estimated from the fat content as $1.9 + 0.4 * \%$ Fat (Fat assumed to be 4%)
100	= Conversion from percent to value (e.g., 4% to 0.04)
6.38	= Conversion from kg Protein to kg N

The VS and N equations above were used to calculate VS and Nex rates for each state, animal type (heifers and steer on feed, heifers and steer not on feed, bulls and American bison), and year. Table A-185 presents the state-specific VS and Nex production rates used for cattle in 2015. As shown in Table A-185, the differences in the VS daily excretion and Nex rate trends between dairy cattle animal types is due to milk production. Milk production by cow varies from state to state and is used in calculating net energy for lactating, which is used to calculate VS and Nex for dairy cows. Milk production is zero for dairy heifers (dairy heifers do not produce milk because they have not yet had a calf). Over time, the differences in milk production are also a big driver for the higher variability of VS and Nex rates in dairy cows.

Step 3: Waste Management System Usage Data

Table A-186 summarizes 2015 manure distribution data among waste management systems (WMS) at beef feedlots, dairies, dairy heifer facilities, and swine, layer, broiler, and turkey operations. Manure from the remaining animal types (beef cattle not on feed, American bison, goats, horses, mules and asses and sheep) is managed on pasture, range, or paddocks, on drylot, or with solids storage systems. Note that the Inventory WMS estimates are based on state or regional WMS usage data and not built upon farm-level WMS estimates. Additional information on the development of the manure distribution estimates for each animal type is presented below. Definitions of each WMS type are presented in Table A-187.

Beef Cattle, Dairy Heifers and American Bison: The beef feedlot and dairy heifer WMS data were developed using regional information from EPA's Office of Water's engineering cost analyses conducted to support the development of effluent limitations guidelines for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (EPA 2002b). Based on EPA site visits and state contacts supporting this work and additional personal communication with the national USDA office to estimate the percent of beef steers and heifers in feedlots (Milton 2000), feedlot manure is almost exclusively managed in drylots. Therefore, for these animal groups, the percent of manure deposited in drylots is assumed to be 100 percent. In addition, there is a small amount of manure contained in runoff, which may or may not be collected in runoff ponds. Using EPA and USDA data and expert opinions (documented in ERG 2000a), the runoff from feedlots was calculated by region in *Calculations: Percent Distribution of Manure for Waste Management Systems* and was used to estimate the percentage of manure managed in runoff ponds in addition to drylots; this percentage ranges from 0.4 to 1.3 percent (ERG 2000a). The percentage of manure generating emissions from beef feedlots is therefore greater than 100 percent. The remaining population categories of beef cattle outside of feedlots are managed through pasture, range, or paddock systems, which are utilized for the majority of the population of beef cattle in the country. American bison WMS data were assumed to be the same as beef cattle NOF.

Dairy Cows: The WMS data for dairy cows were developed using state and regional data from the Census of Agriculture, EPA's Office of Water, USDA, and the expert sources noted below. Farm-size distribution data are reported in the 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007 and 2012 Census of Agriculture (USDA 2016d). It was assumed that the Census data provided for 1992 were the same as that for 1990 and 1991, and data provided for 2012 were the same as that for 2013 through 2015. Data for 1993 through 1996, 1998 through 2001, and 2003 through 2006, and 2008 through 2011 were interpolated using the 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012 data. The percent of waste by system was estimated using the USDA data broken out by geographic region and farm size.

Based on EPA site visits and the expert opinion of state contacts, manure from dairy cows at medium (200 through 700 head) and large (greater than 700 head) operations are managed using either flush systems or scrape/slurry systems. In addition, they may have a solids separator in place prior to their storage component. Estimates of the percent of farms that use each type of system (by geographic region) were developed by EPA's Office of Water, and were used to estimate the percent of waste managed in lagoons (flush systems), liquid/slurry systems (scrape systems), and solid storage (separated solids) (EPA 2002b).

Manure management system data for small (fewer than 200 head) dairies were obtained at the regional level from USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)'s National Animal Health Monitoring System (Ott 2000). These data are based on a statistical sample of farms in the 20 U.S. states with the most dairy cows. Small operations are more likely to use liquid/slurry and solid storage management systems than anaerobic lagoon systems. The reported manure management systems were deep pit, liquid/slurry (includes slurry tank, slurry earth-basin, and aerated lagoon), anaerobic lagoon, and solid storage (includes manure pack, outside storage, and inside storage).

Data regarding the use of daily spread and pasture, range, or paddock systems for dairy cattle were obtained from personal communications with personnel from several organizations. These organizations include state NRCS offices, state extension services, state universities, USDA NASS, and other experts (Deal 2000, Johnson 2000, Miller 2000, Stettler 2000, Sweeten 2000, and Wright 2000). Contacts at Cornell University provided survey data on dairy manure management practices in New York (Poe et al. 1999). Census of Agriculture population data for 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012 (USDA 2016d) were used in conjunction with the state data obtained from personal communications to determine regional percentages of total dairy cattle and dairy waste that are managed using these systems. These percentages were applied to the total annual dairy cow and heifer state population data for 1990 through 2015, which were obtained from the USDA NASS (USDA 2016a).

Of the dairies using systems other than daily spread and pasture, range, or paddock systems, some dairies reported using more than one type of manure management system. Due to limitations in how USDA APHIS collects the manure management data, the total percent of systems for a region and farm size is greater than 100 percent. However, manure is typically partitioned to use only one manure management system, rather than transferred between several different systems. Emissions estimates are only calculated for the final manure management system used for each portion of manure. To avoid double counting emissions, the reported percentages of systems in use were adjusted to equal a total of 100 percent using the same distribution of systems. For example, if USDA reported that 65 percent of dairies use deep pits to manage manure and 55 percent of dairies use anaerobic lagoons to manage manure, it was assumed that 54 percent (i.e., 65 percent divided by 120 percent) of the manure is managed with deep pits and 46 percent (i.e., 55 percent divided by 120 percent) of the manure is managed with anaerobic lagoons (ERG 2000a).

Finally, the percentage of manure managed with anaerobic digestion (AD) systems with methane capture and combustion was added to the WMS distributions at the state-level. AD system data were obtained from EPA's AgSTAR Program's project database (EPA 2016). This database includes basic information for AD systems in the United States,

based on publicly available data and data submitted by farm operators, project developers, financiers, and others involved in the development of farm AD projects.

Swine: The regional distribution of manure managed in each WMS was estimated using data from a USDA APHIS report and EPA's Office of Water site visits (Bush 1998, ERG 2000a). The USDA APHIS data are based on a statistical sample of farms in the 16 U.S. states with the most hogs. For operations with less than 200 head, manure management system data were obtained from USDA APHIS (Bush 1998); it was assumed that those operations use pasture, range, or paddock systems. For swine operations with greater than 200 head, the percent of waste managed in each system was estimated using the EPA and USDA data broken out by geographic region and farm size. Farm-size distribution data reported in the 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012 Census of Agriculture (USDA 2016d) were used to determine the percentage of all swine utilizing the various manure management systems. It was assumed that the swine farm size data provided for 1992 were the same as that for 1990 and 1991, and data provided for 2012 were the same as that for 2013 through 2015. Data for 1993 through 1996, 1998 through 2001, 2003 through 2006, and 2008 through 2011 were interpolated using the 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012 data. The manure management systems reported in the census were deep pit, liquid/slurry (includes above- and below-ground slurry), anaerobic lagoon, and solid storage (includes solids separated from liquids).

Some swine operations reported using more than one management system; therefore, the total percent of systems reported by USDA for a region and farm size was greater than 100 percent. Typically, this means that a portion of the manure at a swine operation is handled in one system (e.g., liquid system), and a separate portion of the manure is handled in another system (e.g., dry system). However, it is unlikely that the same manure is moved from one system to another, which could result in increased emissions, so reported systems data were normalized to 100 percent for incorporation into the WMS distribution, using the same method as described above for dairy operations. As with dairy, AD WMS were added to the state-level WMS distribution based on data from EPA's AgSTAR database (EPA 2016).

Sheep: WMS data for sheep were obtained from USDA NASS sheep report for years 1990 through 1993 (USDA 1994). Data for 2001 are obtained from USDA APHIS's national sheep report (USDA, APHIS 2003). The USDA APHIS data are based on a statistical sampled of farms in the 22 U.S. states with the most sheep. The data for years 1994-2000 are calculated assuming a linear progression from 1993 to 2001. Due to lack of additional data, data for years 2002 and beyond are assumed to be the same as 2001. Based on expert opinion, it was assumed that all sheep manure not deposited in feedlots was deposited on pasture, range, or paddock lands (Anderson 2000).

Goats, Horses, and Mules and Asses: WMS data for 1990 to 2015 were obtained from Appendix H of *Global Methane Emissions from Livestock and Poultry Manure* (EPA 1992). This report presents state WMS usage in percentages for the major animal types in the United States, based on information obtained from extension service personnel in each state. It was assumed that all manure not deposited in pasture, range, or paddock lands was managed in dry systems. For mules and asses, the WMS was assumed to be the same as horses.

Poultry—Hens (one year old or older), Pullets (hens less than one year old), and Other Chickens: WMS data for 1992 were obtained from *Global Methane Emissions from Livestock and Poultry Manure* (EPA 1992). These data were also used to represent 1990 and 1991. The percentage of layer operations using a shallow pit flush house with anaerobic lagoon or high-rise house without bedding was obtained for 1999 from a United Egg Producers voluntary survey (UEP 1999). These data were augmented for key poultry states (AL, AR, CA, FL, GA, IA, IN, MN, MO, NC, NE, OH, PA, TX, and WA) with USDA data (USDA, APHIS 2000). It was assumed that the change in system usage between 1990 and 1999 is proportionally distributed among those years of the inventory. It was also assumed that system usage in 2000 through 2015 was equal to that estimated for 1999. Data collected for EPA's Office of Water, including information collected during site visits (EPA 2002b), were used to estimate the distribution of waste by management system and animal type. As with dairy and swine, using information about AD WMS from EPA's AgSTAR database (EPA 2016), AD was added to the WMS distribution for poultry operations.

Poultry—Broilers and Turkeys: The percentage of turkeys and broilers on pasture was obtained from the Office of Air and Radiation's *Global Methane Emissions from Livestock and Poultry Manure* (EPA 1992). It was assumed that one percent of poultry waste is deposited in pastures, ranges, and paddocks (EPA 1992). The remainder of waste is assumed to be deposited in operations with bedding management. As with dairy, swine, and other poultry, AD systems were used to update the WMS distributions based on information from EPA's AgSTAR database (EPA 2016).

Step 4: Emission Factor Calculations

Methane conversion factors (MCFs) and N_2O emission factors (EFs) used in the emission calculations were determined using the methodologies presented below.

Methane Conversion Factors (MCFs)

Climate-based IPCC default MCFs (IPCC 2006) were used for all dry systems; these factors are presented in Table A-188. A U.S.-specific methodology was used to develop MCFs for all lagoon and liquid systems.

For animal waste managed in dry systems, the appropriate IPCC default MCF was applied based on annual average temperature data. The average county and state temperature data were obtained from the National Climate Data Center (NOAA 2016) and each state and year in the inventory was assigned a climate classification of cool, temperate or warm. Although there are some specific locations in the United States that may be included in the warm climate category, no aggregated state-level annual average temperatures are included in this category. In addition, some counties in a particular state may be included in the cool climate category, although the aggregated state-level annual average temperature may be included in the temperate category. Although considering the temperatures at a state level instead of a county level may be causing some specific locations to be classified into an inappropriate climate category, using the state level annual average temperature provides an estimate that is appropriate for calculating the national average.

For anaerobic lagoons and other liquid systems, a climate-based approach based on the van't Hoff-Arrhenius equation was developed to estimate MCFs that reflects the seasonal changes in temperatures, and also accounts for long-term retention time. This approach is consistent with the latest guidelines from IPCC (2006). The van't Hoff-Arrhenius equation, with a base temperature of 30°C, is shown in the following equation (Safley and Westerman 1990):

$$f = \exp\left[\frac{E(T_2 - T_1)}{RT_1T_2}\right]$$

where,

f	= van't Hoff-Arrhenius f factor, the proportion of VS that are biologically available for conversion to CH_4 based on the temperature of the system
T_1	= 303.15K
T_2	= Ambient temperature (K) for climate zone (in this case, a weighted value for each state)
E	= Activation energy constant (15,175 cal/mol)
R	= Ideal gas constant (1.987 cal/K mol)

For those animal populations using liquid manure management systems or manure runoff ponds (i.e., dairy cow, dairy heifer, layers, beef in feedlots, and swine) monthly average state temperatures were based on the counties where the specific animal population resides (i.e., the temperatures were weighted based on the percent of animals located in each county). County population data were calculated from state-level population data from NASS and county-state distribution data from the 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007 Census data (USDA 2014a). County population distribution data for 1990 and 1991 were assumed to be the same as 1992; county population distribution data for 1993 through 1996 were interpolated based on 1992 and 1997 data; county population data for 1998 through 2001 were interpolated based on 1997 and 2002 data; county population data for 2003 through 2006 were interpolated based on 2002 and 2007 data; county population data for 2008 through 2015 were assumed to be the same as 2007.

Annual MCFs for liquid systems are calculated as follows for each animal type, state, and year of the inventory:

- The weighted-average temperature for a state is calculated using the county population estimates and average monthly temperature in each county. Monthly temperatures are used to calculate a monthly van't Hoff-Arrhenius f factor, using the equation presented above. A minimum temperature of 5°C is used for uncovered anaerobic lagoons and 7.5°C is used for liquid/slurry and deep pit systems due to the biological activity in the lagoon which keeps the temperature above freezing.

- Monthly production of VS added to the system is estimated based on the animal type, number of animals present, and the volatile solids excretion rate of the animals.

- For lagoon systems, the calculation of methane includes a management and design practices (MDP) factor. This factor, equal to 0.8, was developed based on model comparisons to empirical CH_4 measurement data from anaerobic lagoon systems in the United States (ERG 2001). The MDP factor represents management and design factors which cause a system to operate at a less than optimal level.

- For all systems other than anaerobic lagoons, the amount of VS available for conversion to CH_4 each month is assumed to be equal to the amount of VS produced during the month (from Step 3). For anaerobic lagoons, the amount of VS available also includes VS that may remain in the system from previous months.

- The amount of VS consumed during the month is equal to the amount available for conversion multiplied by the *f* factor.

- For anaerobic lagoons, the amount of VS carried over from one month to the next is equal to the amount available for conversion minus the amount consumed. Lagoons are also modeled to have a solids clean-out once per year, occurring in the month of October.

- The estimated amount of CH_4 generated during the month is equal to the monthly VS consumed multiplied by the maximum CH_4 potential of the waste (B_o).

The annual MCF is then calculated as:

$$MCF_{annual} = \frac{CH_4 \text{ generated }_{annual}}{VS \text{ produced }_{annual} \times B_o}$$

where,

MCF_{annual}	= Methane conversion factor
VS produced $_{annual}$	= Volatile solids excreted annually
B_o	= Maximum CH_4 producing potential of the waste

In order to account for the carry-over of VS from one year to the next, it is assumed that a portion of the VS from the previous year are available in the lagoon system in the next year. For example, the VS from October, November, and December of 2005 are available in the lagoon system starting January of 2006 in the MCF calculation for lagoons in 2006. Following this procedure, the resulting MCF for lagoons accounts for temperature variation throughout the year, residual VS in a system (carry-over), and management and design practices that may reduce the VS available for conversion to CH_4. It is assumed that liquid-slurry systems have a retention time less than 30 days, so the liquid-slurry MCF calculation doesn't reflect the VS carry-over.

The liquid system MCFs are presented in Table A-189 by state, WMS, and animal group for 2015.

Nitrous Oxide Emission Factors

Direct N_2O EFs for manure management systems (kg N_2O-N/kg excreted N) were set equal to the most recent default IPCC factors (IPCC 2006), presented in Table A-190.

Indirect N_2O EFs account for two fractions of nitrogen losses: volatilization of ammonia (NH_3) and NO_X ($Frac_{gas}$) and runoff/leaching ($Frac_{runoff/leach}$). IPCC default indirect N_2O EFs were used to estimate indirect N_2O emissions. These factors are 0.010 kg N_2O-N/kg N for volatilization and 0.0075 kg N_2O/kg N for runoff/leaching.

Country-specific estimates of N losses were developed for $Frac_{gas}$ and $Frac_{runoff/leach}$ for the United States. The vast majority of volatilization losses are NH_3. Although there are also some small losses of NO_X, no quantified estimates were available for use and those losses are believed to be small (about 1 percent) in comparison to the NH_3 losses. Therefore, $Frac_{gas}$ values were based on WMS-specific volatilization values estimated from U.S. EPA's *National Emission Inventory - Ammonia Emissions from Animal Agriculture Operations* (EPA 2005). To estimate $Frac_{runoff/leach}$, data from EPA's Office of Water were used that estimate the amount of runoff from beef, dairy, and heifer operations in five geographic regions of the country (EPA 2002b). These estimates were used to develop U.S. runoff factors by animal type, WMS, and region. Nitrogen losses from leaching are believed to be small in comparison to the runoff losses and there are a lack of data to quantify these losses. Therefore, leaching losses were assumed to be zero and $Frac_{runoff/leach}$ was set equal to the runoff loss factor. Nitrogen losses from volatilization and runoff/leaching are presented in Table A-191.

Step 5: CH_4 Emission Calculations

To calculate CH_4 emissions for animals other than cattle, first the amount of VS excreted in manure that is managed in each WMS was estimated:

$$VS \text{ excreted}_{State, Animal, WMS} = Population_{State, Animal} \times \frac{TAM}{1000} \times VS \times WMS \times 365.25$$

where,

VS excreted $_{State, Animal, WMS}$	= Amount of VS excreted in manure managed in each WMS for each animal type (kg/yr)
Population $_{State, Animal}$	= Annual average state animal population by animal type (head)
TAM	= Typical animal mass (kg)
VS	= Volatile solids production rate (kg VS/1000 kg animal mass/day)
WMS	= Distribution of manure by WMS for each animal type in a state (percent)
365.25	= Days per year

Using the CEFM VS data for cattle, the amount of VS excreted in manure that is managed in each WMS was estimated using the following equation:

$$VS\ excreted_{State,\ Animal,\ WMS} = Population_{State,\ Animal}\ x\ VS\ x\ WMS$$

where,

VS excreted $_{State, Animal, WMS}$	= Amount of VS excreted in manure managed in each WMS for each animal type (kg/yr)
Population $_{State, Animal}$	= Annual average state animal population by animal type (head)
VS	= Volatile solids production rate (kg VS/animal/year)
WMS	= Distribution of manure by WMS for each animal type in a state (percent)

For all animals, the estimated amount of VS excreted into a WMS was used to calculate CH_4 emissions using the following equation:

$$CH_4 = \sum_{State, Animal, WMS} \left(VS\ excreted\ _{State, Animal, WMS} \times B_o \times MCF \times 0.662\right)$$

where,

CH_4	= CH_4 emissions (kg CH_4/yr)
VS excreted $_{WMS, State}$	= Amount of VS excreted in manure managed in each WMS (kg/yr)
B_o	= Maximum CH_4 producing capacity (m^3 CH_4/kg VS)
$MCF_{animal, state, WMS}$	= MCF for the animal group, state and WMS (percent)
0.662	= Density of methane at 25° C (kg CH_4/m^3 CH_4)

A calculation was developed to estimate the amount of CH_4 emitted from AD systems utilizing CH_4 capture and combustion technology. First, AD systems were assumed to produce 90 percent of the maximum CH_4 producing capacity (B_0) of the manure. This value is applied for all climate regions and AD system types. However, this is a conservative assumption as the actual amount of CH_4 produced by each AD system is very variable and will change based on operational and climate conditions and an assumption of 90 percent is likely overestimating CH_4 production from some systems and underestimating CH_4 production in other systems. The CH_4 production of AD systems is calculated using the equation below:

$$CH_4\ ProductionAD_{ADSystem} = ProductionAD_{ADSystem} \times \frac{TAM}{1000} \times VS \times B_O \times 0.662 \times 365.25 \times 0.90$$

where,

CH_4 Production $AD_{AD\ system}$	= CH_4 production from a particular AD system, (kg/yr)
Population AD $_{state}$	= Number of animals on a particular AD system
VS	= Volatile solids production rate (kg VS/1000 kg animal mass-day)
TAM	= Typical Animal Mass (kg/head)
B_o	= Maximum CH_4 producing capacity (CH_4 m^3/kg VS)
0.662	= Density of CH_4 at 25° C (kg CH_4/m^3 CH_4)
365.25	= Days/year
0.90	= CH_4 production factor for AD systems

The total amount of CH_4 produced by AD is calculated only as a means to estimate the emissions from AD; i.e., only the estimated amount of CH_4 actually entering the atmosphere from AD is reported in the inventory. The emissions to the atmosphere from AD are a result of leakage from the system (e.g., from the cover, piping, tank, etc.) and incomplete

combustion and are calculated using the collection efficiency (CE) and destruction efficiency (DE) of the AD system. The three primary types of AD systems in the United States are covered lagoons, complete mix and plug flow systems. The CE of covered lagoon systems was assumed to be 75 percent, and the CE of complete mix and plug flow AD systems was assumed to be 99 percent (EPA 2008). The CH_4 DE from flaring or burning in an engine was assumed to be 98 percent; therefore, the amount of CH_4 that would not be flared or combusted was assumed to be 2 percent (EPA 2008). The amount of CH_4 produced by systems with AD was calculated with the following equation:

$$CH_4 \text{ Emissions AD} = \sum_{State, Animal, ADSystems} \left(\begin{array}{l} \left[CH_4 \text{ Production AD}_{ADsystem} \times CE_{ADsystem} \times (1-DE)\right] \\ + \left[CH_4 \text{ Production AD}_{ADsystem} \times (1-CE_{ADsystem})\right] \end{array} \right)$$

where,

CH_4 Emissions AD	=	CH_4 emissions from AD systems, (kg/yr)
CH_4 Production $AD_{AD\ system}$	=	CH_4 production from a particular AD system, (kg/yr)
$CE_{AD\ system}$	=	Collection efficiency of the AD system, varies by AD system type
DE	=	Destruction efficiency of the AD system, 0.98 for all systems

Step 6: N₂O Emission Calculations

Total N_2O emissions from manure management systems were calculated by summing direct and indirect N_2O emissions. The first step in estimating direct and indirect N_2O emissions was calculating the amount of N excreted in manure and managed in each WMS. For calves and animals other than cattle the following equation was used:

$$N \text{ excreted }_{State, Animal, WMS} = Population_{State, Animal} \times WMS \times \frac{TAM}{1000} \times Nex \times 365.25$$

where,

N excreted $_{State,\ Animal,\ WMS}$	=	Amount of N excreted in manure managed in each WMS for each animal type (kg/yr)
Population $_{state}$	=	Annual average state animal population by animal type (head)
WMS	=	Distribution of manure by waste management system for each animal type in a state (percent)
TAM	=	Typical animal mass (kg)
Nex	=	Total Kjeldahl nitrogen excretion rate (kg N/1000 kg animal mass/day)
365.25	=	Days per year

Using the CEFM Nex data for cattle other than calves, the amount of N excreted was calculated using the following equation:

$$N \text{ excreted }_{State, Animal, WMS} = Population_{State, Animal} \times WMS \times Nex$$

where,

N excreted $_{State,\ Animal,\ WMS}$	=	Amount of N excreted in manure managed in each WMS for each animal type (kg/yr)
Population $_{state}$	=	Annual average state animal population by animal type (head)
WMS	=	Distribution of manure by waste management system for each animal type in a state (percent)
Nex	=	Total Kjeldahl N excretion rate (kg N/animal/year)

For all animals, direct N_2O emissions were calculated as follows:

$$Direct \text{ N}_2\text{O} = \sum_{State, Animal, WMS} \left(N \text{ excreted}_{State, Animal, WMS} \times EF_{WMS} \times \frac{44}{28} \right)$$

where,

Direct N₂O	=	Direct N_2O emissions (kg N₂O/yr)
N excreted $_{State,\ Animal,\ WMS}$	=	Amount of N excreted in manure managed in each WMS for each animal type

(kg/yr)

EF_{WMS}	= Direct N_2O emission factor from IPCC guidelines (kg N_2O-N /kg N)
44/28	= Conversion factor of N_2O-N to N_2O

Indirect N_2O emissions were calculated for all animals with the following equation:

$$\text{Indirect N}_2\text{O} = \sum_{\text{State,Animal,WMS}} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \text{N excreted}_{\text{State,Animal,WMS}} \times \dfrac{\text{Frac}_{\text{gas,WMS}}}{100} \times \text{EF}_{\text{volatilization}} \times \dfrac{44}{28} \end{bmatrix} + \\ \begin{bmatrix} \text{N excreted}_{\text{State,Animal,WMS}} \times \dfrac{\text{Frac}_{\text{runoff/leach,WMS}}}{100} \times \text{EF}_{\text{runoff/leach}} \times \dfrac{44}{28} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

where,

Indirect N_2O	= Indirect N_2O emissions (kg N_2O/yr)
N excreted $_{\text{State, Animal, WMS}}$	= Amount of N excreted in manure managed in each WMS for each animal type (kg/yr)
$\text{Frac}_{\text{gas,WMS}}$	= Nitrogen lost through volatilization in each WMS
$\text{Frac}_{\text{runoff/leach,WMS}}$	= Nitrogen lost through runoff and leaching in each WMS (data were not available for leaching so the value reflects only runoff)
$\text{EF}_{\text{volatilization}}$	= Emission factor for volatilization (0.010 kg N_2O-N/kg N)
$\text{EF}_{\text{runoff/leach}}$	= Emission factor for runoff/leaching (0.0075 kg N_2O-N/kg N)
44/28	= Conversion factor of N_2O-N to N_2O

Emission estimates of CH_4 and N_2O by animal type are presented for all years of the inventory in Table A-192 and Table A-193 respectively. Emission estimates for 2015 are presented by animal type and state in Table A-194 and Table A- 195 respectively.

Table A-182: Livestock Population (1,000 Head)[100]

Animal Type	1990	1995	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Dairy Cattle	19,512	18,681	17,927	17,833	17,919	17,642	17,793	18,078	18,190	18,422	18,560	18,297	18,442	18,587	18,505	18,527	18,798
Dairy Cows	*10,015*	*9,482*	*9,172*	*9,106*	*9,142*	*8,988*	*9,004*	*9,104*	*9,145*	*9,257*	*9,333*	*9,087*	*9,156*	*9,236*	*9,221*	*9,208*	*9,307*
Dairy Heifer	*4,129*	*4,108*	*4,045*	*4,060*	*4,073*	*4,033*	*4,162*	*4,294*	*4,343*	*4,401*	*4,437*	*4,545*	*4,577*	*4,581*	*4,525*	*4,579*	*4,727*
Dairy Calves	*5,369*	*5,091*	*4,668*	*4,704*	*4,621*	*4,628*	*4,680*	*4,703*	*4,765*	*4,791*	*4,666*	*4,709*	*4,770*	*4,758*	*4,740*	*4,764*	*4,764*
Swine[a]	53,941	58,899	58,913	60,028	59,827	60,735	61,073	61,887	65,417	67,183	65,842	64,723	65,572	66,363	65,437	64,325	68,191
Market <50 lb.	*18,359*	*19,656*	*19,659*	*19,863*	*19,929*	*20,222*	*20,228*	*20,514*	*21,812*	*19,933*	*19,411*	*19,067*	*19,285*	*19,472*	*19,002*	*18,952*	*19,836*
Market 50-119 lb.	*11,734*	*12,836*	*12,900*	*13,284*	*13,138*	*13,400*	*13,519*	*13,727*	*14,557*	*17,163*	*16,942*	*16,645*	*16,904*	*17,140*	*16,834*	*16,576*	*17,577*
Market 120-179 lb.	*9,440*	*10,545*	*10,708*	*11,013*	*11,050*	*11,227*	*11,336*	*11,443*	*12,185*	*12,825*	*12,517*	*12,377*	*12,514*	*12,714*	*12,674*	*12,333*	*13,225*
Market >180 lb.	*7,510*	*8,937*	*9,465*	*9,738*	*9,701*	*9,922*	*9,997*	*10,113*	*10,673*	*11,161*	*11,067*	*10,856*	*11,078*	*11,199*	*11,116*	*10,572*	*11,575*
Breeding	*6,899*	*6,926*	*6,181*	*6,129*	*6,011*	*5,963*	*5,993*	*6,090*	*6,190*	*6,102*	*5,905*	*5,778*	*5,791*	*5,839*	*5,812*	*5,892*	*5,978*
Beef Cattle[b]	81,576	90,361	84,237	84,260	83,361	81,672	82,193	83,263	82,801	81,532	80,993	80,484	78,937	76,858	76,075	75,245	76,225
Feedlot Steers	*6,357*	*7,233*	*7,932*	*8,116*	*8,416*	*8,018*	*8,116*	*8,724*	*8,674*	*8,474*	*8,434*	*8,584*	*8,771*	*8,586*	*8,614*	*8,695*	*8,562*
Feedlot Heifers	*3,192*	*3,831*	*4,569*	*4,557*	*4,676*	*4,521*	*4,536*	*4,801*	*4,730*	*4,585*	*4,493*	*4,620*	*4,830*	*4,742*	*4,653*	*4,525*	*4,321*
NOF Bulls	*2,160*	*2,385*	*2,274*	*2,244*	*2,248*	*2,201*	*2,214*	*2,258*	*2,214*	*2,207*	*2,188*	*2,190*	*2,165*	*2,100*	*2,074*	*2,038*	*2,109*
Beef Calves	*16,909*	*18,177*	*17,483*	*17,126*	*17,013*	*16,918*	*16,814*	*16,644*	*16,231*	*16,051*	*16,067*	*15,817*	*15,288*	*14,859*	*14,741*	*15,117*	*15,117*
NOF Heifers	*10,182*	*11,829*	*9,832*	*9,843*	*9,564*	*9,321*	*9,550*	*9,716*	*9,592*	*9,356*	*9,473*	*9,349*	*8,874*	*8,687*	*8,787*	*8,787*	*9,297*
NOF Steers	*10,321*	*11,716*	*8,724*	*8,883*	*8,347*	*8,067*	*8,185*	*8,248*	*8,302*	*8,244*	*8,560*	*8,234*	*7,568*	*7,173*	*7,457*	*7,374*	*7,517*
NOF Cows	*32,455*	*35,190*	*33,398*	*33,134*	*32,983*	*32,531*	*32,674*	*32,703*	*32,644*	*32,435*	*31,794*	*31,440*	*30,913*	*30,282*	*29,631*	*29,085*	*29,302*
Sheep	11,358	8,989	6,908	6,623	6,321	6,065	6,135	6,200	6,120	5,950	5,747	5,620	5,470	5,375	5,360	5,245	5,280
Sheep On Feed	*1,180*	*1,771*	*3,256*	*3,143*	*3,049*	*2,923*	*2,971*	*3,026*	*3,000*	*2,911*	*2,806*	*2,778*	*2,687*	*2,666*	*2,655*	*2,593*	*2,593*
Sheep NOF	*10,178*	*7,218*	*3,652*	*3,480*	*3,272*	*3,142*	*3,164*	*3,174*	*3,120*	*3,039*	*2,941*	*2,842*	*2,783*	*2,709*	*2,705*	*2,652*	*2,652*
Goats	2,516	2,357	2,475	2,530	2,652	2,774	2,897	3,019	3,141	3,037	2,933	2,829	2,725	2,622	2,518	2,414	2,310
Poultry[c]	1,537,074	1,826,977	2,060,398	2,097,691	2,085,268	2,130,877	2,150,410	2,154,236	2,166,936	2,175,990	2,088,828	2,104,335	2,095,951	2,168,697	2,106,502	2,116,333	2,127,997
Hens >1 yr.	*273,467*	*299,071*	*340,317*	*340,209*	*340,979*	*343,922*	*348,203*	*349,888*	*346,613*	*339,859*	*341,005*	*341,884*	*338,944*	*346,965*	*361,403*	*370,637*	*346,343*
Pullets	*73,167*	*81,369*	*95,656*	*95,289*	*100,346*	*101,429*	*96,809*	*96,596*	*103,816*	*99,458*	*102,301*	*105,738*	*102,233*	*104,460*	*106,646*	*106,490*	*116,802*
Chickens	*6,545*	*7,637*	*8,126*	*8,353*	*8,439*	*8,248*	*8,289*	*7,938*	*8,164*	*7,589*	*8,487*	*7,390*	*6,922*	*6,827*	*6,853*	*6,403*	*7,770*
Broilers	*1,066,209*	*1,331,940*	*1,525,413*	*1,562,015*	*1,544,155*	*1,589,209*	*1,613,091*	*1,612,327*	*1,619,400*	*1,638,055*	*1,554,582*	*1,567,927*	*1,565,018*	*1,625,945*	*1,551,600*	*1,553,636*	*1,579,382*
Turkeys	*117,685*	*106,960*	*90,887*	*91,826*	*91,349*	*88,069*	*84,018*	*87,487*	*88,943*	*91,029*	*82,453*	*81,396*	*82,833*	*84,500*	*80,000*	*79,167*	*77,700*
Horses	2,212	2,632	3,519	3,644	3,721	3,798	3,875	3,952	4,029	3,947	3,866	3,784	3,703	3,621	3,540	3,458	3,377
Mules and Asses	63	101	109	105	141	177	212	248	284	286	287	289	291	293	294	296	298
American Bison	47	104	213	232	225	218	212	205	198	191	184	177	169	162	155	148	141

[a] Prior to 2008, the Market <50 lbs category was <60 lbs and the Market 50-119 lbs category was Market 60-119 lbs; USDA updated the categories to be more consistent with international animal categories.
[b] NOF - Not on Feed
[c] Pullets includes laying pullets, pullets younger than 3 months, and pullets older than 3 months.
Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.
Source(s): See *Step 1: Livestock Population Characterization Data*

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[100] This table has not been updated for the current (1990 through 2016) Inventory. It will be updated for the next (1990 through 2017) Inventory submission.

Table A-183: Waste Characteristics Data

Animal Group	Typical Animal Mass, TAM Value (kg)	Source	Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen Excreted, Nex[a] Value	Source	Maximum Methane Generation Potential, B_0 Value (m^3 CH_4/kg VS added)	Source	Volatile Solids Excreted, VS[a] Value	Source
Dairy Cows	680	CEFM	Table A-185	CEFM	0.24	Morris 1976	Table A-185	CEFM
Dairy Heifers	406-408	CEFM	Table A-185	CEFM	0.17	Bryant et al. 1976	Table A-185	CEFM
Feedlot Steers	419-457	CEFM	Table A-185	CEFM	0.33	Hashimoto 1981	Table A-185	CEFM
Feedlot Heifers	384-430	CEFM	Table A-185	CEFM	0.33	Hashimoto 1981	Table A-185	CEFM
NOF Bulls	831-917	CEFM	Table A-185	CEFM	0.17	Hashimoto 1981	Table A-185	CEFM
NOF Calves	118	ERG 2003b	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008	0.17	Hashimoto 1981	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008
NOF Heifers	296-407	CEFM	Table A-185	CEFM	0.17	Hashimoto 1981	Table A-185	CEFM
NOF Steers	314-335	CEFM	Table A-185	CEFM	0.17	Hashimoto 1981	Table A-185	CEFM
NOF Cows	554-611	CEFM	Table A-185	CEFM	0.17	Hashimoto 1981	Table A-185	CEFM
American Bison	578.5	Meagher 1986	Table A-185	CEFM	0.17	Hashimoto 1981	Table A-185	CEFM
Market Swine <50 lbs.	13	ERG 2010a	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008	0.48	Hashimoto 1984	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008
Market Swine <60 lbs.	16	Safley 2000	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008	0.48	Hashimoto 1984	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008
Market Swine 50-119 lbs.	39	ERG 2010a	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008	0.48	Hashimoto 1984	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008
Market Swine 60-119 lbs.	41	Safley 2000	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008	0.48	Hashimoto 1984	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008
Market Swine 120-179 lbs.	68	Safley 2000	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008	0.48	Hashimoto 1984	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008
Market Swine >180 lbs.	91	Safley 2000	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008	0.48	Hashimoto 1984	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008
Breeding Swine	198	Safley 2000	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008	0.48	Hashimoto 1984	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008
Feedlot Sheep	25	EPA 1992	Table A-184	ASAE 1998, USDA 2008	0.36	EPA 1992	Table A-184	ASAE 1998, USDA 2008
NOF Sheep	80	EPA 1992	Table A-184	ASAE 1998, USDA 2008	0.19	EPA 1992	Table A-184	ASAE 1998, USDA 2008
Goats	64	ASAE 1998	Table A-184	ASAE 1998	0.17	EPA 1992	Table A-184	ASAE 1998
Horses	450	ASAE 1998	Table A-184	ASAE 1998, USDA 2008	0.33	EPA 1992	Table A-184	ASAE 1998, USDA 2008
Mules and Asses	130	IPCC 2006	Table A-184	IPCC 2006	0.33	EPA 1992	Table A-184	IPCC 2006
Hens >/= 1 yr	1.8	ASAE 1998	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008	0.39	Hill 1982	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008
Pullets	1.8	ASAE 1998	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008	0.39	Hill 1982	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008
Other Chickens	1.8	ASAE 1998	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008	0.39	Hill 1982	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008
Broilers	0.9	ASAE 1998	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008	0.36	Hill 1984	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008
Turkeys	6.8	ASAE 1998	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008	0.36	Hill 1984	Table A-184	USDA 1996, 2008

[a] Nex and VS values vary by year; Table A-185 shows state-level values for 2015 only.

Table A-184: Estimated Volatile Solids (VS) and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen Excreted (Nex) Production Rates by year for Swine, Poultry, Sheep, Goats, Horses, Mules and Asses, and Cattle Calves (kg/day/1000 kg animal mass)[101]

Animal Type	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
VS																		
Swine, Market <50 lbs.	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8
Swine, Market 50-119 lbs.	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Swine, Market 120-179 lbs.	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Swine, Market >180 lbs.	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Swine, Breeding	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
NOF Cattle Calves	6.4	6.4	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7
Sheep	9.2	9.2	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3
Goats	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Hens >1yr.	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2
Pullets	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2
Chickens	10.8	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
Broilers	15.0	15.0	15.7	15.8	16.0	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.7	16.8	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0
Turkeys	9.7	9.7	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
Horses	10.0	10.0	9.2	8.8	8.4	8.1	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1
Mules and Asses	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2
Nex																		
Swine, Market <50 lbs.	0.60	0.60	0.71	0.73	0.76	0.79	0.81	0.84	0.87	0.89	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92
Swine, Market 50-119 lbs.	0.42	0.42	0.46	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.50	0.51	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54
Swine, Market 120-179 lbs.	0.42	0.42	0.46	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.50	0.51	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54
Swine, Market >180 lbs.	0.42	0.42	0.46	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.50	0.51	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54
Swine, Breeding	0.24	0.24	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
NOF Cattle Calves	0.30	0.30	0.35	0.36	0.38	0.39	0.40	0.41	0.43	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
Sheep	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45

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Animal Type	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Goats	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
Hens >1yr.	0.70	0.70	0.73	0.73	0.74	0.75	0.76	0.77	0.77	0.78	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79
Pullets	0.70	0.70	0.73	0.73	0.74	0.75	0.76	0.77	0.77	0.78	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79
Chickens	0.83	0.83	0.92	0.94	0.97	0.99	1.01	1.03	1.06	1.08	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
Broilers	1.10	1.10	1.05	1.04	1.03	1.02	1.01	1.00	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96
Turkeys	0.74	0.74	0.70	0.69	0.68	0.67	0.66	0.65	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63
Horses	0.30	0.30	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Mules and Asses	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30

Source: USDA AWMFH (1996, 2008)

Table A-185: Estimated Volatile Solids (VS) and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen Excreted (Nex) Production Rates by State for Cattle (other than Calves) and American Bison[a] for 2015 (kg/animal/year)[102]

State	Volatile Solids									Nitrogen Excreted								
	Dairy Cow	Dairy Heifers	Beef NOF Cow	Beef NOF Heifers	Beef NOF Steer	Beef OF Heifers	Beef OF Steer	Beef NOF Bull	American Bison	Dairy Cow	Dairy Heifers	Beef NOF Cow	Beef NOF Heifers	Beef NOF Steer	Beef OF Heifers	Beef OF Steer	Beef NOF Bull	American Bison
Alabama	2,097	1,251	1,664	1,101	972	690	669	1,721	1,721	128	69	73	51	42	56	57	83	83
Alaska	1,971	1,251	1,891	1,273	1,116	690	670	1,956	1,956	121	69	59	42	33	56	57	69	69
Arizona	2,928	1,251	1,891	1,247	1,116	691	669	1,956	1,956	162	69	59	40	33	56	57	69	69
Arkansas	2,075	1,251	1,664	1,097	972	690	669	1,721	1,721	126	69	73	50	42	56	57	83	83
California	2,799	1,251	1,891	1,232	1,116	690	669	1,956	1,956	156	69	59	40	33	56	57	69	69
Colorado	3,018	1,251	1,891	1,204	1,116	691	669	1,956	1,956	166	69	59	38	33	56	57	69	69
Connecticut	2,656	1,251	1,674	1,111	977	691	669	1,731	1,731	151	69	74	52	42	56	57	84	84
Delaware	2,571	1,251	1,674	1,081	977	691	668	1,731	1,731	147	69	74	50	42	56	57	84	84
Florida	2,697	1,251	1,664	1,103	972	691	669	1,721	1,721	154	69	73	51	42	56	57	83	83
Georgia	2,771	1,251	1,664	1,098	972	691	668	1,721	1,721	157	69	73	50	42	56	57	83	83
Hawaii	2,288	1,251	1,891	1,254	1,116	691	668	1,956	1,956	135	69	59	41	33	56	57	69	69
Idaho	2,902	1,251	1,891	1,224	1,116	691	669	1,956	1,956	161	69	59	39	33	56	57	69	69
Illinois	2,603	1,251	1,589	1,011	924	691	669	1,643	1,643	148	69	75	49	43	56	57	85	85
Indiana	2,753	1,251	1,589	1,025	924	691	669	1,643	1,643	155	69	75	50	43	56	57	85	85
Iowa	2,813	1,251	1,589	991	924	691	669	1,643	1,643	157	69	75	48	43	56	57	85	85
Kansas	2,760	1,251	1,589	985	924	691	669	1,643	1,643	155	69	75	48	43	56	57	85	85
Kentucky	2,469	1,251	1,664	1,082	972	690	669	1,721	1,721	144	69	73	49	42	56	57	83	83
Louisiana	2,107	1,251	1,664	1,099	972	691	669	1,721	1,721	127	69	73	50	42	56	57	83	83
Maine	2,578	1,251	1,674	1,095	977	691	669	1,731	1,731	147	69	74	51	42	56	57	84	84
Maryland	2,598	1,251	1,674	1,081	977	691	669	1,731	1,731	148	69	74	50	42	56	57	84	84
Massachusetts	2,450	1,251	1,674	1,097	977	691	668	1,731	1,731	142	69	74	51	42	56	57	84	84
Michigan	2,977	1,251	1,589	1,011	924	691	669	1,643	1,643	164	69	75	49	43	56	57	85	85
Minnesota	2,636	1,251	1,589	1,007	924	691	669	1,643	1,643	150	69	75	49	43	56	57	85	85
Mississippi	2,274	1,251	1,664	1,097	972	690	669	1,721	1,721	136	69	73	50	42	56	57	83	83
Missouri	2,258	1,251	1,589	1,032	924	691	669	1,643	1,643	134	69	75	51	43	56	57	85	85
Montana	2,695	1,251	1,891	1,254	1,116	690	670	1,956	1,956	152	69	59	41	33	56	58	69	69
Nebraska	2,812	1,251	1,589	994	924	691	669	1,643	1,643	157	69	75	48	43	56	57	85	85
Nevada	2,823	1,251	1,891	1,241	1,116	691	669	1,956	1,956	158	69	59	40	33	56	57	69	69
New Hampshire	2,604	1,251	1,674	1,097	977	691	669	1,731	1,731	148	69	74	51	42	56	57	84	84
New Jersey	2,454	1,251	1,674	1,090	977	691	669	1,731	1,731	142	69	74	50	42	56	57	84	84
New Mexico	2,910	1,251	1,891	1,239	1,116	691	669	1,956	1,956	162	69	59	40	33	56	57	69	69
New York	2,804	1,251	1,674	1,079	977	691	668	1,731	1,731	157	69	74	50	42	56	57	84	84
North Carolina	2,721	1,251	1,664	1,095	972	691	669	1,721	1,721	155	69	73	50	42	56	57	83	83
North Dakota	2,649	1,251	1,589	1,020	924	691	668	1,643	1,643	150	69	75	50	43	56	57	85	85
Ohio	2,636	1,251	1,589	1,022	924	691	669	1,643	1,643	150	69	75	50	43	56	57	85	85
Oklahoma	2,483	1,251	1,664	1,078	972	691	669	1,721	1,721	143	69	73	49	42	56	57	83	83
Oregon	2,624	1,251	1,891	1,235	1,116	691	668	1,956	1,956	149	69	59	40	33	56	57	69	69
Pennsylvania	2,622	1,251	1,674	1,081	977	690	669	1,731	1,731	149	69	74	50	42	56	57	84	84

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State	Volatile Solids									Nitrogen Excreted								
	Dairy Cow	Dairy Heifers	Beef NOF Cow	Beef NOF Heifers	Beef NOF Steer	Beef OF Heifers	Beef OF Steer	Beef NOF Bull	American Bison	Dairy Cow	Dairy Heifers	Beef NOF Cow	Beef NOF Heifers	Beef NOF Steer	Beef OF Heifers	Beef OF Steer	Beef NOF Bull	American Bison
Rhode Island	2,419	1,251	1,674	1,101	977	691	669	1,731	1,731	140	69	74	51	42	56	57	84	84
South Carolina	2,454	1,251	1,664	1,095	972	690	669	1,721	1,721	144	69	73	50	42	56	57	83	83
South Dakota	2,762	1,251	1,589	1,017	924	691	669	1,643	1,643	155	69	75	50	43	56	57	85	85
Tennessee	2,385	1,251	1,664	1,092	972	692	666	1,721	1,721	141	69	73	50	42	55	56	83	83
Texas	2,765	1,251	1,664	1,058	972	691	669	1,721	1,721	155	69	73	48	42	56	57	83	83
Utah	2,828	1,251	1,891	1,240	1,116	691	669	1,956	1,956	158	69	59	40	33	56	57	69	69
Vermont	2,608	1,251	1,674	1,075	977	691	669	1,731	1,731	149	69	74	49	42	56	57	84	84
Virginia	2,608	1,251	1,664	1,095	972	691	669	1,721	1,721	150	69	73	50	42	56	57	83	83
Washington	2,881	1,251	1,891	1,207	1,116	691	668	1,956	1,956	160	69	59	38	33	56	57	69	69
West Virginia	2,269	1,251	1,674	1,093	977	690	669	1,731	1,731	134	69	74	51	42	56	57	84	84
Wisconsin	2,795	1,251	1,589	1,034	924	691	669	1,643	1,643	157	69	75	51	43	56	57	85	85
Wyoming	2,785	1,251	1,891	1,242	1,116	691	669	1,956	1,956	156	69	59	40	33	56	57	69	69

a Beef NOF Bull values were used for American bison Nex and VS.
Source: CEFM.

Table A-186: 2015 Manure Distribution Among Waste Management Systems by Operation (Percent)[103]

State	Beef Feedlots		Beef Not on Feed Operations	Dairy Cow Farms[a]						Dairy Heifer Facilities				Swine Operations[a]					Layer Operations		Broiler and Turkey Operations	
	Dry Lot[b]	Liquid/ Slurry[b]	Pasture, Range, Paddock	Pasture, Range, Paddock	Daily Spread	Solid Storage	Liquid/ Slurry	Anaerobic Lagoon	Deep Pit	Daily Spread[b]	Dry Lot[b]	Liquid/ Slurry[b]	Pasture, Range, Paddock[b]	Pasture, Range, Paddock	Solid Storage	Liquid/ Slurry	Anaerobic Lagoon	Deep Pit	Anaerobic Lagoon	Poultry without Litter	Pasture, Range, Paddock	Poultry with Litter
Alabama	100	1	100	51	16	9	9	14	0	17	38	0	45	6	4	7	54	30	42	58	1	99
Alaska	100	1	100	4	7	34	19	25	10	6	90	1	4	66	1	9	7	16	25	75	1	99
Arizona	100	0	100	0	10	9	19	61	0	10	90	0	0	5	4	7	54	31	60	40	1	99
Arkansas	100	1	100	63	14	8	6	8	0	15	28	0	57	5	4	17	36	38	0	100	1	99
California	100	1	100	0	10	9	20	60	0	11	88	1	1	20	3	7	43	27	12	88	1	99
Colorado	100	0	100	0	1	11	22	66	0	1	98	0	1	1	6	26	17	50	60	40	1	99
Connecticut	100	1	100	6	43	15	22	13	2	43	51	0	6	83	1	5	4	8	5	95	1	99
Delaware	100	1	100	6	44	18	19	11	2	44	50	0	6	17	4	22	16	41	5	95	1	99
Florida	100	1	100	12	22	7	15	43	0	22	61	1	17	73	1	7	6	13	42	58	1	99
Georgia	100	1	100	28	20	10	13	29	0	18	42	0	40	8	3	6	53	30	42	58	1	99
Hawaii	100	1	100	1	0	11	21	67	0	0	99	1	1	47	2	15	11	25	25	75	1	99
Idaho	100	0	100	0	0	11	22	66	0	1	99	0	0	9	5	24	16	46	60	40	1	99
Illinois	100	1	100	3	6	35	33	19	4	8	87	0	5	1	5	29	13	53	2	98	1	99
Indiana	100	1	100	6	10	26	30	26	2	13	79	0	8	1	5	29	13	52	0	100	1	99
Iowa	100	1	100	3	5	30	34	25	3	10	83	0	6	0	4	8	56	32	0	100	1	99
Kansas	100	1	100	2	3	15	38	40	1	5	92	0	3	1	5	29	13	53	2	98	1	99

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State	Beef Feedlots Dry Lot[b]	Beef Feedlots Liquid/Slurry[b]	Beef Not on Feed Operations Pasture, Range, Paddock	Dairy Cow Farms[a] Pasture, Range, Paddock	Dairy Cow Farms[a] Daily Spread	Dairy Cow Farms[a] Solid Storage	Dairy Cow Farms[a] Liquid/Slurry	Dairy Cow Farms[a] Anaerobic Lagoon	Dairy Cow Farms[a] Deep Pit	Dairy Heifer Facilities Daily Spread[b]	Dairy Heifer Facilities Dry Lot[b]	Dairy Heifer Facilities Liquid/Slurry[b]	Dairy Heifer Facilities Pasture, Range, Paddock[b]	Swine Operations[a] Pasture, Range, Paddock	Swine Operations[a] Solid Storage	Swine Operations[a] Liquid/Slurry	Swine Operations[a] Anaerobic Lagoon	Swine Operations[a] Deep Pit	Layer Operations Anaerobic Lagoon	Layer Operations Poultry without Litter	Broiler and Turkey Operations Pasture, Range, Paddock	Broiler and Turkey Operations Poultry with Litter
Kentucky	100	1	100	57	15	15	8	4	1	14	24	0	61	5	4	8	52	31	5	95	1	99
Louisiana	100	1	100	51	16	9	9	14	0	14	26	0	60	89	0	3	2	5	60	40	1	99
Maine	100	1	100	6	44	18	19	12	2	45	48	0	7	75	1	7	5	12	5	95	1	99
Maryland	100	1	100	6	44	20	17	10	3	44	49	0	7	19	4	22	15	40	5	95	1	99
Massachusetts	100	1	100	7	45	22	17	7	2	45	47	0	7	67	1	9	7	15	5	95	1	99
Michigan	100	1	100	2	3	20	39	33	2	6	91	0	3	2	5	26	17	49	2	98	1	99
Minnesota	100	1	100	4	7	35	30	20	4	10	84	0	6	0	5	26	17	50	0	100	1	99
Mississippi	100	1	100	55	15	10	8	11	1	15	28	0	57	1	4	6	59	31	60	40	1	99
Missouri	100	1	100	7	12	39	24	14	4	14	77	0	8	1	5	29	13	53	0	100	1	99
Montana	100	0	100	3	4	19	27	43	4	4	93	0	3	3	5	26	17	50	60	40	1	99
Nebraska	100	1	100	3	5	21	36	33	2	6	90	0	4	1	5	29	14	52	2	98	1	99
Nevada	100	0	100	0	0	10	23	66	0	0	99	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	100	1	99
New Hampshire	100	1	100	6	44	18	19	10	2	44	49	0	7	100	0	0	0	0	5	95	1	99
New Jersey	100	1	100	8	46	25	13	6	3	45	47	0	8	70	1	8	6	14	5	95	1	99
New Mexico	100	0	100	0	10	9	19	61	0	10	90	0	0	74	1	7	6	12	60	40	1	99
New York	100	1	100	6	44	16	18	14	2	45	48	0	7	30	4	19	13	35	5	95	1	99
North Carolina	100	1	100	41	18	10	17	13	1	15	31	0	54	0	4	6	59	31	42	58	1	99
North Dakota	100	1	100	5	9	27	31	25	2	11	83	0	6	2	5	26	17	50	2	98	1	99
Ohio	100	1	100	7	11	33	27	19	3	14	78	0	8	2	5	28	13	52	0	100	1	99
Oklahoma	100	0	100	0	8	17	22	50	3	6	94	0	0	1	4	6	59	31	60	40	1	99
Oregon	100	1	100	12	0	10	22	54	1	0	80	1	20	78	1	6	5	11	25	75	1	99
Pennsylvania	100	1	100	8	46	24	13	7	2	47	44	0	9	3	5	26	18	48	0	100	1	99
Rhode Island	100	1	100	7	45	24	15	6	3	47	44	0	9	77	1	6	5	11	5	95	1	99
South Carolina	100	1	100	44	17	7	12	20	0	15	31	0	54	5	4	7	54	31	60	40	1	99
South Dakota	100	1	100	2	4	17	39	38	1	8	87	0	5	1	5	26	17	50	2	98	1	99
Tennessee	100	1	100	55	15	12	10	5	2	15	26	0	59	11	3	7	50	29	5	95	1	99
Texas	100	0	100	0	9	11	21	59	1	8	92	0	0	6	4	6	56	30	12	88	1	99
Utah	100	0	100	1	1	13	24	60	1	1	98	0	1	1	6	26	17	51	60	40	1	99
Vermont	100	1	100	5	43	15	20	15	2	44	49	0	7	81	1	5	4	9	5	95	1	99
Virginia	100	1	100	52	16	12	12	7	2	15	28	0	57	7	3	7	53	30	5	95	1	99
Washington	100	1	100	8	0	10	22	59	1	0	83	1	17	33	3	18	13	33	12	88	1	99
West Virginia	100	1	100	8	46	24	14	5	3	45	48	0	7	93	0	2	1	3	5	95	1	99
Wisconsin	100	1	100	4	6	32	32	22	3	12	82	0	7	12	4	24	17	43	2	98	1	99
Wyoming	100	0	100	4	7	19	21	44	4	12	81	0	7	1	6	26	17	51	60	40	1	99

[a] In the methane inventory for manure management, the percent of dairy cows and swine with AD systems is estimated using data from EPA's AgSTAR Program.

[b] Because manure from beef feedlots and dairy heifers may be managed for long periods of time in multiple systems (i.e., both drylot and runoff collection pond), the percent of manure that generates emissions is greater than 100 percent.

Source(s): *See Step 3: Waste Management System Usage Data*

Table A-187: Manure Management System Descriptions

Manure Management System	Description[a]
Pasture, Range, Paddock	The manure from pasture and range grazing animals is allowed to lie as is, and is not managed. Methane emissions are accounted for under Manure Management, but the N_2O emissions from manure deposited on PRP are included under the Agricultural Soil Management category.
Daily Spread	Manure is routinely removed from a confinement facility and is applied to cropland or pasture within 24 hours of excretion. Methane and indirect N_2O emissions are accounted for under Manure Management. Direct N_2O emissions from land application are covered under the Agricultural Soil Management category.
Solid Storage	The storage of manure, typically for a period of several months, in unconfined piles or stacks. Manure is able to be stacked due to the presence of a sufficient amount of bedding material or loss of moisture by evaporation.
Dry Lot	A paved or unpaved open confinement area without any significant vegetative cover where accumulating manure may be removed periodically. Dry lots are most typically found in dry climates but also are used in humid climates.
Liquid/ Slurry	Manure is stored as excreted or with some minimal addition of water to facilitate handling and is stored in either tanks or earthen ponds, usually for periods less than one year.
Anaerobic Lagoon	Uncovered anaerobic lagoons are designed and operated to combine waste stabilization and storage. Lagoon supernatant is usually used to remove manure from the associated confinement facilities to the lagoon. Anaerobic lagoons are designed with varying lengths of storage (up to a year or greater), depending on the climate region, the VS loading rate, and other operational factors. Anaerobic lagoons accumulate sludge over time, diminishing treatment capacity. Lagoons must be cleaned out once every 5 to 15 years, and the sludge is typically applied to agricultural lands. The water from the lagoon may be recycled as flush water or used to irrigate and fertilize fields. Lagoons are sometimes used in combination with a solids separator, typically for dairy waste. Solids separators help control the buildup of nondegradable material such as straw or other bedding materials.
Anaerobic Digester	Animal excreta with or without straw are collected and anaerobically digested in a large containment vessel (complete mix or plug flow digester) or covered lagoon. Digesters are designed and operated for waste stabilization by the microbial reduction of complex organic compounds to CO_2 and CH_4, which is captured and flared or used as a fuel.
Deep Pit	Collection and storage of manure usually with little or no added water typically below a slatted floor in an enclosed animal confinement facility. Typical storage periods range from 5 to 12 months, after which manure is removed from the pit and transferred to a treatment system or applied to land.
Poultry with Litter	Enclosed poultry houses use bedding derived from wood shavings, rice hulls, chopped straw, peanut hulls, or other products, depending on availability. The bedding absorbs moisture and dilutes the manure produced by the birds. Litter is typically cleaned out completely once a year. These manure systems are typically used for all poultry breeder flocks and for the production of meat type chickens (broilers) and other fowl.
Poultry without Litter	In high-rise cages or scrape-out/belt systems, manure is excreted onto the floor below with no bedding to absorb moisture. The ventilation system dries the manure as it is stored. When designed and operated properly, this high-rise system is a form of passive windrow composting.

[a] Manure management system descriptions are based on the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* (Volume 4: Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use, Chapter 10: Emissions from Livestock and Manure Management, Tables 10.18 and 10.21) and the *Development Document for the Final Revisions to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Regulation and the Effluent Guidelines for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations* (EPA-821-R-03-001, December 2002).

Table A-188: Methane Conversion Factors (percent) for Dry Systems

Waste Management System	Cool Climate MCF	Temperate Climate MCF	Warm Climate MCF
Aerobic Treatment	0	0	0
Anaerobic Digester	0	0	0
Cattle Deep Litter (<1 month)	3	3	30
Cattle Deep Litter (>1 month)	21	44	76
Composting - In Vessel	0.5	0.5	0.5
Composting - Static Pile	0.5	0.5	0.5
Composting-Extensive/ Passive	0.5	1	1.5
Composting-Intensive	0.5	1	1.5
Daily Spread	0.1	0.5	1
Dry Lot	1	1.5	5
Fuel	10	10	10
Pasture	1	1.5	2
Poultry with bedding	1.5	1.5	1.5

Waste Management System	Cool Climate MCF	Temperate Climate MCF	Warm Climate MCF
Poultry without bedding	1.5	1.5	1.5
Solid Storage	2	4	5

Source: IPCC (2006)

Table A-189: Methane Conversion Factors by State for Liquid Systems for 2015 (Percent)[104]

State	Dairy Anaerobic Lagoon	Dairy Liquid/Slurry and Deep Pit	Swine Anaerobic Lagoon	Swine Liquid/Slurry and Deep Pit	Beef Liquid/Slurry	Poultry Anaerobic Lagoon
Alabama	78	42	78	41	43	78
Alaska	49	15	49	15	15	49
Arizona	79	58	78	49	54	75
Arkansas	77	37	78	40	37	77
California	73	34	73	33	43	74
Colorado	66	22	68	24	24	65
Connecticut	71	26	71	26	26	71
Delaware	76	33	76	33	33	76
Florida	82	60	81	58	58	81
Georgia	78	44	78	42	42	77
Hawaii	77	58	77	58	58	77
Idaho	68	25	65	22	22	67
Illinois	73	30	73	29	28	73
Indiana	71	27	72	28	28	72
Iowa	70	26	70	26	26	70
Kansas	76	34	76	33	34	76
Kentucky	75	33	75	33	32	76
Louisiana	80	50	80	50	50	79
Maine	65	21	65	21	21	65
Maryland	75	31	75	32	32	75
Massachusetts	69	24	70	25	25	70
Michigan	68	24	69	24	24	68
Minnesota	68	24	69	24	24	68
Mississippi	79	45	78	43	46	79
Missouri	75	32	74	32	32	75
Montana	60	19	63	21	21	63
Nebraska	72	27	72	28	27	72
Nevada	70	26	71	28	26	70
New Hampshire	66	22	66	23	22	66
New Jersey	74	30	75	31	29	74
New Mexico	74	32	72	29	30	71
New York	67	23	68	24	24	68
North Carolina	76	35	78	41	33	76
North Dakota	67	23	67	23	23	67
Ohio	71	27	72	28	28	72
Oklahoma	78	40	77	37	37	77
Oregon	65	23	65	23	23	65
Pennsylvania	71	27	72	28	28	72
Rhode Island	71	26	71	26	26	71
South Carolina	78	43	79	44	42	78
South Dakota	69	25	70	25	25	70
Tennessee	76	34	76	36	35	76
Texas	78	42	78	45	39	79
Utah	66	22	69	25	24	65
Vermont	64	21	64	21	21	65
Virginia	73	30	76	33	31	74
Washington	65	23	67	24	25	66
West Virginia	72	28	72	28	27	71
Wisconsin	67	23	68	24	24	68

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State	Dairy		Swine		Beef	Poultry
	Anaerobic Lagoon	Liquid/Slurry and Deep Pit	Anaerobic Lagoon	Liquid/Slurry and Deep Pit	Liquid/Slurry	Anaerobic Lagoon
Wyoming	62	20	63	21	22	62

Note: MCFs developed using Tier 2 methods described in *2006 IPCC Guidelines*, Section 10.4.2.

Table A-190: Direct Nitrous Oxide Emission Factors (kg N₂O-N/kg Kjdl N excreted)[105]

Waste Management System	Direct N$_2$O Emission Factor
Aerobic Treatment (forced aeration)	0.005
Aerobic Treatment (natural aeration)	0.01
Anaerobic Digester	0
Anaerobic Lagoon	0
Cattle Deep Bed (active mix)	0.07
Cattle Deep Bed (no mix)	0.01
Composting_in vessel	0.006
Composting_intensive	0.1
Composting_passive	0.01
Composting_static	0.006
Daily Spread	0
Deep Pit	0.002
Dry Lot	0.02
Fuel	0
Liquid/Slurry	0.005
Pasture	0
Poultry with bedding	0.001
Poultry without bedding	0.001
Solid Storage	0.005

Source: *2006 IPCC Guidelines*

Table A-191: Indirect Nitrous Oxide Loss Factors (Percent)

Animal Type	Waste Management System	Volatilization Nitrogen Loss	Runoff/Leaching Nitrogen Loss[a]				
			Central	Pacific	Mid-Atlantic	Midwest	South
Beef Cattle	Dry Lot	23	1.1	3.9	3.6	1.9	4.3
Beef Cattle	Liquid/Slurry	26	0	0	0	0	0
Beef Cattle	Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dairy Cattle	Anaerobic Lagoon	43	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.9
Dairy Cattle	Daily Spread	10	0	0	0	0	0
Dairy Cattle	Deep Pit	24	0	0	0	0	0
Dairy Cattle	Dry Lot	15	0.6	2	1.8	0.9	2.2
Dairy Cattle	Liquid/Slurry	26	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.9
Dairy Cattle	Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dairy Cattle	Solid Storage	27	0.2	0	0	0	0
American Bison	Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goats	Dry Lot	23	1.1	3.9	3.6	1.9	4.3
Goats	Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horses	Dry Lot	23	0	0	0	0	0
Horses	Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mules and Asses	Dry Lot	23	0	0	0	0	0
Mules and Asses	Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poultry	Anaerobic Lagoon	54	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.9
Poultry	Liquid/Slurry	26	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.9
Poultry	Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Poultry	Poultry with bedding	26	0	0	0	0	0
Poultry	Poultry without bedding	34	0	0	0	0	0
Poultry	Solid Storage	8	0	0	0	0	0
Sheep	Dry Lot	23	1.1	3.9	3.6	1.9	4.3
Sheep	Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swine	Anaerobic Lagoon	58	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.9
Swine	Deep Pit	34	0	0	0	0	0
Swine	Liquid/Slurry	26	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.9
Swine	Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swine	Solid Storage	45	0	0	0	0	0

[a] Data for nitrogen losses due to leaching were not available, so the values represent only nitrogen losses due to runoff.
Source: EPA (2002b, 2005).

Animal Type	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Dairy Cattle	**590**	**685**	**889**	**951**	**985**	**1,036**	**988**	**1,057**	**1,091**	**1,212**	**1,243**	**1,243**	**1,256**	**1,297**	**1,373**	**1,338**	**1,361**	**1,391**
Dairy Cows	*581*	*676*	*880*	*942*	*977*	*1,027*	*980*	*1,049*	*1,083*	*1,202*	*1,233*	*1,233*	*1,247*	*1,288*	*1,363*	*1,328*	*1,350*	*1,380*
Dairy Heifer	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*6*	*7*	*7*	*8*	*8*	*8*	*8*	*8*	*9*	*8*	*8*	*9*
Dairy Calves	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*	*2*
Swine	**622**	**763**	**835**	**854**	**877**	**859**	**858**	**916**	**902**	**984**	**938**	**899**	**950**	**949**	**982**	**930**	**890**	**985**
Market Swine	483	608	681	697	719	705	707	755	742	816	780	751	794	795	823	779	739	826
Market <50 lbs.	*102*	*121*	*131*	*134*	*137*	*135*	*135*	*142*	*141*	*155*	*110*	*104*	*110*	*110*	*114*	*106*	*104*	*113*
Market 50-119 lbs.	*101*	*123*	*136*	*138*	*144*	*140*	*141*	*150*	*148*	*163*	*174*	*168*	*177*	*177*	*184*	*174*	*167*	*185*
Market 120-179 lbs.	*136*	*170*	*189*	*192*	*199*	*196*	*196*	*210*	*206*	*228*	*228*	*219*	*233*	*232*	*241*	*231*	*219*	*244*
Market >180 lbs.	*144*	*193*	*225*	*232*	*240*	*234*	*235*	*252*	*247*	*270*	*268*	*260*	*274*	*276*	*283*	*268*	*249*	*284*
Breeding Swine	139	155	155	158	158	154	151	161	160	168	158	149	156	155	159	151	151	160
Beef Cattle	**126**	**139**	**131**	**134**	**131**	**131**	**129**	**133**	**137**	**134**	**130**	**130**	**132**	**131**	**128**	**121**	**120**	**126**
Feedlot Steers	*14*	*14*	*15*	*15*	*15*	*16*	*15*	*15*	*16*	*16*	*16*	*16*	*16*	*17*	*16*	*16*	*16*	*16*
Feedlot Heifers	*7*	*8*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*
NOF Bulls	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*	*5*
Beef Calves	*6*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*6*	*6*	*7*
NOF Heifers	*12*	*15*	*13*	*13*	*13*	*13*	*12*	*13*	*13*	*13*	*13*	*13*	*13*	*12*	*12*	*12*	*12*	*13*
NOF Steers	*12*	*14*	*11*	*11*	*11*	*10*	*10*	*10*	*11*	*10*	*10*	*11*	*10*	*10*	*9*	*9*	*9*	*9*
NOF Cows	*69*	*76*	*71*	*73*	*71*	*71*	*71*	*73*	*75*	*73*	*70*	*70*	*71*	*71*	*69*	*64*	*63*	*67*
Sheep	**7**	**5**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3**
Goats	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Poultry	**131**	**128**	**127**	**131**	**129**	**130**	**129**	**129**	**131**	**134**	**129**	**128**	**129**	**127**	**128**	**128**	**131**	**135**
Hens >1 yr.	*73*	*69*	*66*	*70*	*67*	*68*	*66*	*66*	*66*	*67*	*64*	*64*	*64*	*63*	*63*	*65*	*67*	*68*
Total Pullets	*25*	*22*	*22*	*22*	*22*	*22*	*23*	*22*	*23*	*25*	*23*	*23*	*24*	*23*	*23*	*24*	*24*	*26*
Chickens	*4*	*4*	*3*	*3*	*4*	*4*	*3*	*3*	*3*	*3*	*3*	*4*	*3*	*3*	*3*	*3*	*3*	*3*
Broilers	*19*	*23*	*28*	*28*	*29*	*29*	*30*	*31*	*32*	*32*	*33*	*31*	*31*	*31*	*32*	*31*	*31*	*32*
Turkeys	*10*	*9*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*7*	*6*	*6*	*6*	*6*	*6*	*6*	*6*
Horses	**9**	**11**	**13**	**13**	**13**	**13**	**12**	**12**	**12**	**11**	**10**	**10**	**10**	**10**	**10**	**9**	**9**	**9**
Mules and Asses	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**
American Bison	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**	**+**

+ Does not exceed 0.5 kt.
a Accounts for CH_4 reductions due to capture and destruction of CH_4 at facilities using anaerobic digesters.

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Table A-193: Total (Direct and Indirect) Nitrous Oxide Emissions from Livestock Manure Management (kt)[107]

Animal Type	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Dairy Cattle	17.7	18.2	18.4	18.7	18.9	19.1	18.2	18.7	19.3	19.3	19.0	19.2	19.3	19.5	19.8	19.7	19.8	20.3
Dairy Cows	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.9	11.0	11.1	10.6	10.8	11.1	11.1	10.9	11.1	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.6
Dairy Heifer	7.1	7.5	7.6	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.6	7.8	8.2	8.2	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.3	8.4	8.7
Dairy Calves	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Swine	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.6
Market Swine	3.0	3.5	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.9	5.0	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.8
Market <50 lbs.	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Market 50-119 lbs.	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3
Market 120-179 lbs.	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7
Market >180 lbs.	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.0
Breeding Swine	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Beef Cattle	19.8	21.8	25.0	24.1	24.8	25.0	23.6	24.0	25.7	25.6	25.1	25.1	25.3	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.0	25.8
Feedlot Steers	13.4	14.4	16.1	15.4	16.0	16.3	15.3	15.5	16.7	16.7	16.5	16.5	16.6	16.9	16.7	17.0	17.3	17.3
Feedlot Heifers	6.4	7.4	8.9	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.4	8.5	9.0	8.9	8.7	8.6	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.5
Sheep	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
Goats	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Poultry	4.7	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.2
Hens >1 yr.	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
Total Pullets	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Chickens	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Broilers	2.2	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.8
Turkeys	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Horses	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Mules and Asses	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
American Bison	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

+ Does not exceed 0.5 kt.
NA (Not Applicable)
Note: American bison are maintained entirely on unmanaged WMS; there are no American bison N$_2$O emissions from managed systems.

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Table A-194: Methane Emissions by State from Livestock Manure Management for 2015 (kt)ᵃ[108]

State	Beef on Feedlots	Beef Not on Feedᵇ	Dairy Cow	Dairy Heifer	Swine— Market	Swine— Breeding	Layer	Broiler	Turkey	Sheep	Goats	Horses	Mules and Asses	American Bison	Total
Alabama	0.0151	2.3891	0.4306	0.0081	1.6671	0.4671	9.3023	3.9333	0.0208	0.0085	0.0135	0.1632	0.0132	0.0005	18.4326
Alaska	+	0.0166	0.0161	0.0002	0.0023	0.0015	0.2705	+	0.0207	0.0057	0.0002	0.0026	+	0.0040	0.3403
Arizona	0.6429	1.0611	54.2481	0.1537	2.0060	0.6661	0.9310	+	0.0208	0.1057	0.0335	0.3502	0.0041	+	60.2232
Arkansas	0.0336	3.2110	0.2329	0.0106	0.9678	1.8692	0.6232	3.4942	0.6877	0.0085	0.0136	0.1655	0.0095	0.0002	11.3275
California	1.3318	3.6631	399.7726	1.9988	1.3906	0.1080	2.8400	0.2036	0.2876	0.4229	0.0546	0.3931	0.0072	0.0029	412.4769
Colorado	1.5020	2.8195	33.5230	0.1506	4.5934	2.6309	3.9822	+	0.0207	0.1973	0.0066	0.2303	0.0049	0.0174	49.6787
Connecticut	0.0003	0.0189	1.1524	0.0137	0.0044	0.0021	0.1012	+	0.0207	0.0034	0.0011	0.0459	0.0008	0.0002	1.3650
Delaware	0.0003	0.0092	0.3293	0.0045	0.0194	0.0124	0.1061	0.8844	0.0207	0.0057	0.0003	0.0164	0.0001	0.0002	1.4088
Florida	0.0111	3.2606	23.4736	0.1038	0.0609	0.0435	7.0412	0.2365	0.0208	0.0085	0.0182	0.3985	0.0113	+	34.6884
Georgia	0.0133	1.7873	10.2297	0.0740	2.2700	0.8846	16.1855	4.8657	0.0208	0.0085	0.0241	0.2160	0.0099	0.0005	36.5899
Hawaii	0.0027	0.2858	0.5184	0.0029	0.0615	0.0411	0.4163	+	0.0208	0.0085	0.0057	0.0140	0.0005	0.0002	1.3784
Idaho	0.3871	1.6927	122.1684	0.4856	0.1477	0.0870	0.8315	+	0.0207	0.1222	0.0046	0.1180	0.0030	0.0100	126.0784
Illinois	0.4035	1.0113	9.3806	0.0844	44.8221	10.5079	0.2696	0.2029	0.0207	0.0268	0.0076	0.1153	0.0026	0.0006	66.8560
Indiana	0.1744	0.5910	15.9269	0.1285	36.1877	5.5922	1.0429	0.2029	0.4811	0.0235	0.0084	0.2346	0.0041	0.0018	60.5999
Iowa	2.0667	3.1056	26.2279	0.2073	315.5249	31.8828	1.3261	0.2029	0.2268	0.0822	0.0141	0.1234	0.0033	0.0022	380.9962
Kansas	3.8121	5.0002	27.4863	0.1485	21.7869	4.1020	0.0607	+	0.0207	0.0310	0.0095	0.1442	0.0027	0.0085	62.6134
Kentucky	0.0302	2.5062	1.6651	0.0802	6.5611	1.4136	0.6808	1.1139	0.0207	0.0226	0.0109	0.2664	0.0099	0.0024	14.3840
Louisiana	0.0089	1.6866	0.8189	0.0141	0.0125	0.0090	2.4196	0.2036	0.0208	0.0085	0.0064	0.1950	0.0086	0.0001	5.4126
Maine	0.0008	0.0399	1.3959	0.0265	0.0092	0.0050	0.0951	+	0.0207	0.0034	0.0017	0.0260	0.0003	0.0004	1.6248
Maryland	0.0193	0.1268	2.6337	0.0442	0.1577	0.0992	0.3375	1.0987	0.0207	0.0057	0.0018	0.0600	0.0009	0.0005	4.6067
Massachusetts	0.0003	0.0194	0.3615	0.0118	0.0355	0.0145	0.0135	+	0.0207	0.0034	0.0022	0.0442	0.0004	0.0001	0.5276
Michigan	0.2642	0.4435	60.3755	0.2640	10.0486	2.0626	0.8292	0.2029	0.1296	0.0357	0.0066	0.1755	0.0031	0.0016	74.8427
Minnesota	0.6416	1.2525	37.3493	0.4428	67.6863	10.8214	0.3365	0.1680	1.0219	0.0611	0.0080	0.1142	0.0021	0.0022	119.9079
Mississippi	0.0173	1.7844	0.4742	0.0166	8.6468	1.8000	8.2770	2.6243	0.0208	0.0085	0.0078	0.1798	0.0102	+	23.8678
Missouri	0.1236	4.5447	6.6046	0.0985	23.2820	8.4510	0.4077	1.0665	0.4736	0.0399	0.0270	0.2150	0.0070	0.0019	45.3430
Montana	0.0679	4.4400	1.7480	0.0105	1.1951	0.3948	0.3877	+	0.0207	0.1010	0.0023	0.2049	0.0036	0.0324	8.6089
Nebraska	4.2658	5.9518	8.3449	0.0321	27.8275	8.3543	0.4730	0.2029	0.0207	0.0381	0.0051	0.1392	0.0030	0.0487	55.7072
Nevada	0.0064	0.6131	6.6164	0.0137	0.0002	0.0002	0.0305	+	0.0207	0.0324	0.0068	0.0545	0.0005	0.0001	7.3955
New Hampshire	0.0002	0.0117	0.6768	0.0092	0.0011	0.0005	0.0961	+	0.0207	0.0034	0.0014	0.0189	0.0001	0.0006	0.8406
New Jersey	0.0003	0.0218	0.2701	0.0067	0.0477	0.0117	0.1047	+	0.0207	0.0057	0.0017	0.0573	0.0006	0.0004	0.5495
New Mexico	0.0164	1.2871	77.4625	0.1702	0.0033	0.0033	0.8774	+	0.0207	0.0423	0.0070	0.1073	0.0014	0.0118	80.0107
New York	0.0459	0.4512	34.6877	0.5859	0.4460	0.1100	0.6165	0.2029	0.0207	0.0376	0.0086	0.2043	0.0029	0.0009	37.4209
North Carolina	0.0076	0.9251	3.4750	0.0453	138.7190	33.7077	13.0670	2.9882	0.7753	0.0211	0.0177	0.1970	0.0106	0.0002	193.9568
North Dakota	0.0711	2.2401	1.6826	0.0094	0.8179	0.5490	0.0571	+	0.0207	0.0301	0.0013	0.0998	0.0010	0.0107	5.5907
Ohio	0.2862	0.8297	22.4935	0.2006	22.0331	3.6934	1.0647	0.2911	0.1296	0.0569	0.0102	0.2433	0.0053	0.0010	51.3385
Oklahoma	0.6394	7.8899	7.8296	0.0572	29.2451	16.8565	3.3746	0.7882	0.0208	0.0374	0.0252	0.5090	0.0153	0.0270	67.3153
Oregon	0.1582	1.6292	20.1686	0.1044	0.0176	0.0096	0.8733	0.2029	0.0207	0.0916	0.0076	0.1293	0.0023	0.0033	23.4187
Pennsylvania	0.1757	0.6268	18.5185	0.5243	11.1041	2.0637	0.8124	0.6893	0.1620	0.0404	0.0112	0.2673	0.0071	0.0009	35.0035

[108] This table has not been updated for the current (1990 through 2016) Inventory. It will be updated for the next (1990 through 2017) Inventory submission.

State	Beef on Feedlots	Beef Not on Feed[b]	Dairy Cow	Dairy Heifer	Swine—Market	Swine—Breeding	Layer	Broiler	Turkey	Sheep	Goats	Horses	Mules and Asses	American Bison	Total
Rhode Island	0.0001	0.0044	0.0325	0.0009	0.0028	0.0022	0.1017	+	0.0207	0.0034	0.0002	0.0039	0.0001	+	0.1728
South Carolina	0.0039	0.6349	1.2822	0.0136	4.4947	0.4184	5.0005	0.8812	0.0208	0.0085	0.0134	0.1901	0.0067	0.0003	12.9693
South Dakota	0.6453	4.3993	15.3640	0.1034	11.0760	3.3747	0.1014	+	0.1072	0.1198	0.0050	0.1493	0.0011	0.0566	35.5031
Tennessee	0.0259	3.2529	1.5998	0.0449	3.6006	0.6394	0.2260	0.6727	0.0208	0.0310	0.0256	0.2276	0.0155	+	10.3826
Texas	6.0470	18.2179	113.7558	0.5747	13.4191	3.4142	4.9055	2.2109	0.0208	0.5075	0.2708	1.2156	0.0715	0.0101	164.6413
Utah	0.0391	0.9999	19.2656	0.0724	5.7015	1.2942	4.0254	+	0.0897	0.1363	0.0033	0.1281	0.0025	0.0021	31.7600
Vermont	0.0010	0.0651	6.6809	0.0927	0.0063	0.0041	0.0102	+	0.0207	0.0034	0.0032	0.0234	0.0010	0.0001	6.9122
Virginia	0.0383	1.6286	3.5346	0.0753	4.8657	0.1645	0.3717	0.9514	0.4237	0.0352	0.0109	0.1856	0.0053	0.0019	12.2925
Washington	0.4006	0.8123	52.7571	0.2355	0.1193	0.0689	1.4902	0.2029	0.0207	0.0244	0.0059	0.1085	0.0026	0.0014	56.2502
West Virginia	0.0078	0.4799	0.2976	0.0069	0.0038	0.0031	0.1820	0.3392	0.0748	0.0155	0.0033	0.0432	0.0022	+	1.4594
Wisconsin	0.4347	1.1380	123.7352	1.1506	2.4610	0.7450	0.3117	0.1951	0.0207	0.0362	0.0160	0.2049	0.0043	0.0058	130.4592
Wyoming	0.1192	2.1020	0.8642	0.0075	0.3552	0.4711	0.7751	+	0.0207	0.1621	0.0024	0.1482	0.0021	0.0171	5.0468

+ Does not exceed 0.00005 kt.

[a] Accounts for CH_4 reductions due to capture and destruction of CH_4 at facilities using anaerobic digesters.

[b] Beef Not on Feed includes calves.

Table A-195: Total (Direct and Indirect) Nitrous Oxide Emissions by State from Livestock Manure Management for 2015 (kt) [109]

State	Beef Feedlot-Heifer	Beef Feedlot-Steers	Dairy Cow	Dairy Heifer	Swine-Market	Swine-Breeding	Layer	Broiler	Turkey	Sheep	Goats	Horses	Mules and Asses	American Bison	Total
Alabama	0.0033	0.0067	0.0036	0.0027	0.0081	0.0017	0.0650	0.3480	0.0024	0.0046	0.0011	0.0056	0.0005	NA	0.4534
Alaska	+	+	0.0003	0.0002	+	+	0.0045	+	0.0024	0.0015	+	0.0001	+	NA	0.0091
Arizona	0.1684	0.3396	0.2457	0.1379	0.0094	0.0023	0.0048	+	0.0024	0.0165	0.0026	0.0120	0.0001	NA	0.9419
Arkansas	0.0077	0.0155	0.0023	0.0027	0.0059	0.0082	0.0882	0.3091	0.0797	0.0040	0.0011	0.0057	0.0003	NA	0.5304
California	0.2950	0.5935	2.1651	1.6122	0.0078	0.0004	0.0596	0.0180	0.0333	0.0747	0.0043	0.0135	0.0003	NA	4.8778
Colorado	0.6137	1.2390	0.2039	0.2301	0.0485	0.0205	0.0239	+	0.0024	0.0463	0.0008	0.0119	0.0003	NA	2.4411
Connecticut	0.0001	0.0002	0.0174	0.0100	+	+	0.0043	+	0.0024	0.0027	0.0001	0.0024	+	NA	0.0397
Delaware	0.0001	0.0002	0.0045	0.0031	0.0002	0.0001	0.0043	0.0785	0.0024	0.0046	+	0.0008	+	NA	0.0988
Florida	0.0022	0.0045	0.1143	0.0514	0.0003	0.0002	0.0463	0.0209	0.0024	0.0046	0.0015	0.0137	0.0004	NA	0.2627
Georgia	0.0029	0.0060	0.0648	0.0273	0.0110	0.0032	0.1128	0.4305	0.0024	0.0046	0.0019	0.0074	0.0004	NA	0.6752
Hawaii	0.0005	0.0011	0.0025	0.0023	0.0003	0.0002	0.0045	+	0.0024	0.0015	0.0005	0.0005	+	NA	0.0163
Idaho	0.1589	0.3214	0.7943	0.7418	0.0016	0.0007	0.0048	+	0.0024	0.0287	0.0005	0.0061	0.0002	NA	2.0613
Illinois	0.1558	0.3138	0.1370	0.1066	0.4147	0.0709	0.0192	0.0180	0.0024	0.0187	0.0009	0.0059	0.0001	NA	1.2640
Indiana	0.0673	0.1356	0.2458	0.1488	0.3485	0.0395	0.1449	0.0180	0.0559	0.0164	0.0010	0.0121	0.0002	NA	1.2338
Iowa	0.8033	1.6226	0.3207	0.2555	1.8775	0.1390	0.1842	0.0180	0.0264	0.0574	0.0017	0.0064	0.0002	NA	5.3127
Kansas	1.4249	2.8802	0.2062	0.1944	0.1831	0.0255	0.0043	+	0.0024	0.0217	0.0011	0.0074	0.0001	NA	4.9514
Kentucky	0.0104	0.0209	0.0301	0.0266	0.0353	0.0056	0.0277	0.0989	0.0024	0.0183	0.0013	0.0137	0.0005	NA	0.2918
Louisiana	0.0019	0.0038	0.0062	0.0031	0.0001	+	0.0121	0.0180	0.0024	0.0040	0.0005	0.0067	0.0003	NA	0.0591
Maine	0.0003	0.0006	0.0265	0.0189	0.0001	+	0.0043	+	0.0024	0.0027	0.0002	0.0013	+	NA	0.0573

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Maryland	0.0066	0.0134	0.0444	0.0301	0.0013	0.0006	0.0137	0.0975	0.0024	0.0046	0.0002	0.0031	+	NA	0.2178
Massachusetts	0.0001	0.0002	0.0106	0.0082	0.0003	0.0001	0.0006	+	0.0024	0.0027	0.0003	0.0023	+	NA	0.0278
Michigan	0.1036	0.2096	0.6380	0.3560	0.1016	0.0155	0.0612	0.0180	0.0151	0.0249	0.0008	0.0090	0.0002	NA	1.5535
Minnesota	0.2515	0.5083	0.6572	0.5547	0.6848	0.0807	0.0468	0.0149	0.1188	0.0426	0.0009	0.0059	0.0001	NA	2.9672
Mississippi	0.0038	0.0076	0.0053	0.0041	0.0415	0.0062	0.0423	0.2322	0.0024	0.0046	0.0006	0.0062	0.0004	NA	0.3570
Missouri	0.0468	0.0943	0.1073	0.1095	0.2157	0.0569	0.0568	0.0947	0.0551	0.0279	0.0032	0.0111	0.0004	NA	0.8796
Montana	0.0283	0.0569	0.0188	0.0153	0.0140	0.0034	0.0024	+	0.0024	0.0237	0.0003	0.0106	0.0002	NA	0.1762
Nebraska	1.6457	3.3280	0.0799	0.0425	0.2698	0.0596	0.0341	0.0180	0.0024	0.0266	0.0006	0.0072	0.0002	NA	5.5145
Nevada	0.0026	0.0053	0.0376	0.0209	+	+	0.0042	+	0.0024	0.0076	0.0008	0.0028	+	NA	0.0843
New Hampshire	0.0001	0.0001	0.0125	0.0066	+	+	0.0043	+	0.0024	0.0027	0.0002	0.0010	+	NA	0.0299
New Jersey	0.0001	0.0002	0.0058	0.0044	0.0004	0.0001	0.0043	+	0.0024	0.0046	0.0002	0.0030	+	NA	0.0255
New Mexico	0.0065	0.0132	0.4053	0.2332	+	+	0.0048	+	0.0024	0.0099	0.0008	0.0055	0.0001	NA	0.6819
New York	0.0167	0.0339	0.5709	0.4138	0.0045	0.0008	0.0269	0.0180	0.0024	0.0305	0.0010	0.0105	0.0002	NA	1.1301
North Carolina	0.0026	0.0052	0.0331	0.0132	0.6712	0.1203	0.0923	0.2644	0.0898	0.0114	0.0014	0.0068	0.0004	NA	1.3121
North Dakota	0.0280	0.0567	0.0218	0.0117	0.0088	0.0044	0.0043	+	0.0024	0.0210	0.0001	0.0051	0.0001	NA	0.1644
Ohio	0.1102	0.2229	0.3582	0.2316	0.2128	0.0262	0.1466	0.0258	0.0151	0.0459	0.0012	0.0125	0.0003	NA	1.4093
Oklahoma	0.1736	0.3507	0.0481	0.0549	0.1469	0.0616	0.0172	0.0697	0.0024	0.0173	0.0020	0.0175	0.0005	NA	0.9625
Oregon	0.0548	0.1110	0.1444	0.1130	0.0002	0.0001	0.0111	0.0180	0.0024	0.0243	0.0009	0.0067	0.0001	NA	0.4869
Pennsylvania	0.0627	0.1260	0.4561	0.3336	0.1024	0.0142	0.1130	0.0612	0.0188	0.0328	0.0013	0.0138	0.0004	NA	1.3363
Rhode Island	+	0.0001	0.0008	0.0005	+	+	0.0043	+	0.0024	0.0027	+	0.0002	+	NA	0.0110
South Carolina	0.0009	0.0018	0.0084	0.0037	0.0227	0.0016	0.0252	0.0780	0.0024	0.0046	0.0011	0.0065	0.0002	NA	0.1571
South Dakota	0.2515	0.5083	0.1437	0.1336	0.1087	0.0244	0.0074	+	0.0125	0.0837	0.0006	0.0077	0.0001	NA	1.2821
Tennessee	0.0062	0.0127	0.0226	0.0159	0.0187	0.0025	0.0093	0.0595	0.0024	0.0168	0.0020	0.0078	0.0005	NA	0.1769
Texas	1.6347	3.3045	0.5806	0.5408	0.0713	0.0133	0.0977	0.1956	0.0024	0.0794	0.0214	0.0418	0.0025	NA	6.5860
Utah	0.0160	0.0323	0.1305	0.1100	0.0573	0.0107	0.0240	+	0.0104	0.0320	0.0004	0.0066	0.0001	NA	0.4303
Vermont	0.0004	0.0007	0.1181	0.0673	0.0001	+	0.0005	+	0.0024	0.0027	0.0004	0.0012	0.0001	NA	0.1938
Virginia	0.0132	0.0267	0.0512	0.0288	0.0256	0.0006	0.0154	0.0844	0.0493	0.0286	0.0013	0.0096	0.0003	NA	0.3352
Washington	0.1369	0.2771	0.3563	0.2674	0.0012	0.0005	0.0347	0.0180	0.0024	0.0065	0.0007	0.0056	0.0001	NA	1.1075
West Virginia	0.0028	0.0056	0.0071	0.0047	+	+	0.0078	0.0301	0.0087	0.0126	0.0004	0.0022	0.0001	NA	0.0822
Wisconsin	0.1709	0.3452	1.9134	1.4068	0.0245	0.0055	0.0230	0.0173	0.0024	0.0253	0.0019	0.0106	0.0002	NA	3.9470
Wyoming	0.0491	0.0992	0.0077	0.0095	0.0049	0.0047	0.0048	+	0.0024	0.0380	0.0003	0.0076	0.0001	NA	0.2285

+ Does not exceed 0.00005 kt.

NA (Not Applicable)

Note: American bison are maintained entirely on unmanaged WMS; there are no American bison N_2O emissions from managed systems.

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3.12. Methodology for Estimating N₂O Emissions, CH₄ Emissions and Soil Organic C Stock Changes from Agricultural Lands (Cropland and Grassland)

This annex provides a detailed description of Tier 1, 2 and 3 methods that are used to estimate soil organic C stock changes for *Cropland Remaining Cropland*, *Land Converted to Cropland*, *Grassland Remaining Grassland* and *Land Converted to Grassland;* direct N₂O emissions from cropland and grassland soils; indirect N₂O emissions from volatilization, leaching, and runoff from croplands and grasslands; and CH₄ emissions from rice cultivation. Splicing methods are used to fill gaps at the end of the time series for these emission sources, which are not described in this annex. The splicing methods are applied for two reasons. First, the Inventory is currently compiled every two years for many categories in the AFOLU sector in order to conserve resources that are needed to implement improvements. Second, even in years that the Inventory is compiled fully with the Tier 1, 2 and 3 methods, there are typically gaps in the activity data at the end of the time series, which means that these methods cannot be applied. The splicing methods are described in the main chapters, particularly Box 6-4 in the *Cropland Remaining Cropland* section and Box 5-3 in the Agricultural Soil Management section.

Nitrous oxide (N₂O) is produced in soils through the microbial processes of nitrification and denitrification.[110] Management influences these processes by modifying the availability of mineral nitrogen (N), which is a key control on the N₂O emissions rates (Mosier et al. 1998). Emissions can occur directly in the soil where the N is made available or can be transported to another location following volatilization, leaching, or runoff, and then converted into N₂O. Management practices influence soil organic C stocks in agricultural soils by modifying the natural processes of photosynthesis (i.e., crop and forage production) and microbial decomposition. CH₄ emissions from rice cultivation occur under flooded conditions through the process of methanogenesis. This sub-annex describes the methodologies used to calculate N₂O emissions from agricultural soil management and annual carbon (C) stock changes from mineral and organic soils classified as *Cropland Remaining Cropland*, *Land Converted to Cropland*, *Grassland Remaining Grassland*, and *Land Converted to Grassland*[111], and CH₄ emissions from *Rice Cultivation.* This annex provides the underlying methodologies for these three emission sources because there is considerable overlap in the methods with the majority of emissions estimated using the DayCent biogeochemical[112] simulation model.

A combination of Tier 1, 2 and 3 approaches are used to estimate direct and indirect N₂O emissions and C stock changes in agricultural soils. More specifically, the methodologies used to estimate soil N₂O emissions include:

1) A Tier 3 method using the DayCent biogeochemical simulation model to estimate direct emissions from mineral soils that have less than 35 percent coarse fragments by volume and are used to produce alfalfa hay, barley, corn, cotton, dry beans, grass hay, grass-clover hay, oats, onions, peanuts, potatoes, rice, sorghum, soybeans, sugar beets, sunflowers, tomatoes, and wheat, as well as non-federal grasslands and land use change between grassland and cropland (with the crops listed above and less than 35 percent coarse fragments);

2) A combination of the Tier 3 and 1 methods to estimate indirect N₂O emissions associated with management of cropland and grassland simulated with DayCent in Item 1;

3) A Tier 1 method to estimate direct and indirect N₂O emissions from mineral soils that are not simulated with DayCent, including very gravelly, cobbly, or shaley soils (greater than 35 percent coarse fragments by volume); mineral soils with less than 35 percent coarse fragments that are used to produce crops that are not simulated by DayCent; and crops that are rotated with the crops that are not simulated with DayCent Pasture/Range/Paddock (PRP) manure N deposited on federal grasslands; and

4) A Tier 1 method to estimate direct N₂O emissions due to partial or complete drainage of organic soils in croplands and grasslands.

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[110] Nitrification and denitrification are driven by the activity of microorganisms in soils. Nitrification is the aerobic microbial oxidation of ammonium (NH_4^+) to nitrate (NO_3^-), and denitrification is the anaerobic microbial reduction of nitrate to N_2. Nitrous oxide is a gaseous intermediate product in the reaction sequence of denitrification, which leaks from microbial cells into the soil and then into the atmosphere. Nitrous oxide is also produced during nitrification, although by a less well-understood mechanism (Nevison 2000).

[111] Soil C stock change methods for forestland are described in the *Forestland Remaining Forestland* section.

[112] Biogeochemical cycles are the flow of chemical elements and compounds between living organisms and the physical environment.

The methodologies used to estimate soil CH_4 emissions from rice cultivation include:

1) A Tier 3 method using the DayCent biogeochemical simulation model to estimate CH_4 emissions from mineral soils that have less than 35 percent coarse fragments by volume and rice grown continuously or in rotation with a crop listed in (1) for soil N_2O emissions; and
2) A Tier 1 method to estimate CH_4 emissions from all other soils used to produce rice that are not estimated with the Tier 3 method, including rice grown on organic soils (i.e., *Histosols*), mineral soils with very gravelly, cobbly, or shaley soils (greater than 35 percent coarse fragments by volume), and rice grown in rotation with crops that are not simulated by DayCent.

The methodologies used to estimate soil organic C stock changes include:

1) A Tier 3 method using the DayCent biogeochemical simulation model to estimate soil organic C stock changes in mineral soils as described in Item 1 for N_2O emissions;
2) Tier 2 methods with country-specific stock change factors for estimating mineral soil organic C stock changes for mineral soils that are very gravelly, cobbly, or shaley (greater than 35 percent coarse fragments by volume), are used to produce crops or have land use changes to cropland and grassland (other than the conversions between cropland and grassland that are included in Item 1) that are not simulated with DayCent;
3) Tier 2 methods with country-specific stock change factors for estimating mineral soil organic C stock changes on federal lands;
4) Tier 2 methods with country-specific emission factors for estimating losses of C from organic soils that are partly or completely drained for agricultural production; and
5) Tier 2 methods for estimating additional changes in mineral soil C stocks due to biosolids (i.e., sewage sludge) additions to soils.

As described above, the Inventory uses a Tier 3 approach to estimate direct soil N_2O emissions, CH_4 emissions from rice cultivation, and C stock changes for the majority of agricultural lands. This approach has the following advantages over the IPCC Tier 1 or 2 approaches:

1) It utilizes actual weather data at sub-county scales enabling quantification of inter-annual variability in N_2O emissions and C stock changes at finer spatial scales, as opposed to a single emission factor for the entire country for soil N_2O or broad climate region classification for soil C stock changes;
2) The model uses a more detailed characterization of spatially-mapped soil properties that influence soil C and N dynamics, as opposed to the broad soil taxonomic classifications of the IPCC methodology;
3) The simulation approach provides a more detailed representation of management influences and their interactions than are represented by a discrete factor-based approach in the Tier 1 and 2 methods; and
4) Soil N_2O and CH_4 emissions, and C stock changes are estimated on a more continuous, daily basis as a function of the interaction of climate, soil, and land management, compared with the linear rate changes that are estimated with the Tier 1 and 2 methods.

The DayCent process-based simulation model (daily time-step version of the Century model) has been selected for the Tier 3 approach based on the following criteria:

1) The model has been developed in the United States and extensively tested for U.S. conditions (e.g., Parton et al. 1987, 1993). In addition, the model has been widely used by researchers and agencies in many other parts of the world for simulating soil C dynamics at local, regional and national scales (e.g., Brazil, Canada, India, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico), soil N_2O emissions (e.g., Canada, China, Ireland, New Zealand) (Abdalla et al. 2010; Li et al. 2005; Smith et al. 2008; Stehfest and Muller 2004; Cheng et al. 2014), and CH_4 emissions (Cheng et al. 2013).
2) The model is capable of simulating cropland, grassland, forest, and savanna ecosystems, and land-use transitions between these different land uses. It is, thus, well suited to model land-use change effects.
3) The model is designed to simulate management practices that influence soil C dynamics, CH_4 emissions and direct N_2O emissions, with the exception of cultivated organic soils; cobbly, gravelly, or shaley soils; and crops that have not been parameterized for DayCent simulations (e.g., some vegetables, tobacco, perennial/horticultural crops, and crops that are rotated with these crops). For these latter cases, an IPCC Tier 2 method has been used for soil C stock changes and IPCC Tier 1 method for CH_4 and N_2O emissions. The model can also be used estimate the amount of N leaching and runoff, as well as volatilization of N, which is subject to indirect N_2O emissions.
4) Much of the data needed for the model is available from existing national databases. The exceptions are management of federal grasslands and biosolids (i.e., sewage sludge) amendments to soils, which are not known

at a sufficient resolution to use the Tier 3 model. Soil N_2O emissions and C stock changes associated with these practices are addressed with a Tier 1 and 2 method, respectively.

Overall, the Tier 3 approach is used to estimate approximately about 91 percent of direct soil N_2O emissions 94 percent of the rice cultivation, and 88 percent of the land area associated with estimation of soil organic C stock changes under agricultural management in the United States.

Tier 3 Method Description and Model Evaluation

The DayCent biogeochemical model (Parton et al. 1998; Del Grosso et al. 2001, 2011) simulates biogeochemical C and N fluxes between the atmosphere, vegetation, and soil. The model provides a more complete estimation of soil C stock changes, CH_4 and N_2O emissions than IPCC Tier 1 or 2 methods by accounting for a broader suite of environmental drivers that influence emissions and stock changes. These drivers include soil characteristics, weather patterns, crop and forage characteristics, and management practices. The DayCent model utilizes the soil C modeling framework developed in the Century model (Parton et al. 1987, 1988, 1994; Metherell et al. 1993), but has been refined to simulate dynamics at a daily time-step. Carbon and N dynamics are linked in plant-soil systems through biogeochemical processes of microbial decomposition and plant production (McGill and Cole 1981). Coupling the three source categories (i.e., agricultural soil C, rice CH_4 and soil N_2O) in a single inventory analysis ensures that there is a consistent treatment of the processes and interactions between C and N cycling in soils. For example, plant growth is controlled by nutrient availability, water, and temperature stress. Plant growth, along with residue management, determines C inputs to soils and influences C stock changes. Removal of soil mineral N by plants influences the amount of N that can be converted into N_2O. Nutrient supply is a function of external nutrient additions as well as litter and soil organic matter (SOM) decomposition rates, and increasing decomposition can lead to a reduction in soil organic C stocks due to microbial respiration, and greater N_2O emissions by enhancing mineral N availability in soils.

Key processes simulated by DayCent include (1) plant growth; (2) organic matter formation and decomposition; (3) soil water and temperature regimes by layer; (4) nitrification and denitrification processes; and (5) methanogenesis (Figure A-7). Each of these submodels will be described separately below.

1) The plant-growth submodel simulates C assimilation through photosynthesis; N uptake; dry matter production; partitioning of C within the crop or forage; senescence; and mortality. The primary function of the growth submodel is to estimate the amount, type, and timing of organic matter inputs to soil, and to represent the influence of the plant on soil water, temperature, and N balance. Yield and removal of harvested biomass are also simulated. Separate submodels are designed to simulate herbaceous plants (i.e., agricultural crops and grasses) and woody vegetation (i.e., trees and scrub). Maximum daily net primary production (NPP) is estimated using the NASA-CASA production algorithm (Potter et al.1993, 2007) and MODIS Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI) products, MOD13Q1 and MYD13Q1, or an approximation of EVI data derived from the MODIS products (Gurung et al. 2009). The NASA-CASA production algorithm is only used for the following major crops: corn, soybeans, sorghum, cotton and wheat.[113] Other regions and crops are simulated with a single value for the maximum daily NPP, instead of the more dynamic NASA-CASA algorithm. The maximum daily NPP rate is modified by air temperature and available water to capture temperature and moisture stress. If the NASA-CASA algorithm is not used in the simulation, then production is further subject to nutrient limitations (i.e., nitrogen). Model evaluation has shown that the NASA-CASA algorithm improves the precision of NPP estimates by using the EVI products to inform the production model. The r^2 is 83 percent for the NASA-CASA algorithm and 64 percent for the single parameter value approach. See Figure A-8.

2) Dynamics of soil organic C and N (Figure A-7) are simulated for the surface and belowground litter pools and soil organic matter in the top 20 cm of the soil profile; mineral N dynamics are simulated through the whole soil profile. Organic C and N stocks are represented by two plant litter pools (metabolic and structural) and three soil organic matter (SOM) pools (active, slow, and passive). The metabolic litter pool represents the easily decomposable constituents of plant residues, while the structural litter pool is composed of more recalcitrant, ligno-cellulose plant materials. The three SOM pools represent a gradient in decomposability, from active SOM (representing microbial biomass and associated metabolites) having a rapid turnover (months to years), to passive SOM (representing highly processed, humified, condensed decomposition products), which is highly recalcitrant,

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[113] It is a planned improvement to estimate NPP for additional crops and grass forage with the NASA-CASA method in the future.

with mean residence times on the order of several hundred years. The slow pool represents decomposition products of intermediate stability, having a mean residence time on the order of decades and is the fraction that tends to change the most in response to changes in land use and management. Soil texture influences turnover rates of the slow and passive pools. The clay and silt-sized mineral fraction of the soil provides physical protection from microbial decomposition, leading to enhanced SOM stabilization in finely textured soils. Soil temperature and moisture, tillage disturbance, aeration, and other factors influence decomposition and loss of C from the soil organic matter pools.

3) The soil-water submodel simulates water flows and changes in soil water availability, which influences both plant growth and decomposition/nutrient cycling processes. The moisture content of soils are simulated through a multi-layer profile based on precipitation, snow accumulation and melting, interception, soil and canopy evaporation, transpiration, soil water movement, runoff, and drainage.

Figure A-7: DayCent Model Flow Diagram
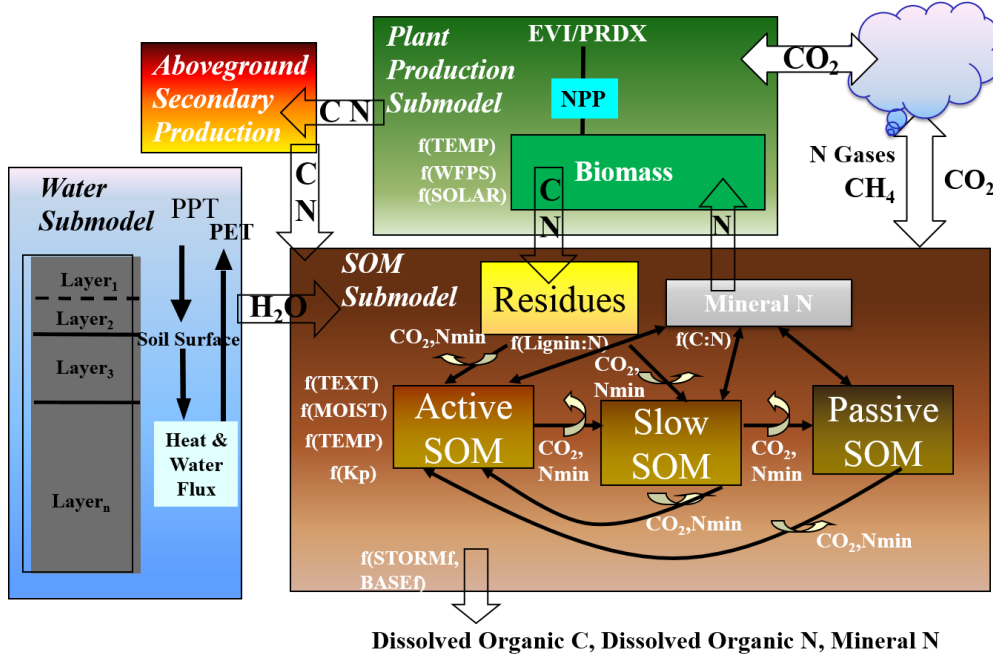
Figure A-8: Modeled versus measured net primary production (g C m⁻²)
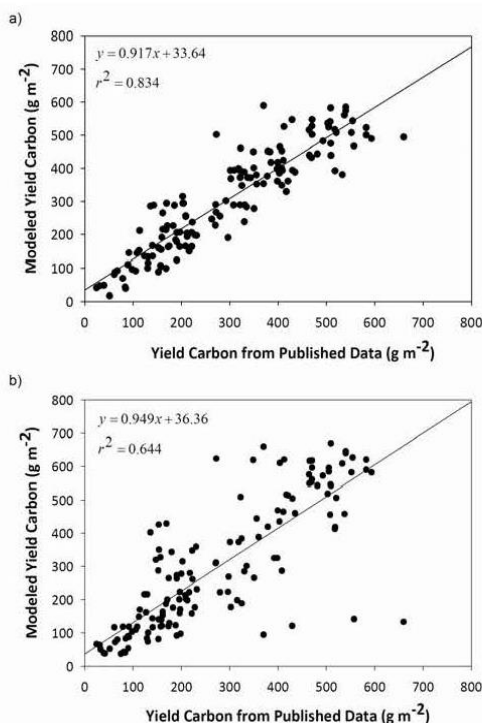
Part a) presents results of the NASA-CASA algorithm (r^2 = 83%) and part b) presents the results of a single parameter value for maximum net primary production (r^2 = 64%).

4) Soil mineral N dynamics are modeled based on N inputs from fertilizer inputs (synthetic and organic), residue N inputs, soil organic matter mineralization in addition to symbiotic and asymbiotic N fixation. Mineral N is available for plant and microbial uptake, and is largely controlled by the specified stoichiometric limits for these organisms (i.e., C:N ratios). Mineral and organic N losses are simulated with leaching and runoff, and nitrogen can be volatilized and lost from the soil through ammonia volatilization, nitrification and denitrification. N_2O emissions occur through nitrification and denitrification. Denitrification is a function of soil NO_3^- concentration, water filled pore space (WFPS), heterotrophic (i.e., microbial) respiration, and texture. Nitrification is controlled by soil ammonium (NH_4^+) concentration, water filled pore space, temperature, and pH (See Box 2 for more information).

5) Methanogenesis is modeled under anaerobic conditions and is controlled by carbon substrate availability, temperature, and redox potential (Cheng et al. 2013). Carbon substrate supply is determined by decomposition of residues and soil organic matter, in addition to root exudation. The transport of CH_4 to the atmosphere occurs through the rice plant and via ebullition (i.e., bubbles). CH_4 can be oxidized (methanotrophy) as it moves through a flooded soil and the oxidation rates are higher as the plants mature and in soils with more clay (Sass et al. 1994).

The model allows for a variety of management options to be simulated, including different crop types, crop sequences (e.g., rotation), tillage practices, fertilization, organic matter addition (e.g., manure amendments), harvest events (with variable residue removal), drainage, flooding, irrigation, burning, and grazing intensity. An input "schedule" file is used to simulate the timing of management activities and temporal trends; schedules can be organized into discrete time blocks to define a repeated sequence of events (e.g., a crop rotation or a frequency of disturbance such as a burning cycle for perennial grassland). Management options can be specified for any day of a year within a scheduling block, where management codes point to operation-specific parameter files (referred to as *.100 files), which contain the information used to simulate management effects. User-specified management activities can be defined by adding to or editing the contents of the *.100 files. Additional details of the model formulation are given in Parton et al. (1987, 1988, 1994, 1998), Del Grosso et al. (2001, 2011), Cheng et al. (2013) and Metherell et al. (1993), and archived copies of the model source code are available.

Box 2. DayCent Model Simulation of Nitrification and Denitrification

The DayCent model simulates the two biogeochemical processes, nitrification and denitrification, that result in N_2O emissions from soils (Del Grosso et al. 2000, Parton et al. 2001). Nitrification is calculated for the top 15 cm of soil (where nitrification mostly occurs) while denitrification is calculated for the entire soil profile (accounting for denitrification near the surface and subsurface as nitrate leaches through the profile). The equations and key parameters controlling N_2O emissions from nitrification and denitrification are described below.

Nitrification is controlled by soil ammonium (NH_4^+) concentration, temperature (t), Water Filled Pore Space (WFPS) and pH according to the following equation:

$$Nit = NH_{4+} \times K_{max} \times F(t) \times F(WFPS) \times F(pH)$$

where,

Nit	=	the soil nitrification rate (g N/m^2/day)
NH_{4+}	=	the model-derived soil ammonium concentration (g N/m^2)
K_{max}	=	the maximum fraction of NH_4^+ nitrified (K_{max} = 0.10/day)
F(t)	=	the effect of soil temperature on nitrification (Figure A-9a)
F(WFPS)	=	the effect of soil water content and soil texture on nitrification (Figure A-9b)
F(pH)	=	the effect of soil pH on nitrification (Figure A-9c)

The current parameterization used in the model assumes that 1.2 percent of nitrified N is converted to N_2O.

The model assumes that denitrification rates are controlled by the availability of soil NO_3^- (electron acceptor), labile C compounds (electron donor) and oxygen (competing electron acceptor). Heterotrophic soil respiration is used as a proxy for labile C availability, while oxygen availability is a function of soil physical properties that influence gas diffusivity, soil WFPS, and oxygen demand. The model selects the minimum of the NO_3^- and CO_2 functions to establish a maximum potential denitrification rate. These rates vary for particular levels of electron acceptor and C substrate, and account for limitations of oxygen availability to estimate daily denitrification rates according to the following equation:

$$Den = min[F(CO_2), F(NO_3)] \times F(WFPS)$$

where,

Den	=	the soil denitrification rate (μg N/g soil/day)
$F(NO_3)$	=	a function relating N gas flux to nitrate levels (Figure A-10a)
$F(CO_2)$	=	a function relating N gas flux to soil respiration (Figure A-10b)
F(WFPS)	=	a dimensionless multiplier (Figure A-10c)

The x inflection point of F(WFPS) is a function of respiration and soil gas diffusivity at field capacity (D_{FC}):

$$x \text{ inflection} = 0.90 - M(CO_2)$$

where,

M	=	a multiplier that is a function of D_{FC}. In technical terms, the inflection point is the domain where either F(WFPS) is not differentiable or its derivative is 0. In this case, the inflection point can be interpreted as the WFPS value at which denitrification reaches half of its maximum rate.

Respiration has a much stronger effect on the water curve in clay soils with low D_{FC} than in loam or sandy soils with high D_{FC} (Figure A-9b). The model assumes that microsites in fine-textured soils can become anaerobic at relatively low water contents when oxygen demand is high. After calculating total N gas flux, the ratio of N_2/N_2O is estimated so that total N gas emissions can be partitioned between N_2O and N_2:

$$R_{N2/N2O} = F_r(NO_3/CO_2) \times F_r(WFPS).$$

where,

$R_{N2/N2O}$ = the ratio of N_2/N_2O
$F_r(NO_3/CO_2)$ = a function estimating the impact of the availability of electron donor relative to substrate
$F_r(WFPS)$ = a multiplier to account for the effect of soil water on $N_2:N_2O$.

For $F_r(NO_3/CO_2)$, as the ratio of electron donor to substrate increases, a higher portion of N gas is assumed to be in the form of N_2O. For $F_r(WFPS)$, as WFPS increases, a higher portion of N gas is assumed to be in the form of N_2.

Figure A-9: Effect of Soil Temperature (a), Water-Filled Pore Space (b), and pH (c) on Nitrification Rates
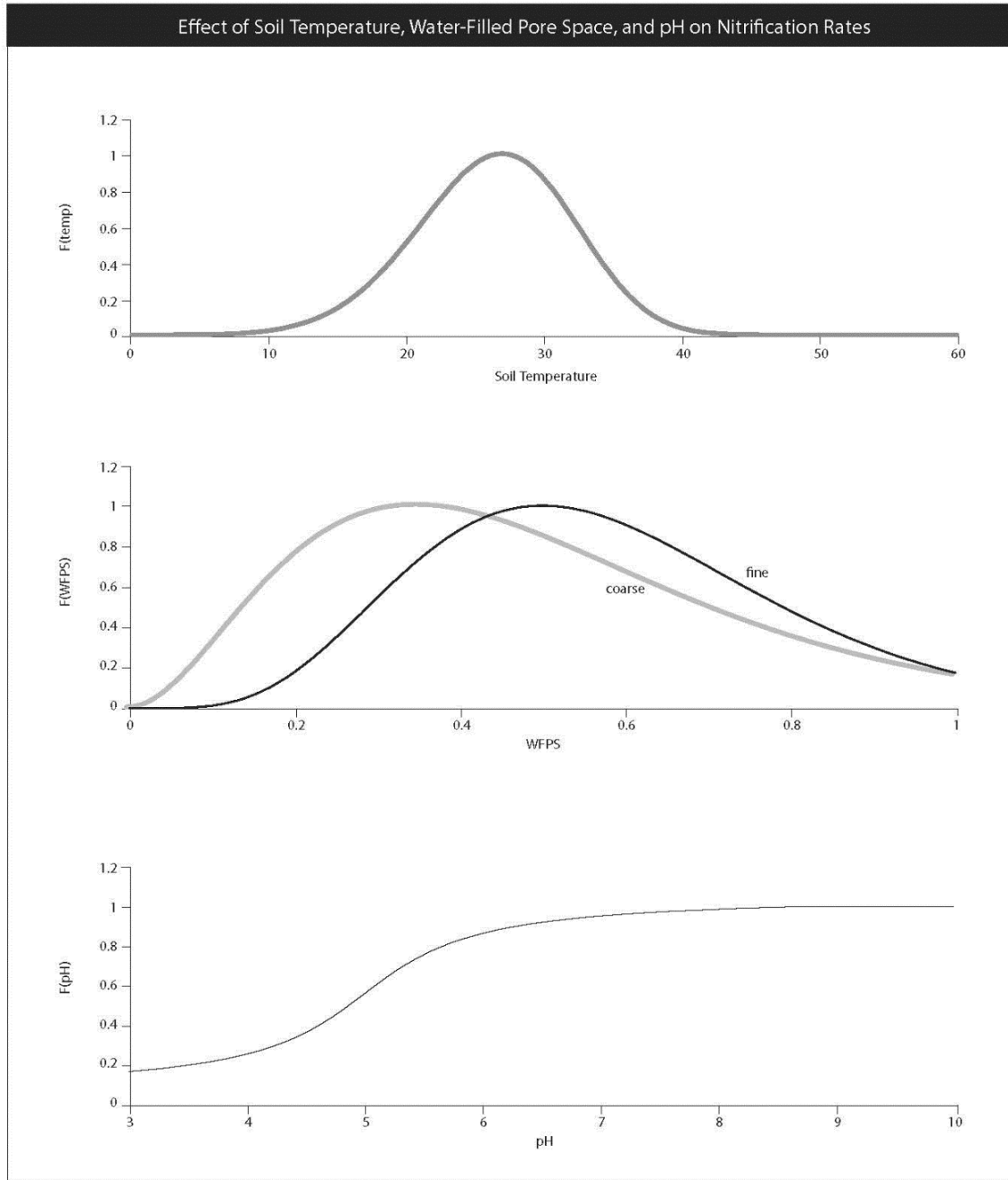
Figure A-10: Effect of Soil Nitrite Concentration (a), Heterotrophic Respiration Rates (b), and Water-Filled Pore Space (c) on Denitrification Rates
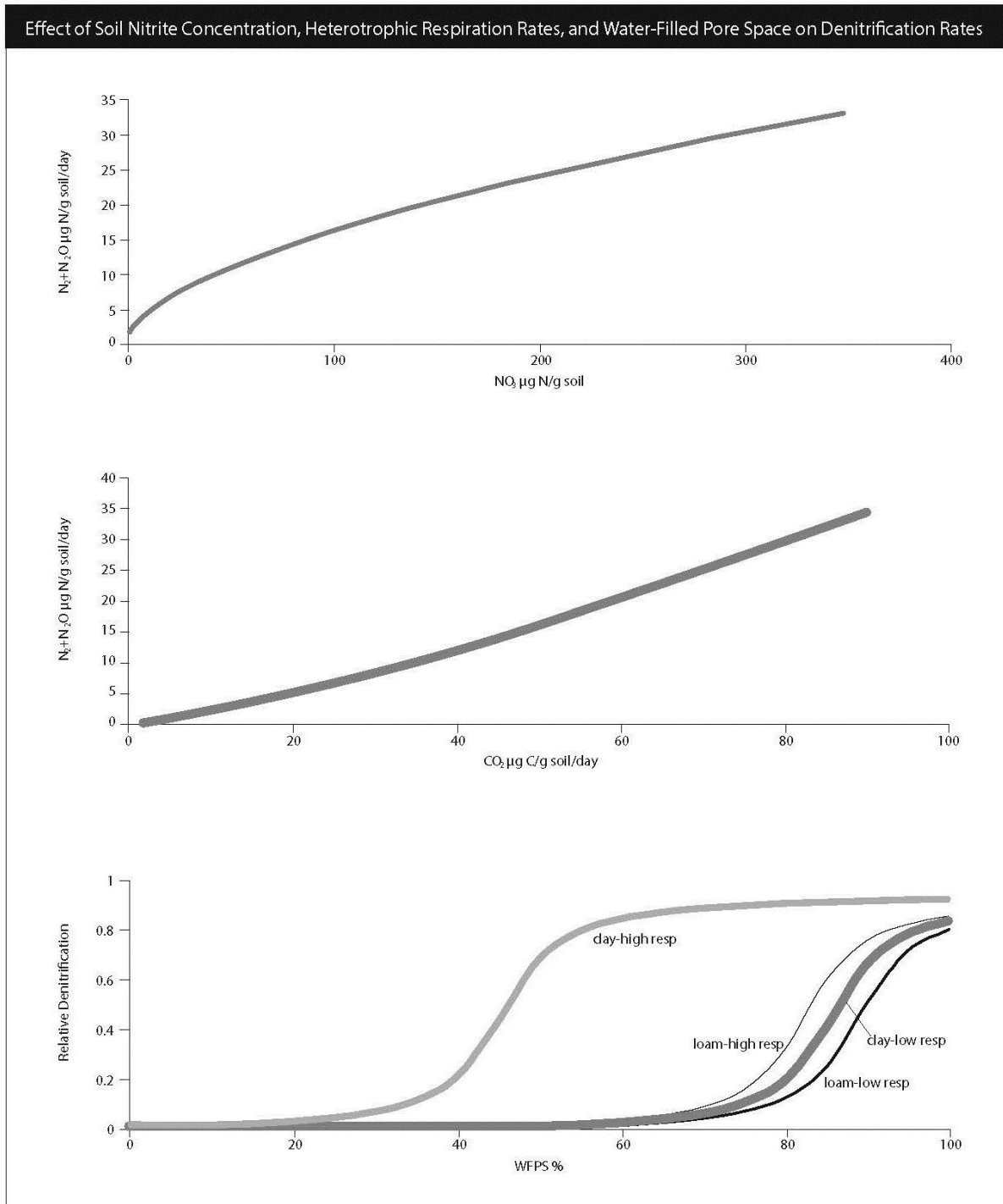
Comparison of model results and plot level data show that DayCent reliably simulates soil organic matter levels (Ogle et al. 2007). The model was tested and shown to capture the general trends in C storage across 908 treatment observations from 92 experimental sites (Figure A-11). Some bias and imprecision occur in predictions of soil organic C, which is reflected in the uncertainty associated with DayCent model results. Regardless, the Tier 3 approach has considerably less uncertainty than Tier 1 and 2 methods (Del Grosso et al. 2010; Figure A-12).

Figure A-11: Comparisons of Results from DayCent Model and Measurements of Soil Organic C Stocks
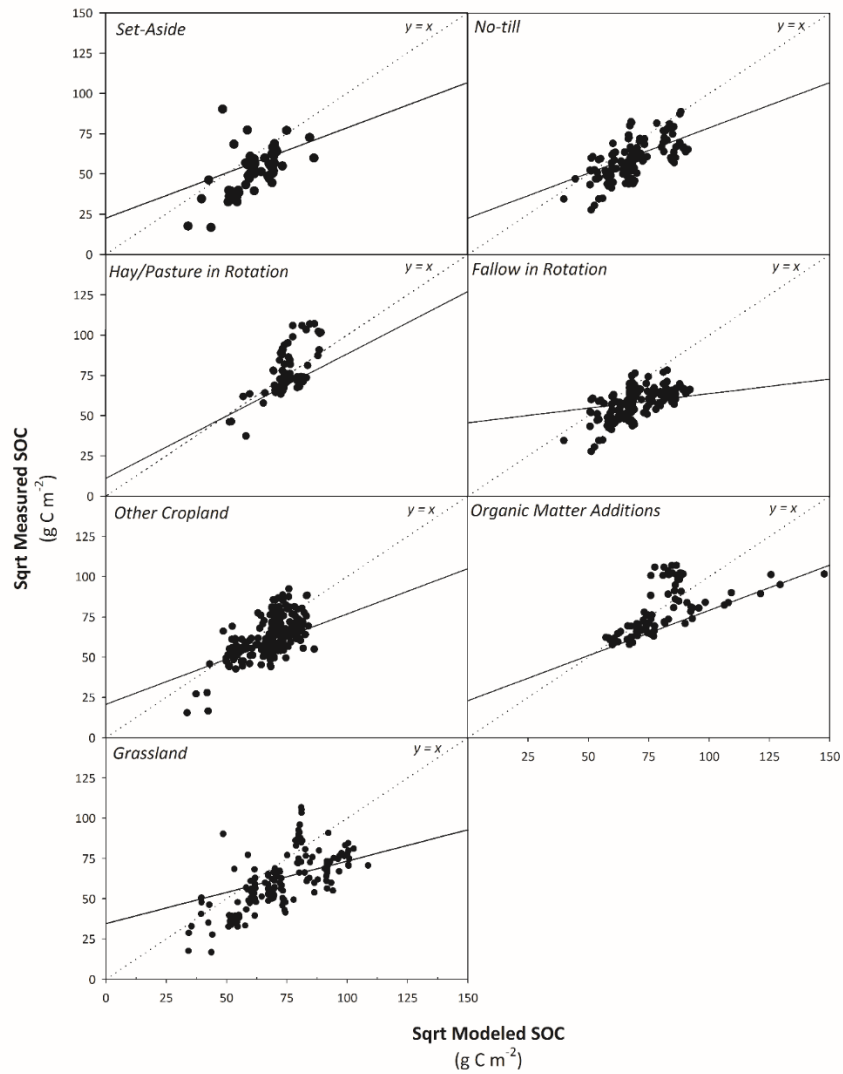
Figure A-12: Comparison of Estimated Soil Organic C Stock Changes and Uncertainties using Tier 1 (IPCC 2006), Tier 2 (Ogle et al. 2003, 2006) and Tier 3 Methods
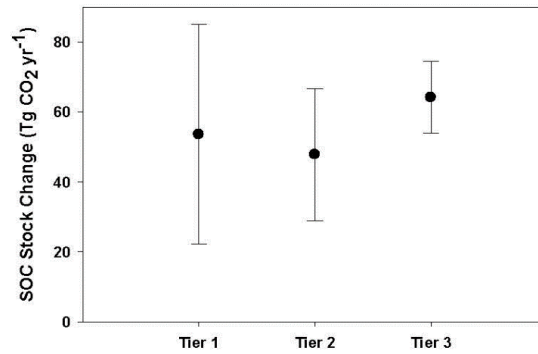
Similarly, DayCent model results have been compared to trace gas N_2O fluxes for a number of native and managed systems (Del Grosso et al. 2001, 2005, 2010) (Figure A-13). In general, the model simulates accurate emissions, but some bias and imprecision does occur in predictions, which is reflected in the uncertainty associated with DayCent model results. Comparisons with measured data showed that DayCent estimated N_2O emissions more accurately and precisely than the IPCC Tier 1 methodology (IPCC 2006) (See Agricultural Soil Management, QA/QC and Verification Section). The linear regression of simulated vs. measured emissions for DayCent had higher r^2 values and a fitted line closer to a perfect 1:1 relationship between measured and modeled N_2O emissions compared to the IPCC Tier 1 approach (Del Grosso et al. 2005, 2008). This is not surprising, since DayCent includes site-specific factors (climate, soil properties, and previous management) that influence N_2O emissions. Furthermore, DayCent also simulated NO_3- leaching (root mean square error = 20 percent) more accurately than IPCC Tier 1 methodology (root mean square error = 69 percent) (Del Grosso et al. 2005). Volatilization of N gases that contribute to indirect soil N_2O emissions is the only component that has not been thoroughly tested, which is due to a lack of measurement data. Overall, the Tier 3 approach has reduced uncertainties in the agricultural soil C stock changes and N_2O emissions compared to using lower Tier methods.

Figure A-13: Comparisons of Results from DayCent Model and Measurements of Soil Nitrous Oxide Emissions
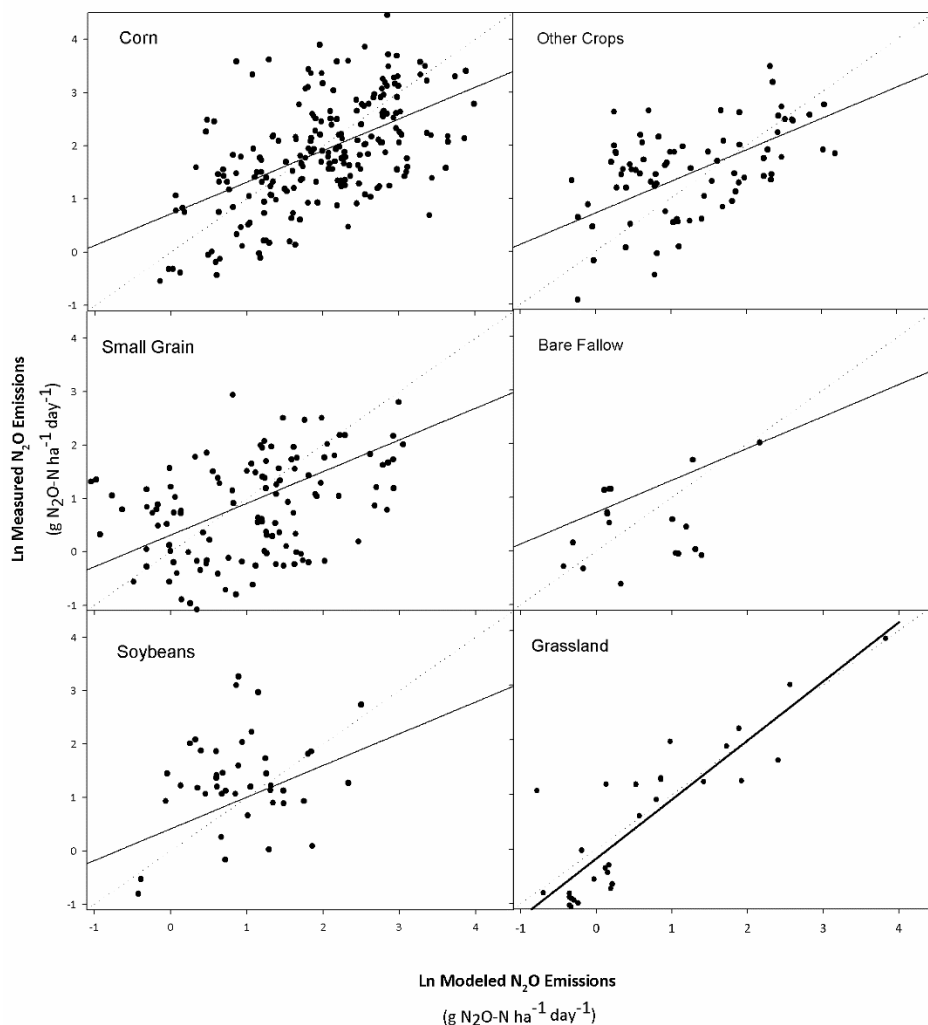
DayCent predictions of soil CH_4 emissions have also been compared to experimental measurements from sites in California, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana (Figure A-14). There are 10 experiments and 126 treatment observations. In general, the model estimates CH_4 emissions in most states with no apparent bias, but there is a lack of precision, which is addressed in the uncertainty analysis. The exception is California where the model tends to over-estimate low emission rates, and this additional uncertainty is captured in the error propagation associated with the inventory analysis for California.

Figure A-14: Comparisons of Results from DayCent Model and Measurements of Soil Methane Emissions
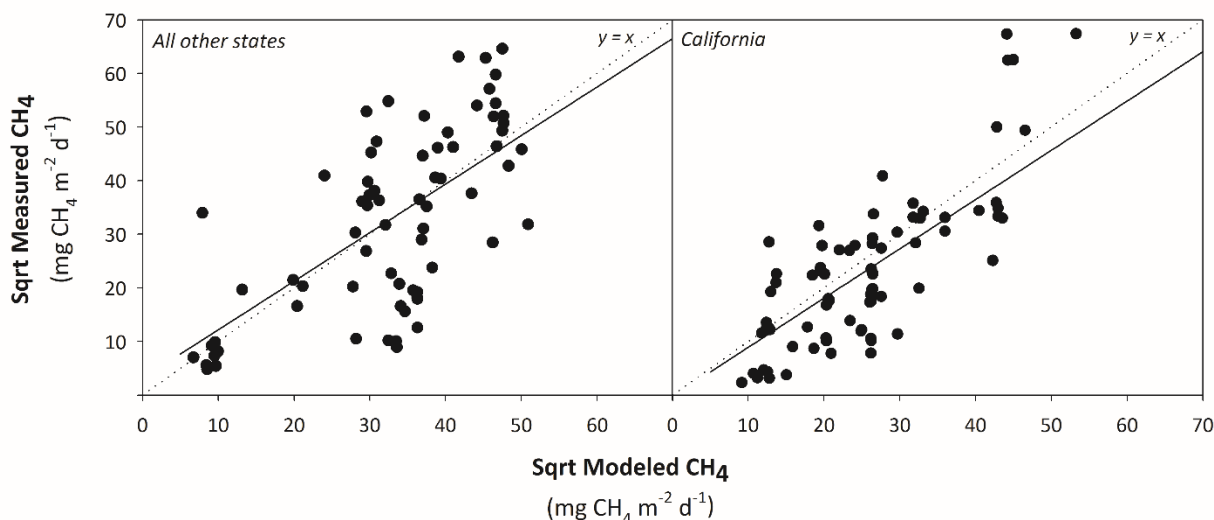
Inventory Compilation Steps

There are five steps involved in estimating soil organic C stock changes for *Cropland Remaining Cropland*, *Land Converted to Cropland*, *Grassland Remaining Grassland* and *Land Converted to Grassland;* direct N_2O emissions from cropland and grassland soils; indirect N_2O emissions from volatilization, leaching, and runoff from croplands and grasslands; and CH_4 emissions from rice cultivation. First, the activity data are derived from a combination of land-use, livestock, crop, and grassland management surveys, as well as expert knowledge. In the second, third, and fourth steps, soil organic C stock changes, direct and indirect N_2O emissions, and CH_4 emissions are estimated using DayCent and/or the Tier 1 and 2 methods. In the fifth step, total emissions are computed by summing all components separately for soil organic C stock changes, N_2O emissions and CH_4 emissions. The remainder of this annex describes the methods underlying each step.

Step 1: Derive Activity Data

This step describes how the activity data are derived to estimate soil organic C stock changes, direct and indirect N_2O emissions, and CH_4 emissions from rice cultivation. The activity data requirements include: (1) land base and history data, (2) crop-specific mineral N fertilizer rates,[114] (3) crop-specific manure amendment N rates and timing, (4) other N inputs, (5) tillage practices, (6) irrigation data, (7) Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI), (8) daily weather data, and (9) edaphic characteristics.[115]

Step 1a: Activity Data for the Agricultural Land Base and Histories

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2012 National Resources Inventory (NRI) (USDA-NRCS 2015) provides the basis for identifying the U.S. agricultural land base on non-federal lands, and classifying parcels into *Cropland Remaining Cropland*, *Land Converted to Cropland*, *Grassland Remaining Grassland*, and *Land Converted to Grassland*. In 1998, the NRI program began collecting annual data, and data are currently available through 2012 (USDA-NRCS 2015). The time series will be extended as new data are released by the USDA NRI program. Note that the Inventory does not include estimates of N_2O emissions for federal grasslands (with the exception of soil N_2O from PRP manure N, i.e., manure deposited directly onto pasture, range or paddock by grazing livestock) and a minor amount of croplands on federal lands.

The NRI has a stratified multi-stage sampling design, where primary sample units are stratified on the basis of county and township boundaries defined by the U.S. Public Land Survey (Nusser and Goebel 1997). Within a primary sample unit, typically a 160-acre (64.75 ha) square quarter-section, three sample points are selected according to a restricted randomization procedure. Each point in the survey is assigned an area weight (expansion factor) based on other known areas and land-use information (Nusser and Goebel 1997). In principle, the expansion factors represent the amount of area with the land use and land use change history that is the same as the point location. It is important to note that the NRI uses a

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[114] No data are currently available at the national scale to distinguish the type of fertilizer applied or timing of applications rates. It is a planned improvement to address variation in these practices in future inventories, such as application of enhanced efficiency fertilizers.
[115] Edaphic characteristics include such factors as soil texture and pH.

sampling approach, and therefore there is some uncertainty associated with scaling the point data to a region or the country using the expansion factors. In general, those uncertainties decline at larger scales, such as states compared to smaller county units, because of a larger sample size. An extensive amount of soils, land-use, and land management data have been collected through the survey (Nusser et al. 1998).[116] Primary sources for data include aerial photography and remote sensing imagery as well as field visits and county office records.

The annual NRI data product provides crop data for most years between 1979 and 2012, with the exception of 1983, 1988, and 1993. These years are gap-filled using an automated set of rules so that cropping sequences are filled with the most likely crop type given the historical cropping pattern at each NRI point location. Grassland data are reported on 5-year increments prior to 1998, but it is assumed that the land use is also grassland between the years of data collection (see Easter et al. 2008 for more information).

NRI points are included in the land base for the agricultural soil C and N_2O emissions inventories if they are identified as cropland or grassland[117] between 1990 and 2012 (Table A-196).[118] NRI does not provide land use data on federal lands, therefore land use on federal lands are derived from the National Land Cover Database (NLCD) (Fry et al. 2011; Homer et al. 2007; Homer et al. 2015). Federal NRI points are classified as cropland or grassland according to the NLCD and included in the agricultural land base. The NRI data are reconciled with the Forest Inventory and Analysis Dataset, and in this process, the time series for *Grassland Remaining Grassland, Land Converted to Grassland, Wetland Remaining Wetland and Land Converted to Wetlands are* modified to account for differences in forest land area between the two national surveys (See Section 6.1 for more information on the U.S. land representation). Overall, 674,613 NRI survey points are included in the inventory (USDA-NRCS 2015).

For each year, land parcels are subdivided into *Cropland Remaining Cropland*, *Land Converted to Cropland*, *Grassland Remaining Grassland*, and *Land Converted to Grassland*. Land parcels under cropping management in a specific year are classified as *Cropland Remaining Cropland* if the parcel has been used as cropland for at least 20 years.[119] Similarly land parcels under grassland management in a specific year of the inventory are classified as *Grassland Remaining Grassland* if they have been designated as grassland for at least 20 years. Otherwise, land parcels are classified as *Land Converted to Cropland* or *Land Converted to Grassland* based on the most recent use in the inventory time period. Lands are retained in the land-use change categories (i.e., *Land Converted to Cropland* and *Land Converted to Grassland*) for 20 years as recommended by the *2006 IPCC Guidelines*. Lands converted into Cropland and Grassland are further subdivided into the specific land use conversions (e.g., *Forest Land Converted to Cropland).*

Table A-196: Total Land Areas for the Agricultural Soil C and N_2O Inventory, Subdivided by Land Use Categories (Million Hectares)

Category	Land Areas (million ha)												
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Mineral Soils	**421.74**	**421.03**	**420.41**	**419.74**	**419.11**	**418.34**	**417.45**	**416.61**	**415.72**	**414.93**	**414.32**	**413.79**	**413.29**
Croplands	**172.92**	**172.82**	**172.61**	**172.13**	**171.76**	**171.34**	**171.02**	**170.59**	**168.14**	**167.71**	**167.42**	**166.85**	**166.54**
Cropland Remaining Cropland	160.44	159.99	159.52	157.78	156.20	155.62	155.01	154.46	150.61	149.80	149.71	149.34	149.15
Grassland Converted to Cropland	11.79	12.13	12.39	13.62	14.77	14.95	15.22	15.36	16.75	17.13	16.92	16.75	16.66
Forest Converted to Cropland	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.17	0.14	0.13
Other Lands Converted to Cropland	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.26	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.32	0.31	0.29
Settlements Converted to Croplands	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.11
Wetlands Converted to Croplands	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.16	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
Grasslands	**248.82**	**248.21**	**247.80**	**247.61**	**247.35**	**247.00**	**246.44**	**246.02**	**247.58**	**247.22**	**246.90**	**246.94**	**246.75**
Grasslands Remaining Grasslands	238.89	238.06	237.34	235.76	234.27	233.70	232.99	232.40	230.08	229.24	228.31	227.57	226.99
Croplands Converted to Grasslands	8.65	8.77	8.95	10.24	11.38	11.58	11.69	11.84	15.43	15.83	16.29	16.98	17.32
Forest Converted to Grasslands	0.57	0.58	0.61	0.60	0.58	0.58	0.59	0.59	0.80	0.80	0.81	0.80	0.81
Other Lands Converted to Grasslands	0.41	0.43	0.47	0.54	0.63	0.66	0.67	0.71	0.77	0.82	0.95	1.03	1.05
Settlements Converted to Grasslands	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.13
Wetlands Converted to Grasslands	0.24	0.30	0.37	0.39	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.39	0.41	0.42	0.43	0.44	0.45
Organic Soils	**1.43**	**1.42**	**1.41**	**1.42**	**1.43**	**1.43**	**1.42**	**1.42**	**1.42**	**1.33**	**1.32**	**1.41**	**1.42**
Croplands	**0.73**	**0.72**	**0.72**	**0.72**	**0.72**	**0.73**	**0.73**	**0.73**	**0.73**	**0.64**	**0.63**	**0.74**	**0.74**
Cropland Remaining Cropland	0.66	0.64	0.65	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.62	0.54	0.54	0.62	0.63

[116] In the current Inventory, NRI data only provide land use and management statistics through 2012. More recent data will be incorporated in the future to extend the time series of activity data.

[117] Includes only non-federal lands because federal lands are not classified into land uses as part of the NRI survey (i.e., they are only designated as federal lands).

[118] Land use for 2013 to 2016 is not compiled, but will be updated with newer NRI (i.e., USDA-NRCS 2015).

[119] NRI points are classified according to land-use history records starting in 1979 when the NRI survey began, and consequently the classifications are based on less than 20 years from 1990 to 1998.

Grassland Converted to Cropland	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.09
Forest Converted to Cropland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Lands Converted to Cropland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Settlements Converted to Croplands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetlands Converted to Croplands	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Grasslands	**0.70**	**0.70**	**0.69**	**0.70**	**0.71**	**0.70**	**0.69**	**0.69**	**0.70**	**0.69**	**0.69**	**0.68**	**0.68**
Grasslands Remaining Grasslands	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.62	0.62	0.61	0.61	0.60	0.59	0.59	0.58	0.55	0.55
Croplands Converted to Grasslands	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.10
Forest Converted to Grasslands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Other Lands Converted to Grasslands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Settlements Converted to Grasslands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetlands Converted to Grasslands	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02
Total	**423.18**	**422.45**	**421.82**	**421.16**	**420.54**	**419.77**	**418.88**	**418.02**	**417.15**	**416.26**	**415.64**	**415.20**	**414.71**

Note: In the current Inventory, NRI data only provide land use and management statistics through 2012. Additional data will be incorporated in the future to extend the time series for the land use data.

Category	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mineral Soils	**412.44**	**411.78**	**410.79**	**410.09**	**409.44**	**408.83**	**408.29**	**407.70**	**407.18**	**406.59**
Croplands	**165.89**	**164.76**	**164.42**	**164.02**	**163.70**	**163.22**	**162.81**	**162.37**	**162.08**	**161.86**
Cropland Remaining Cropland	149.81	149.73	149.40	149.09	149.32	149.46	149.68	149.28	148.86	148.59
Grassland Converted to Cropland	15.42	14.42	14.43	14.33	13.82	13.25	12.66	12.63	12.75	12.80
Forest Converted to Cropland	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Other Lands Converted to Cropland	0.27	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.21
Settlements Converted to Croplands	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.09
Wetlands Converted to Croplands	0.19	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12
Grasslands	**246.55**	**247.01**	**246.37**	**246.08**	**245.74**	**245.61**	**245.48**	**245.33**	**245.10**	**244.74**
Grasslands Remaining Grasslands	227.28	227.37	226.83	226.48	226.44	226.74	226.93	226.62	226.26	226.03
Croplands Converted to Grasslands	16.89	17.31	17.14	17.21	16.92	16.61	16.36	16.57	16.76	16.72
Forest Converted to Grasslands	0.77	0.73	0.76	0.72	0.68	0.63	0.62	0.60	0.59	0.57
Other Lands Converted to Grasslands	1.05	1.05	1.07	1.09	1.12	1.14	1.13	1.14	1.14	1.12
Settlements Converted to Grasslands	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.13
Wetlands Converted to Grasslands	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.37	0.31	0.27	0.23	0.17
Organic Soils	**1.41**	**1.41**	**1.40**	**1.38**	**1.37**	**1.36**	**1.37**	**1.36**	**1.33**	**1.33**
Croplands	**0.74**	**0.74**	**0.73**	**0.73**	**0.72**	**0.71**	**0.72**	**0.71**	**0.68**	**0.69**
Cropland Remaining Cropland	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.64	0.64	0.61	0.61
Grassland Converted to Cropland	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07
Forest Converted to Cropland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Lands Converted to Cropland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Settlements Converted to Croplands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetlands Converted to Croplands	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Grasslands	**0.66**	**0.67**	**0.67**	**0.65**	**0.65**	**0.65**	**0.65**	**0.65**	**0.65**	**0.64**
Grasslands Remaining Grasslands	0.54	0.54	0.53	0.52	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.49
Croplands Converted to Grasslands	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Forest Converted to Grasslands	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Other Lands Converted to Grasslands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Settlements Converted to Grasslands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetlands Converted to Grasslands	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Total	**413.85**	**413.18**	**412.19**	**411.48**	**410.81**	**410.19**	**409.66**	**409.06**	**408.51**	**407.92**

Notes: The area estimates are not consistent with the land area values shown in the Representation of the U.S. Land Base section because the current Inventory does not estimate emissions and removals for all managed lands. Specifically, grassland and cropland in Alaska are not included in the current Inventory. Note: In the current Inventory, NRI data only provide land use and management statistics through 2012. Additional data will be incorporated in the future to extend the time series for the land use data.

The Tier 3 method using the DayCent model is applied to estimate soil C stock changes, CH_4 and N_2O emissions for most of the NRI points that occur on mineral soils. The actual crop and grassland histories are simulated with the DayCent model when applying the Tier 3 methods. Parcels of land that are not simulated with DayCent are allocated to the Tier 2 approach for estimating soil organic C stock change, and a Tier 1 method (IPCC 2006) to estimate soil N_2O emissions[120] and CH_4 emissions from rice cultivation (Table A-197).

The land base for the Tier 1 and 2 methods includes (1) land parcels occurring on organic soils; (2) land parcels that include non-agricultural uses such as forest and federal lands in one or more years of the inventory; (3) land parcels on mineral soils that are very gravelly, cobbly, or shaley (i.e., classified as soils that have greater than 35 percent of soil volume comprised

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[120] The Tier 1 method for soil N_2O does not require land area data with the exception of emissions from drainage and cultivation of organic soils, so in practice the Tier 1 method is only dependent on the amount of N input to mineral soils and not the actual land area.

of gravel, cobbles, or shale); or (4) land parcels that are used to produce some of the vegetable crops, perennial/horticultural crops, and tobacco, which are either grown continuously or in rotation with other crops. DayCent has not been fully tested or developed to simulate biogeochemical processes in soils used to produce some annual (e.g., tobacco), horticultural (e.g., flowers), or perennial (e.g., vineyards, orchards) crops and agricultural use of organic soils. In addition, DayCent has not been adequately tested for soils with a high gravel, cobble, or shale content.

Table A-197: Total Land Area Estimated with Tier 2 and 3 Inventory Approaches (Million Hectares)

	Land Areas (million ha)				
	Mineral			Organic	
Year	Tier 1/2	Tier 3	Total	Tier 1/2	Total
1990	106.49	315.25	421.74	1.43	**423.18**
1991	105.49	315.54	421.03	1.42	**422.45**
1992	104.55	315.86	420.41	1.41	**421.82**
1993	103.40	316.34	419.74	1.42	**421.16**
1994	102.30	316.81	419.11	1.43	**420.54**
1995	101.02	317.33	418.34	1.43	**419.77**
1996	99.68	317.78	417.45	1.42	**418.88**
1997	98.34	318.26	416.61	1.42	**418.02**
1998	96.96	318.77	415.72	1.42	**417.15**
1999	95.63	319.30	414.93	1.33	**416.26**
2000	94.65	319.66	414.32	1.32	**415.64**
2001	93.80	320.00	413.79	1.41	**415.20**
2002	92.97	320.32	413.29	1.42	**414.71**
2003	92.14	320.30	412.44	1.41	**413.85**
2004	91.47	320.31	411.78	1.41	**413.18**
2005	90.53	320.27	410.79	1.40	**412.19**
2006	89.87	320.23	410.09	1.38	**411.48**
2007	89.24	320.20	409.44	1.37	**410.81**
2008	88.83	320.00	408.83	1.36	**410.19**
2009	88.45	319.84	408.29	1.37	**409.66**
2010	88.05	319.65	407.70	1.36	**409.06**
2011	87.60	319.57	407.18	1.33	**408.51**
2012	87.26	319.34	406.59	1.33	**407.92**

Note: In the current Inventory, NRI data only provide land use and management statistics through 2012.
Additional data will be incorporated in the future to extend the time series of the land use data.

NRI points on mineral soils are classified into specific crop categories, continuous pasture/rangeland, and other non-agricultural uses for the soil C Tier 2 inventory analysis (Table A-198). NRI points are assigned to IPCC input categories (low, medium, high, and high with organic amendments) according to the classification provided in IPCC (2006). For croplands on federal lands, information on specific cropping systems is not available, so all croplands are assumed to be medium input. In addition, NRI differentiates between improved and unimproved grassland, where improvements include irrigation and interseeding of legumes. Grasslands on federal lands (as identified with the NLCD) are classified according to rangeland condition (nominal, moderately degraded and severely degraded) in areas where information is available. For lands managed for livestock grazing by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), IPCC rangeland condition classes are interpreted at the state-level from the Rangeland Inventory, *Monitoring and Evaluation Report* (BLM 2014). In order to estimate uncertainties, probability distribution functions (PDFs) for the NRI land-use data are constructed as multivariate normal based on the total area estimates for each land-use/management category and associated covariance matrix. Through this approach, dependencies in land use are taken into account resulting from the likelihood that current use is correlated with past use. These dependencies occur because as some land use/management categories increase in area, the area of other land use/management categories will decline. The covariance matrix addresses these relationships.

Table A-198: Total Land Areas by Land-Use and Management System for the Tier 2 Mineral Soil Organic C Approach (Million Hectares)

	Land Areas (million hectares)												
Land-Use/Management System	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Cropland Systems	**22.42**	**22.14**	**21.80**	**21.33**	**20.90**	**20.48**	**20.07**	**19.62**	**18.83**	**18.33**	**17.93**	**17.67**	**17.43**
Conservation Reserve Program	1.98	2.25	2.30	2.16	1.97	1.90	1.77	1.73	1.32	1.25	1.14	1.12	1.07
High Input Cropping Systems, Full Tillage	1.42	1.24	1.12	0.98	0.91	0.88	0.91	0.59	0.57	0.63	0.69	0.66	0.60
High Input Cropping Systems, Reduced Tillage	1.00	1.08	1.15	1.18	1.24	1.27	1.27	1.38	1.32	1.22	1.12	1.09	1.01
High Input Cropping Systems, No Tillage	0.10	0.11	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.10	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.18
High Input Cropping Systems with Manure, Full Tillage	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05

High Input Cropping Systems with Manure, Reduced Tillage	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.07
High Input Cropping Systems with Manure, No Tillage	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Medium Input Cropping Systems, Full Tillage	5.31	4.95	4.34	3.80	3.47	3.47	3.35	1.80	1.76	1.89	2.01	2.09	2.15
Medium Input Cropping Systems, Reduced Tillage	4.32	4.38	4.85	5.10	5.19	4.83	4.80	5.87	5.59	5.29	4.97	4.79	4.64
Medium Input Cropping Systems, No Tillage	0.34	0.37	0.23	0.31	0.36	0.43	0.42	0.74	0.74	0.76	0.79	0.79	0.79
Low Input Cropping Systems, Full Tillage	2.91	2.84	2.76	2.68	2.60	2.63	2.64	2.49	2.35	2.20	2.18	2.08	1.99
Low Input Cropping Systems, Reduced Tillage	0.07	0.05	0.18	0.19	0.25	0.27	0.26	0.32	0.37	0.37	0.38	0.39	0.40
Low Input Cropping Systems, No Tillage	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.11	0.13
Hay with Legumes or Irrigation	1.23	1.18	1.09	1.16	1.12	1.07	0.95	0.88	0.94	0.88	0.76	0.73	0.82
Hay with Legumes or Irrigation and Manure	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.05
Hay, Unimproved	0.71	0.72	0.76	0.70	0.67	0.62	0.62	0.67	0.62	0.56	0.53	0.49	0.53
Pasture with Legumes or Irrigation in Rotation	2.42	2.41	2.41	2.43	2.45	2.43	2.41	2.38	2.48	2.51	2.55	2.61	2.60
Pasture with Legumes or Irrigation and Manure, in Rotation	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16
Rice	0.17	0.15	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.14	0.19	0.18	0.18
Grassland Systems	**84.07**	**83.35**	**82.75**	**82.07**	**81.40**	**80.54**	**79.60**	**78.73**	**78.13**	**77.30**	**76.72**	**76.13**	**75.54**
Pasture with Legumes or Irrigation	5.59	5.39	5.11	5.03	5.01	4.82	4.46	3.98	4.00	3.88	3.64	3.52	3.40
Pasture with Legumes or Irrigation and Manure	0.17	0.17	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.09
Rangelands and Unimproved Pasture	47.71	47.17	47.00	46.75	46.26	45.56	44.53	44.27	43.47	42.77	43.10	42.64	43.43
Rangelands and Unimproved Pasture, Moderately Degraded	22.07	22.19	22.26	22.10	22.09	22.16	22.49	22.36	23.01	22.95	22.29	22.34	21.31
Rangelands and Unimproved Pasture, Severely Degraded	8.52	8.43	8.23	8.04	7.89	7.85	7.99	8.00	7.54	7.59	7.60	7.54	7.31
Total	**106.49**	**105.49**	**104.55**	**103.40**	**102.30**	**101.02**	**99.68**	**98.34**	**96.96**	**95.63**	**94.65**	**93.80**	**92.97**

Land-Use/Management System	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Cropland Systems	**17.13**	**16.76**	**16.57**	**16.40**	**16.22**	**16.13**	**16.00**	**15.90**	**15.78**	**15.73**
Conservation Reserve Program	0.92	0.68	0.76	0.75	0.73	0.69	0.68	0.66	0.61	0.55
High Input Cropping Systems, Full Tillage	0.60	0.59	0.57	0.55	0.53	0.54	0.55	0.53	0.53	0.51
High Input Cropping Systems, Reduced Tillage	1.00	0.96	0.93	0.91	0.88	0.90	0.91	0.88	0.88	0.86
High Input Cropping Systems, No Tillage	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.18
High Input Cropping Systems with Manure, Full Tillage	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
High Input Cropping Systems with Manure, Reduced Tillage	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06
High Input Cropping Systems with Manure, No Tillage	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Medium Input Cropping Systems, Full Tillage	2.08	2.03	2.00	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.97	1.97	1.97
Medium Input Cropping Systems, Reduced Tillage	4.55	4.50	4.42	4.38	4.39	4.39	4.39	4.38	4.38	4.39
Medium Input Cropping Systems, No Tillage	0.88	0.98	0.96	0.95	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96
Low Input Cropping Systems, Full Tillage	1.90	1.77	1.74	1.74	1.69	1.66	1.56	1.55	1.51	1.55
Low Input Cropping Systems, Reduced Tillage	0.42	0.45	0.44	0.43	0.42	0.41	0.38	0.38	0.37	0.39
Low Input Cropping Systems, No Tillage	0.20	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22
Hay with Legumes or Irrigation	0.77	0.77	0.75	0.73	0.73	0.72	0.68	0.70	0.66	0.66
Hay with Legumes or Irrigation and Manure	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Hay, Unimproved	0.53	0.50	0.50	0.49	0.50	0.48	0.47	0.46	0.46	0.46

Pasture with Legumes or Irrigation in Rotation	2.58	2.57	2.56	2.56	2.52	2.51	2.57	2.56	2.58	2.57
Pasture with Legumes or Irrigation and Manure, in Rotation	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16
Rice	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.14	0.13
Grassland Systems	**75.01**	**74.71**	**73.96**	**73.47**	**73.02**	**72.70**	**72.45**	**72.16**	**71.82**	**71.53**
Pasture with Legumes or Irrigation	3.28	3.25	3.17	3.09	2.98	2.90	2.90	2.81	2.76	2.73
Pasture with Legumes or Irrigation and Manure	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06
Rangelands and Unimproved Pasture	43.43	42.65	42.19	41.96	41.66	41.52	41.32	41.29	41.07	40.87
Rangelands and Unimproved Pasture, Moderately Degraded	20.86	20.84	20.76	20.64	20.69	20.63	20.62	20.52	20.48	20.43
Rangelands and Unimproved Pasture, Severely Degraded	7.36	7.89	7.77	7.70	7.62	7.58	7.54	7.47	7.45	7.43
Total	**92.14**	**91.47**	**90.53**	**89.87**	**89.24**	**88.83**	**88.45**	**88.05**	**87.60**	**87.26**

Note: In the current Inventory, NRI data only provide land use and management statistics through 2012. Additional data will be incorporated in the future to extend the time series for the land use and management data.

Organic soils are categorized into land-use systems based on drainage (IPCC 2006). Undrained soils are treated as having no loss of organic C or soil N_2O emissions. Drained soils are subdivided into those used for cultivated cropland, which are assumed to have high drainage and relatively large losses of C, and those used for managed pasture, which are assumed to have less drainage with smaller losses of C. N_2O emissions are assumed to be similar for both drained croplands and grasslands. Overall, the area of organic soils drained for cropland and grassland has remained relatively stable since 1990 (see Table A-199).

Table A-199: Total Land Areas for Drained Organic Soils by Land Management Category and Climate Region (Million Hectares)

IPCC Land-Use Category for Organic Soils	Land Areas (million ha)													
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Cold Temperate														
Cultivated Cropland (high drainage)	0.43	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41
Managed Pasture (low drainage)	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.48	0.48	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.46	0.47	0.47	0.46
Undrained	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03
Total	**0.95**	**0.95**	**0.94**	**0.94**	**0.94**	**0.94**	**0.93**	**0.92**	**0.92**	**0.91**	**0.92**	**0.91**	**0.90**	**0.90**
Warm Temperate														
Cultivated Cropland (high drainage)	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10
Managed Pasture (low drainage)	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11
Undrained	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Total	**0.21**	**0.20**	**0.19**	**0.20**	**0.20**	**0.20**	**0.20**	**0.20**	**0.20**	**0.20**	**0.20**	**0.20**	**0.20**	**0.21**
Sub-Tropical														
Cultivated Cropland (high drainage)	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.13	0.13	0.24	0.24	0.23
Managed Pasture (low drainage)	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.11	0.11	0.10
Undrained	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	**0.34**	**0.34**	**0.34**	**0.34**	**0.34**	**0.34**	**0.35**	**0.34**	**0.35**	**0.35**	**0.34**	**0.35**	**0.35**	**0.33**

IPCC Land-Use Category for Organic Soils	Land Areas (million ha)								
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Cold Temperate									
Cultivated Cropland (high drainage)	0.41	0.41	0.40	0.41	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.41
Managed Pasture (low drainage)	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.45	0.44
Undrained	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
Total	**0.90**	**0.90**	**0.90**	**0.89**	**0.89**	**0.88**	**0.88**	**0.88**	**0.87**
Warm Temperate									
Cultivated Cropland (high drainage)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Managed Pasture (low drainage)	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09

Undrained	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	**0.21**	**0.21**	**0.19**	**0.19**	**0.19**	**0.19**	**0.19**	**0.19**	**0.19**
Sub-Tropical									
Cultivated Cropland (high drainage)	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.18	0.18
Managed Pasture (low drainage)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Undrained	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03
Total	**0.33**	**0.33**	**0.33**	**0.33**	**0.32**	**0.32**	**0.32**	**0.32**	**0.32**

Note: In the current Inventory, NRI data only provide land use and management statistics through 2012. Additional data will be incorporated in the future to extend the time series for the land use and management data.

The harvested area for rice cultivation is estimated from the NRI points based on survey locations classified as flooded rice (Table A-200). Ratoon crops occur in the Southeast with a second season of rice during the year. Ratoon cropping also occurs in Louisiana (LSU 2015 for years 2000 through 2013, 2015) and Texas (TAMU 2015 for years 1993 through 2014), averaging 32 percent and 48 percent of rice acres planted, respectively. Florida also has a large fraction of area with a ratoon crops (45 percent), but ratoon cropping is uncommon in Arkansas occurring on relatively small fraction of fields estimated at about 1 percent. No data are available on ratoon crops in Missouri or Mississippi, and so the amount of ratooning is assumed similar to Arkansas. Ratoon rice crops are not grown in California.

Table A-200: Total Rice Harvested Area Estimated with Tier 1 and 3 Inventory Approaches (Million Hectares)

	Land Areas (Million Hectares)		
Year	Tier 1	Tier 3	Total
1990	0.16	1.54	1.70
1991	0.16	1.60	1.76
1992	0.17	1.67	1.84
1993	0.17	1.63	1.80
1994	0.17	1.53	1.70
1995	0.15	1.56	1.71
1996	0.15	1.56	1.72
1997	0.15	1.52	1.67
1998	0.17	1.43	1.60
1999	0.31	1.49	1.80
2000	0.33	1.51	1.84
2001	0.18	1.44	1.62
2002	0.18	1.60	1.79
2003	0.15	1.47	1.62
2004	0.17	1.53	1.69
2005	0.18	1.65	1.83
2006	0.14	1.33	1.48
2007	0.12	1.45	1.57
2008	0.14	1.27	1.41
2009	0.14	1.57	1.71
2010	0.15	1.61	1.76
2011	0.13	1.32	1.45
2012	0.11	1.18	1.29

Note: In the current Inventory, NRI data only provide land use and management statistics through 2012. Additional data will be incorporated in the future to extend the time series of the land use and management data.

Step 1b: Obtain Management Activity Data for the Tier 3 Method to estimate Soil C Stock Changes, CH₄ and N₂O Emissions from Mineral Soils

Synthetic N Fertilizer Application: Data on N fertilizer rates are based primarily on the USDA–Economic Research Service Cropping Practices Survey through 1995 (USDA-ERS 1997), which became the Agricultural Resource Management Surveys (ARMS) in 1996 (USDA-ERS 2015).[121] In these surveys, data on inorganic N fertilization rates are collected for crops simulated by DayCent (barley, corn, cotton, dry beans, hay, oats, onions, peanuts, potatoes, rice, sorghum, soybeans, sugar beets, sunflowers, tomatoes, and wheat) in the high production states and for a subset of low production states. These data are used to build a time series of fertilizer application rates for specific crops and states for two periods, 1990 through

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[121] Available online: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/arms-farm-financial-and-crop-production-practices/arms-data.aspx>.

1999 and 2000 through 2012. If only a single survey is available for a crop, as is the case with sorghum, the rates for the one survey are used for both time periods.

Mean fertilizer rates and standard deviations for irrigated and rainfed crops are produced for each state. If a state is not surveyed for a particular crop or if there are not enough data to produce a state-level estimate, then data are aggregated to USDA Farm Production Regions in order to estimate a mean and standard deviation for fertilization rates (Farm Production Regions are groups of states in the United States with similar agricultural commodities). If Farm Production Region data are not available, crop data are aggregated to the entire United States (all major states surveyed) to estimate a mean and standard deviation. Standard deviations for fertilizer rates are used to construct PDFs with log-normal densities in order to address uncertainties in application rates (see Step 2a for discussion of uncertainty methods). The survey summaries also present estimates for fraction of crop acres receiving fertilizer, and these fractions are used to determine if a crop is receiving fertilizer. Alfalfa hay and grass-clover hay are assumed to not be fertilized, but grass hay is fertilized according to rates from published farm enterprise budgets (NRIAI 2003). Total fertilizer application data are found in Table A-201.

Simulations are conducted for the period prior to 1990 in order to initialize the DayCent model (see Step 2a), and crop-specific regional fertilizer rates prior to 1990 are based largely on extrapolation/interpolation of fertilizer rates from the years with available data. For crops in some states, little or no data are available, and, therefore, a geographic regional mean is used to simulate N fertilization rates (e.g., no data are available for the State of Alabama during the 1970s and 1980s for corn fertilization rates; therefore, mean values from the southeastern United States are used to simulate fertilization to corn fields in this state).

Managed Livestock Manure Amendments:[122] County-level manure addition estimates have been derived from manure N addition rates developed by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (Edmonds et al. 2003). Working with the farm-level crop and animal data from the 1997 Census of Agriculture, USDA-NRCS has coupled estimates of manure N produced with estimates of manure N recoverability by animal waste management system to produce county-level rates of manure N application to cropland and pasture. Edmonds et al. (2003) defined a hierarchy that included 24 crops, permanent pasture, and cropland used as pasture. They estimated the area amended with manure and application rates in 1997 for both manure-producing farms and manure-receiving farms within a county and for two scenarios—before implementation of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (baseline) and after implementation (Edmonds et al. 2003). The goal of nutrient management plans is to apply manure nutrients at a rate meeting plant demand, thus limiting leaching losses of nutrients to groundwater and waterways.

For DayCent simulations, the rates for manure-producing farms and manure-receiving farms have been area-weighted and combined to produce a single county-level estimate for the amount of land amended with manure and the manure N application rate for each crop in each county. The estimates are based on the assumption that Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans have not been fully implemented. This is a conservative assumption because it allows for higher leaching rates due to some over-application of manure to soils. In order to address uncertainty in these data, uniform probability distributions are constructed based on the proportion of land receiving manure versus the amount not receiving manure for each crop type and pasture. For example, if 20 percent of land producing corn in a county is amended with manure, randomly drawing a value equal to or greater than 0 and less than 20 would lead to a simulation with a manure amendment, while drawing a value greater than or equal to 20 and less than 100 would lead to no amendment in the simulation (see Step 2a for further discussion of uncertainty methods).

Edmonds et al. (2003) only provides manure application rate data for 1997, but the amount of managed manure available for soil application changes annually, so the area amended with manure is adjusted relative to 1997 to account for all the manure available for application in other years. Specifically, the manure N available for application in other years is divided by the manure N available in 1997. If the ratio is greater than 1, there is more manure N available in that county relative to the amount in 1997, and so it is assumed a larger area is amended with manure. In contrast, ratios less than one imply less area is amended with manure because there is a lower amount available in the year compared to 1997. The amendment area in each county for 1997 is multiplied by the ratio to reflect the impact of manure N availability on the area amended. The amount of managed manure N available for application to soils is calculated by determining the populations of livestock on feedlots or otherwise housed, requiring collection and management of the manure. The methods are described in the Manure Management section (Section 5.2) and annex (Annex 3.10). The total managed manure N applied to soils is found in Table A-202.

To estimate C inputs (associated with manure N application rates derived from Edmonds et al. (2003), carbon-nitrogen (C:N) ratios for livestock-specific manure types are adapted from the Agricultural Waste Management Field Handbook (USDA

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[122] For the Inventory, total livestock manure is divided into two general categories: (1) managed manure, and (2) unmanaged manure. Managed manure includes manure stored in management systems such as drylots, pits and lagoons, as well as manure applied to soils through daily spread manure operations. Unmanaged manure encompasses all manure deposited on soils by animals on PRP.

1996), On-Farm Composting Handbook (NRAES 1992), and recoverability factors provided by Edmonds et al (2003). The C:N ratios are applied to county-level estimates of manure N excreted by animal type and management system to produce a weighted county average C:N ratio for manure amendments. The average C:N ratio is used to determine the associated C input for crop amendments derived from Edmonds et al. (2003).

To account for the common practice of reducing inorganic N fertilizer inputs when manure is added to a cropland soil, crop-specific reduction factors are derived from mineral fertilization data for land amended with manure versus land not amended with manure in the ERS 1995 Cropping Practices Survey (USDA-ERS 1997). Mineral N fertilization rates are reduced for crops receiving manure N based on a fraction of the amount of manure N applied, depending on the crop and whether it is irrigated or rainfed. The reduction factors are randomly selected from PDFs with normal densities in order to address uncertainties in the dependence between manure amendments and mineral fertilizer application.

PRP Manure N: Another key source of N for grasslands is PRP manure N deposition (i.e., manure deposited by grazing livestock on pasture, range or paddock). The total amount of PRP manure N is estimated using methods described in the Manure Management section (Section 5.2) and annex (Annex 3.10). Nitrogen from PRP animal waste deposited on non-federal grasslands in a county is generated by multiplying the total PRP N (based on animal type and population data in a county) by the fraction of non-federal grassland area in the county. PRP manure N input rates for the Tier 3 DayCent simulations are estimated by dividing the total PRP manure N amount by the land area associated with non-federal grasslands in the county from the NRI survey data. The total PRP manure N added to soils is found in Table A-202.

Residue N Inputs: Crop residue N, fixation by legumes, and N residue inputs from senesced grass litter are included as sources of N to the soil, and are estimated in the DayCent simulations as a function of vegetation type, weather, and soil properties. That is, while the model accounts for the contribution of N from crop residues to the soil profile and subsequent N_2O emissions, this source of mineral soil N is not "activity data" as it is not a model input. The simulated total N inputs of above- and below-ground residue N and fixed N, which are not harvested or burned (the DayCent simulations assumed that 3 percent of non-harvested above ground residues for crops are burned),[123] are provided in Table A-203.

Other N Inputs: Other N inputs are estimated within the DayCent simulation, and thus input data are not required, including mineralization from decomposition of soil organic matter and asymbiotic fixation of N from the atmosphere. Mineralization of soil organic matter will also include the effect of land use change on this process as recommended by the IPCC (2006). The influence of additional inputs of N are estimated in the simulations so that there is full accounting of all emissions from managed lands, as recommended by the IPCC (2006). The simulated N input from residues, soil organic matter mineralization and asymbiotic N fixation are provided in Table A-203.

Tillage Practices: Tillage practices are grouped into 3 categories: full, reduced, and no-tillage. Full tillage is defined as multiple tillage operations every year, including significant soil inversion (e.g., plowing, deep disking) and low surface residue coverage. This definition corresponds to the intensive tillage and "reduced" tillage systems as defined by CTIC (2004). No-till is defined as not disturbing the soil except through the use of fertilizer and seed drills and where no-till is applied to all crops in the rotation. Reduced tillage made up the remainder of the cultivated area, including mulch tillage and ridge tillage as defined by CTIC and intermittent no-till. The specific tillage implements and applications used for different crops, rotations, and regions to represent the three tillage classes are derived from the 1995 Cropping Practices Survey by the Economic Research Service (USDA-ERS 1997).

Tillage practices are estimated for each cropping system based on data from the Conservation Technology Information Center[124] (CTIC 2004). CTIC compiles data on cropland area under five tillage classes by major crop species and year for each county. Because the surveys involve county-level aggregate area, they do not fully characterize tillage practices as they are applied within a management sequence (e.g., crop rotation). This is particularly true for area estimates of cropland under no-till. These estimates include a relatively high proportion of "intermittent" no-till, where no-till in one year may be followed by tillage in a subsequent year. For example, a common practice in maize-soybean rotations is to use tillage in the maize crop while no-till is used for soybean, such that no-till practices are not continuous in time. Estimates of the area under continuous no-till are provided by experts at CTIC to account for intermittent tillage activity and its impact on soil C (Towery 2001).

Tillage data are further processed to construct PDFs. Transitions between tillage systems are based on observed county-level changes in the frequency distribution of the area under full, reduced, and no-till from the 1980s through 2004. Generally, the fraction of full tillage decreased during this time span, with concomitant increases in reduced till and no-till management.

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[123] Another improvement is to reconcile the amount of crop residues burned with the Field Burning of Agricultural Residues source category (Section 5.5).

[124] National scale tillage data are no longer collected by CTIC, and a new data source will be needed, which is a planned improvement.

Transitions that are modeled and applied to NRI points occurring within a county are full tillage to reduced and no-till, and reduced tillage to no-till. The remaining amount of cropland is assumed to have no change in tillage (e.g., full tillage remained in full tillage). Transition matrices are constructed from CTIC data to represent tillage changes for three time periods, 1980 through 1989, 1990 through 1999, 2000 through 2012. Areas in each of the three tillage classes—full till (FT), reduced till (RT), no-till (NT)—in 1989 (the first year the CTIC data are available) are used for the first time period, data from 1997 are used for the second time period, and data from 2004 are used for the last time period. Percentage areas of cropland in each county are calculated for each possible transition (e.g., FT→FT, FT→RT, FT→NT, RT→RT, RT→NT) to obtain a probability for each tillage transition at an NRI point. It is assumed that there are no transitions for NT→FT or NT→NT after accounting for NT systems that have intermittent tillage. Uniform probability distributions are established for each tillage scenario in the county. For example, a particular crop rotation had 80 percent chance of remaining in full tillage over the two decades, a 15 percent chance of a transition from full to reduced tillage and a 5 percent chance of a transition from full to no-till. The uniform distribution is subdivided into three segments with random draws in the Monte Carlo simulation (discussed in Step 2b) leading to full tillage over the entire time period if the value is greater than or equal to 0 and less than 80, a transition from full to reduced till if the random draw is equal to or greater than 80 and less than 95, or a transition from full to no-till if the draw is greater than or equal to 95. See step 2b for additional discussion of the uncertainty analysis.

Irrigation: NRI (USDA-NRCS 2015) differentiates between irrigated and non-irrigated land, but does not provide more detailed information on the type and intensity of irrigation. Hence, irrigation is modeled by assuming that applied water to field capacity with intervals between irrigation events where the soils drain to about 60 percent of field capacity.

Daily Weather Data: Daily maximum/minimum temperature and precipitation data are based on gridded weather data from the PRISM Climate Group (2015). It is necessary to use computer-generated weather data because weather station data do not exist near all NRI points. The PRISM product uses this information with interpolation algorithms to derive weather patterns for areas between these stations (Daly et al. 1998). PRISM weather data are available for the United States from 1981 through 2012 at a 4 km resolution. Each NRI point is assigned the PRISM weather data for the grid cell containing the point.

Enhanced Vegetation Index: The Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI) from the MODIS vegetation products, (MOD13Q1 and MYD13Q1) is an input to DayCent for estimating net primary production using the NASA-CASA production algorithm (Potter et al. 1993, 2007). MODIS imagery is collected on a nominal 8 day-time frequency when combining the two products. A best approximation of the daily time series of EVI data is derived using a smoothing process based on the Savitzky-Golay Filter (Savitzky and Golay 1964) after pre-screening for outliers and for cloud-free, high quality data as identified in the MODIS data product quality layer. The NASA-CASA production algorithm is only used for the following crops: corn, soybeans, sorghum, cotton, wheat and other close-grown crops such as barley and oats.[125]

The MODIS EVI products have a 250 m spatial resolution, and some pixels in images have mixed land uses and crop types at this resolution, which is problematic for estimating NPP associated with a specific crop at a NRI point. Therefore, a threshold of 90 percent purity in an individual pixel is the cutoff for estimating NPP using the EVI data derived from the imagery (i.e., pixels with less than 90 percent purity for a crop are assumed to generate bias in the resulting NPP estimates). The USDA-NASS Crop Data Layer (CDL) (Johnson and Mueller 2010) is used to determine the purity levels of the EVI data. CDL data have a 30 to 58 m spatial resolution, depending on the year. The level of purity for individual pixels in the MODIS EVI products is determined by aggregating the crop cover data in CDL to the 250m resolution of the EVI data. In this step, the percent cover of individual crops is determined for the 250m EVI pixels. Pixels that did not meet a 90 percent purity level for any crop are eliminated from the dataset. CDL does not provide full coverage for crop maps across the conterminous United States until 2009 so it is not possible to evaluate purity for the entire cropland area prior to 2009. The nearest pixel with at least 90 percent purity for a crop is assigned to the NRI point based on a 10 km buffer surrounding the survey location. EVI data are not assigned to a point if there are no pixels with at least 90 percent purity within the 10 km buffer. In these cases, production is simulated with a single value for the maximum daily NPP, which is reduced if there is water, temperature or nutrient stress affecting the plants growth.

Water Management for Rice Cultivation: Rice crop production in the United States is mostly managed with continuous flooding, but does include a minor amount of land with mid-season drainage or alternate wet-dry periods (Hardke 2015; UCCE 2015; Hollier 1999; Way et al. 2014). However, continuous flooding is applied to all rice cultivation areas in the inventory because water management data are not available. Winter flooding is another key practice associated with water management in rice fields. Winter flooding occurs on 34 percent of rice fields in California (Miller et al. 2010; Fleskes et al. 2005), and approximately 21 percent of the fields in Arkansas (Wilson and Branson 2005 and 2006; Wilson and Runsick 2007 and 2008; Wilson et al. 2009 and 2010; Hardke and Wilson 2013 and 2014; Hardke 2015). No data are available on

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[125] Additional crops and grassland will be used with the NASA-CASA method in the future, as a planned improvement.

winter flooding for Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Missouri, or Mississippi. For these states, the average amount of flooding is assumed to be similar to Arkansas. In addition, the amount of winter flooding is assumed to be relatively constant over the Inventory time period.

Organic Amendments for Rice Cultivation: Rice straw is not typically harvested from fields in the United States. The C input from rice straw is simulated directly within the DayCent model for the Tier 3 method. For the Tier 1 method, residues are assumed to be left on the field for more than 30 days prior to cultivation and flooding for the next crop, with the exception of ratoon crops, which are assumed to have residues on the field for less than 30 days prior to the second crop in the season. To estimate the amount of rice straw, crop yield data (except rice in Florida) are compiled from USDA NASS QuickStats (USDA 2015). Rice yield data are not collected by USDA for the state of Florida, and so are derived based on NRI crop areas and average primary and ratoon rice yields from Deren (2002). Relative proportions of ratoon crops are derived from information in several publications (Schueneman 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001; Deren 2002; Kirstein 2003, 2004, 2006; Cantens 2004, 2005; Gonzalez 2007 through 2014). The yields are multiplied by residue:crop product ratios from Strehler and Stützle (1987), to estimate rice straw input amounts for the Tier 1 method.

Soil Properties: Soil texture and natural drainage capacity (i.e., hydric vs. non-hydric soil characterization) are the main soil variables used as input to the DayCent model. Texture is one of the main controls on soil C turnover and stabilization in the DayCent model, which uses particle size fractions of sand (50-2,000 μm), silt (2-50 μm), and clay (<2 μm) as inputs. Hydric condition are poorly-drained, and hence prone to have a high water table for part of the year in their native (pre-cultivation) condition. Non-hydric soils are moderately to well-drained.[126] Poorly drained soils can be subject to anaerobic (lack of oxygen) conditions if water inputs (precipitation and irrigation) exceed water losses from drainage and evapotranspiration. Depending on moisture conditions, hydric soils can range from being fully aerobic to completely anaerobic, varying over the year. Decomposition rates are modified according to a linear function that varies from 0.3 under completely anaerobic conditions to 1.0 under fully aerobic conditions (default parameters in DayCent).[127] Other soil characteristics needed in the simulation, such as field capacity and wilting-point water contents, are estimated from soil texture data using a standardized hydraulic properties calculator (Saxton et al. 1986). Soil input data are derived from Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO) (Soil Survey Staff 2015). The data are based on field measurements collected as part of soil survey and mapping. Each NRI point is assigned the dominant soil component in the polygon containing the point from the SSURGO data product.

Step 1c: Obtain Additional Management Activity Data for the Tier 1 Method to estimate Soil N₂O Emissions from Mineral Soils

Synthetic N Fertilizer: A process-of-elimination approach is used to estimate synthetic N fertilizer additions to crops in the Tier 1 method. The total amount of fertilizer used on-farms has been estimated by the USGS from 1990 through 2001 on a county scale from fertilizer sales data (Ruddy et al. 2006). For 2002 through 2012, county-level fertilizer used on-farms is adjusted based on annual fluctuations in total U.S. fertilizer sales (AAPFCO 1995 through 2007; AAPFCO 2008 through 2012). The fertilizer consumption data are recorded in "fertilizer year" totals, (i.e., July to June), but are converted to calendar year totals. This is done by assuming that approximately 35 percent of fertilizer usage occurred from July to December and 65 percent from January to June (TVA 1992b). Fertilizer application data are available for crops and grasslands simulated by DayCent (discussed in Step 1a section for Tier 3). Thus, the amount of N applied to crops in the Tier 1 method (i.e., not simulated by DayCent) is assumed to be the remainder of the fertilizer used on farms after subtracting the amount applied to crops and non-federal grasslands simulated by DayCent. The differences are aggregated to the state level, and PDFs are derived based on uncertainties in the amount of N applied to crops and non-federal grasslands for the Tier 3 method. Total fertilizer application to crops in the Tier 1 method is found in Table A-204.

Managed Livestock Manure and Other Organic Amendments: Manure N that is not applied to crops and grassland simulated by DayCent is assumed to be applied to other crops that are included in the Tier 1 method. Estimates of total national annual N additions from other commercial organic fertilizers are derived from organic fertilizer statistics (TVA 1991 through 1994; AAPFCO 1995 through 2016). Commercial organic fertilizers include dried blood, tankage, compost, and other; dried manure and biosolids (i.e., sewage sludge) that are used as commercial fertilizer are subtracted from totals to avoid double counting. The dried manure N is counted with the non-commercial manure applications, and biosolids is assumed to be applied only to grasslands. The organic fertilizer data, which are recorded in mass units of fertilizer, had to be converted to mass units of N by multiplying the consumption values by the average organic fertilizer N content of 0.5 percent (AAPFCO 2000). Similar to the data for synthetic fertilizers described above, the organic fertilizer consumption data are recorded in "fertilizer year" totals, (i.e., July to June), but are converted to calendar year totals. This is done by assuming that approximately 35 percent of fertilizer usage occurred from July to December and 65 percent from January to June (TVA

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[126] Artificial drainage (e.g., ditch- or tile-drainage) is simulated as a management variable.

[127] Hydric soils are primarily subject to anaerobic conditions outside the plant growing season, such as late winter or early spring prior to planting. Soils that are flooded during much of the year are typically classified as organic soils (e.g., peat), which are not simulated with the DayCent model.

1992b). PDFs are derived for the organic fertilizer applications assuming a default ±50 percent uncertainty. Annual consumption of other organic fertilizers is presented in Table A-205. The fate of manure N is summarized in Table A-202.

PRP Manure N: Soil N_2O emissions from PRP manure N deposited on federal grasslands are estimated with a Tier 1 method. PRP manure N data are derived using methods described in the Manure Management section (Section 5.2) and Annex 3.10. PRP N deposited on federal grasslands is calculated using a process of elimination approach. The amount of PRP N generated by DayCent model simulations of non-federal grasslands was subtracted from total PRP N and this difference was assumed to be applied to federal grasslands. The total PRP manure N added to soils is found in Table A-202.

Biosolids (i.e., Sewage Sludge) Amendments: Biosolids is generated from the treatment of raw sewage in public or private wastewater treatment works and is typically used as a soil amendment, or is sent to waste disposal facilities, such as landfills. In this Inventory, all biosolids that are amended to agricultural soils are assumed to be applied to grasslands. Estimates of the amounts of biosolids N applied to agricultural lands are derived from national data on biosolids generation, disposition, and N content. Total biosolids generation data for 1990 through 2004, in dry mass units, are obtained from AAPFCO (1995 through 2004). Values for 2005 through 2016 were not available so a "least squares line" statistical extrapolation using the previous 16 years of data was used to arrive at an approximate value. The total sludge generation estimates are then converted to units of N by applying an average N content of 69 percent (AAPFCO 2000), and disaggregated into use and disposal practices using historical data in EPA (1993) and NEBRA (2007). The use and disposal practices are agricultural land application, other land application, surface disposal, incineration, landfilling, ocean dumping (ended in 1992), and other disposal methods. The resulting estimates of biosolids N applied to agricultural land are used to estimate N_2O emissions from agricultural soil management; the estimates of biosolids N applied to other land and surface-disposed are used in estimating N_2O fluxes from soils in *Settlements Remaining Settlements* (see section 6.9 of the Land Use, Land-Use Change, and Forestry chapter). Biosolids disposal data are provided in Table A-206.

Residue N Inputs: Soil N_2O emissions for residue N inputs from croplands that are not simulated by DayCent are estimated with a Tier 1 method. Annual crop production statistics for all major commodity and specialty crops are taken from U.S. Department of Agriculture crop production reports (USDA-NASS 2015). Total production for each crop is converted to tons of dry matter product using the residue dry matter fractions shown in Table A-207. Dry matter yield is then converted to tonnes of above- and below-ground biomass N. Above-ground biomass is calculated by using linear equations to estimate above-ground biomass given dry matter crop yields, and below-ground biomass is calculated by multiplying above-ground biomass by the below-to-above-ground biomass ratio. N inputs are estimated by multiplying above- and below-ground biomass by respective N concentrations and by the portion of cropland that was not simulated by DayCent. All ratios and equations used to calculate residue N inputs are from IPCC (2006) and Williams (2006). PDFs are derived assuming a ±50 percent uncertainty in the yield estimates (USDA-NASS does not provide uncertainty), along with uncertainties provided by the IPCC (2006) for dry matter fractions, above-ground residue, ratio of below-ground to above-ground biomass, and residue N fractions. The resulting annual residue N inputs are presented in Table A-208.

Step 1d: Obtain Additional Management Activity Data for the Tier 2 Method to estimate Soil C Stock Changes in Mineral Soils

Tillage Practices: For the Tier 2 method that is used to estimate soil organic C stock changes, PDFs are constructed for the CTIC tillage data (CTIC 2004) as bivariate normal on a log-ratio scale to reflect negative dependence among tillage classes. This structure ensured that simulated tillage percentages are non-negative and summed to 100 percent. CTIC data do not differentiate between continuous and intermittent use of no-tillage, which is important for estimating SOC storage. Thus, regionally based estimates for continuous no-tillage (defined as 5 or more years of continuous use) are modified based on consultation with CTIC experts, as discussed in Step 1a (downward adjustment of total no-tillage area based on the amount of no-tillage that is rotated with more intensive tillage practices) (Towery 2001).

Managed Livestock Manure Amendments: USDA provides information on the amount of land amended with manure for 1997 based on manure production data and field-scale surveys detailing application rates that had been collected in the *Census of Agriculture* (Edmonds et al. 2003). Similar to the DayCent model discussion in Step1b, the amount of land receiving manure is based on the estimates provided by Edmonds et al. (2003), as a proportion of crop and grassland amended with manure within individual climate regions. The resulting proportions are used to re-classify a portion of crop and grassland into a new management category. Specifically, a portion of medium input cropping systems is re-classified as high input, and a portion of the high input systems is re-classified as high input with amendment. In grassland systems, the estimated proportions for land amended with manure are used to re-classify a portion of nominally-managed grassland as improved, and a portion of improved grassland as improved with high input. These classification approaches are consistent with the IPCC inventory methodology (IPCC 2006). Uncertainties in the amount of land amended with manure are based on the sample variance at the climate region scale, assuming normal density PDFs (i.e., variance of the climate region estimates, which are derived from county-scale proportions).

Biosolids (i.e., Sewage Sludge) Amendments: Biosolids are generated from the treatment of raw sewage in public or private wastewater treatment facilities and are typically used as a soil amendment or is sent for waste disposal to landfills. In this Inventory, all biosolids that are amended to agricultural soils are assumed to be applied to grasslands. See section on biosolids in Step 1c for more information about the methods used to derive biosolids N estimates. The total amount of biosolids N is given in Table A-206. Biosolids N is assumed to be applied at the assimilative capacity provided in Kellogg et al. (2000), which is the amount of nutrients taken up by a crop and removed at harvest, representing the recommended application rate for manure amendments. This capacity varies from year to year, because it is based on specific crop yields during the respective year (Kellogg et al. 2000). Total biosolids N available for application is divided by the assimilative capacity to estimate the total land area over which biosolids had been applied. The resulting estimates are used for the estimation of soil C stock change.

Wetland Reserve: Wetlands enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program have been restored in the Northern Prairie Pothole Region through the Partners for Wildlife Program funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS 2010). The area of restored wetlands is estimated from contract agreements (Euliss and Gleason 2002). While the contracts provide reasonable estimates of the amount of land restored in the region, they do not provide the information necessary to estimate uncertainty. Consequently, a ±50 percent range is used to construct the PDFs for the uncertainty analysis.

Table A-201: Synthetic Fertilizer N Added to Tier 3 Crops (kt N)

	1990	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Fertilizer N	9,681	9,571	9,750	9,742	9,620	9,343	9,697	9,532	9,546	9,570	9,565	9,689	9,465	10,263	9,850	9,755	9,912	9,935	10,101

Note: The latter part of the time series in this Inventory is estimated with data splicing methods. Additional activity data will be collected and the Tier 1, 2 and 3 methods will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-202: Fate of Livestock Manure Nitrogen (kt N)

Activity	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Managed Manure N Applied to Tier 3 Cropland and Non-federal Grasslands[a],[b]	819	812	834	857	789	739	773	784	794	965	977	953	972	956	917	929	917	979	937	988	1,015	1,015	1,026
Managed Manure N Applied to Tier 1 Cropland[c]	1,311	1,350	1,341	1,288	1,402	1,484	1,446	1,467	1,429	1,302	1,330	1,335	1,358	1,382	1,327	1,359	1,449	1,420	1,421	1,338	1,298	1,319	1,320
Managed Manure N Applied to Grasslands	404	400	396	411	435	428	424	423	482	463	467	478	480	484	506	502	502	497	497	497	494	490	482
Pasture, Range, & Paddock Manure N	4,097	4,104	4,265	4,354	4,427	4,529	4,493	4,382	4,327	4,255	4,150	4,137	4,134	4,132	4,081	4,124	4,168	4,051	4,036	4,025	3,998	3,924	3,862
Total	**6,631**	**6,666**	**6,836**	**6,911**	**7,054**	**7,180**	**7,136**	**7,055**	**7,032**	**6,985**	**6,924**	**6,903**	**6,943**	**6,954**	**6,830**	**6,914**	**7,036**	**6,946**	**6,891**	**6,849**	**6,806**	**6,748**	**6,690**

[a] Accounts for N volatilized and leached/runoff during treatment, storage and transport before soil application.
[b] Includes managed manure and daily spread manure amendments
[c] Totals may not sum exactly due to rounding.
Note: The latter part of the time series in this Inventory is estimated with data splicing methods. Additional activity data will be collected and the Tier 1, 2 and 3 methods will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-203: Crop Residue N and Other N Inputs to Tier 3 Crops as Simulated by DayCent (kt N)

Activity	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Residue N[a]	3,880	4,105	3,722	4,051	3,741	4,183	3,934	3,967	3,891	4,604	4,222	4,199	4,204	4,303	3,954	4,218	4,082	4,171	3,969	4,072	4,484	4,426	4,369
Mineralization & Asymbiotic Fixation	11,962	11,401	11,469	12,313	11,470	12,122	11,767	11,892	13,247	11,891	12,151	12,752	12,151	12,834	13,909	12,738	12,627	13,111	13,175	13,789	14,334	12,752	11,646

[a] Residue N inputs include unharvested fixed N from legumes as well as crop residue N.
Note: The latter part of the time series in this Inventory is estimated with data splicing methods. Additional activity data will be collected and the Tier 1, 2 and 3 methods will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-204: Synthetic Fertilizer N Added to Tier 1 Crops (kt N)

Activity	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Fertilizer N	1,291	1,308	1,232	1,137	2,007	1,496	1,865	1,699	1,807	2,042	1,734	1,271	1,438	1,716	1,872	1,489	1,755	1,584	1,453	1,212	1,433	1,815	2,017

Note: The latter part of the time series in this Inventory is estimated with data splicing methods. Additional activity data will be collected and the Tier 1, 2 and 3 methods will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-205: Other Organic Commercial Fertilizer Consumption on Agricultural Lands (kt N)

Activity	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Other Commercial Organic Fertilizer N[a]	4	8	6	5	8	10	13	14	12	11	9	7	8	8	9	10	12	15	12	10	10	12	13

[a] Includes dried blood, tankage, compost, other. Excludes dried manure and biosolids (i.e., sewage sludge) used as commercial fertilizer to avoid double counting.
Note: The latter part of the time series in this Inventory is estimated with data splicing methods. Additional activity data will be collected and the Tier 1, 2 and 3 methods will be applied in a future Inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-206: Biosolids (i.e., Sewage Sludge) Nitrogen by Disposal Practice (kt N)

Disposal Practice	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Applied to Agricultural Soils	52	55	58	62	65	68	72	75	78	81	84	86	89	91	94	98	101	104	107	110	113	116	119	122	124	127	130
Other Land Application	25	26	26	27	27	28	29	29	29	30	30	30	30	30	30	31	31	32	32	32	32	33	33	33	33	33	34
Surface Disposal	20	19	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	10	9	8	6	5	5	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1
Total	**97**	**100**	**104**	**107**	**109**	**111**	**116**	**118**	**121**	**122**	**124**	**125**	**127**	**128**	**130**	**134**	**137**	**140**	**142**	**145**	**148**	**151**	**153**	**156**	**159**	**162**	**165**

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

Table A-207: Key Assumptions for Crop Production in the Tier 1 Method

Crop	Dry Matter Fraction of Harvested Product	Above-ground Residue Slope	Above-ground Residue Intercept	Ratio of Below-ground Residue to Above-ground Biomass	Residue N Fraction Above-ground	Residue N Fraction Below-ground
Alfalfa	0.9	0.29	0	0.4	0.027	0.019
Asparagus	0.07	0.5	0	0.2	0.006	0.009
Barley	0.89	0.98	0.59	0.22	0.007	0.014
Beans and Lentils	0.9	0.36	0.68	0.19	0.01	0.01
Broccoli	0.09	0.1	0	0.11	0.006	0.009
Cabbage	0.08	0.1	0	0.11	0.006	0.009
Carrots	0.13	0.46	0.02	0.15	0.019	0.014
Cauliflower	0.08	0.1	0	0.11	0.006	0.009
Celery	0.05	0.23	0	0.11	0.006	0.009
Corn	0.87	1.03	0.61	0.22	0.006	0.007
Corn for silage	0.3	0.3	0	0.22	0.006	0.007
Cotton	0.93	1.49	4.41	0.13	0.012	0.007
Cucumbers	0.04	1.77	0	0.03	0.006	0.009
Flaxseed	0.88	1.09	0.88	0.22	0.006	0.009
Garlic	0.11	0.23	0	0.15	0.019	0.014
Greens	0.08	0.1	0	0.11	0.006	0.009
Hay Grass	0.9	0.18	0	0.54	0.015	0.012
Hay legume	0.9	0.235	0	0.47	0.021	0.0155
Lettuce Head	0.04	0.1	0	0.11	0.006	0.009
Lettuce Leaf	0.04	0.1	0	0.11	0.006	0.009
Melons Cantaloup	0.06	1.77	0	0.04	0.006	0.009
Melons Honeydew	0.06	1.77	0	0.04	0.006	0.009
Melons Watermelon	0.085	1.77	0	0.04	0.006	0.009
Millet	0.88	1.09	0.88	0.22	0.006	0.009
Oats	0.89	0.91	0.89	0.25	0.007	0.008
Onions	0.12	0.23	0	0.14	0.019	0.014
Other Vegetables	0.05	0.59	0.57	0.19	0.006	0.009
Peanuts	0.94	1.07	1.54	0.2	0.016	0.014
Peas	0.91	1.13	0.85	0.05	0.011	0.008
Peppers	0.08	1.4	0	0.14	0.006	0.009
Potatoes	0.22	0.1	1.06	0.2	0.019	0.014
Pumpkins	0.1	1.77	0	0.04	0.006	0.009
Radishes	0.05	1.21	0.46	0.15	0.019	0.014
Rice	0.89	0.95	2.46	0.16	0.007	0.009
Sorghum Grain	0.89	0.88	1.33	0.22	0.007	0.006
Sorghum for silage	0.3	0.3	0	0.22	0.007	0.006
Soybeans	0.91	0.93	1.35	0.19	0.008	0.008
Squash	0.05	1.57	0	0.04	0.006	0.009
Sugar beets	0.22	0.1	1.06	0.2	0.019	0.014
Sugarcane	0.25	0.41	0	0.16	0.007	0.005
Sunflower	0.88	1.09	0.88	0.22	0.006	0.009
Sweet Potatoes	0.35	0.27	1.74	0.15	0.019	0.014
Tobacco	0.87	0.3	0	0.4	0.008	0.018
Tomatoes	0.05	0.59	0.57	0.19	0.006	0.009
Wheat	0.89	1.51	0.52	0.24	0.006	0.009

Table A-208: Nitrogen in Crop Residues Retained on Soils Producing Crops Not Simulated by DayCent (kt N)

Crop Type	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Alfalfa	83,273	71,670	62,572	68,216	72,375	72,238	62,135	58,522	72,454	67,821	62,386
Asparagus	7	15	5	5	7	6	5	16	13	8	11
Barley	7,202	6,493	8,095	6,897	5,438	7,046	4,574	5,699	4,060	3,817	3,745
Beans and Lentils	1,988	2,087	1,905	1,941	2,086	2,157	2,217	2,169	2,383	2,083	1,795
Broccoli	6	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	1	1	36
Cabbage	76	89	73	71	48	59	77	91	70	72	28
Carrots	1,653	1,406	1,354	1,505	1,734	1,767	1,610	1,859	1,322	1,853	1,376
Cauliflower	6	1	0	1	2	3	3	3	1	4	9

Crop Type										
Celery	164	164	160	171	172	175	169	167	152	150	208
Corn	157,085	140,273	163,074	116,107	152,485	120,853	132,009	129,618	128,842	119,312	117,803
Corn for silage	6,044	6,040	6,065	5,686	5,680	5,169	5,207	5,810	5,152	5,366	5,241
Cotton	44,527	44,892	42,250	45,751	48,029	54,878	55,629	52,605	40,598	44,643	38,834
Cucumbers	108	107	77	132	90	104	89	82	96	41	17
Flaxseed	9,109	10,390	11,706	8,780	10,272	9,141	9,346	9,263	10,024	8,286	8,895
Garlic	260	367	310	265	249	226	259	191	493	617	475
Greens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Hay Grass	47,058	46,868	47,621	46,389	49,742	47,119	42,954	42,977	41,591	39,399	37,948
Hay legume	49,609	46,763	45,714	47,095	47,296	45,540	39,727	39,074	39,119	35,655	32,621
Lettuce Head	26	26	36	37	34	30	22	17	11	12	11
Lettuce Leaf	25	32	26	22	22	20	17	26	26	33	21
Melons Cantaloup	498	427	436	397	422	518	472	391	346	461	333
Melons Honeydew	293	273	278	287	275	204	254	166	170	263	181
Melons Watermelon	2,100	2,026	1,976	2,082	2,126	2,009	2,093	2,050	2,195	2,492	2,768
Millet	159,271	166,193	168,344	160,264	157,997	157,691	154,741	155,367	145,258	144,807	101,557
Oats	3,804	2,827	2,522	2,831	2,690	2,431	1,911	2,352	1,933	1,183	2,022
Onions	607	708	615	739	661	735	821	650	661	926	608
Other Vegetables	3,450	3,231	3,284	3,181	2,805	2,637	3,038	2,603	2,295	2,185	2,926
Peanuts	13,828	15,423	14,802	12,379	15,090	12,005	10,851	13,080	11,464	10,669	9,060
Peas	3,066	3,333	3,466	3,705	3,233	4,523	2,825	3,859	3,498	3,244	3,168
Peppers	214	284	257	276	311	291	399	384	440	364	606
Potatoes	4,907	5,921	5,233	4,945	5,392	5,051	5,620	4,266	4,348	4,317	4,045
Pumpkins	238	254	244	265	246	290	293	267	130	95	168
Radishes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Rice	9,659	9,199	9,170	9,214	10,496	8,712	9,712	9,028	10,687	17,999	20,037
Sorghum Grain	5,348	4,588	5,361	3,883	3,553	2,936	3,462	2,503	2,698	2,311	2,272
Sorghum for silage	218	236	282	252	179	211	225	187	168	167	121
Soybeans	70,073	67,980	63,414	57,642	66,042	52,916	56,572	51,691	55,228	50,664	50,411
Squash	97	56	56	70	87	103	105	111	92	70	149
Sugar beets	6,277	6,482	7,213	6,166	7,228	6,084	4,504	4,486	3,420	3,934	4,749
Sugarcane	19,061	18,530	17,444	16,158	14,347	12,147	13,280	12,690	12,663	14,968	15,376
Sunflower	654	434	713	649	680	523	465	429	733	1,243	750
Sweet Potatoes	2,432	2,739	3,102	3,085	2,891	2,860	3,410	3,540	1,695	1,459	3,079
Tobacco	3,450	2,546	2,174	2,051	2,332	1,941	1,903	2,216	1,753	1,365	1,257
Tomatoes	2,567	2,623	2,840	2,856	3,010	3,016	3,004	2,127	3,039	4,321	2,982
Wheat	42,145	32,638	40,295	38,640	33,911	31,264	33,943	33,578	31,322	25,797	29,723
Total	**762,484**	**726,638**	**744,564**	**681,091**	**731,766**	**677,633**	**669,956**	**656,211**	**642,645**	**624,478**	**569,854**

Crop Type	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alfalfa	62,642	62,504	57,362	56,258	52,225	53,611	53,721	49,848	49,151	48,496	45,641
Asparagus	14	15	8	23	18	13	20	9	6	7	12
Barley	2,152	2,931	2,119	3,561	1,634	1,928	1,814	2,353	3,387	3,464	3,183
Beans and Lentils	1,788	2,389	1,967	1,421	2,204	2,234	2,224	2,130	2,245	2,499	3,086
Broccoli	8	1	6	0	3	2	1	10	0	2	8
Cabbage	55	60	40	26	24	38	55	79	36	53	41
Carrots	2,053	3,012	2,011	1,640	654	1,330	450	1,145	919	1,207	2,530
Cauliflower	2	4	4	0	5	0	0	5	1	0	5
Celery	287	445	403	693	632	630	731	718	640	43	47
Corn	114,825	101,695	110,754	125,805	112,545	113,901	129,388	123,378	131,972	118,018	119,829
Corn for silage	4,943	4,644	4,747	4,595	4,016	3,862	4,874	4,136	3,148	3,369	3,682
Cotton	47,280	42,225	46,101	39,763	45,836	44,746	34,876	31,812	29,707	34,049	40,214
Cucumbers	5	36	52	76	30	29	17	15	0	0	23

Crop Type										
Flaxseed	7,615	6,205	6,483	4,995	5,662	4,742	4,537	4,019	5,333	4,880	3,771
Garlic	592	296	338	367	407	497	331	351	338	66	101
Greens	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hay Grass	35,074	33,468	35,766	35,552	31,241	28,897	30,394	29,387	28,696	27,765	26,698
Hay legume	31,120	29,950	30,343	28,541	26,310	24,668	24,915	24,415	24,724	23,527	22,687
Lettuce Head	7	9	34	16	23	43	68	55	58	206	79
Lettuce Leaf	23	46	8	17	21	4	12	20	3	0	9
Melons Cantaloup	661	419	442	448	406	263	419	322	281	1,006	616
Melons Honeydew	87	143	113	141	73	64	50	18	0	6	37
Melons Watermelon	3,666	3,345	3,642	4,521	3,676	3,733	4,176	4,835	4,479	2,593	4,891
Millet	139,408	79,101	92,480	104,170	109,375	95,290	124,607	122,910	126,667	121,519	108,278
Oats	1,716	1,667	1,658	1,721	2,019	1,540	1,584	1,732	2,073	1,868	1,305
Onions	573	621	711	1,067	771	808	860	985	1,013	1,046	1,579
Other Vegetables	2,552	2,748	2,622	2,767	2,993	2,574	3,052	2,453	2,512	952	1,022
Peanuts	12,198	10,447	11,961	14,464	13,977	10,533	12,173	12,259	10,775	12,284	11,419
Peas	5,793	4,706	4,646	6,401	5,336	4,253	4,981	4,137	5,594	4,779	3,523
Peppers	677	665	688	660	504	569	564	673	665	641	550
Potatoes	3,857	5,357	4,765	4,557	4,874	6,515	4,524	4,918	4,982	4,279	5,589
Pumpkins	131	194	206	259	219	196	200	291	188	974	877
Radishes	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rice	12,505	12,280	10,362	11,660	11,741	10,078	8,815	9,487	10,804	10,807	9,220
Sorghum Grain	1,810	1,357	1,633	1,727	1,324	946	2,017	1,508	688	1,019	1,032
Sorghum for silage	76	130	193	133	195	175	205	115	220	173	76
Soybeans	49,766	49,052	43,170	52,790	51,285	50,506	44,114	47,300	52,562	51,685	44,491
Squash	156	132	119	178	159	144	147	120	120	356	165
Sugar beets	3,555	2,955	2,560	2,999	2,560	3,373	1,630	1,887	1,796	3,799	2,223
Sugarcane	15,019	15,472	15,441	17,283	16,033	18,923	16,296	13,743	13,828	11,800	12,669
Sunflower	842	344	451	374	388	718	741	793	753	411	663
Sweet Potatoes	2,346	2,420	1,954	1,417	2,140	1,237	1,630	1,091	1,829	2,608	2,377
Tobacco	923	824	914	1,172	775	1,044	851	1,105	801	817	459
Tomatoes	3,270	3,382	3,206	4,005	2,812	3,513	3,795	3,297	3,445	5,366	3,795
Wheat	23,357	20,961	27,902	26,404	24,732	20,419	22,511	29,263	25,360	26,126	24,705
Total	**595,531**	**508,657**	**530,385**	**564,667**	**541,856**	**518,590**	**548,369**	**539,128**	**551,800**	**534,564**	**513,209**

Crop Type	2012
Alfalfa	40,879
Asparagus	6
Barley	3,932
Beans and Lentils	2,522
Broccoli	4
Cabbage	47
Carrots	1,375
Cauliflower	4
Celery	81
Corn	107,230
Corn for silage	2,642
Cotton	38,179
Cucumbers	92
Flaxseed	3,658
Garlic	92
Greens	0
Hay Grass	24,077
Hay legume	20,211
Lettuce Head	31

Lettuce Leaf	5
Melons Cantaloup	591
Melons Honeydew	71
Melons Watermelon	4,332
Millet	74,845
Oats	1,286
Onions	1,513
Other Vegetables	833
Peanuts	16,557
Peas	4,009
Peppers	864
Potatoes	6,080
Pumpkins	898
Radishes	0
Rice	8,640
Sorghum Grain	824
Sorghum for silage	147
Soybeans	44,875
Squash	302
Sugar beets	2,658
Sugarcane	13,471
Sunflower	761
Sweet Potatoes	2,743
Tobacco	1,065
Tomatoes	4,305
Wheat	24,343
Total	**461,080**

Note: The latter part of the time series (i.e., 2013-2016) in this Inventory is estimated with data splicing methods. Additional activity data will be collected and the Tier 1, 2 and 3 methods will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Step 1e: Additional Activity Data for Indirect N_2O Emissions

A portion of the N that is applied as synthetic fertilizer, livestock manure, biosolids (i.e., sewage sludge), and other organic amendments volatilizes as NH_3 and NO_x. In turn, this N is returned to soils through atmospheric deposition, thereby increasing mineral N availability and enhancing N_2O production. Additional N is lost from soils through leaching as water percolates through a soil profile and through runoff with overland water flow. N losses from leaching and runoff enter groundwater and waterways, from which a portion is emitted as N_2O. However, N leaching is assumed to be an insignificant source of indirect N_2O in cropland and grassland systems where the amount of precipitation plus irrigation does not exceed 80 percent of the potential evapotranspiration. These areas are typically semi-arid to arid, and nitrate leaching to groundwater is a relatively uncommon event; moreover IPCC (2006) recommends limiting the amount of nitrate leaching assumed to be a source of indirect N_2O emissions based on precipitation, irrigation and potential evapotranspiration.

The activity data for synthetic fertilizer, livestock manure, other organic amendments, residue N inputs, biosolids N, and other N inputs are the same as those used in the calculation of direct emissions from agricultural mineral soils, and may be found in Table A-201 through Table A-206, and Table A-208.

Using the DayCent model, volatilization and leaching/surface run-off of N from soils is estimated in the simulations for crops and non-federal grasslands in the Tier 3 method. DayCent simulates the processes leading to these losses of N based on environmental conditions (i.e., weather patterns and soil characteristics), management impacts (e.g., plowing, irrigation, harvest), and soil N availability. Note that the DayCent model accounts for losses of N from all anthropogenic activity, not just the inputs of N from mineral fertilization and organic amendments, which are addressed in the Tier 1 methodology. Similarly, the N available for producing indirect emissions resulting from grassland management as well as deposited PRP manure is also estimated by DayCent. However, indirect emissions are not estimated f the amount of precipitation plus irrigation does not exceed 80 percent of the potential evapotranspiration. Volatilized losses of N are summed for each day in the annual cycle to provide an estimate of the amount of N subject to indirect N_2O emissions. In addition, the daily losses

of N through leaching and runoff in overland flow are summed for the annual cycle. Uncertainty in the estimates is derived from the measure of variability in the fertilizer and organic amendment activity data (see Step 1a for further information).

The Tier 1 method is used to estimate N losses from mineral soils due to volatilization and leaching/runoff for crops, biosolids applications, and PRP manure on federal grasslands, which are not simulated by DayCent. To estimate volatilized losses, synthetic fertilizers, manure, biosolids, and other organic N inputs are multiplied by the fraction subject to gaseous losses using the respective default values of 0.1 kg N/kg N added as mineral fertilizers and 0.2 kg N/kg N added as manure (IPCC 2006). Uncertainty in the volatilized N ranges from 0.03-0.3 kg NH_3-N+NO_x-N/kg N for synthetic fertilizer and 0.05-0.5 kg NH_3-N+NO_x-N/kg N for organic amendments (IPCC 2006). Leaching/runoff losses of N are estimated by summing the N additions from synthetic and other organic fertilizers, manure, biosolids, and above- and below-ground crop residues, and then multiplying by the default fraction subject to leaching/runoff losses of 0.3 kg N/kg N applied, with an uncertainty from 0.1–0.8 kg NO_3-N/kg N (IPCC 2006). However, N leaching is assumed to be an insignificant source of indirect N_2O emissions if the amount of precipitation plus irrigation did not exceed 80 percent of the potential evapotranspiration. PDFs are derived for each of the N inputs in the same manner as direct N_2O emissions, discussed in Steps 1a and 1c.

Volatilized N is summed for losses from croplands and grasslands. Similarly, the annual amounts of N lost from soil profiles through leaching and surface runoff are summed to obtain the total losses for this pathway.

Step 2: Estimate Soil Organic C Stock Changes, Direct N_2O Emissions from Mineral Soils, and CH_4 Emissions from Rice Cultivation

In this step, soil organic C stock changes, N_2O emissions, and CH_4 emissions from rice cultivation are estimated for cropland and non-federal grasslands. Three methods are used to estimate soil organic C stock changes, direct N_2O emissions from mineral soils, and CH_4 emissions from rice cultivation. The DayCent process-based model is used for the croplands and non-federal grasslands included in the Tier 3 method. A Tier 2 method is used to estimate soil organic C stock changes for crop histories that included crops that are not simulated by DayCent and land use change other than conversions between cropland and grassland. A Tier 1 methodology is used to estimate N_2O emissions from crops that are not simulated by DayCent, PRP manure N deposition on federal grasslands, and CH_4 emissions from rice cultivation. Soil organic C stock changes and N_2O emissions are not estimated for federal grasslands (other than the effect of PRP manure N), but are under evaluation as a planned improvement and may be estimated in future inventories.

Step 2a: Estimate Soil Organic C Stock Changes, N_2O Emissions, and CH_4 emissions for Crops and Non-Federal Grassland with the Tier 3 DayCent Model

Crops that are simulated with DayCent include alfalfa hay, barley, corn, cotton, dry beans, grass hay, grass-clover hay, oats, onions, peanuts, potatoes, rice, sorghum, soybeans, sugar beets, sunflowers, tomatoes, and wheat, which combined represent approximately 90 percent of total cropland in the United States. The DayCent simulations also includes all non-federal grasslands in the United States.

The methodology description is divided into two sub-steps. First, the DayCent model is used to establish the initial conditions and C stocks for 1979, which is the first year of the NRI survey. In the second sub-step, DayCent is used to simulate changes in soil organic C stocks, direct N_2O emissions, and CH_4 emissions from rice cultivation based on the land-use and management histories recorded in the NRI (USDA-NRCS 2015).

Simulate Initial Conditions (Pre-NRI Conditions): DayCent model initialization involves two steps, with the goal of estimating the most accurate stock for the pre-NRI history, and the distribution of organic C among the pools represented in the model (e.g., Structural, Metabolic, Active, Slow, and Passive). Each pool has a different turnover rate (representing the heterogeneous nature of soil organic matter), and the amount of C in each pool at any point in time influences the forward trajectory of the total soil organic C storage. There is currently no national set of soil C measurements that can be used for establishing initial conditions in the model. Sensitivity analysis of the soil organic C algorithms showed that the rate of change of soil organic matter is relatively insensitive to the *amount* of total soil organic C but is highly sensitive to the relative *distribution* of C among different pools (Parton et al. 1987). By simulating the historical land use prior to the inventory period, initial pool distributions are estimated in an unbiased way.

The first step involves running the model to a steady-state condition (e.g., equilibrium) under native vegetation, historical climate data based on the PRISM product (1981 through 2010), and the soil physical attributes for the NRI points. Native vegetation is represented at the MLRA level for pre-settlement time periods in the United States. The model simulates 5,000 years in the pre-settlement era in order to achieve a steady-state condition.

The second step is to simulate the period of time from European settlement and expansion of agriculture to the beginning of the NRI survey, representing the influence of historic land-use change and management, particularly the conversion of native vegetation to agricultural uses. This encompasses a varying time period from land conversion (depending on historical

settlement patterns) to 1979. The information on historical cropping practices used for DayCent simulations has been gathered from a variety of sources, ranging from the historical accounts of farming practices reported in the literature (e.g., Miner 1998) to national level databases (e.g., NASS 2004). A detailed description of the data sources and assumptions used in constructing the base history scenarios of agricultural practices can be found in Williams and Paustian (2005).

NRI History Simulations: After model initialization, DayCent is used to simulate the NRI land use and management histories from 1979 through 2012. The simulations address the influence of soil management on direct N_2O emissions, soil organic C stock changes and losses of N from the profile through leaching/runoff and volatilization. The NRI histories identify the land use and land use change histories for the NRI survey locations, as well as cropping patterns and irrigation history (see Step 1a for description of the NRI data). The input data for the model simulations also include the PRISM weather dataset and SSURGO soils data, synthetic N fertilizer rates, managed manure amendments to cropland and grassland, manure deposition on grasslands (i.e., PRP), tillage histories and EVI data (See Step 1b for description of the inputs). The total number of DayCent simulations is over 18 million with 100 repeated simulations (i.e., iterations) for each NRI point location in a Monte Carlo Analysis. The simulation system incorporates a dedicated MySQL database server and a 30-node parallel processing computer cluster. Input/output operations are managed by a set of run executive programs written in PERL.

The simulations for the NRI history are integrated with the uncertainty analysis. Evaluating uncertainty is an integral part of the analysis and includes three components: (1) uncertainty in the main activity data inputs affecting soil C and N_2O emissions (input uncertainty); (2) uncertainty in the model formulation and parameterization (structural uncertainty); and (3) uncertainty in the land-use and management system areas (scaling uncertainty) (Ogle et al. 2010; Del Grosso et al. 2010). For component 1, input uncertainty is evaluated for fertilization management, manure applications, and tillage, which are the primary management activity data that are supplemental to the NRI observations and have significant influence on soil organic C dynamics, soil N_2O and CH_4 emissions. As described in Step 1b, PDFs are derived from surveys at the county scale for the inputs in most cases. In addition, uncertainty is included for predictions of EVI data that are needed to fill-data gaps and extend the time series (see Enhanced Vegetation Index in Step 1b). To represent uncertainty in all of these inputs, a Monte-Carlo Analysis is used with 100 iterations for each NRI point; random draws are made from PDFs for fertilizer, manure application, tillage, and EVI predictions. As described above, an adjustment factor is also selected from PDFs with normal densities to represent the dependence between manure amendments and N fertilizer application rates.

The second component deals with uncertainty inherent in model formulation and parameterization. This component is the largest source of uncertainty in the Tier 3 model-based inventory analysis, accounting for more than 80 percent of the overall uncertainty in the final estimates (Ogle et al. 2010; Del Grosso et al. 2010). An empirically-based procedure is applied to develop a structural uncertainty estimator from the relationship between modeled results and field measurements from agricultural experiments (Ogle et al. 2007). For soil organic C, the DayCent model is evaluated with measurements from 92 long-term field experiments that have over 900 treatment observations, representing a variety of management conditions (e.g., variation in crop rotation, tillage, fertilization rates, and manure amendments). There are 41 experimental sites available with over 200 treatment observations to evaluate structural uncertainty in the N_2O emission predictions from DayCent (Del Grosso et al. 2010). There are 10 experiments with 126 treatment observations for CH_4 emissions from rice cultivation. The inputs to the model are essentially known in the simulations for the long-term experiments, and, therefore, the analysis is designed to evaluate uncertainties associated with the model structure (i.e., model algorithms and parameterization). USDA is developing a national soil monitoring network to evaluate the Inventory in the future (Spencer et al. 2011).

The relationship between modeled soil organic C stocks and field measurements are statistically analyzed using linear-mixed effect modeling techniques (Figure A-11). Additional fixed effects are included in the mixed effect model if they explained significant variation in the relationship between modeled and measured stocks (i.e., if they met an alpha level of 0.05 for significance). Several variables are tested, including land-use class; type of tillage; cropping system; geographic location; climate; soil texture; time since the management change; original land cover (i.e., forest or grassland); grain harvest as predicted by the model compared to the experimental values; and variation in fertilizer and residue management. The final cropland model includes variables for modeled soil organic C inclusion of hay/pasture in cropping rotations, use of no-till, set-aside lands, organic matter amendments, and inclusion of bare fallow in the rotation, which are significant at an alpha level of 0.05. The final grassland model only included the model soil organic C. These fixed effects are used to make an adjustment to modeled values due to biases that are creating significant mismatches between the modeled and measured stocks. For soil N_2O, simulated DayCent emissions are a highly significant predictor of the measurements, with a p-value of <0.01. Several other variables are considered in the statistical model to evaluate if DayCent exhibits bias under certain conditions related to climate, soil types, and management practices (Figure A-13). Random effects are included in the model to capture the dependence in time series and data collected from the same site, which are needed to estimate appropriate standard deviations for parameter coefficients. For rice CH_4 emissions, simulated DayCent emissions are a significant predictor of measured emission, similar to the results for soil N_2O emissions. Several other variables are tested including soil characteristics, geographic location (i.e., state), and management practices (e.g., with and without winter flooding) (Figure A-14). The only other significant variable is geographic location because the model does not predict emissions as

accurately for California as other rice-producing states. Random effects are included to capture the dependence in time series and the data collected from the same site.

A Monte Carlo approach is used to apply the uncertainty estimator (Ogle et al. 2010). Parameter values for the statistical equation (i.e., fixed effects) are selected from their joint probability distribution, as well as random error associated with fine-scale estimates at NRI points, and the residual or unexplained error associated with the linear mixed-effect model. The estimate and associated management information is then used as input into the equation, and adjusted values are computed for each C stock, N_2O and CH_4 emissions estimate. The variance of the adjusted estimates is computed from the 100 simulated values from the Monte Carlo analysis.

The third element is the uncertainty associated with scaling the DayCent results for each NRI point to the entire land base, using the expansion factors provided with the NRI survey dataset. The expansion factors represent the number of hectares associated with the land-use and management history for a particular point. This uncertainty is determined by computing the variances from a set of replicated weights for the expansion factor. For the land base that is simulated with the DayCent model, soil organic C stock changes are provided in Table A-209, soil N_2O emissions are provided in Table A-210, and rice cultivation CH_4 emissions in Table A-211.

Table A-209: Annual Change in Soil Organic Carbon Stocks (95% Confidence Interval) for the Land Base Simulated with the Tier 3 DayCent Model-Based Approach (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Year	Cropland Remaining Cropland Estimate	Cropland Remaining Cropland 95% CI	Land Converted to Cropland Estimate	Land Converted to Cropland 95% CI	Grassland Remaining Grassland Estimate	Grassland Remaining Grassland 95% CI	Land Converted to Grassland Estimate	Land Converted to Grassland 95% CI
1990	(65.75)	(98.30) to (33.20)	20.62	11.32 to 29.93	(10.20)	(47.18) to 26.77	(5.11)	(9.71) to (.51)
1991	(71.64)	(103.66) to (39.63)	21.41	11.46 to 31.37	(12.53)	(50.86) to 25.80	(5.19)	(9.27) to (1.12)
1992	(63.04)	(91.32) to (34.76)	23.61	13.62 to 33.60	(6.81)	(37.06) to 23.44	(4.92)	(10.03) to .18
1993	(43.64)	(73.09) to (14.20)	17.95	7.22 to 28.69	1.66	(33.17) to 36.50	(5.53)	(10.31) to (.74)
1994	(55.49)	(86.59) to (24.40)	14.40	3.88 to 24.92	(24.13)	(58.06) to 9.80	(7.36)	(12.99) to (1.73)
1995	(49.18)	(80.21) to (18.15)	20.04	8.90 to 31.17	(0.96)	(33.43) to 31.50	(6.37)	(12.27) to (.48)
1996	(57.70)	(87.89) to (27.50)	16.93	7.08 to 26.79	(22.31)	(53.52) to 8.90	(7.59)	(14.10) to (1.08)
1997	(55.46)	(89.14) to (21.79)	18.98	8.58 to 29.37	(9.10)	(47.05) to 28.84	(7.46)	(13.49) to (1.43)
1998	(44.19)	(76.62) to (11.76)	12.57	1.18 to 23.95	(16.03)	(53.16) to 21.10	(8.12)	(15.15) to (1.10)
1999	(59.68)	(88.69) to (30.67)	12.78	2.58 to 22.98	(3.96)	(36.93) to 29.02	(8.55)	(15.40) to (1.69)
2000	(65.43)	(100.61) to (30.26)	12.95	1.93 to 23.98	(33.13)	(72.27) to 6.01	(10.51)	(17.58) to (3.44)
2001	(58.29)	(91.06) to (25.51)	11.21	.34 to 22.09	(8.82)	(40.46) to 22.82	(9.81)	(17.37) to (2.26)
2002	(54.71)	(83.13) to (26.29)	11.21	.07 to 22.34	(9.63)	(45.47) to 26.20	(10.51)	(17.31) to (3.70)
2003	(47.63)	(78.33) to (16.94)	13.08	2.53 to 23.63	(6.34)	(39.14) to 26.46	(10.52)	(17.46) to (3.59)
2004	(47.56)	(79.85) to (15.27)	12.63	3.60 to 21.66	0.42	(34.25) to 35.09	(9.91)	(17.96) to (1.86)
2005	(50.81)	(84.26) to (17.36)	12.40	1.10 to 23.71	1.97	(34.50) to 38.43	(10.22)	(17.93) to (2.52)
2006	(47.47)	(76.01) to (18.92)	13.21	3.03 to 23.39	(14.85)	(48.99) to 19.29	(12.24)	(20.62) to (3.86)
2007	(45.56)	(76.20) to (14.92)	11.83	1.45 to 22.21	1.80	(31.07) to 34.67	(10.92)	(19.03) to (2.81)
2008	(34.45)	(67.84) to (1.06)	12.68	2.46 to 22.89	(10.05)	(43.50) to 23.39	(10.84)	(18.52) to (3.17)
2009	(29.33)	(58.63) to (.04)	12.56	3.13 to 21.99	(5.66)	(43.85) to 32.53	(10.64)	(17.89) to (3.38)
2010	(29.43)	(62.67) to 3.80	14.53	5.38 to 23.68	1.34	(30.62) to 33.30	(10.76)	(19.24) to (2.29)
2011	(43.60)	(76.77) to (10.44)	14.27	4.15 to 24.40	(15.97)	(54.46) to 22.52	(10.97)	(18.96) to (2.98)
2012	(46.60)	(83.06) to (10.14)	13.38	2.10 to 24.66	(24.56)	(60.90) to 11.78	(11.21)	(19.48) to (2.94)

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Cropland Remaining Cropland* section for more information). The Tier 3 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-210: Annual N₂O Emissions (95% Confidence Interval) for the Land Base Simulated with the Tier 3 DayCent Model-Based Approach (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Year	Tier 3 Cropland Estimate	Tier 3 Cropland 95% CI	Non-Federal Grasslands Estimate	Non-Federal Grasslands 95% CI
1990	128.5	121.74 to 137.33	51.2	48.03 to 55.26
1991	128.4	121.69 to 137.19	52.4	49.16 to 56.50
1992	128.5	121.81 to 137.26	51.4	48.61 to 55.10
1993	128.5	121.73 to 137.53	53.0	50.04 to 56.74
1994	127.8	121.29 to 136.23	49.4	46.52 to 53.03
1995	129.1	122.46 to 137.81	50.8	47.92 to 54.42
1996	129.6	122.94 to 138.48	53.9	50.62 to 58.21
1997	129.2	122.48 to 138.03	54.0	50.91 to 57.96
1998	136.2	128.94 to 145.71	58.6	55.19 to 62.99
1999	129.6	122.95 to 138.19	49.2	46.60 to 52.59
2000	132.2	125.41 to 141.24	49.7	46.63 to 53.68

2001	134.0	127.0 to 143.26	51.8	48.89 to 55.69
2002	132.5	125.60 to 141.66	53.8	50.52 to 58.06
2003	135.4	128.41 to 144.74	52.3	49.40 to 56.13
2004	142.0	134.79 to 151.32	62.7	58.77 to 67.99
2005	134.7	127.87 to 143.71	53.4	50.55 to 56.97
2006	135.7	128.82 to 144.66	55.9	52.77 to 60.04
2007	140.8	133.4 to 150.41	57.7	54.19 to 62.42
2008	137.3	130.17 to 146.68	54.7	51.81 to 58.49
2009	139.6	132.41 to 148.95	58.2	54.74 to 62.67
2010	144.2	136.70 to 154.10	57.4	54.31 to 61.52
2011	138.0	130.98 to 147.26	50.9	48.40 to 54.24
2012	135.7	128.72 to 144.87	47.7	44.84 to 51.4

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Agricultural Soil Management* section for more information). The Tier 3 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-211: Annual CH₄ Emissions from Rice Cultivation (95% Confidence Interval) for Rice Cultivation Simulated with the Tier 3 DayCent Model-Based Approach (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Year	Estimate	95% CI
1990	14.39	10.22 to 18.57
1991	15.18	10.86 to 19.49
1992	15.17	10.58 to 19.76
1993	15.24	11.05 to 19.44
1994	13.10	9.20 to 16.99
1995	14.23	10.22 to 18.23
1996	14.40	10.32 to 18.48
1997	14.22	10.16 to 18.27
1998	14.35	9.96 to 18.73
1999	14.82	10.13 to 19.52
2000	14.98	10.45 to 19.51
2001	13.62	9.32 to 17.93
2002	14.62	10.23 to 19.01
2003	12.58	8.76 to 16.41
2004	12.26	8.40 to 16.12
2005	14.93	10.35 to 19.52
2006	11.38	7.96 to 14.80
2007	12.54	8.82 to 16.27
2008	9.92	6.85 to 12.99
2009	12.76	8.80 to 16.71
2010	14.09	9.85 to 18.33
2011	12.59	8.92 to 16.26
2012	9.96	6.70 to 13.22

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Rice Cultivation* section for more information). The Tier 3 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

In DayCent, the model cannot distinguish among the original sources of N after the mineral N enters the soil pools, and therefore it is not possible to determine which management activity led to specific N_2O emissions. This means, for example, that N_2O emissions from applied synthetic fertilizer cannot be separated from emissions due to other N inputs, such as crop residues. It is desirable, however, to report emissions associated with specific N inputs. Thus, for each NRI point, the N inputs in a simulation are determined for anthropogenic practices discussed in IPCC (2006), including synthetic mineral N fertilization, organic amendments, and crop residue N added to soils (including N-fixing crops). The percentage of N input for anthropogenic practices is divided by the total N input, and this proportion is used to determine the amount of N_2O emissions assigned to each of the practices.[128] For example, if 70 percent of the mineral N made available in the soil is due to mineral fertilization, then 70 percent of the N_2O emissions are assigned to this practice. The remainder of soil N_2O emissions is reported under "other N inputs," which includes mineralization due to decomposition of soil organic matter and litter, as well as asymbiotic N fixation from the atmosphere. Asymbiotic N fixation by soil bacteria is a minor source of N,

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[128] This method is a simplification of reality to allow partitioning of N_2O emissions, as it assumes that all N inputs have an identical chance of being converted to N_2O. This is unlikely to be the case, but DAYCENT does not track N_2O emissions by source of mineral N so this approximation is the only approach that can be used currently for partitioning N_2O emissions by source of N input. Moreover, this approach is similar to the IPCC Tier 1 method (IPCC 2006), which uses the same direct emissions factor for most N sources (e.g., PRP). Further research and model development may allow for other approaches in the future.

typically not exceeding 10 percent of total N inputs to agroecosystems. Mineralization of soil organic matter is a more significant source of N, but is still typically less than half of the amount of N made available in the cropland soils compared to application of synthetic fertilizers and manure amendments, along with symbiotic fixation. Mineralization of soil organic matter accounts for the majority of available N in grassland soils. Accounting for the influence of "other N inputs" is necessary because the processes leading to these inputs of N are influenced by management. While this method allows for attribution of N_2O emissions to the individual N inputs to the soils, it is important to realize that sources such as synthetic fertilization may have a larger impact on N_2O emissions than would be suggested by the associated level of N input for this source (Delgado et al. 2009). Further research will be needed to improve upon this attribution method, however. The results associated with subdividing the N_2O emissions based on N inputs are provided in Table A-212 and Table A-213.

Table A-212: Direct N_2O Emissions from Cropland Soils (MMT CO_2 Eq.)

Activity	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Mineral Soils	144.1	144.2	143.9	143.0	147.1	146.2	148.2	147.0	154.3	148.1	149.2	148.9	148.0	152.4	159.5	150.6
Tier 3	128.5	128.4	128.5	128.5	127.8	129.1	129.6	129.2	136.2	129.6	132.2	134.0	132.5	135.4	142.0	134.7
Synthetic Fertilizer	47.5	47.8	49.3	47.1	48.6	46.2	48.7	48.0	47.9	45.4	47.8	46.8	47.5	47.3	48.3	47.6
Managed Manure	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.4
Residue N[a]	18.6	20.1	18.3	18.9	18.4	20.2	19.2	19.2	18.9	22.1	20.5	20.2	20.5	20.9	19.6	20.5
Mineralization and Asymbiotic Fixation	58.4	56.7	56.9	58.5	56.9	59.2	58.1	58.3	65.5	57.5	59.2	62.4	59.8	62.6	69.6	62.2
Tier 1	15.7	15.8	15.5	14.5	19.3	17.1	18.6	17.9	18.1	18.5	17.0	14.9	15.4	17.0	17.6	15.8
Synthetic Fertilizer	6.0	6.1	5.8	5.3	9.4	7.0	8.7	8.0	8.5	9.6	8.1	6.0	6.7	8.0	8.8	7.0
Managed Manure and Other Organic Commercial Fertilizer	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.6	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.4
Residue N[a]	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.5
Organic Soils	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3
Total[a]	147.5	147.5	147.2	146.3	150.3	149.5	151.5	150.3	157.5	151.4	152.5	152.3	151.3	155.7	162.9	153.9

[a] Residue N inputs include unharvested fixed N from legumes as well as crop residue N.

Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mineral Soils	153.1	157.4	153.3	154.1	159.5	155.1	153.5
Tier 3	135.7	140.8	137.3	139.6	144.2	138.0	135.7
Synthetic Fertilizer	47.9	50.8	48.9	48.0	48.3	49.5	51.0
Managed Manure	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0
Residue N[a]	20.3	20.4	19.3	19.6	21.5	21.5	21.4
Mineralization and Asymbiotic Fixation	63.0	64.9	64.7	67.2	69.6	62.1	58.2
Tier 1	17.4	16.6	16.0	14.5	15.3	17.1	17.8
Synthetic Fertilizer	8.2	7.4	6.8	5.7	6.7	8.5	9.4
Managed Manure and Other Organic Commercial Fertilizer	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.1	6.2	6.2
Residue N[a]	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.1
Organic Soils	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Total[a]	156.4	160.7	156.5	157.3	162.7	158.3	156.7

[a] Residue N inputs include unharvested fixed N from legumes as well as crop residue N.
Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Agricultural Soil Management* section for more information). The Tier 1 and 3 methods will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-213: Direct N_2O Emissions from Grasslands (MMT CO_2 Eq.)

Activity	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Mineral Soils	**61.3**	**62.3**	**61.6**	**63.2**	**59.6**	**61.0**	**63.9**	**63.4**	**67.6**	**58.0**	**58.2**	**60.0**	**61.8**	**60.1**	**70.4**	**61.1**
Tier 3	**51.2**	**52.4**	**51.4**	**53.0**	**49.4**	**50.8**	**53.9**	**54.0**	**58.6**	**49.2**	**49.7**	**51.8**	**53.8**	**52.3**	**62.7**	**53.4**
Synthetic Fertilizer	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
PRP Manure	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.6	7.2	6.7	7.5	6.2	6.5	6.6	7.0	6.6	7.5	6.5
Managed Manure	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1
Residue N[a]	14.5	14.6	14.7	15.3	13.4	15.0	14.6	15.2	15.1	15.3	13.9	15.0	14.9	14.9	15.8	15.8
Mineralization and Asymbiotic Fixation	28.5	29.9	28.6	29.5	27.5	27.5	30.3	30.4	33.9	26.0	27.5	28.5	30.0	29.0	37.5	29.2
Tier 1	**10.1**	**9.9**	**10.2**	**10.3**	**10.3**	**10.2**	**10.0**	**9.4**	**9.1**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**8.2**	**8.0**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.8**
PRP Manure	9.9	9.7	9.9	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.6	9.1	8.7	8.4	8.1	7.8	7.6	7.3	7.2	7.3
Biosolids (i.e.,Sewage Sludge)	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Organic Soils	**3.3**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.4**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**
Total	**64.5**	**65.6**	**64.8**	**66.5**	**63.0**	**64.3**	**67.2**	**66.7**	**71.0**	**61.3**	**61.5**	**63.5**	**65.3**	**63.6**	**73.9**	**64.6**

[a] Residue N inputs include unharvested fixed N from legumes as well as crop residue N.

Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mineral Soils	**63.7**	**65.1**	**62.2**	**65.8**	**65.1**	**58.8**	**55.7**
Tier 3	**55.9**	**57.7**	**54.7**	**58.2**	**57.4**	**50.9**	**47.7**
Synthetic Fertilizer	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
PRP Manure	7.1	6.9	6.6	7.0	6.6	6.3	5.9
Managed Manure	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Residue N[a]	15.6	16.5	15.5	15.4	16.5	14.8	14.2
Mineralization and Asymbiotic Fixation	31.3	32.6	30.9	33.8	32.4	28.1	25.8
Tier 1	**7.8**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**7.7**	**7.8**	**8.0**
PRP Manure	7.3	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.4
Biosolids (i.e., Sewage Sludge)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Organic Soils	**3.5**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**
Total	**67.2**	**68.5**	**65.6**	**69.1**	**68.5**	**62.1**	**59.0**

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Agricultural Soil Management* section for more information). The Tier 1 and 3 methods will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Step 2b: Soil N_2O Emissions from Agricultural Lands on Mineral Soils Approximated with the Tier 1 Approach

To estimate direct N_2O emissions from N additions to crops in the Tier 1 method, the amount of N in applied synthetic fertilizer, manure and other commercial organic fertilizers (i.e., dried blood, tankage, compost, and other) is added to N inputs from crop residues, and the resulting annual totals are multiplied by the IPCC default emission factor of 0.01 kg N_2O-N/kg N (IPCC 2006) (see Table A-212). The uncertainty is determined based on simple error propagation methods (IPCC 2006). The uncertainty in the default emission factor ranges from 0.3–3.0 kg N_2O-N/kg N (IPCC 2006). For flooded rice soils, the IPCC default emission factor is 0.003 kg N_2O-N/kg N and the uncertainty range is 0.000–0.006 kg N_2O-N/kg N (IPCC 2006).[129] Uncertainties in the emission factor and fertilizer additions are combined with uncertainty in the equations used to calculate residue N additions from above- and below-ground biomass dry matter and N concentration to derive overall uncertainty.

The Tier 1 method is also used to estimate emissions from manure N deposited by livestock on federal lands (i.e., PRP manure N), and from biosolids (i.e., sewage sludge) application to grasslands. These two sources of N inputs to soils are multiplied by the IPCC (2006) default emission factors (0.01 kg N_2O-N/kg N for sludge and horse, sheep, and goat manure, and 0.02 kg N_2O-N/kg N for cattle, swine, and poultry manure) to estimate N_2O emissions (Table A-213). The uncertainty

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[129] Due to lack of data, uncertainties in managed manure N production, PRP manure N production, other commercial organic fertilizer amendments, indirect losses of N in the DAYCENT simulations, and biosolids (i.e., sewage sludge) amendments to soils are currently treated as certain; these sources of uncertainty will be included in future Inventories.

is determined based on the Tier 1 error propagation methods provided by the IPCC (2006) with uncertainty in the default emission factor ranging from 0.007 to 0.06 kg N_2O-N/kg N (IPCC 2006).

Step 2c: Soil CH₄ Emissions from Agricultural Lands Approximated with the Tier 1 Approach

To estimate CH_4 emissions from rice cultivation for the Tier 1 method, an adjusted daily emission factor is calculated using the default baseline emission factor of 1.30 kg CH_4 ha^{-1} d^{-1} (ranging 0.8-2.2 kg CH_4 ha^{-1} d^{-1}) multiplied by a scaling factor for the cultivation water regime, pre-cultivation water regime and a scaling factor for organic amendments (IPCC 2006). The water regime during cultivation is continuously flooded for rice production in the United States and so the scaling factor is always 1 (ranging from 0.79 to 1.26). The pre-season water regime varies based on the proportion of land with winter flooding; land that does not have winter flooding is assigned a value of 0.68 (ranging from 0.58 to 0.80) and areas with winter flooding are assigned a value of 1 (ranging from 0.88 to 1.14). Organic amendments are estimated based on the amount of rice straw and multiplied by 1 (ranging 0.97 to 1.04) for straw incorporated greater than 30 days before cultivation, and by 0.29 (0.2 to 0.4) for straw incorporated greater than 30 days before cultivation. The adjusted daily emission factor is multiplied by the cultivation period and harvested area to estimate the total CH_4 emissions. The uncertainty is propagated through the calculation using an Approach 2 method with a Monte Carlo analysis (IPCC 2006), combining uncertainties associated with the adjusted daily emission factor and the harvested areas derived from the USDA NRI survey data.

Step 2d: Soil Organic C Stock Changes in Agricultural Lands on Mineral Soils Approximated with the Tier 2 Approach

Mineral soil organic C stock values are derived for crop rotations that were not simulated by DayCent and land converted from non-agricultural land uses to cropland or grassland from 1990 through 2012, based on the land-use and management activity data in conjunction with appropriate reference C stocks, land-use change, management, input, and wetland restoration factors. Each input to the inventory calculations for the Tier 2 approach has uncertainty that is quantified in PDFs, including the land-use and management activity data, reference C stocks, and management factors. A Monte Carlo Analysis is used to quantify uncertainty in soil organic C stock changes for the inventory period based on uncertainty in the inputs. Input values are randomly selected from PDFs in an iterative process to estimate SOC change for 50,000 times and produce a 95 percent confidence interval for the inventory results.

Derive Mineral Soil Organic C Stock Change Factors: Stock change factors representative of U.S. conditions are estimated from published studies (Ogle et al. 2003; Ogle et al. 2006). The numerical factors quantify the impact of changing land use and management on SOC storage in mineral soils, including tillage practices, cropping rotation or intensification, and land conversions between cultivated and native conditions (including set-asides in the Conservation Reserve Program). Studies from the United States and Canada are used in this analysis under the assumption that they would best represent management impacts for the Inventory.

The IPCC inventory methodology for agricultural soils divides climate into eight distinct zones based upon average annual temperature, average annual precipitation, and the length of the dry season (IPCC 2006) (Table A-214). Seven of these climate zones occur in the conterminous United States and Hawaii (Eve et al. 2001).

Table A-214: Characteristics of the IPCC Climate Zones that Occur in the United States

Climate Zone	Annual Average Temperature (˚C)	Average Annual Precipitation (mm)	Length of Dry Season (months)
Cold Temperate, Dry	< 10	< Potential Evapotranspiration	NA
Cold Temperate, Moist	< 10	≥ Potential Evapotranspiration	NA
Warm Temperate, Dry	10 – 20	< 600	NA
Warm Temperate, Moist	10 – 20	≥ Potential Evapotranspiration	NA
Sub-Tropical, Dry[a]	> 20	< 1,000	Usually long
Sub-Tropical, Moist (w/short dry season)[a]	> 20	1,000 – 2,000	< 5

[a] The climate characteristics listed in the table for these zones are those that correspond to the tropical dry and tropical moist zones of the IPCC. They have been renamed "sub-tropical" here.

Mean precipitation and temperature (1950-2000) variables from the WorldClim data set (Hijmans et al. 2005)) and potential evapotranspiration data from the Consortium for Spatial Information (CGIAR-CSI) (Zomer et al. 2008; Zomer et al. 2007) are used to classify climate zones (Figure A-15). IPCC climate zones are assigned to NRI point locations.

Soils are classified into one of seven classes based upon texture, morphology, and ability to store organic matter (IPCC 2006). Six of the categories are mineral types and one is organic (i.e., *Histosol)*. Reference C stocks, representing estimates from conventionally managed cropland, are computed for each of the mineral soil types across the various climate zones, based on pedon (i.e., soil) data from the National Soil Survey Characterization Database (NRCS 1997) (Table A-215). These stocks are used in conjunction with management factors to estimate the change in SOC stocks that result from management and land-use activity. PDFs, which represent the variability in the stock estimates, are constructed as normal densities based

on the mean and variance from the pedon data. Pedon locations are clumped in various parts of the country, which reduces the statistical independence of individual pedon estimates. To account for this lack of independence, samples from each climate by soil zone are tested for spatial autocorrelation using the Moran's I test, and variance terms are inflated by 10 percent for all zones with significant p-values.

Figure A-15: IPCC Climate Zones
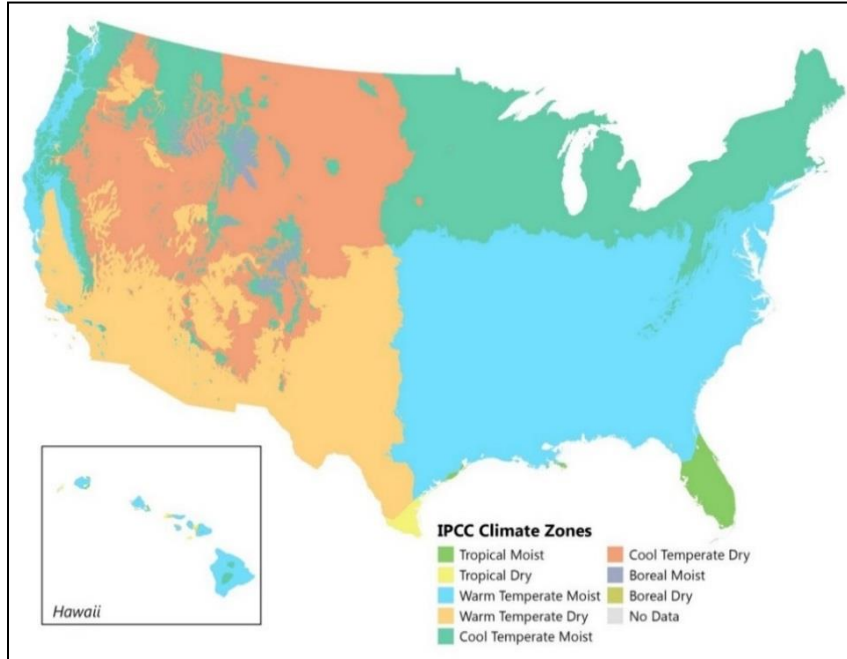
Table A-215: U.S. Soil Groupings Based on the IPCC Categories and Dominant Taxonomic Soil, and Reference Carbon Stocks (Metric Tons C/ha)

IPCC Inventory Soil Categories	USDA Taxonomic Soil Orders	Reference Carbon Stock in Climate Regions					
		Cold Temperate, Dry	Cold Temperate, Moist	Warm Temperate, Dry	Warm Temperate, Moist	Sub-Tropical, Dry	Sub-Tropical, Moist
High Clay Activity Mineral Soils	Vertisols, Mollisols, Inceptisols, Aridisols, and high base status Alfisols	42 (n = 133)	65 (n = 526)	37 (n = 203)	51 (n = 424)	42 (n = 26)	57 (n = 12)
Low Clay Activity Mineral Soils	Ultisols, Oxisols, acidic Alfisols, and many Entisols	45 (n = 37)	52 (n = 113)	25 (n = 86)	40 (n = 300)	39 (n = 13)	47 (n = 7)
Sandy Soils	Any soils with greater than 70 percent sand and less than 8 percent clay (often Entisols)	24 (n = 5)	40 (n = 43)	16 (n = 19)	30 (n = 102)	33 (n = 186)	50 (n = 18)
Volcanic Soils	Andisols	124 (n = 12)	114 (n = 2)	124 (n = 12)	124 (n = 12)	124 (n = 12)	128 (n = 9)
Spodic Soils	Spodosols	86 (n=20)	74 (n = 13)	86 (n=20)	107 (n = 7)	86 (n=20)	86 (n=20)
Aquic Soils	Soils with Aquic suborder	86 (n = 4)	89 (n = 161)	48 (n = 26)	51 (n = 300)	63 (n = 503)	48 (n = 12)
Organic Soils[a]	Histosols	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

[a] C stocks are not needed for organic soils.

Notes: C stocks are for the top 30 cm of the soil profile, and are estimated from pedon data available in the National Soil Survey Characterization database (NRCS 1997); sample size provided in parentheses (i.e., 'n' values refer to sample size).

To estimate the land use, management and input factors, studies had to report SOC stocks (or information to compute stocks), depth of sampling, and the number of years since a management change to be included in the analysis. The data are analyzed using linear mixed-effect models, accounting for both fixed and random effects. Fixed effects included depth, number of years since a management change, climate, and the type of management change (e.g., reduced tillage vs. no-till). For depth increments, the data are not aggregated for the C stock measurements; each depth increment (e.g., 0-5 cm, 5-10 cm, and 10-30 cm) is included as a separate point in the dataset. Similarly, time-series data are not aggregated in these datasets. Linear regression models assume that the underlying data are independent observations, but this is not the case with data from the

same experimental site, or plot in a time series. These data are more related to each other than data from other sites (i.e., not independent). Consequently, random effects are needed to account for the dependence in time-series data and the dependence among data points representing different depth increments from the same study. Factors are estimated for the effect of management practices at 20 years for the top 30 cm of the soil (Table A-216). Variance is calculated for each of the U.S. factor values, and used to construct PDFs with a normal density. In the IPCC method, specific factor values are given for improved grassland, high input cropland with organic amendments, and for wetland rice, each of which influences C stock changes in soils. Specifically, higher stocks are associated with increased productivity and C inputs (relative to native grassland) on improved grassland with both medium and high input.[130] Organic amendments in annual cropping systems also increase SOC stocks due to greater C inputs, while high SOC stocks in rice cultivation are associated with reduced decomposition due to periodic flooding. There are insufficient field studies to derive factor values for these systems from the published literature, and, thus, estimates from IPCC (2006) are used under the assumption that they would best approximate the impacts, given the lack of sufficient data to derive U.S.-specific factors. A measure of uncertainty is provided for these factors in IPCC (2006), which is used to construct PDFs.

Table A-216: Soil Organic Carbon Stock Change Factors for the United States and the IPCC Default Values Associated with Management Impacts on Mineral Soils

	IPCC default	U.S. Factor Warm Moist Climate	Warm Dry Climate	Cool Moist Climate	Cool Dry Climate
Land-Use Change Factors					
Cultivated[a]	1	1	1	1	1
General Uncult.[a,b] (n=251)	1.4	1.42±0.06	1.37±0.05	1.24±0.06	1.20±0.06
Set-Aside[a] (n=142)	1.25	1.31±0.06	1.26±0.04	1.14±0.06	1.10±0.05
Improved Grassland Factors					
Medium Input	1.1	1.14±0.06	1.14±0.06	1.14±0.06	1.14±0.06
High Input	NA	1.11±0.04	1.11±0.04	1.11±0.04	1.11±0.04
Wetland Rice Production Factor[b]	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Tillage Factors					
Conv. Till	1	1	1	1	1
Red. Till (n=93)	1.05	1.08±0.03	1.01±0.03	1.08±0.03	1.01±0.03
No-till (n=212)	1.1	1.13±0.02	1.05±0.03	1.13±0.02	1.05±0.03
Cropland Input Factors					
Low (n=85)	0.9	0.94±0.01	0.94±0.01	0.94±0.01	0.94±0.01
Medium	1	1	1	1	1
High (n=22)	1.1	1.07±0.02	1.07±0.02	1.07±0.02	1.07±0.02
High with amendment[b]	1.2	1.38±0.06	1.34±0.08	1.38±0.06	1.34±0.08

[a] Factors in the IPCC documentation (IPCC 2006) are converted to represent changes in SOC storage from a cultivated condition rather than a native condition.
[b] U.S.-specific factors are not estimated for land improvements, rice production, or high input with amendment because of few studies addressing the impact of legume mixtures, irrigation, or manure applications for crop and grassland in the United States, or the impact of wetland rice production in the US. Factors provided in IPCC (2006) are used as the best estimates of these impacts.
Note: The "n" values refer to sample size.

Wetland restoration management also influences SOC storage in mineral soils, because restoration leads to higher water tables and inundation of the soil for at least part of the year. A stock change factor is estimated assessing the difference in SOC storage between restored and unrestored wetlands enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (Euliss and Gleason 2002), which represents an initial increase of C in the restored soils over the first 10 years (Table A-217). A PDF with a normal density is constructed from these data based on results from a linear regression model. Following the initial increase of C, natural erosion and deposition leads to additional accretion of C in these wetlands. The mass accumulation rate of organic C is estimated using annual sedimentation rates (cm/yr) in combination with percent organic C, and soil bulk density (g/cm^3) (Euliss and Gleason 2002). Procedures for calculation of mass accumulation rate are described in Dean and Gorham (1998); the resulting rate and standard deviation are used to construct a PDF with a normal density (Table A-217).

Table A-217: Rate and standard deviation for the Initial Increase and Subsequent Annual Mass Accumulation Rate (Mg C/ha-yr) in Soil Organic C Following Wetland Restoration of Conservation Reserve Program

Variable	Value
Factor (Initial Increase—First 10 Years)	1.22±0.18
Mass Accumulation (After Initial 10 Years)	0.79±0.05

Note: Mass accumulation rate represents additional gains in C for mineral soils after the first 10 years (Euliss and Gleason 2002).

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[130] Improved grasslands are identified in the NRI as grasslands that are irrigated or seeded with legumes, in addition to those reclassified as improved with manure amendments.

Estimate Annual Changes in Mineral Soil Organic C Stocks: In accordance with IPCC methodology, annual changes in mineral soil C are calculated by subtracting the beginning stock from the ending stock and then dividing by 20.[131] For this analysis, stocks are estimated for each year and difference between years is the stock change. From the final distribution of 50,000 values, a 95 percent confidence interval is generated based on the simulated values at the 2.5 and 97.5 percentiles in the distribution (Ogle et al. 2003). Soil organic C stock changes are provided in Table A-218 through

Table A-223.

Step 2e: Estimate Additional Changes in Soil Organic C Stocks Due to Biosolids (i.e., Sewage Sludge) Amendments

There are two additional land use and management activities in U.S. agricultural lands that are not estimated in Steps 2a and 2b. The first activity involves the application of biosolids to agricultural lands. Minimal data exist on where and how much biosolids are applied to U.S. agricultural soils, but national estimates of mineral soil land area receiving biosolids can be approximated based on biosolids N production data, and the assumption that amendments are applied at a rate equivalent to the assimilative capacity from Kellogg et al. (2000). In this Inventory, it is assumed that biosolids for agricultural land application is only applied to grassland. The impact of organic amendments on SOC is calculated as 0.38 metric tonnes C/ha-yr. This rate is based on the IPCC default method and country-specific factors (see Table A-216), by calculating the effect of converting nominal, medium-input grassland to high input improved grassland. The assumptions are that reference C stock are 50 metric tonnes C/ha, which represents a mid-range value of reference C stocks for the cropland soils in the United States,[132] that the land use factor for grassland of 1.4 and 1.11 for high input improved grassland are representative of typical conditions, and that the change in stocks are occurring over a 20 year (default value) time period (i.e., [50 × 1.4 × 1.11 − 50 × 1.4] / 20 = 0.38). A nominal ±50 percent uncertainty is attached to these estimates due to limited information on application and the rate of change in soil C stock change with biosolids amendments. The influence of biosolids on soil organic C stocks are provided in Table A-224.

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[131] The difference in C stocks is divided by 20 because the stock change factors represent change over a 20-year time period.

[132] Reference C stocks are based on cropland soils for the Tier 2 method applied in this Inventory.

Table A-218: Annual Change in Soil Organic Carbon Stocks (95% Confidence Interval) for the Non-Federal Cropland Land Base Estimated with the Tier 2 Analysis using U.S. Factor Values (MMT CO₂ Eq./yr)

Non-Federal Croplands:	Cropland Remaining Cropland		Grassland Converted to Cropland		Forest Converted to Cropland		Other Land Converted to Cropland	
Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
Mineral Soils								
1990	-5.44	(7.97) to (2.99)	1.32	(0.72) to 2.26	0.22	(0.12) to .38	0.16	(0.09) to 0.28
1991	-6.19	(8.94) to (3.53)	1.26	(0.84) to 2.25	0.20	(0.13) to .36	0.15	(0.10) to 0.27
1992	-6.19	(9.77) to (3.63)	1.29	(1.07) to 2.32	0.19	(0.16) to .35	0.16	(0.13) to 0.29
1993	-6.95	(10.16) to (3.79)	1.35	(0.75) to 2.45	0.18	(0.10) to .32	0.17	(0.09) to 0.31
1994	-6.70	(9.93) to (3.52)	1.48	(0.37) to 2.63	0.18	(0.05) to .33	0.19	(0.05) to 0.35
1995	-6.46	(9.52) to (3.48)	1.59	(0.35) to 2.76	0.19	(0.04) to .32	0.21	(0.05) to 0.36
1996	-6.10	(9.09) to (3.14)	1.65	(0.35) to 2.86	0.19	(0.04) to .33	0.22	(0.05) to 0.37
1997	-7.63	(11.37) to (3.99)	1.41	(0.47) to 2.63	0.15	(0.05) to .29	0.19	(0.06) to 0.35
1998	-7.33	(11.0) to (3.79)	1.63	(0.38) to 3.01	0.15	(0.04) to .28	0.20	(0.05) to 0.36
1999	-7.06	(10.56) to (3.71)	1.49	(0.33) to 2.79	0.13	(0.03) to .24	0.19	(0.04) to 0.35
2000	-6.75	(10.09) to (3.56)	1.48	(0.39) to 2.78	0.12	(0.03) to .22	0.22	(0.06) to 0.42
2001	-6.71	(9.94) to (3.62)	1.54	(0.36) to 2.85	0.10	(0.02) to .18	0.23	(0.05) to 0.42
2002	-6.72	(9.79) to (3.79)	1.45	(0.30) to 2.66	0.09	(0.02) to .16	0.20	(0.04) to 0.36
2003	-6.05	(8.97) to (3.30)	1.42	(0.24) to 2.59	0.08	(0.01) to .15	0.19	(0.03) to 0.34
2004	-5.42	(8.24) to (2.74)	1.60	(0.18) to 2.79	0.08	(0.01) to .15	0.21	(0.02) to 0.37
2005	-5.39	(7.97) to (2.97)	1.53	(0.18) to 2.70	0.08	(0.01) to .13	0.19	(0.02) to 0.34
2006	-4.36	(6.67) to (2.21)	1.77	(0.19) to 2.89	0.09	(0.01) to .14	0.23	(0.02) to 0.37
2007	-3.96	(6.14) to (1.97)	1.83	(0.13) to 2.92	0.08	(0.01) to .13	0.23	(0.02) to 0.36
2008	-3.37	(5.37) to (1.53)	1.86	(0.06) to 2.98	0.06	0 to 0.10	0.24	(0.01) to 0.38
2009	-3.52	(5.32) to (1.88)	1.70	(0.02) to 2.72	0.06	0 to 0.09	0.22	0 to 0.36
2010	-3.58	(5.45) to (1.91)	1.68	0.02 to 2.68	0.06	0 to 0.09	0.22	0 to 0.35
2011	-3.49	(5.17) to (1.99)	1.70	0.01 to 2.68	0.06	0 to 0.09	0.22	0 to 0.35
2012	-2.88	(4.40) to (1.55)	1.69	(0.01) to 2.64	0.06	0 to 0.10	0.22	0 to 0.34

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Cropland Remaining Cropland* section for more information). The Tier 2 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Non-Federal Croplands:	Settlements Converted to Cropland		Wetlands Converted to Cropland	
Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
Mineral Soils				
1990	0.06	(0.04) to 0.11	0.11	(0.06) to 0.19
1991	0.06	(0.04) to 0.11	0.10	(0.07) to 0.18
1992	0.06	(0.05) to 0.11	0.10	(0.08) to 0.18
1993	0.06	(0.04) to 0.12	0.12	(0.07) to 0.22
1994	0.07	(0.02) to 0.12	0.15	(0.04) to 0.26
1995	0.07	(0.02) to 0.13	0.15	(0.03) to 0.27
1996	0.07	(0.02) to 0.13	0.16	(0.03) to 0.28
1997	0.06	(0.02) to 0.12	0.14	(0.05) to 0.25
1998	0.08	(0.02) to 0.14	0.15	(0.03) to 0.27
1999	0.07	(0.02) to 0.13	0.14	(0.03) to 0.25
2000	0.07	(0.02) to 0.14	0.14	(0.04) to 0.26
2001	0.08	(0.02) to 0.14	0.14	(0.03) to 0.26
2002	0.07	(0.02) to 0.14	0.13	(0.03) to 0.25
2003	0.07	(0.01) to 0.12	0.13	(0.02) to 0.23
2004	0.07	(0.01) to 0.12	0.14	(0.02) to 0.25
2005	0.07	(0.01) to 0.12	0.13	(0.02) to 0.23
2006	0.08	(0.01) to 0.13	0.15	(0.02) to 0.25
2007	0.09	(0.01) to 0.14	0.14	(0.01) to 0.23
2008	0.08	0 to 0.13	0.14	0 to 0.22

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Cropland Remaining Cropland* section for more information). The Tier 2 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-219: Annual Change in Soil Organic Carbon Stocks (95% Confidence Interval) for the Federal Cropland Land Base Estimated with the Tier 2 Analysis using U.S. Factor Values (MMT CO$_2$ Eq./yr)

Federal Croplands:	Cropland Remaining Cropland		Grassland Converted to Cropland		Forest Converted to Cropland		Other Land Converted to Cropland	
Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
Mineral Soils								
1990	0.00	(0.01) to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1991	0.00	(0.01) to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1992	0.00	(0.02) to 0.02	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1993	0.00	(0.02) to 0.02	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1994	0.00	(0.03) to 0.02	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1995	0.00	(0.03) to 0.03	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1996	0.00	(0.03) to 0.02	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1997	-0.01	(0.05) to 0.02	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1998	0.00	(0.01) to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1999	0.00	(0.01) to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
2000	0.00	(0.01) to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
2001	0.00	(0.01) to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
2002	0.00	(0.01) to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
2003	0.00	(0.01) to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
2004	0.00	(0.01) to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
2005	0.00	(0.01) to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
2006	0.00	(0.01) to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
2007	0.00	(0.01) to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
2008	0.00	(0.01) to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
2009	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
2010	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
2011	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
2012	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Cropland Remaining Cropland* section for more information). The Tier 2 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Federal Croplands:	Settlements Converted to Cropland		Wetlands Converted to Cropland	
Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
Mineral Soils				
1990	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1991	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1992	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1993	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1994	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1995	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1996	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1997	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1998	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01
1999	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01
2000	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01
2001	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01
2002	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01
2003	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01
2004	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01
2005	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01
2006	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01
2007	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01
2008	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01

2009	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01
2010	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01
2011	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01
2012	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.01

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Cropland Remaining Cropland* section for more information). The Tier 2 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-220: Annual Change in Soil Organic Carbon Stocks (95% Confidence Interval) for the Total Cropland Land Base Estimated with the Tier 2 Analysis using U.S. Factor Values (MMT CO$_2$ Eq./yr)

Total Croplands:	Cropland Remaining Cropland		Grassland Converted to Cropland		Forest Converted to Cropland		Other Land Converted to Cropland	
Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
Mineral Soils								
1990	-5.44	(7.97) to (3.0)	1.32	(.72) to 2.26	0.22	(.12) to .38	0.16	(.09) to .28
1991	-6.19	(8.94) to (3.53)	1.26	(.84) to 2.25	0.20	(.13) to .36	0.15	(.10) to .27
1992	-6.19	(9.77) to (3.63)	1.29	(1.07) to 2.32	0.19	(.16) to .35	0.16	(.13) to .29
1993	-6.95	(10.17) to (3.79)	1.35	(.75) to 2.45	0.18	(.10) to .32	0.17	(.09) to .31
1994	-6.71	(9.94) to (3.52)	1.48	(.37) to 2.63	0.18	(.05) to .33	0.19	(.05) to .35
1995	-6.46	(9.52) to (3.48)	1.59	(.35) to 2.76	0.19	(.04) to .32	0.21	(.05) to .36
1996	-6.10	(9.10) to (3.15)	1.65	(.35) to 2.86	0.19	(.04) to .33	0.22	(.05) to .37
1997	-7.64	(11.38) to (4.0)	1.41	(.47) to 2.63	0.15	(.05) to .29	0.19	(.06) to .35
1998	-7.33	(11.0) to (3.79)	1.63	(.37) to 3.01	0.15	(.04) to .28	0.20	(.05) to .36
1999	-7.07	(10.57) to (3.71)	1.49	(.33) to 2.79	0.13	(.03) to .24	0.19	(.04) to .35
2000	-6.75	(10.09) to (3.56)	1.48	(.39) to 2.78	0.12	(.03) to .22	0.22	(.06) to .42
2001	-6.71	(9.94) to (3.62)	1.54	(.35) to 2.85	0.10	(.02) to .18	0.23	(.05) to .42
2002	-6.72	(9.79) to (3.80)	1.45	(.30) to 2.66	0.09	(.02) to .16	0.20	(.04) to .36
2003	-6.05	(8.97) to (3.30)	1.42	(.24) to 2.59	0.08	(.01) to .15	0.19	(.03) to .34
2004	-5.43	(8.24) to (2.75)	1.60	(.17) to 2.79	0.08	(.01) to .15	0.21	(.02) to .37
2005	-5.40	(7.97) to (2.98)	1.53	(.18) to 2.70	0.08	(.01) to .13	0.19	(.02) to .34
2006	-4.36	(6.67) to (2.22)	1.77	(.19) to 2.89	0.09	(.01) to .14	0.23	(.02) to .37
2007	-3.96	(6.14) to (1.98)	1.83	(.13) to 2.92	0.08	(.01) to .13	0.23	(.02) to .36
2008	-3.37	(5.38) to (1.53)	1.86	(.06) to 2.98	0.06	.0 to .10	0.24	(.01) to .38
2009	-3.52	(5.33) to (1.88)	1.70	(.02) to 2.72	0.06	.0 to .09	0.22	.0 to .36
2010	-3.58	(5.45) to (1.91)	1.68	.02 to 2.68	0.06	.0 to .09	0.22	.0 to .35
2011	-3.49	(5.17) to (1.99)	1.70	.01 to 2.68	0.06	.0 to .09	0.22	.0 to .35
2012	-2.88	(4.41) to (1.55)	1.70	(.01) to 2.64	0.06	.0 to .10	0.22	.0 to .34
Organic Soils								
1990	30.25	20.02 to 43.38	2.52	1.46 to 3.95	0.11	.06 to .18	0.10	.0 to .22
1991	29.75	19.76 to 42.59	2.55	1.53 to 3.87	0.11	.06 to .18	0.10	.0 to .24
1992	29.71	19.60 to 42.96	2.58	1.50 to 4.0	0.10	.05 to .17	0.04	.0 to .14
1993	29.54	19.53 to 42.63	2.71	1.60 to 4.16	0.10	.06 to .17	0.10	.0 to .24
1994	29.37	19.32 to 42.42	2.71	1.62 to 4.14	0.10	.05 to .17	0.10	.0 to .23
1995	29.34	19.27 to 42.49	2.93	1.71 to 4.50	0.09	.05 to .16	0.10	.0 to .24
1996	29.27	19.18 to 42.44	3.02	1.76 to 4.66	0.10	.05 to .17	0.10	.0 to .24
1997	29.26	19.19 to 42.51	3.00	1.79 to 4.61	0.10	.05 to .17	0.10	.0 to .24
1998	28.83	18.80 to 42.07	3.51	1.82 to 5.76	0.09	.04 to .17	0.06	.0 to .20
1999	24.45	15.81 to 35.47	3.53	1.82 to 5.80	0.09	.04 to .16	0.06	.0 to .20
2000	24.53	15.85 to 35.55	3.25	1.76 to 5.24	0.09	.04 to .16	0.06	.0 to .20
2001	28.99	18.76 to 42.52	4.18	1.92 to 7.59	0.08	.04 to .15	0.06	.0 to .20
2002	29.32	19.09 to 42.88	4.18	1.91 to 7.52	0.06	.02 to .12	0.06	.0 to .20
2003	29.65	19.33 to 43.45	3.99	1.78 to 7.27	0.08	.03 to .15	0.06	.0 to .20
2004	29.95	19.52 to 43.88	3.39	1.51 to 6.05	0.05	.01 to .10	0.06	.0 to .20
2005	29.66	19.26 to 43.32	3.33	1.47 to 5.93	0.04	.01 to .10	0.06	.0 to .20
2006	29.59	19.24 to 43.36	3.26	1.49 to 5.77	0.04	.01 to .09	0.06	.0 to .20
2007	29.46	19.33 to 42.90	3.23	1.39 to 5.83	0.02	.01 to .05	0.06	.0 to .20
2008	29.35	19.18 to 42.70	3.00	1.25 to 5.54	0.03	.01 to .07	0.06	.0 to .20
2009	29.70	19.31 to 43.44	2.94	1.20 to 5.41	0.03	.01 to .07	0.06	.0 to .20
2010	29.65	19.31 to 43.32	2.87	1.23 to 5.30	0.03	.01 to .07	0.00	.0 to .0
2011	27.95	18.31 to 40.44	2.98	1.09 to 5.61	0.02	.0 to .05	0.00	.0 to .0
2012	28.10	18.47 to 40.58	3.03	1.18 to 5.65	0.02	.0 to .03	0.00	.0 to .0

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Cropland Remaining Cropland* section for more information). The Tier 2 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

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Total Croplands:	Settlements Converted to Cropland		Wetlands Converted to Cropland	
Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
Mineral Soils				
1990	0.06	(0.04) to 0.11	0.11	(0.06) to 0.19
1991	0.06	(0.04) to 0.11	0.10	(0.07) to 0.18
1992	0.06	(0.05) to 0.11	0.10	(0.08) to 0.18
1993	0.06	(0.04) to 0.12	0.12	(0.07) to 0.22
1994	0.07	(0.02) to 0.12	0.15	(0.04) to 0.26
1995	0.07	(0.02) to 0.13	0.15	(0.03) to 0.27
1996	0.07	(0.02) to 0.13	0.16	(0.03) to 0.28
1997	0.06	(0.02) to 0.12	0.14	(0.05) to 0.25
1998	0.08	(0.02) to 0.14	0.15	(0.03) to 0.28
1999	0.07	(0.02) to 0.13	0.14	(0.03) to 0.26
2000	0.07	(0.02) to 0.14	0.14	(0.04) to 0.26
2001	0.08	(0.02) to 0.14	0.14	(0.03) to 0.26
2002	0.07	(0.02) to 0.14	0.14	(0.03) to 0.25
2003	0.07	(0.01) to 0.12	0.13	(0.02) to 0.24
2004	0.07	(0.01) to 0.12	0.14	(0.01) to 0.25
2005	0.07	(0.01) to 0.12	0.13	(0.01) to 0.23
2006	0.08	(0.01) to 0.13	0.15	(0.01) to 0.25
2007	0.09	(0.01) to 0.14	0.15	(0.01) to 0.23
2008	0.08	0.0 to 0.13	0.14	0.0 to 0.22
2009	0.07	0.0 to 0.12	0.12	0.0 to 0.18
2010	0.08	0.0 to 0.12	0.11	0.0 to 0.18
2011	0.09	0.0 to 0.14	0.12	0.0 to 0.19
2012	0.09	0.0 to 0.15	0.12	0.0 to 0.19
Organic Soils				
1990	0.03	.0 to .06	0.62	.30 to 1.07
1991	0.03	.0 to .07	0.63	.29 to 1.10
1992	0.03	.0 to .06	0.63	.34 to 1.03
1993	0.03	.0 to .06	0.81	.48 to 1.23
1994	0.05	.02 to .09	0.96	.56 to 1.48
1995	0.04	.01 to .07	0.99	.61 to 1.49
1996	0.05	.02 to .09	1.01	.59 to 1.55
1997	0.04	.01 to .07	1.00	.58 to 1.55
1998	0.04	.01 to .08	0.95	.55 to 1.49
1999	0.04	.01 to .08	0.95	.54 to 1.50
2000	0.04	.01 to .08	0.86	.48 to 1.36
2001	0.04	.01 to .08	0.83	.44 to 1.33
2002	0.04	.01 to .08	0.81	.44 to 1.29
2003	0.03	.0 to .06	0.69	.36 to 1.13
2004	0.03	.0 to .07	0.72	.40 to 1.14
2005	0.03	.0 to .08	0.71	.40 to 1.14
2006	0.03	.0 to .08	0.71	.40 to 1.14
2007	0.05	.02 to .10	0.69	.36 to 1.16
2008	0.05	.01 to .11	0.55	.31 to .87
2009	0.05	.01 to .10	0.50	.29 to .78
2010	0.05	.01 to .10	0.50	.28 to .80
2011	0.07	.02 to .15	0.53	.30 to .84
2012	0.09	.04 to .17	0.53	.31 to .83

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Cropland Remaining Cropland* section for more information). The Tier 2 method will be applied in a future Inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-221: Annual Change in Soil Organic Carbon Stocks (95% Confidence Interval) for the Non-Federal Grasslands Land Base Estimated with the Tier 2 Analysis using U.S. Factor Values (MMT CO₂ Eq./yr)

Non-Federal Grasslands:	Grassland Remaining Grassland		Cropland Converted to Grassland		Forest Converted to Grassland		Other Land Converted to Grassland	
Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
Mineral Soils								
1990	-0.43	(1.02) to (.03)	-2.90	(4.17) to (1.74)	-0.75	(1.09) to (0.45)	-0.54	(0.78) to (0.33)

Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
1991	-0.54	(1.18) to (.08)	-2.90	(4.16) to (1.75)	-0.77	(1.10) to (0.46)	-0.56	(0.81) to (0.34)
1992	-0.54	(1.50) to (.13)	-2.79	(4.01) to (1.68)	-0.75	(1.08) to (0.45)	-0.58	(0.83) to (0.35)
1993	-0.44	(1.05) to (.04)	-2.94	(4.22) to (1.77)	-0.74	(1.07) to (0.45)	-0.67	(0.96) to (0.40)
1994	-0.09	(0.52) to 0.28	-3.10	(4.46) to (1.86)	-0.72	(1.04) to (0.44)	-0.79	(1.14) to (0.47)
1995	-0.09	(0.49) to 0.26	-2.89	(4.16) to (1.73)	-0.70	(1.01) to (0.42)	-0.80	(1.15) to (0.48)
1996	-0.10	(0.49) to 0.23	-2.69	(3.87) to (1.62)	-0.70	(1.0) to (0.42)	-0.79	(1.13) to (0.47)
1997	-0.22	(0.65) to 0.07	-2.59	(3.69) to (1.59)	-0.70	(0.99) to (0.43)	-0.84	(1.20) to (0.51)
1998	-0.09	(0.51) to 0.27	-3.22	(4.61) to (1.94)	-0.70	(1.01) to 0(.42)	-0.92	(1.32) to (0.56)
1999	-0.06	(0.45) to 0.29	-3.11	(4.46) to (1.89)	-0.69	(0.99) to (0.42)	-0.96	(1.37) to (0.58)
2000	-0.13	(0.54) to 0.17	-3.16	(4.52) to (1.91)	-0.70	(1.01) to (0.43)	-1.12	(1.61) to (0.68)
2001	-0.10	(0.48) to 0.21	-3.06	(4.39) to (1.84)	-0.67	(0.96) to (0.40)	-1.16	(1.66) to (0.70)
2002	-0.06	(0.41) to 0.24	-2.78	(4.0) to (1.67)	-0.62	(0.90) to (0.37)	-1.09	(1.57) to (0.65)
2003	-0.01	(0.32) to 0.29	-2.51	(3.62) to (1.49)	-0.55	(0.79) to (0.33)	-1.03	(1.49) to (0.61)
2004	0.06	(0.23) to 0.39	-2.65	(3.83) to (1.58)	-0.53	(0.76) to (0.31)	-1.07	(1.54) to (0.64)
2005	0.05	(0.24) to 0.39	-2.43	(3.51) to (1.44)	-0.47	(0.68) to (0.28)	-1.08	(1.56) to (0.64)
2006	0.05	(0.25) to 0.40	-1.91	(2.82) to (1.07)	-0.35	(0.52) to (0.20)	-0.90	(1.33) to (0.51)
2007	0.10	(0.17) to 0.43	-1.59	(2.37) to (0.88)	-0.29	(0.43) to (0.16)	-0.83	(1.25) to (0.46)
2008	0.16	(0.08) to 0.52	-1.45	(2.15) to (0.80)	-0.25	(0.37) to (0.14)	-0.83	(1.24) to (0.46)
2009	0.26	(0.02) to 0.69	-1.38	(2.06) to (0.77)	-0.24	(0.36) to (0.14)	-0.85	(1.26) to (0.47)
2010	0.31	0.02 to 0.73	-1.31	(1.95) to (0.73)	-0.23	(0.34) to (0.13)	-0.84	(1.25) to (0.47)
2011	0.31	0.02 to 0.76	-1.22	(1.83) to (0.67)	-0.21	(0.31) to (0.12)	-0.81	(1.22) to (0.45)
2012	0.24	(0.01) to 0.65	-1.16	(1.73) to (0.64)	-0.20	(0.29) to (0.11)	-0.80	(1.19) to (0.44)

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Grassland Remaining Grassland* section for more information). The Tier 2 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Non-Federal Grasslands:	Settlements Converted to Grassland		Wetlands Converted to Grassland	
Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
Mineral Soils				
1990	-0.08	(0.12) to (0.05)	-0.32	(0.46) to (0.19)
1991	-0.09	(0.13) to (0.05)	-0.39	(0.56) to (0.23)
1992	-0.09	(0.12) to (0.05)	-0.46	(0.66) to (0.28)
1993	-0.10	(0.14) to (0.06)	-0.48	(0.69) to (0.29)
1994	-0.11	(0.15) to (0.06)	-0.50	(0.72) to (0.30)
1995	-0.10	(0.15) to (0.06)	-0.48	(0.70) to (0.29)
1996	-0.11	(0.16) to (0.07)	-0.47	(0.67) to (0.28)
1997	-0.11	(0.16) to (0.07)	-0.47	(0.66) to (0.29)
1998	-0.12	(0.18) to (0.07)	-0.49	(0.70) to (0.29)
1999	-0.13	(0.18) to (0.08)	-0.48	(0.69) to (0.29)
2000	-0.13	(0.19) to (0.08)	-0.50	(0.71) to (0.30)
2001	-0.14	(0.20) to (0.08)	-0.49	(0.70) to (0.29)
2002	-0.14	(0.19) to (0.08)	-0.45	(0.65) to (0.27)
2003	-0.12	(0.17) to (0.07)	-0.42	(0.61) to (0.25)
2004	-0.12	(0.18) to (0.07)	-0.44	(0.63) to (0.26)
2005	-0.12	(0.18) to (0.07)	-0.43	(0.62) to (0.26)
2006	-0.11	(0.16) to (0.06)	-0.36	(0.53) to (0.20)
2007	-0.10	(0.15) to (0.05)	-0.32	(0.48) to (0.18)
2008	-0.09	(0.14) to (0.05)	-0.26	(0.39) to (0.15)
2009	-0.09	(0.13) to (0.05)	-0.23	(0.34) to (0.13)
2010	-0.09	(0.14) to (0.05)	-0.19	(0.29) to (0.11)
2011	-0.09	(0.14) to (0.05)	-0.16	(0.23) to (0.09)
2012	-0.09	(0.14) to (0.05)	-0.11	(0.17) to (0.06)

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Grassland Remaining Grassland* section for more information). The Tier 2 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-222: Annual Change in Soil Organic Carbon Stocks (95% Confidence Interval) for the Federal Grasslands Land Base Estimated with the Tier 2 Analysis using U.S. Factor Values (MMT CO$_2$ Eq./yr)

Federal Grasslands:	Grassland Remaining Grassland		Cropland Converted to Grassland		Forest Converted to Grassland		Other Land Converted to Grassland	
Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI

Mineral Soils

Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
1990	-0.20	(8.94) to 9.45	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1991	-0.30	(9.28) to 8.76	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1992	-0.30	(10.08) to 8.06	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1993	-1.16	(11.03) to 7.60	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1994	-1.50	(11.79) to 7.18	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1995	-1.52	(12.0) to 7.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1996	-0.90	(10.65) to 7.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1997	-0.83	(10.42) to 7.27	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1998	-1.62	(13.58) to 7.15	0.00	(0.03) to 0.02	-0.10	(0.75) to 0.52	-0.01	(0.04) to 0.03
1999	-1.44	(13.27) to 7.24	0.00	(0.03) to 0.02	-0.10	(0.74) to 0.52	-0.01	(0.04) to 0.03
2000	-1.70	(12.68) to 6.38	0.00	(0.03) to 0.02	-0.10	(0.74) to 0.51	-0.01	(0.04) to 0.03
2001	-1.71	(12.81) to 6.44	0.00	(0.03) to 0.02	-0.10	(0.73) to 0.51	-0.01	(0.04) to 0.03
2002	-2.72	(14.63) to 7.05	0.00	(0.03) to 0.02	-0.11	(0.70) to 0.45	-0.01	(0.04) to 0.03
2003	-2.73	(14.72) to 7.76	0.00	(0.03) to 0.02	-0.11	(0.70) to 0.45	-0.01	(0.04) to 0.03
2004	-1.28	(11.29) to 8.85	0.00	(0.03) to 0.02	-0.11	(0.70) to 0.46	-0.01	(0.04) to 0.03
2005	-1.37	(11.44) to 8.50	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.07	(0.86) to 0.70	0.00	(0.02) to 0.02
2006	-1.51	(11.82) to 8.56	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.07	(0.86) to 0.70	0.00	(0.02) to 0.02
2007	-1.63	(11.93) to 8.11	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.07	(0.86) to 0.70	0.00	(0.02) to 0.02
2008	-1.67	(12.11) to 8.20	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.07	(0.86) to 0.70	0.00	(0.02) to 0.02
2009	-1.46	(11.57) to 7.14	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.07	(0.85) to 0.70	0.00	(0.02) to 0.02
2010	-1.53	(11.51) to 7.48	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.07	(0.86) to 0.69	0.00	(0.02) to 0.02
2011	-1.15	(10.79) to 8.01	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.07	(0.85) to 0.69	0.00	(0.02) to 0.02
2012	-0.67	(9.89) to 8.69	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.07	(0.85) to 0.69	0.00	(0.02) to 0.02

Federal Grasslands:	Settlements Converted to Grassland		Wetlands Converted to Grassland	
Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
Mineral Soils				
1990	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1991	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1992	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1993	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1994	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1995	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1996	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1997	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	0.0 to 0.0
1998	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.01	(0.05) to 0.03
1999	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.01	(0.05) to 0.03
2000	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.01	(0.05) to 0.03
2001	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.01	(0.05) to 0.03
2002	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.01	(0.04) to 0.03
2003	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.01	(0.04) to 0.03
2004	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	-0.01	(0.04) to 0.03
2005	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	(0.04) to 0.03
2006	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	(0.04) to 0.03
2007	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	(0.04) to 0.03
2008	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	(0.04) to 0.03
2009	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	(0.04) to 0.03
2010	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	(0.04) to 0.03
2011	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	(0.04) to 0.03
2012	0.00	0.0 to 0.0	0.00	(0.04) to 0.03

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Grassland Remaining Grassland* section for more information). The Tier 2 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-223: Annual Change in Soil Organic Carbon Stocks (95% Confidence Interval) for the Total Grassland Land Base Estimated with the Tier 2 Analysis using U.S. Factor Values (MMT CO_2 Eq./yr)

Total Grasslands:	Grassland Remaining Grassland		Cropland Converted to Grassland		Forest Converted to Grassland		Other Land Converted to Grassland	
Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
Mineral Soils								
1990	-0.62	(9.39) to 9.03	-2.90	(4.17) to (1.74)	-0.75	(1.09) to (0.45)	-0.54	(0.78) to (0.33)
1991	-0.84	(9.85) to 8.23	-2.90	(4.16) to (1.75)	-0.77	(1.10) to (0.46)	-0.56	(0.81) to (0.34)
1992	-0.84	(10.83) to 7.36	-2.79	(4.01) to (1.68)	-0.75	(1.08) to (0.45)	-0.58	(0.83) to (0.35)
1993	-1.60	(11.49) to 7.16	-2.94	(4.22) to (1.77)	-0.74	(1.07) to (0.45)	-0.67	(0.96) to (0.40)
1994	-1.59	(11.89) to 7.09	-3.10	(4.46) to (1.86)	-0.72	(1.04) to (0.44)	-0.79	(1.14) to (0.47)
1995	-1.61	(12.10) to 6.93	-2.89	(4.16) to (1.73)	-0.70	(1.01) to (0.42)	-0.80	(1.15) to (0.48)
1996	-1.00	(10.76) to 6.92	-2.69	(3.87) to (1.62)	-0.70	(1.0) to (0.42)	-0.79	(1.13) to (0.47)
1997	-1.05	(10.65) to 7.06	-2.59	(3.69) to (1.59)	-0.70	(.99) to (0.43)	-0.84	(1.20) to (0.51)
1998	-1.71	(13.68) to 7.07	-3.22	(4.61) to (1.95)	-0.80	(1.52) to (0.12)	-0.92	(1.32) to (0.56)
1999	-1.49	(13.34) to 7.19	-3.12	(4.46) to (1.89)	-0.79	(1.50) to (0.12)	-0.96	(1.38) to (0.58)
2000	-1.84	(12.83) to 6.25	-3.16	(4.52) to (1.91)	-0.80	(1.51) to (0.14)	-1.13	(1.61) to (0.68)
2001	-1.81	(12.91) to 6.35	-3.06	(4.39) to (1.84)	-0.77	(1.46) to (0.10)	-1.17	(1.67) to (0.70)
2002	-2.78	(14.69) to 7.0	-2.78	(4.0) to (1.67)	-0.74	(1.38) to (0.12)	-1.10	(1.57) to (0.66)
2003	-2.74	(14.73) to 7.75	-2.51	(3.62) to (1.49)	-0.66	(1.30) to (0.06)	-1.04	(1.50) to (0.62)
2004	-1.22	(11.23) to 8.91	-2.66	(3.84) to (1.58)	-0.63	(1.27) to (0.03)	-1.08	(1.55) to (0.64)
2005	-1.32	(11.39) to 8.56	-2.43	(3.51) to (1.44)	-0.54	(1.36) to 0.25	-1.08	(1.56) to (0.64)
2006	-1.45	(11.77) to 8.62	-1.91	(2.82) to (1.07)	-0.42	(1.23) to 0.36	-0.90	(1.34) to (0.51)
2007	-1.53	(11.84) to 8.21	-1.59	(2.37) to (.88)	-0.35	(1.16) to 0.42	-0.84	(1.25) to (0.46)
2008	-1.50	(11.95) to 8.37	-1.45	(2.15) to (.80)	-0.31	(1.12) to 0.46	-0.84	(1.24) to (0.47)
2009	-1.20	(11.32) to 7.41	-1.38	(2.06) to (.77)	-0.31	(1.10) to 0.46	-0.85	(1.26) to (0.47)
2010	-1.22	(11.20) to 7.80	-1.31	(1.95) to (.73)	-0.29	(1.09) to 0.47	-0.84	(1.25) to (0.47)
2011	-0.84	(10.48) to 8.34	-1.22	(1.83) to (.67)	-0.28	(1.07) to 0.49	-0.82	(1.23) to (0.45)
2012	-0.43	(9.65) to 8.94	-1.16	(1.73) to (.64)	-0.26	(1.05) to 0.50	-0.80	(1.19) to (0.44)
Organic Soils								
1990	7.21	4.07 to 11.35	0.53	.23 to .98	0.01	.0 to .03	0.04	.01 to .09
1991	7.16	4.0 to 11.43	0.53	.23 to .97	0.01	.0 to .03	0.04	.01 to .09
1992	7.08	3.95 to 11.25	0.51	.22 to .94	0.01	.0 to .03	0.04	.01 to .09
1993	7.03	3.90 to 11.26	0.57	.26 to 1.0	0.02	.01 to .04	0.04	.01 to .09
1994	6.99	3.91 to 11.08	0.70	.32 to 1.27	0.02	.01 to .04	0.04	.01 to .09
1995	6.93	3.88 to 11.02	0.70	.31 to 1.27	0.02	.01 to .03	0.04	.01 to .09
1996	6.85	3.82 to 10.90	0.68	.30 to 1.24	0.02	.01 to .03	0.04	.01 to .09
1997	6.77	3.77 to 10.77	0.69	.32 to 1.23	0.02	.01 to .03	0.03	.0 to .07
1998	6.67	3.70 to 10.68	0.86	.43 to 1.49	0.02	.0 to .03	0.03	.0 to .07
1999	6.62	3.67 to 10.58	0.84	.41 to 1.44	0.01	.0 to .03	0.03	.0 to .07
2000	6.50	3.61 to 10.34	0.88	.44 to 1.51	0.05	.01 to .10	0.03	.0 to .07
2001	6.20	3.42 to 9.91	0.99	.50 to 1.67	0.06	.02 to .12	0.03	.0 to .08
2002	6.14	3.39 to 9.79	1.10	.55 to 1.84	0.06	.02 to .12	0.03	.0 to .08
2003	6.05	3.33 to 9.69	1.03	.53 to 1.74	0.07	.03 to .14	0.03	.0 to .08
2004	6.01	3.28 to 9.65	1.13	.57 to 1.91	0.09	.04 to .16	0.04	.01 to .09
2005	5.97	3.27 to 9.58	1.13	.58 to 1.91	0.09	.04 to .16	0.04	.01 to .09
2006	5.76	3.12 to 9.33	1.13	.57 to 1.90	0.09	.04 to .17	0.04	.01 to .09
2007	5.73	3.11 to 9.26	1.11	.57 to 1.87	0.09	.04 to .17	0.04	.01 to .09
2008	5.69	3.08 to 9.18	1.07	.54 to 1.82	0.10	.04 to .19	0.05	.01 to .10
2009	5.68	3.08 to 9.17	1.15	.59 to 1.92	0.10	.04 to .18	0.03	.01 to .07
2010	5.64	3.07 to 9.12	1.15	.59 to 1.92	0.10	.04 to .18	0.03	.01 to .07
2011	5.61	3.05 to 9.08	1.14	.58 to 1.93	0.10	.04 to .19	0.05	.02 to .11
2012	5.53	3.0 to 8.91	1.12	.57 to 1.88	0.10	.04 to .19	0.05	.02 to .11

Total Grasslands:	Settlements Converted to Grassland		Wetlands Converted to Grassland	
Year	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
Mineral Soils				
1990	-0.08	(0.12) to (0.05)	-0.32	(0.46) to (0.19)

Year				
1991	-0.09	(0.13) to (0.05)	-0.39	(0.56) to (0.23)
1992	-0.09	(0.12) to (0.05)	-0.46	(0.66) to (0.28)
1993	-0.10	(0.14) to (0.06)	-0.48	(0.69) to (0.29)
1994	-0.11	(0.15) to (0.06)	-0.50	(0.72) to (0.30)
1995	-0.10	(0.15) to (0.06)	-0.48	(0.70) to (0.29)
1996	-0.11	(0.16) to (0.07)	-0.47	(0.67) to (0.28)
1997	-0.11	(0.16) to (0.07)	-0.47	(0.66) to (0.29)
1998	-0.12	(0.18) to (0.07)	-0.49	(0.71) to (0.30)
1999	-0.13	(0.18) to (0.08)	-0.49	(0.70) to (0.29)
2000	-0.13	(0.19) to (0.08)	-0.50	(0.72) to (0.30)
2001	-0.14	(0.20) to (0.08)	-0.49	(0.71) to (0.30)
2002	-0.14	(0.19) to (0.08)	-0.46	(0.66) to (0.28)
2003	-0.12	(0.17) to (0.07)	-0.43	(0.62) to (0.25)
2004	-0.12	(0.18) to (0.07)	-0.45	(0.65) to (0.26)
2005	-0.12	(0.18) to (0.07)	-0.43	(0.63) to (0.25)
2006	-0.11	(0.16) to (0.06)	-0.36	(0.54) to (0.20)
2007	-0.10	(0.15) to (0.05)	-0.33	(0.49) to (0.18)
2008	-0.09	(0.14) to (0.05)	-0.26	(0.40) to (0.14)
2009	-0.09	(0.13) to (0.05)	-0.23	(0.34) to (0.12)
2010	-0.09	(0.14) to (0.05)	-0.20	(0.30) to (0.10)
2011	-0.09	(0.14) to (0.05)	-0.16	(0.24) to (0.08)
2012	-0.09	(0.14) to (0.05)	-0.11	(0.18) to (0.05)
Organic Soils				
1990	0.00	.0 to .0	0.12	.05 to .23
1991	0.00	.0 to .0	0.12	.05 to .22
1992	0.00	.0 to .0	0.12	.02 to .30
1993	0.00	.0 to .01	0.18	.07 to .36
1994	0.01	.0 to .02	0.24	.11 to .42
1995	0.01	.0 to .02	0.24	.12 to .40
1996	0.01	.0 to .02	0.24	.13 to .39
1997	0.01	.0 to .03	0.24	.13 to .40
1998	0.02	.0 to .04	0.25	.13 to .41
1999	0.02	.0 to .04	0.25	.13 to .41
2000	0.02	.0 to .04	0.30	.16 to .48
2001	0.02	.0 to .04	0.30	.16 to .49
2002	0.02	.0 to .04	0.28	.15 to .45
2003	0.02	.0 to .04	0.24	.14 to .38
2004	0.02	.0 to .04	0.24	.13 to .39
2005	0.02	.0 to .04	0.26	.14 to .42
2006	0.02	.0 to .04	0.28	.15 to .44
2007	0.02	.0 to .04	0.28	.15 to .45
2008	0.02	.0 to .04	0.28	.16 to .46
2009	0.02	.0 to .04	0.33	.19 to .52
2010	0.02	.0 to .04	0.34	.19 to .54
2011	0.02	.0 to .04	0.33	.19 to .53
2012	0.02	.0 to .04	0.33	.19 to .52

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Grassland Remaining Grassland* section for more information). The Tier 2 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Step 3: Estimate Soil Organic C Stock Changes and Direct N$_2$O Emissions from Organic Soils

In this step, soil organic C losses and N$_2$O emissions are estimated for organic soils that are drained for agricultural production.

Step 3a: Direct N$_2$O Emissions Due to Drainage of Organic Soils in Cropland and Grassland

To estimate annual N$_2$O emissions from drainage of organic soils in cropland and grassland, the area of drained organic soils in croplands and grasslands for temperate regions is multiplied by the IPCC (2006) default emission factor for temperate soils and the corresponding area in sub-tropical regions is multiplied by the average (12 kg N$_2$O-N/ha cultivated) of IPCC (2006) default emission factors for temperate (8 kg N$_2$O-N/ha cultivated) and tropical (16 kg N$_2$O-N/ha cultivated) organic soils. The uncertainty is determined based on simple error propagation methods (IPCC 2006), including uncertainty in the default emission factor ranging from 2–24 kg N$_2$O-N/ha (IPCC 2006).

Step 3b: Soil Organic C Stock Changes Due to Drainage of Organic Soils in Cropland and Grassland

Change in soil organic C stocks due to drainage of cropland and grassland soils are estimated annually from 1990 through 2012, based on the land-use and management activity data in conjunction with appropriate emission factors. The activity data are based on annual data from 1990 through 2012 from the NRI. Organic Soil emission factors representative of U.S. conditions have been estimated from published studies (Ogle et al. 2003), based on subsidence studies in the United States and Canada (Table A-225). PDFs are constructed as normal densities based on the mean C loss rates and associated variances. Input values are randomly selected from PDFs in a Monte Carlo analysis to estimate SOC change for 50,000 times and produce a 95 percent confidence interval for the inventory results. Losses of soil organic C from drainage of cropland and grassland soils are provided in Table A-218 and Table A-221.

Step 4: Estimate Indirect N$_2$O Emissions for Croplands and Grasslands

In this step, N$_2$O emissions are estimated for the two indirect emission pathways (N$_2$O emissions due to volatilization, and N$_2$O emissions due to leaching and runoff of N), which are summed to yield total indirect N$_2$O emissions from croplands and grasslands.

Step 4a: Indirect Soil N$_2$O Emissions Due to Volatilization

Indirect emissions from volatilization of N inputs from synthetic and commercial organic fertilizers, and PRP manure, are calculated according to the amount of mineral N that is transported in gaseous forms from the soil profile and later emitted as soil N$_2$O following atmospheric deposition. See Step 1e for additional information about the methods used to compute N losses due to volatilization. The estimated N volatilized is multiplied by the IPCC default emission factor of 0.01 kg N$_2$O-N/kg N (IPCC 2006) to estimate total N$_2$O emissions from volatilization. The uncertainty is estimated using simple error propagation methods (IPCC 2006), by combining uncertainties in the amount of N volatilized, with uncertainty in the default emission factor ranging from 0.002–0.05 kg N$_2$O-N/kg N (IPCC 2006). The estimates are provided in Table A-226 and implied Tier 3 emission factors are in Table A-229 and Table A-230.

Step 4b: Indirect Soil N$_2$O Emissions Due to Leaching and Runoff

The amount of mineral N from synthetic fertilizers, commercial organic fertilizers, PRP manure, crop residue, N mineralization, asymbiotic fixation that is transported from the soil profile in aqueous form is used to calculate indirect emissions from leaching of mineral N from soils and losses in runoff of water associated with overland flow. See Step 1e for additional information about the methods used to compute N losses from soils due to leaching and runoff in overland water flows. The total amount of N transported from soil profiles through leaching and surface runoff is multiplied by the IPCC default emission factor of 0.0075 kg N$_2$O-N/kg N (IPCC 2006) to estimate emissions for this source. The emission estimates are provided in Table A-227 and implied Tier 3 emission factors are in Table A-229 and Table A-230. The uncertainty is estimated based on simple error propagation methods (IPCC 2006), including uncertainty in the default emission factor ranging from 0.0005 to 0.025 kg N$_2$O-N/kg N (IPCC 2006).

Step 5: Estimate Total Soil Organic C Stock Changes and N$_2$O Emissions for U.S. Soils

Step 5a: Estimate Total Soil N$_2$O Emissions

Total N$_2$O emissions are estimated by adding total direct emissions (from mineral cropland soils, drainage and cultivation of organic soils, and grassland management) to indirect emissions. Uncertainties in the final estimate are combined using simple error propagation methods (IPCC 2006), and expressed as a 95 percent confidence interval. Estimates are provided in Table A-228.

Direct and indirect simulated emissions of soil N$_2$O vary regionally in croplands as a function of N input amount and timing of fertilization, tillage intensity, crop rotation sequence, weather, and soil type. Note that there are other management practices, such as fertilizer formulation (Halvorson et al. 2013), that influence emissions but are not represented in the model simulations. The highest total N$_2$O emissions occur in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska and Texas (Table A-232). On a per area unit basis, direct N$_2$O emissions are high in some Northeast, Midwest, and many of the Mississippi River Basin states where there are high N inputs to hay, corn and soybean crops, and in some western states where irrigated crops are grown that require high N inputs. Note that although the total crop area in the northeast is relatively low, emissions are high on a per unit area basis because of freeze/thaw cycles during spring that saturate surface soil layers and enhance denitrification rates.

Direct emissions from non-federal grasslands are typically lower than the emissions from croplands (Table A-232) because N inputs tend to be lower, particularly from synthetic fertilizer. Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Montana, Missouri, and Kentucky are the highest emitters for this category due to large land areas used for pastures and rangeland (Table A-232). On a per-

unit of area basis, direct N_2O emissions are higher in the some of the Southeastern, Appalachians, and Midwestern states because these grasslands are more intensively managed (legume seeding, fertilization) while western rangelands receive few, if any, N inputs. Also, rainfall is limited in most of the western United States, and grasslands are not typically irrigated so minimal leaching and runoff of N occurs in these grasslands, and therefore there are lower indirect N_2O emissions.

Step 5b: Estimate Total Soil Organic Stock Change

The sum of total CO_2 emissions and removals from the Tier 3 DayCent Model Approach, Tier 2 IPCC Methods and additional land-use and management considerations are provided in Table A-233. The states with highest total amounts of C sequestration are California, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, North Dakota and Tennessee (Table A-234). For organic soils, emission rates are highest in the regions that contain the majority of drained organic soils, including California, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina and Wisconsin. On a per unit of area basis, the emission rate patterns are very similar to the total emissions in each state, with the highest rates in coastal states of the Southeast, states surrounding the Great Lakes, and California.

Step 5c: Estimate Total CH_4 Emissions from Rice Cultivation

The sum of total CH_4 emissions from the Tier 3 DayCent Model Approach and Tier 1 IPCC Methods are provided in Table A-231. The states with highest total emissions are Arkansas, California, Louisiana and Texas (Table A-235). These states also have the largest areas of rice cultivation, and Louisiana and Texas have a relatively large proportion of fields with a second ratoon crop each year. Ratoon crops extend the period of time under flooded conditions, which leads to more CH_4 emissions.

Table A-224: Assumptions and Calculations to Estimate the Contribution to Soil Organic Carbon Stocks from Application of Biosolids (i.e., Sewage Sludge) to Mineral Soils

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Biosolids N Applied to Agricultural Land (Mg N)[a]	51,848	55,107	58,480	61,971	64,721	67,505	72,081	75,195	78,353	80,932
Assimilative Capacity (Mg N/ha)[b]	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122
Area covered by Available Biosolids N (ha)[c]	432,067	459,226	487,336	507,957	530,503	553,322	590,828	616,357	642,240	663,381
Average Annual Rate of C storage (Mg C/ha-yr)[d]	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38
Contribution to Soil C (MMT CO_2/yr)[e,f]	**-0.60**	**-0.64**	**-0.68**	**-0.71**	**-0.74**	**-0.77**	**-0.82**	**-0.86**	**-0.89**	**-0.92**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Biosolids N Applied to Agricultural Land (Mg N)[a]	83,523	86,124	88,736	91,358	93,991	98,400	101,314	104,222	107,123	110,018
Assimilative Capacity (Mg N/ha)[b]	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122
Area covered by Available Biosolids N (ha)[c]	684,612	705,932	727,341	748,836	770,418	806,559	830,447	854,276	878,055	901,790
Average Annual Rate of C storage (Mg C/ha-yr)[d]	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38
Contribution to Soil C (MMT CO_2/yr)[e,f]	**-0.95**	**-0.98**	**-1.01**	**-1.04**	**-1.07**	**-1.12**	**-1.16**	**-1.19**	**-1.22**	**-1.26**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Biosolids N Applied to Agricultural Land (Mg N)[a]	112,909	115,797	118,681	121,563	124,443	127,322	130,200
Assimilative Capacity (Mg N/ha)[b]	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122
Area covered by Available Biosolids N (ha)[c]	925,487	949,154	972,796	996,417	1,020,025	1,043,622	1,067,213
Average Annual Rate of C storage (Mg C/ha-yr)[d]	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38
Contribution to Soil C (MMT CO_2/yr)[e,f]	**-1.29**	**-1.32**	**-1.36**	**-1.39**	**-1.42**	**-1.45**	**-1.49**

[a] N applied to soils described in Step 1d.

[b] Assimilative Capacity is the national average amount of manure-derived N that can be applied on cropland without buildup of nutrients in the soil (Kellogg et al., 2000).

[c] Area covered by biosolids N available for application to soils is the available N applied at the assimilative capacity rate. The 1992 assimilative capacity rate was applied to 1990 – 1992 and the 1997 rate was applied to 1993-2016.

[d] Annual rate of C storage based on national average increase in C storage for grazing lands that is attributed to organic matter amendments (0.38 Mg/ha-yr)

[e] Contribution to Soil C is estimated as the product of the area covered by the available biosolids N and the average annual C storage attributed to an organic matter amendment.

[f] Some small, undetermined fraction of this applied N is probably not applied to agricultural soils, but instead is applied to forests, home gardens, and other lands.

Note: Values in parentheses indicate net C storage.

Table A-225: Carbon Loss Rates for Organic Soils Under Agricultural Management in the United States, and IPCC Default Rates (Metric Ton C/ha-yr)

Region	IPCC	Cropland U.S. Revised	IPCC	Grassland U.S. Revised
Cold Temperate, Dry & Cold Temperate, Moist	1	11.2±2.5	0.25	2.8±0.5[a]
Warm Temperate, Dry & Warm Temperate, Moist	10	14.0±2.5	2.5	3.5±0.8[a]
Sub-Tropical, Dry & Sub-Tropical, Moist	1	14.3±2.5	0.25	2.8±0.5[a]

[a] There are not enough data available to estimate a U.S. value for C losses from grassland. Consequently, estimates are 25 percent of the values for cropland, which is an assumption that is used for the IPCC default organic soil C losses on grassland.

Table A-226: Indirect N_2O Emissions from Volatilization and Atmospheric Deposition (MMT CO_2 Eq.)

Activity	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Croplands	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.8	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.7	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.5	7.0	6.8	6.5
Grasslands	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.2
Total	**10.2**	**10.4**	**10.1**	**10.2**	**10.7**	**10.8**	**10.8**	**10.8**	**11.3**	**10.9**	**10.8**	**10.8**	**10.7**	**11.1**	**11.6**	**11.1**	**11.3**	**11.2**	**11.0**	**11.0**	**11.6**	**11.0**	**10.8**

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Agricultural Soil Management* section for more information). The Tier 1 and 3 methods will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-227: Indirect N_2O Emissions from Leaching and Runoff (MMT CO_2 Eq.)

Activity	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Croplands	25.0	21.3	24.3	31.4	18.0	23.7	23.5	21.4	27.3	22.0	19.4	25.2	21.9	24.2	28.6	21.4	24.9	26.8	29.1	29.2	28.6	29.0	18.9
Grasslands	3.2	3.1	2.9	3.5	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.7	2.7	2.5	3.2	3.3	2.7	3.5	2.5	2.8	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.9	3.5	2.6
Total	**28.2**	**24.4**	**27.2**	**34.9**	**20.9**	**26.7**	**26.5**	**24.4**	**31.0**	**24.7**	**21.8**	**28.4**	**25.2**	**26.8**	**32.1**	**23.9**	**27.7**	**30.1**	**32.4**	**32.8**	**31.5**	**32.6**	**21.5**

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Agricultural Soil Management* section for more information). The Tier 1 and 3 methods will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-228: Total N_2O Emissions from Agricultural Soil Management (MMT CO_2 Eq.)

Activity	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Direct	**212.0**	**213.0**	**212.1**	**212.8**	**213.3**	**213.7**	**218.7**	**217.1**	**228.5**	**212.6**	**214.0**	**215.8**	**216.7**	**219.3**	**236.7**	**218.5**
Direct Emissions from Mineral Cropland Soils	**144.1**	**144.2**	**143.9**	**143.0**	**147.1**	**146.2**	**148.2**	**147.0**	**154.3**	**148.1**	**149.2**	**148.9**	**148.0**	**152.4**	**159.5**	**150.6**
Synthetic Fertilizer	53.6	53.9	55.0	52.4	58.0	53.2	57.4	56.0	56.4	54.9	55.9	52.7	54.2	55.4	57.0	54.6
Organic Amendment[a]	10.0	10.2	10.3	10.0	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7	11.0	10.9	11.1	11.1	10.8	10.9
Residue N[b]	22.1	23.4	21.7	22.0	21.7	23.3	22.2	22.2	21.8	25.0	23.1	22.9	22.8	23.3	22.2	22.9
Mineralization and Asymbiotic Fixation	58.4	56.7	56.9	58.5	56.9	59.2	58.1	58.3	65.5	57.5	59.2	62.4	59.8	62.6	69.6	62.2
Direct Emissions from Drained Organic Cropland Soils	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**
Direct Emissions from Mineral Grassland Soils	**61.3**	**62.3**	**61.6**	**63.2**	**59.6**	**61.0**	**63.9**	**63.4**	**67.6**	**58.0**	**58.2**	**60.0**	**61.8**	**60.1**	**70.4**	**61.1**
Synthetic Mineral Fertilizer	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
PRP Manure	16.1	15.9	16.2	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.9	15.8	16.2	14.5	14.6	14.4	14.6	14.0	14.7	13.8
Managed Manure	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1
Biosolids (i.e., Sewage Sludge)	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Residue[b]	14.5	14.6	14.7	15.3	13.4	15.0	14.6	15.2	15.1	15.3	13.9	15.0	14.9	14.9	15.8	15.8
Mineralization and Asymbiotic Fixation	28.5	29.9	28.6	29.5	27.5	27.5	30.3	30.4	33.9	26.0	27.5	28.5	30.0	29.0	37.5	29.2
Direct Emissions from Drained Organic Grassland Soils	**3.3**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.4**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**
Total Indirect	**38.5**	**34.8**	**37.4**	**45.1**	**31.7**	**37.5**	**37.3**	**35.2**	**42.4**	**35.7**	**32.6**	**39.1**	**35.9**	**37.9**	**43.7**	**35.0**
Volatilization	10.2	10.4	10.1	10.2	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.8	11.3	10.9	10.8	10.7	10.7	11.1	11.6	11.1
Leaching/Runoff	28.2	24.4	27.2	34.9	20.9	26.7	26.5	24.4	31.0	24.7	21.8	28.4	25.2	26.8	32.1	23.9
Total Emissions	**250.5**	**247.8**	**249.4**	**257.9**	**244.9**	**251.3**	**256.0**	**252.3**	**270.9**	**248.3**	**246.6**	**254.9**	**252.6**	**257.2**	**280.5**	**253.5**

Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total Direct	**223.6**	**229.2**	**222.1**	**226.4**	**231.1**	**220.4**	**215.6**
Direct Emissions from Mineral Cropland Soils	153.1	157.4	153.3	154.1	159.5	155.1	153.5

Synthetic Fertilizer	56.2	58.2	55.7	53.7	55.0	58.0	60.4
Organic Amendment[a]	11.3	11.4	11.2	11.1	11.0	11.2	11.3
Residue N[b]	22.6	22.8	21.7	22.1	24.0	23.9	23.5
Mineralization and Asymbiotic Fixation	63.0	64.9	64.7	67.2	69.6	62.1	58.2
Direct Emissions from Drained Organic Cropland Soils	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.2**
Direct Emissions from Mineral Grassland Soils	**63.7**	**65.1**	**62.2**	**65.8**	**65.1**	**58.8**	**55.7**
Synthetic Mineral Fertilizer	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
PRP Manure	14.4	13.7	13.5	14.1	13.7	13.6	13.3
Managed Manure	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Biosolids (i.e., Sewage Sludge)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Residue[b]	15.6	16.5	15.5	15.4	16.5	14.8	14.2
Mineralization and Asymbiotic Fixation	31.3	32.6	30.9	33.8	32.4	28.1	25.8
Direct Emissions from Drained Organic Grassland Soils	**3.5**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**
Total Indirect	**39.0**	**41.3**	**43.5**	**43.8**	**43.1**	**43.6**	**32.3**
Volatilization	11.3	11.2	11.0	11.0	11.6	11.0	10.7
Leaching/Runoff	27.7	30.1	32.4	32.8	31.5	32.6	21.5
Total Emissions	**262.6**	**270.5**	**265.6**	**270.2**	**274.3**	**263.9**	**247.9**

[a] Organic amendment inputs include managed manure amendments, daily spread manure and other commercial organic fertilizer (i.e., dried blood, tankage, compost, and other).

[b] Residue N inputs include unharvested fixed N from legumes as well as crop residue N.

Note: Emissions values are presented in CO_2 equivalent mass units using IPCC AR4 GWP values. Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Agricultural Soil Management* section for more information). The Tier 1 and 3 methods will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-229: Implied Tier 3 Cropland Indirect Emission Factors

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indirect N Inputs												
N Inputs Volatilization (N fertilizer + N manure)	10,500	10,383	10,665	10,754	10,468	10,174	10,523	10,527	10,414	10,308	10,674	10,486
N Inputs Leachnig (N fertilizer + N manure + N residue)	14,379	14,488	14,387	14,805	14,208	14,357	14,457	14,494	14,305	14,912	14,897	14,685
Total Indirect Activity												
Volatilization	866.3	869.5	832.0	870.2	870.7	906.5	876.0	888.6	959.2	938.2	965.0	970.6
Leaching/Runoff	6,330.6	5,268.8	6,149.5	8,208.6	4,102.8	5,841.1	5,695.1	5,147.7	6,797.5	5,258.9	4,591.5	6,382.3
Implied EF Volotilization	0.083	0.084	0.078	0.081	0.083	0.089	0.083	0.084	0.092	0.091	0.090	0.093
Implied EF Leaching	0.440	0.364	0.427	0.554	0.289	0.407	0.394	0.355	0.475	0.353	0.308	0.435

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Indirect N Inputs											
N Inputs Volatilization (N fertilizer + N manure)	10,518	10,526	10,482	10,618	10,382	11,242	10,787	10,743	10,926	10,950	11,127
N Inputs Leachnig (N fertilizer + N manure + N residue)	14,721	14,829	14,436	14,836	14,464	15,413	14,755	14,815	15,411	15,376	15,497
Total Indirect Activity											
Volatilization	945.0	973.9	1010.6	998.3	989.5	991.1	979.6	995.5	1101.7	996.5	925.2
Leaching/Runoff	5,393.7	5,949.8	7,191.6	5,232.5	6,129.7	6,739.7	7,415.4	7,543.1	7,333.1	7,323.4	4,375.4
Implied EF Volotilization	0.090	0.093	0.096	0.094	0.095	0.088	0.091	0.093	0.101	0.091	0.083
Implied EF Leaching	0.366	0.401	0.498	0.353	0.424	0.437	0.503	0.509	0.476	0.476	0.282

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Agricultural Soil Management* section for more information). The Tier 3 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-230: Implied Tier 3 Grassland Indirect Emission Factors

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indirect N Inputs													
N Inputs Volatilization (N fertilizer + N PRP manure + N managed manure)	3,875	3,892	4,041	4,078	4,242	4,287	4,286	4,258	4,293	4,250	4,172	4,130	4,183
N Inputs Leachnig (N residue)	7,967	7,946	8,192	8,392	7,653	8,588	8,073	8,226	7,540	9,150	8,131	8,490	8,117
N Inputs Leachnig (N fertilizer + N PRP manure + N managed manure + N residue)	11,841	11,838	12,233	12,470	11,896	12,875	12,360	12,483	11,832	13,400	12,304	12,620	12,300
Total Indirect Activity													
Volatilization	701.5	714.9	712.8	707.1	703.9	731.8	729.0	737.7	789.6	730.7	695.9	741.0	745.9
Leaching/Runoff	664.2	638.1	575.2	726.1	571.8	599.1	594.9	612.9	834.5	561.4	493.0	709.5	731.2
Implied Fraction of N Volatilization	0.181	0.184	0.176	0.173	0.166	0.171	0.170	0.173	0.184	0.172	0.167	0.179	0.178
Implied Fraction of N Leaching/Runoff	0.056	0.054	0.047	0.058	0.048	0.047	0.048	0.049	0.071	0.042	0.040	0.056	0.059

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Indirect N Inputs										
N Inputs Volatilization (N fertilizer + N PRP manure + N managed manure)	4,221	4,224	4,261	4,318	4,231	4,195	4,194	4,179	4,074	3,992
N Inputs Leachnig (N residue)	8,549	7,746	8,722	8,070	8,757	8,454	8,242	8,903	8,508	9,005
N Inputs Leachnig (N fertilizer + N PRP manure + N managed manure + N residue)	12,770	11,971	12,984	12,389	12,988	12,649	12,436	13,082	12,582	12,997
Total Indirect Activity										
Volatilization	768.0	843.0	779.0	776.7	788.2	771.1	782.9	798.3	722.7	716.7
Leaching/Runoff	559.5	792.2	515.6	599.6	731.8	759.1	844.4	612.7	802.0	545.9
Implied Fraction of N Volatilization	0.182	0.200	0.183	0.180	0.186	0.184	0.187	0.191	0.177	0.180
Implied Fraction of N Leaching/Runoff	0.044	0.066	0.040	0.048	0.056	0.060	0.068	0.047	0.064	0.042

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Agricultural Soil Management* section for more information). The Tier 3 method will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-231: Total CH₄ Emissions from Cultivation of Rice Estimated with Tier 1 and 3 Inventory Approaches (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

						Rice Methane (MMT CO₂ Eq)											
Approach	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Tier 1	1.63	1.64	1.70	1.70	1.75	1.53	1.57	1.58	1.76	3.25	3.29	1.93	1.84	1.72	1.85	1.74	1.48
Tier 3	14.39	15.18	15.17	15.24	13.10	14.23	14.40	14.22	14.35	14.82	14.98	13.62	14.62	12.58	12.26	14.93	11.38
Total	**16.02**	**16.82**	**16.87**	**16.94**	**14.84**	**15.76**	**15.97**	**15.80**	**16.10**	**18.08**	**18.27**	**15.56**	**16.46**	**14.31**	**14.11**	**16.68**	**12.86**

Approach	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Tier 1	1.40	1.59	1.70	1.79	1.51	1.38
Tier 3	12.54	9.92	12.76	14.09	12.59	9.96
Total	**13.94**	**11.51**	**14.45**	**15.88**	**14.10**	**11.34**

Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Rice Cultivation* section for more information). The Tier 1 and 3 methods will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-232: Total 2012 N₂O Emissions (Direct and Indirect) from Agricultural Soil Management by State (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

State	Croplands[a]	Grasslands[b]		Total	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
AL	1.57	1.27		3.00	2.44	4.13
AR	4.84	1.38		6.50	5.18	9.10
AZ	0.55	0.87		1.84	1.45	3.14
CA	4.17	1.12		8.69	5.85	18.38
CO	2.87	2.06		5.13	4.33	6.80
CT	0.11	0.02		0.14	0.10	0.24

DE	0.16	0.01		0.19	0.13	0.34
FL	1.91	2.98		5.72	4.45	10.09
GA	2.47	0.94		3.68	2.76	5.69
HI[c4]	0.01	0.13		0.14	0.04	0.27
IA	13.34	1.38		15.12	12.13	20.45
ID	2.74	0.86		3.81	3.04	5.67
IL	12.68	0.71		13.40	10.32	18.72
IN	7.58	0.63		8.19	6.24	11.80
KS	10.22	2.93		13.44	11.16	17.35
KY	3.26	2.33		5.60	4.62	7.31
LA	3.09	0.98		4.51	3.65	6.13
MA	0.14	1.26		0.20	0.15	0.30
MD	0.73	0.12		1.00	0.75	1.57
ME	0.23	0.17		0.38	0.27	0.58
MI	3.99	0.65		5.08	4.03	7.26
MN	9.62	0.91		11.33	9.22	14.99
MO	7.33	3.08		10.61	8.64	14.08
MS	3.45	0.94		4.44	3.52	6.13
MT	3.29	3.04		6.34	5.33	7.94
NC	2.84	0.68		3.76	2.75	6.03
ND	6.02	1.05		7.02	5.61	9.08
NE	9.49	1.42		11.27	9.13	15.34
NH	0.07	0.02		0.13	0.09	0.20
NJ	0.15	0.11		0.23	0.17	0.36
NM	0.74	2.30		2.95	2.41	4.28
NV	0.25	1.23		0.76	0.61	1.18
NY	2.93	0.73		4.01	3.13	6.12
OH	6.39	0.71		8.32	6.51	12.36
OK	3.05	3.61		6.75	5.68	8.68
OR	1.25	1.02		2.51	2.06	3.63
PA	2.76	0.57		3.68	2.85	5.74
RI	0.01	0.01		0.02	0.01	0.04
SC	1.13	0.40		1.51	1.08	2.39
SD	5.33	1.83		7.16	5.86	9.23
TN	2.50	1.80		4.35	3.53	5.83
TX	12.07	11.64		24.67	20.69	31.66
UT	0.59	0.76		1.44	1.16	2.16
VA	1.43	1.24		2.71	2.23	3.60
VT	0.45	0.12		0.64	0.48	1.04
WA	2.05	0.63		3.06	2.54	4.35
WI	5.84	1.01		7.64	6.24	11.05
WV	0.28	0.41		0.70	0.58	0.91
WY	0.95	1.56		2.76	2.33	3.77

[a] Emissions from non-manure organic N inputs for crops not simulated by DayCent were not estimated (NE) at the state level.

[b] Emissions from biosolids (i.e., sewage sludge) applied to grasslands and were not estimated (NE) at the state level.

[c] N_2O emissions are not reported for Hawaii except from cropland organic soils.

Table A-233: Annual Soil C Stock Change in Cropland Remaining Cropland (CRC), *Land Converted to Cropland* (LCC), *Grassland Remaining Grassland* (GRG), and *Land Converted to Grassland* (LCG), in U.S. Agricultural Soils (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Net emissions based on Tier 3 Century-based analysis (Step 2)																
CRC	(65.7)	(71.6)	(63.0)	(43.6)	(55.5)	(49.2)	(57.7)	(55.5)	(44.2)	(59.7)	(65.4)	(58.3)	(54.7)	(47.6)	(47.6)	(50.8)
GCC	20.6	21.4	23.6	18.0	14.4	20.0	16.9	19.0	12.6	12.8	13.0	11.2	11.2	13.1	12.6	12.4
GRG	(10.2)	(12.5)	(6.8)	1.7	(24.1)	(1.0)	(22.3)	(9.1)	(16.0)	(4.0)	(33.1)	(8.8)	(9.6)	(6.3)	0.4	2.0
CCG	(5.1)	(5.2)	(4.9)	(5.5)	(7.4)	(6.4)	(7.6)	(7.5)	(8.1)	(8.5)	(10.5)	(9.8)	(10.5)	(10.5)	(9.9)	(10.2)
Net emissions based on the IPCC Tier 2 analysis (Step 3)																
Mineral Soils																
CRC	(5.4)	(6.2)	(6.6)	(6.9)	(6.7)	(6.5)	(6.1)	(7.6)	(7.3)	(7.1)	(6.7)	(6.7)	(6.7)	(6.0)	(5.4)	(5.4)
GCC	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5
FCC	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
OCC	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
SCC	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
WCC	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
GRG	(0.6)	(0.8)	(1.4)	(1.6)	(1.6)	(1.6)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.7)	(1.5)	(1.8)	(1.8)	(2.8)	(2.7)	(1.2)	(1.3)

CCG	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.8)	(2.9)	(3.1)	(2.9)	(2.7)	(2.6)	(3.2)	(3.1)	(3.2)	(3.1)	(2.8)	(2.5)	(2.7)	(2.4)
FCG	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.6)	(0.5)
OCG	(0.5)	(0.6)	(0.6)	(0.7)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.9)	(1.0)	(1.1)	(1.2)	(1.1)	(1.0)	(1.1)	(1.1)
SCG	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
WCG	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)
Organic Soils																
CRC	30.3	29.8	29.7	29.5	29.4	29.3	29.3	29.3	28.8	24.4	24.5	29.0	29.3	29.6	29.9	29.7
GCC	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.3	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.4	3.3
FCC	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
OCC	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
SCC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
WCC	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
GRG	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0
CCG	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1
FCG	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
OCG	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SCG	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
WCG	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3

Additional changes in net emissions from mineral soils based on application of biosolids (i.e.,sewage sludge) to agricultural land (Step 4)

GRG	(0.6)	(0.6)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.9)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.1)	(1.1)

Additional changes in net emissions from mineral soils based on additional enrollment of CRP land (Step 4)

CRC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total Stock Changes by Land Use/Land-Use Change Category (Step 5)

CRC	(40.9)	(48.1)	(40.0)	(21.1)	(32.8)	(26.3)	(34.5)	(33.8)	(22.7)	(42.3)	(47.7)	(36.0)	(32.1)	(24.0)	(23.0)	(26.5)
GCC	24.5	25.2	27.5	22.0	18.6	24.6	21.6	23.4	17.7	17.8	17.7	16.9	16.8	18.5	17.6	17.3
FCC	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
OCC	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
SCC	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
WCC	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
GRG	(4.2)	(6.9)	(1.8)	6.4	(19.5)	3.6	(17.3)	(4.2)	(12.0)	0.2	(29.4)	(5.4)	(7.3)	(4.1)	4.1	5.5
CCG	(7.5)	(7.6)	(7.2)	(7.9)	(9.8)	(8.6)	(9.6)	(9.4)	(10.5)	(10.8)	(12.8)	(11.9)	(12.2)	(12.0)	(11.4)	(11.5)
FCG	(0.7)	(0.8)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.4)
OCG	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.6)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.9)	(0.9)	(1.1)	(1.1)	(1.1)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)
SCG	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
WCG	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Total [a]	**(28.3)**	**(37.5)**	**(21.9)**	**(0.8)**	**(43.5)**	**(6.7)**	**(39.7)**	**(24.1)**	**(27.7)**	**(35.5)**	**(72.8)**	**(37.0)**	**(35.3)**	**(22.2)**	**(13.3)**	**(15.8)**

Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Parentheses indicate net C accumulation.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Net emissions based on Tier 3 Century-based analysis (Step 2)							
CRC	(47.5)	(45.6)	(34.4)	(29.3)	(29.4)	(43.6)	(46.6)
GCC	13.2	11.8	12.7	12.6	14.5	14.3	13.4
GRG	(14.8)	1.8	(10.1)	(5.7)	1.3	(16.0)	(24.6)
CCG	(12.2)	(10.9)	(10.8)	(10.6)	(10.8)	(11.0)	(11.2)
Net emissions based on the IPCC Tier 2 analysis (Step 3)							
Mineral Soils							
CRC	(4.4)	(4.0)	(3.4)	(3.5)	(3.6)	(3.5)	(2.9)
GCC	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
FCC	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
OCC	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
SCC	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
WCC	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
GRG	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(0.8)	(0.4)
CCG	(1.9)	(1.6)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.3)	(1.2)	(1.2)
FCG	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
OCG	(0.9)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)
SCG	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
WCG	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.1)
Organic Soils							
CRC	29.6	29.5	29.3	29.7	29.6	27.9	28.1
GCC	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0
FCC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
OCC	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
SCC	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
WCC	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
GRG	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.5
CCG	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
FCG	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
OCG	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1

SCG	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
WCG	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

Additional changes in net emissions from mineral soils based on application of biosolids (i.e., sewage sludge) to agricultural land (Step 4)

GRG	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.3)	(1.3)	(1.3)	(1.4)

Additional changes in net emissions from mineral soils based on additional enrollment of CRP land (Step 4)

CRC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total Stock Changes by Land Use/Land-Use Change Category (Step 5)

CRC	(22.2)	(20.1)	(8.5)	(3.2)	(3.4)	(19.1)	(21.4)
GCC	18.2	16.9	17.5	17.2	19.1	19.0	18.1
FCC	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
OCC	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
SCC	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
WCC	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
GRG	(11.7)	4.8	(7.1)	(2.4)	4.5	(12.5)	(20.8)
CCG	(13.0)	(11.4)	(11.2)	(10.9)	(10.9)	(11.0)	(11.3)
FCG	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
OCG	(0.9)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.7)
SCG	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
WCG	(0.1)	(0.0)	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Total [a]	**(28.7)**	**(9.6)**	**(9.1)**	**0.9**	**9.4**	**(23.5)**	**(35.0)**

Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Note: Estimates after 2012 are based on a data splicing method (See the *Cropland Remaining Cropland* section for more information). The Tier 2 and 3 methods will be applied in a future inventory to recalculate the part of the time series that is estimated with the data splicing methods.

Table A-234: Soil C Stock Change for Mineral and Organic Soils in 2012 by State (MMT CO$_2$ Eq.)

State	Mineral Soil	Organic Soil	Total
AL	(1.03)	0.01	(1.02)
AR	(1.00)	-	(1.00)
AZ	(0.42)	-	(0.42)
CA	(3.72)	1.58	(2.13)
CO	(0.02)	0.00	(0.01)
CT	(0.02)	0.01	(0.02)
DE	(0.04)	-	(0.04)
FL	0.12	12.21	12.32
GA	0.18	-	0.18
HI	(0.08)	0.77	0.69
IA	(9.18)	0.73	(8.45)
ID	(1.25)	0.03	(1.22)
IL	(6.20)	0.52	(5.68)
IN	(1.64)	2.36	0.72
KS	(2.43)	-	(2.43)
KY	(1.39)	-	(1.39)
LA	(0.13)	0.51	0.39
MA	(0.06)	0.28	0.23
MD	(0.19)	0.01	(0.18)
ME	(0.11)	0.01	(0.10)
MI	(0.02)	3.40	3.37
MN	(4.11)	7.65	3.55
MO	(5.91)	-	(5.91)
MS	(1.05)	0.01	(1.04)
MT	(4.40)	0.15	(4.26)
NC	(0.57)	1.89	1.32
ND	(10.32)	0.01	(10.30)
NE	(5.17)	0.00	(5.16)
NH	(0.03)	0.02	(0.01)
NJ	(0.02)	0.12	0.10
NM	2.64	-	2.64
NV	(1.08)	0.00	(1.08)
NY	(0.33)	0.53	0.20
OH	(1.52)	0.48	(1.04)
OK	(0.62)	-	(0.62)
OR	(0.61)	0.30	(0.31)
PA	(0.43)	0.05	(0.38)

RI	(0.00)	0.02	0.02
SC	(0.56)	0.02	(0.54)
SD	(5.89)	-	(5.89)
TN	(1.51)	-	(1.51)
TX	2.44	-	2.44
UT	0.95	0.08	1.02
VA	(1.29)	0.00	(1.29)
VT	(0.08)	0.06	(0.02)
WA	(0.60)	0.38	(0.23)
WI	(0.06)	2.90	2.85
WV	(0.53)	-	(0.53)
WY	(2.96)	-	(2.96)

"-" Indicates there are no cropland or grassland organic soils in the state.
Note: Parentheses indicate net C accumulation. Estimates do not include soil C stock change associated with federal croplands and grasslands, CRP enrollment after 2012, or biosolids (i.e., sewage sludge) application to soils, which were only estimated at the national scale. The sum of state results will not match the national results because state results are generated in a separate programming package, the biosolids are not included, and differences arise due to rounding of values in this table. Only national-scale soil C stock changes are estimated for 2013 to 2016 in this Inventory using a splicing method, and therefore the state-scale stock changes are based on inventory data from 2012.

Table A-235: Total CH$_4$ Emissions from Rice Cultivation in 2012 by State (MMT CO$_2$ Eq.)

State	Total
AL	-
AR	3.75
AZ	-
CA	2.04
CO	-
CT	-
DE	-
FL	-
GA	-
HI	-
IA	-
ID	-
IL	-
IN	-
KS	-
KY	-
LA	3.79
MA	-
MD	-
ME	-
MI	-
MN	0.03
MO	0.29
MS	0.47
MT	-
NC	-
ND	-
NE	-
NH	-
NJ	-
NM	-
NV	-
NY	-
OH	-
OK	-
OR	-
PA	-
RI	-
SC	-
SD	-
TN	-
TX	0.85

UT	-
VA	-
VT	-
WA	-
WI	-
WV	-
WY	-

Note: Only national-scale CH_4 emissions from rice cultivation are estimated for 2013 to 2016 in this Inventory using a splicing method, and therefore the state-scale emissions are based on inventory data from 2012.

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3.13. Methodology for Estimating Net Carbon Stock Changes in *Forest Land Remaining Forest Land* and *Land Converted to Forest Land*

This sub-annex expands on the methodology used to estimate net changes in carbon (C) stocks in forest ecosystems and harvested wood products for *Forest Land Remaining Forest Land* and *Land Converted to Forest Land* as well as non-CO_2 emissions from forest fires. Full details of the C conversion factors and procedures may be found in the cited references. For details on the methods used to estimate changes in soil C stocks in the *Land Converted to Forest Land* section please refer to Annex 3.12.

Carbon stocks and net stock change in forest ecosystems

The inventory-based methodologies for estimating forest C stocks are based on a combination of approaches (Woodall et al 2015a) and are consistent with IPCC (2003, 2006) stock-difference methods. Estimates of ecosystem C are based on data from the network of annual inventory plots established and measured by the Forest Inventory and Analysis program within the USDA Forest Service; either direct measurements or attributes of forest inventories are the basis for estimating metric tons of C per hectare in IPCC pools (i.e., above- and belowground biomass, dead wood, litter, and soil organic carbon). Plot-level estimates are used to inform land area (by use) and stand age transition matrices across time which can be summed annually for an estimate of forest C stock change for *Forest Land Remaining Forest Land* and *Land Converted to Forest Land*. Recent publications (Coulston et al. 2015; Woodall et al. 2015a) detail the land use and stand age transition matrices that are informed by the annual forest inventory of the United States and were used in the accounting framework used in this Inventory. The annual forest inventories in the eastern United States have been remeasured which allows for empirical estimation of forest C stock net change within the accounting framework. In contrast, as numerous western states have not yet been remeasured, theoretical age transition matrices have been developed (Figure A-16).

The following subsections of this annex will describe the estimation system used this year (Figure A-16) including the methods for estimating individual pools of forest C in addition to the eastern versus western approach to informing land use and stand age transitions.

Figure A-16: Flowchart of the inputs necessary in the accounting framework, including the methods for estimating individual pools of forest C in the eastern and western conterminous U.S. states and coastal Alaska
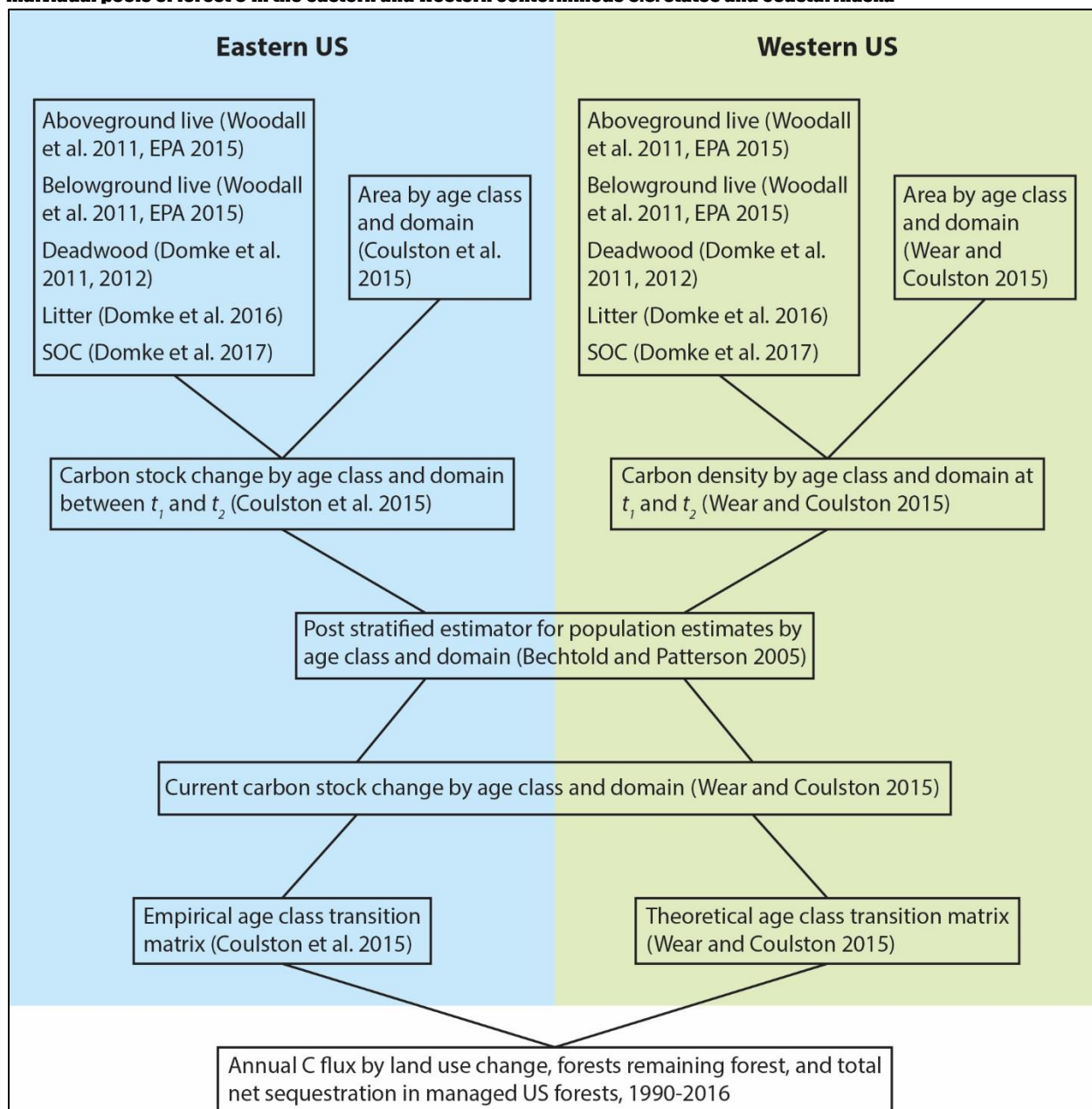
Note: An empirical age class transition matrix was used in the Eastern United States while a theoretical age class transition matrix was used in the Western United States.

Forest Land Definition

The definition of forest land within the United States and used for this Inventory is defined in Oswalt et al. (2014) as "Land at least 120 feet (37 meters) wide and at least 1 acre (0.4 hectare) in size with at least 10 percent cover (or equivalent stocking) by live trees including land that formerly had such tree cover and that will be naturally or artificially regenerated. Trees are woody plants having a more or less erect perennial stem(s) capable of achieving at least 3 inches (7.6 cm) in diameter at breast height, or 5 inches (12.7 cm) diameter at root collar, and a height of 16.4 feet (5 meters) at maturity in situ. The definition here includes all areas recently having such conditions and currently regenerating or capable of attaining such condition in the near future. Forest land also includes transition zones, such as areas between forest and non-forest lands that have at least 10 percent cover (or equivalent stocking) with live trees and forest areas adjacent to urban and built-

up lands. Unimproved roads and trails, streams, and clearings in forest areas are classified as forest if they are less than 120 feet (36.6 meters) wide or an acre (0.4 hectare) in size. Forest land does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land use." Timberland is productive forest land, which is on unreserved land and is producing or capable of producing crops of industrial wood. This is an important subclass of forest land because timberland is the primary source of C incorporated into harvested wood products. Productivity for timberland is at a minimum rate of 20 cubic feet per acre (1.4 cubic meters per hectare) per year of industrial wood (Woudenberg and Farrenkopf 1995). There are about 205 million hectares of timberland in the conterminous United States, which represents 80 percent of all forest lands over the same area (Oswalt et al. 2014).

Forest Inventory Data

The estimates of forest C stocks are based on data from forest inventory surveys. Forest inventory data were obtained from the USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program (Frayer and Furnival 1999; USDA Forest Service 2015a; USDA Forest Service 2015b). Forest Inventory and Analysis data include remote sensing information and a collection of measurements in the field at sample locations called plots. Tree measurements include diameter at breast height, height, and species. On a subset of plots, additional measurements or samples are taken of downed dead wood, litter, and soil attributes. The technical advances needed to estimate C stocks from these data are ongoing (Woodall et al. 2015a) with the latest research incorporated on an annual basis (see Domke et al. 2016, Domke et. al. In press). The field protocols are thoroughly documented and available for download from the USDA Forest Service (2015c). Bechtold and Patterson (2005) provide the estimation procedures for standard forest inventory results. The data are freely available for download at USDA Forest Service (2011b) as the FIA Database (FIADB) Version 6.0 (USDA Forest Service 2015b; USDA Forest Service 2015c); these data are the primary sources of forest inventory data used to estimate forest C stocks. In addition to the field sampling component, fine-scale remotely sensed imagery (National Agriculture Imagery Program; NAIP 2015; Woodall et al. 2015b) is used to assign the land use at each sample location which has a nominal spatial resolution (raster cell size) of 1 m2. Prior to field measurement of each year's collection of annual plots due for measurement (i.e., panel), each sample location in the panel (i.e., systematic distribution of plots within each state each year) is photo-interpreted manually by a forester to determine land use. As annual forest inventories have only just begun in the U.S. Territories and in Hawaii, there is an assumption that these areas account for a net C change of zero. Survey data are available for the temperate oceanic ecoregion of Alaska (southeast and south central). These inventory data are publicly available for 6.2 million hectares of forest land, and these inventoried lands, representing an estimated 12 percent of the total forest land in Alaska, contribute to the forest C stocks presented here. Agroforestry systems are also not currently accounted for in the U.S. Inventory, since they are not explicitly inventoried by either of the two primary national natural resource inventory programs: the FIA program of the USDA Forest Service and the National Resources Inventory (NRI) of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (Perry et al. 2005). The majority of these tree-based practices do not meet the size and definitions for forests within each of these resource inventories.

A national plot design and annualized sampling (USDA Forest Service 2015a) were introduced by FIA with most new annual inventories beginning after 1998. These are the only forest inventories used in the current accounting framework and subsequently in this submission. These surveys involve the sampling of all forest land including reserved and lower productivity lands. Almost all states have annualized inventory data available with substantial remeasurement in the eastern United States (Figure A-17). Annualized sampling means that a portion of plots throughout the state is sampled each year, with the goal of measuring all plots once every 5 to 10 years, depending on the region of the United States. The full unique set of data with all measured plots, such that each plot has been measured one time, is called a cycle. Sampling is designed such that partial inventory cycles provide usable, unbiased samples of forest inventory within the state, but with higher sampling errors than the full cycle. After all plots have been measured once, the sequence continues with remeasurement of the first year's plots, starting the next new cycle. Most eastern states have completed one or two cycles of the annualized inventories, and some western states have begun remeasuring with a second annual cycle. Annually updated estimates of forest C stocks are affected by the redundancy in the data used to generate the annual updates of C stock. For example, a typical annual inventory update for an eastern state will include new data from remeasurement on 20 percent of plots; data from the remaining 80 percent of plots is identical to that included in the previous year's annual update. The interpretation and use of the annual inventory data can affect trend estimates of C stocks and stock changes (e.g., estimates based on 60 percent of an inventory cycle will be different than estimates with a complete (100 percent) cycle). In general, the C stock and stock change calculations use annual inventory summaries (updates) with unique sets of plot-level data (that is, without redundant sets); the most-recent annual update (i.e., 2016) is the exception because it is included in stock change calculations in order to include the most recent available data for each state. The specific inventories used in this report are listed in Table A-236 and this list can be compared with the full set of summaries available for download (USDA Forest Service 2015b).

Figure A-17: Annual FIA plots (remeasured and not remeasured) across the United States including coastal Alaska through the 2015 field season
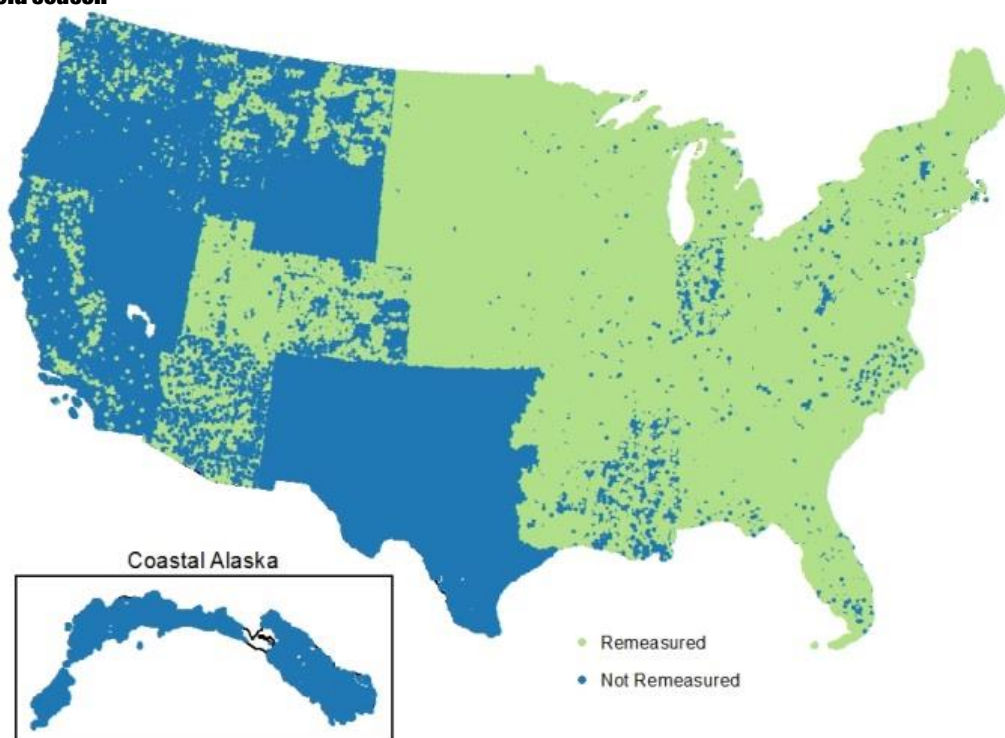
Note: Due to the vast number of plots (where land use is measured even if no forest is present) they appear as spatially contiguous when displayed at the scale and resolution presented in this figure.

It should be noted that as the FIA program explores expansion of its vegetation inventory beyond the forest land use to other land uses (e.g., woodlands and urban areas) subsequent inventory observations will need to be delineated between forest and other land uses as opposed to a strict forest land use inventory. The forest C estimates provided here represent C stocks and stock change on managed forest lands (IPCC 2006, see Section 6.1 Representation of the U.S. Land Base), which is how all forest lands are classified on the 48 conterminous states. However, Alaska is considered to have significant areas of both managed and unmanaged forest lands. A new model delineating managed versus unmanaged lands for the United States (Ogle et al. in preparation), and used in this Inventory, is consistent with the assumption of managed forest lands on the 48 states. However, the model of Ogle et al. (in preparation) identifies some of the forest land in south central and southeastern coastal Alaska as unmanaged; this is in contrast to past assumptions of "managed" for these forest lands included in the FIA program. Therefore, the estimates for coastal Alaska as included here reflect that adjustment, which effectively reduces the forest area included here by about 5 percent. A second modification to the use of the FIADB-defined forest land introduced this year is to identify plots that do not meet the height component of the definition of forestland (Coulston et al. 2016). These plots were identified as "other wooded lands" (i.e., not forest land use) and were removed from forest estimates and classified as grassland.[133] Note that minor differences in identifying and classifying woodland as "forest" versus "other wooded" exist between the current Resources Planning Act Assessment (RPA) data (Oswalt et al. 2014) and the FIADB (USDA Forest Service 2015b) due to a refined modelling approach developed specifically for this report (Coulston et al. 2016).

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[133] See the *Grassland Remaining Grassland* section for details.

Table A-236: Specific annual forest inventories by state used in development of forest C stock and stock change estimates

	Remeasured Annual Plots			Split Annual Cycle Plots	
State	Time 1 Year Range	Time 2 Year Range	State	Time 1 Year Range	Time 2 Year Range
Alabama	2001 - 2011	2006 - 2015	Alaska (Coastal)	2004 - 2008	2009 - 2013
Arkansas	2006 - 2010	2011 - 2015	Arizona	2004 - 2008	2009 - 2013
Connecticut	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015	California	2001 - 2005	2006 - 2010
Delaware	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015	Colorado	2004 - 2008	2009 - 2013
Florida	2002 - 2011	2010 - 2014	Idaho	2004 - 2008	2009 - 2013
Georgia	2005 - 2009	2010 - 2014	Montana	2004 - 2008	2009 - 2013
Illinois	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015	Nevada	2004 - 2008	2009 - 2013
Indiana	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015	New Mexico	1999	2005 - 2013
Iowa	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015	Oklahoma (West)	2009 - 2010	2011 - 2013
Kansas	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015	Oregon	2001 - 2005	2006 - 2010
Kentucky	2000 - 2009	2006 - 2013	Texas (West)	2004 - 2007	2008 - 2012
Louisiana	2001 - 2008	2009 - 2014	Utah	2004 - 2008	2009 - 2013
Maine	2006 - 2010	2011 - 2015	Washington	2002 - 2006	2007 - 2011
Maryland	2004 - 2009	2009 - 2014	Wyoming	2000	2011 - 2013
Massachusetts	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015			
Michigan	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015			
Minnesota	2006 - 2010	2011 - 2015			
Mississippi	2006	2009 - 2014			
Missouri	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015			
Nebraska	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015			
New Hampshire	2004 - 2010	2010 - 2015			
New Jersey	2004 - 2009	2009 - 2014			
New York	2003 - 2009	2009 - 2014			
North Carolina	2003 - 2007	2009 - 2015			
North Dakota	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015			
Ohio	2003 - 2009	2009 - 2014			
Oklahoma (East)	2008	2010 - 2014			
Pennsylvania	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015			
Rhode Island	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015			
South Carolina	2002 - 2011	2009 - 2015			
South Dakota	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015			
Tennessee	2000 - 2009	2005 - 2013			
Texas (East)	2002 - 2008	2005 - 2012			
Vermont	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015			
Virginia	2002 - 2011	2009 - 2014			
West Virginia	2004 - 2009	2009 - 2014			
Wisconsin	2005 - 2010	2010 - 2015			

Note: Remeasured annual plots represent a complete inventory cycle between measurements of the same plots while spilt annual cycle plots represent a single inventory cycle of plots that are split where remeasurements have yet to occur.

Estimating Forest Inventory Plot-Level C-Density

For each inventory plot in each state, field data from the FIA program are used alone or in combination with auxiliary information (e.g., climate, surficial geology, elevation) to predict C density for each IPCC pool (i.e., aboveground and belowground biomass, dead wood, litter, SOC). In the past, most of the conversion factors and models used for inventory-based forest C estimates (Smith et al. 2010; Heath et al. 2011) were initially developed as an offshoot of the forest C simulation model FORCARB (Heath et al. 2010). The conversion factors and model coefficients were usually categorized by region and forest type. Thus, region and type are specifically defined for each set of estimates. More recently, the coarse approaches of the past have been updated with empirical information regarding C attributes of individual forest C pools such

as dead wood and litter (e.g., Domke et al. 2013 and Domke et al. 2016). Factors are applied to the forest inventory data at the scale of FIA inventory plots which are a systematic sample of all forests attributes and land uses within each state. The results are estimates of C density (T per hectare) for the various forest pools. Carbon density for live trees, standing dead trees, understory vegetation, downed dead wood, litter, and soil organic matter are estimated. All non-soil C pools except litter can be separated into aboveground and belowground components. The live tree and understory C pools are combined into the biomass pool in this inventory. Similarly, standing dead trees and downed dead wood are pooled as dead wood in this inventory. C stocks and fluxes for *Forest Land Remaining Forest Land* are reported in pools following IPCC (2006).

Live tree C pools

Live tree C pools include aboveground and belowground (coarse root) biomass of live trees with diameter at diameter breast height (d.b.h.) of at least 2.54 cm at 1.37 m above the forest floor. Separate estimates are made for above- and below-ground biomass components. If inventory plots include data on individual trees, tree C is based on Woodall et al. (2011), which is also known as the component ratio method (CRM), and is a function of volume, species, diameter, and, in some regions, tree height and site quality. The estimated sound volume (i.e., after rotten/missing deductions) provided in the tree table of the FIADB is the principal input to the CRM biomass calculation for each tree (Woodall et al. 2011). The estimated volumes of wood and bark are converted to biomass based on the density of each. Additional components of the trees such as tops, branches, and coarse roots, are estimated according to adjusted component estimates from Jenkins et al. (2003). Live trees with d.b.h of less than 12.7 cm do not have estimates of sound volume in the FIADB, and CRM biomass estimates follow a separate process (see Woodall et al. 2011 for details). An additional component of foliage, which was not explicitly included in Woodall et al. (2011), was added to each tree following the same CRM method. Carbon is estimated by multiplying the estimated oven-dry biomass by a C constant of 0.5 because biomass is 50 percent of dry weight (IPCC 2006). Further discussion and example calculations are provided in Woodall et al. 2011 and Domke et al. 2012.

Understory vegetation

Understory vegetation is a minor component of total forest ecosystem biomass. Understory vegetation is defined as all biomass of undergrowth plants in a forest, including woody shrubs and trees less than one-inch d.b.h. In this Inventory, it is assumed that 10 percent of understory C mass is belowground. This general root-to-shoot ratio (0.11) is near the lower range of temperate forest values provided in IPCC (2006) and was selected based on two general assumptions: ratios are likely to be lower for light-limited understory vegetation as compared with larger trees, and a greater proportion of all root mass will be less than 2 mm diameter.

Estimates of C density are based on information in Birdsey (1996), which was applied to FIA permanent plots. These were fit to the model:

$$\text{Ratio} = e^{(A - B \times \ln(\text{live tree C density}))} \tag{1}$$

In this model, the ratio is the ratio of understory C density (T C/ha) to live tree C density (above- and below-ground) according to Jenkins et al. (2003) and expressed in T C/ha. An additional coefficient is provided as a maximum ratio; that is, any estimate predicted from the model that is greater than the maximum ratio is set equal to the maximum ratio. A full set of coefficients are in Table A-237. Regions and forest types are the same classifications described in Smith et al. (2003). As an example, the basic calculation for understory C in aspen-birch forests in the Northeast is:

$$\text{Understory (T C/ha)} = (\text{live tree C density}) \times e^{(0.855 - 1.03 \times \ln(\text{tree C density}))} \tag{2}$$

This calculation is followed by three possible modifications. First, the maximum value for the ratio is set to 2.02 (see value in column "maximum ratio"); this also applies to stands with zero tree C, which is undefined in the above model. Second, the minimum ratio is set to 0.005 (Birdsey 1996). Third, nonstocked (i.e., currently lacking tree cover but still in the forest land use) and pinyon/juniper forest types (see Table A-237) are set to coefficient A, which is a C density (T C/ha) for these types only.

Table A-237: Coefficients for Estimating the Ratio of C Density of Understory Vegetation (above- and belowground, T C/ha) by Region and Forest Type[a]

Region[b]	Forest Type[b]	A	B	Maximum ratio[c]
	Aspen-Birch	0.855	1.032	2.023
	MBB/Other Hardwood	0.892	1.079	2.076
	Oak-Hickory	0.842	1.053	2.057
NE	Oak-Pine	1.960	1.235	4.203
	Other Pine	2.149	1.268	4.191
	Spruce-Fir	0.825	1.121	2.140
	White-Red-Jack Pine	1.000	1.116	2.098

	Nonstocked	2.020	2.020	2.060
NLS	Aspen-Birch	0.777	1.018	2.023
	Lowland Hardwood	0.650	0.997	2.037
	Maple-Beech-Birch	0.863	1.120	2.129
	Oak-Hickory	0.965	1.091	2.072
	Pine	0.740	1.014	2.046
	Spruce-Fir	1.656	1.318	2.136
	Nonstocked	1.928	1.928	2.117
NPS	Conifer	1.189	1.190	2.114
	Lowland Hardwood	1.370	1.177	2.055
	Maple-Beech-Birch	1.126	1.201	2.130
	Oak-Hickory	1.139	1.138	2.072
	Oak-Pine	2.014	1.215	4.185
	Nonstocked	2.052	2.052	2.072
PSW	Douglas-fir	2.084	1.201	4.626
	Fir-Spruce	1.983	1.268	4.806
	Hardwoods	1.571	1.038	4.745
	Other Conifer	4.032	1.785	4.768
	Pinyon-Juniper	4.430	4.430	4.820
	Redwood	2.513	1.312	4.698
	Nonstocked	4.431	4.431	4.626
PWE	Douglas-fir	1.544	1.064	4.626
	Fir-Spruce	1.583	1.156	4.806
	Hardwoods	1.900	1.133	4.745
	Lodgepole Pine	1.790	1.257	4.823
	Pinyon-Juniper	2.708	2.708	4.820
	Ponderosa Pine	1.768	1.213	4.768
	Nonstocked	4.315	4.315	4.626
PWW	Douglas-fir	1.727	1.108	4.609
	Fir-Spruce	1.770	1.164	4.807
	Other Conifer	2.874	1.534	4.768
	Other Hardwoods	2.157	1.220	4.745
	Red Alder	2.094	1.230	4.745
	Western Hemlock	2.081	1.218	4.693
	Nonstocked	4.401	4.401	4.589
RMN	Douglas-fir	2.342	1.360	4.731
	Fir-Spruce	2.129	1.315	4.749
	Hardwoods	1.860	1.110	4.745
	Lodgepole Pine	2.571	1.500	4.773
	Other Conifer	2.614	1.518	4.821
	Pinyon-Juniper	2.708	2.708	4.820
	Ponderosa Pine	2.099	1.344	4.776
	Nonstocked	4.430	4.430	4.773
RMS	Douglas-fir	5.145	2.232	4.829
	Fir-Spruce	2.861	1.568	4.822
	Hardwoods	1.858	1.110	4.745
	Lodgepole Pine	3.305	1.737	4.797
	Other Conifer	2.134	1.382	4.821
	Pinyon-Juniper	2.757	2.757	4.820
	Ponderosa Pine	3.214	1.732	4.820
	Nonstocked	4.243	4.243	4.797
SC	Bottomland Hardwood	0.917	1.109	1.842
	Misc. Conifer	1.601	1.129	4.191
	Natural Pine	2.166	1.260	4.161
	Oak-Pine	1.903	1.190	4.173
	Planted Pine	1.489	1.037	4.124
	Upland Hardwood	2.089	1.235	4.170
	Nonstocked	4.044	4.044	4.170
SE	Bottomland Hardwood	0.834	1.089	1.842
	Misc. Conifer	1.601	1.129	4.191
	Natural Pine	1.752	1.155	4.178
	Oak-Pine	1.642	1.117	4.195
	Planted Pine	1.470	1.036	4.141
	Upland Hardwood	1.903	1.191	4.182
	Nonstocked	4.033	4.033	4.182

Dead Wood

The standing dead tree estimates are primarily based on plot-level measurements (Domke et al. 2011; Woodall et al. 2011). This C pool includes aboveground and belowground (coarse root) mass and includes trees of at least 12.7 cm d.b.h. Calculations follow the basic CRM method applied to live trees (Woodall et al. 2011) with additional modifications to account for decay and structural loss. In addition to the lack of foliage, two characteristics of standing dead trees that can significantly affect C mass are decay, which affects density and thus specific C content (Domke et al. 2011; Harmon et al. 2011), and structural loss such as branches and bark (Domke et al. 2011). Dry weight to C mass conversion is by multiplying by 0.5.

Downed dead wood, inclusive of logging residue, are sampled on a subset of FIA plots. Despite a reduced sample intensity, a single down woody material population estimate (Woodall et al. 2010; Domke et al. 2013; Woodall et al. 2013) per state is now incorporated into these empirical downed dead wood estimates. Downed dead wood is defined as pieces of dead wood greater than 7.5 cm diameter, at transect intersection, that are not attached to live or standing dead trees. It also includes stumps and roots of harvested trees. Ratio estimates of downed dead wood to live tree biomass were developed using FORCARB2 simulations and applied at the plot level (Smith et al. 2004). Estimates for downed dead wood correspond to the region and forest type classifications described in Smith et al. (2003). A full set of ratios is provided in Table A-238. An additional component of downed dead wood is a regional average estimate of logging residue based on Smith et al. (2006) applied at the plot level. These are based on a regional average C density at age zero and first order decay; initial densities and decay coefficients are provided in Table A-239. These amounts are added to explicitly account for downed dead wood following harvest. The sum of these two components are then adjusted by the ratio of population totals; that is, the ratio of plot-based to modeled estimates (Domke et al. 2013). An example of this 3-part calculation for downed dead wood in a 25-year-old naturally regenerated loblolly pine forest with 82.99 T C/ha in live trees (Jenkins et al. 2003) in Louisiana is as follows:

First, an initial estimate from live tree C density and Table A-238 (SC, Natural Pine)

C density = 82.99 × 0.068 = 5.67 (T C/ha)

Second, an average logging residue from age and Table A-238 (SC, softwood)

C density = 5.5 × e(−25/17.9) = 1.37 (T C/ha)

Third, adjust the sum by the downed dead wood ratio plot-to-model for Louisiana, which was 27.6/31.1 = 0.886

C density = (5.67 + 1.37) × 0.886 = 6.24 (T C/ha)

Table A-238: Ratio for Estimating Downed Dead Wood by Region and Forest Type

Region[a]	Forest type[a]	Ratio[b]
NE	Aspen-Birch	0.078
	MBB/Other Hardwood	0.071
	Oak-Hickory	0.068
	Oak-Pine	0.061
	Other Pine	0.065
	Spruce-Fir	0.092
	White-Red-Jack Pine	0.055
	Nonstocked	0.019
NLS	Aspen-Birch	0.081
	Lowland Hardwood	0.061
	Maple-Beech-Birch	0.076
	Oak-Hickory	0.077
	Pine	0.072
	Spruce-Fir	0.087
	Nonstocked	0.027
NPS	Conifer	0.073
	Lowland Hardwood	0.069
	Maple-Beech-Birch	0.063
	Oak-Hickory	0.068

	Oak-Pine	0.069
	Nonstocked	0.026
PSW	Douglas-fir	0.091
	Fir-Spruce	0.109
	Hardwoods	0.042
	Other Conifer	0.100
	Pinyon-Juniper	0.031
	Redwood	0.108
	Nonstocked	0.022
PWE	Douglas-fir	0.103
	Fir-Spruce	0.106
	Hardwoods	0.027
	Lodgepole Pine	0.093
	Pinyon-Juniper	0.032
	Ponderosa Pine	0.103
	Nonstocked	0.024
PWW	Douglas-fir	0.100
	Fir-Spruce	0.090
	Other Conifer	0.073
	Other Hardwoods	0.062
	Red Alder	0.095
	Western Hemlock	0.099
	Nonstocked	0.020
RMN	Douglas-fir	0.062
	Fir-Spruce	0.100
	Hardwoods	0.112
	Lodgepole Pine	0.058
	Other Conifer	0.060
	Pinyon-Juniper	0.030
	Ponderosa Pine	0.087
	Nonstocked	0.018
RMS	Douglas-fir	0.077
	Fir-Spruce	0.079
	Hardwoods	0.064
	Lodgepole Pine	0.098
	Other Conifer	0.060
	Pinyon-Juniper	0.030
	Ponderosa Pine	0.082
	Nonstocked	0.020
SC	Bottomland Hardwood	0.063
	Misc. Conifer	0.068
	Natural Pine	0.068
	Oak-Pine	0.072
	Planted Pine	0.077
	Upland Hardwood	0.067
	Nonstocked	0.013
SE	Bottomland Hardwood	0.064
	Misc. Conifer	0.081
	Natural Pine	0.081
	Oak-Pine	0.063
	Planted Pine	0.075
	Upland Hardwood	0.059
	Nonstocked	0.012

[a] Regions and types as defined in Smith et al. (2003).

[b] The ratio is multiplied by the live tree C density on a plot to produce downed dead wood C density (T C/ha).

Table A-239: Coefficients for Estimating Logging Residue Component of Downed Dead Wood

Region[a]	Forest Type Group[b] (softwood/hardwood)	Initial C Density (T/ha)	Decay Coefficient
Alaska	hardwood	6.9	12.1
Alaska	softwood	8.6	32.3
NE	hardwood	13.9	12.1
NE	softwood	12.1	17.9
NLS	hardwood	9.1	12.1

NLS	softwood	7.2	17.9
NPS	hardwood	9.6	12.1
NPS	softwood	6.4	17.9
PSW	hardwood	9.8	12.1
PSW	softwood	17.5	32.3
PWE	hardwood	3.3	12.1
PWE	softwood	9.5	32.3
PWW	hardwood	18.1	12.1
PWW	softwood	23.6	32.3
RMN	hardwood	7.2	43.5
RMN	softwood	9.0	18.1
RMS	hardwood	5.1	43.5
RMS	softwood	3.7	18.1
SC	hardwood	4.2	8.9
SC	softwood	5.5	17.9
SE	hardwood	6.4	8.9
SE	softwood	7.3	17.9

[a] Regions are defined in Smith et al. (2003) with the addition of coastal Alaska.

[b] Forest types are according to majority hardwood or softwood species.

Litter carbon

Carbon in the litter layer is currently sampled on a subset of the FIA plots. Litter C is the pool of organic C (including material known as duff, humus, and fine woody debris) above the mineral soil and includes woody fragments with diameters of up to 7.5 cm. Because litter attributes are only collected on a subset of FIA plots, a model was developed to predict C density based on plot/site attributes for plots that lacked litter information (Domke et al. 2016).

As the litter, or forest floor, estimates are an entirely new model this year, a more detailed overview of the methods is provided here. The first step in model development was to evaluate all relevant variables—those that may influence the formation, accumulation, and decay of forest floor organic matter—from annual inventories collected on FIADB plots (P2) using all available estimates of forest floor C (n = 4,530) from the P3 plots (hereafter referred to as the research dataset) compiled from 2000 through 2014 (Domke et al. 2016).

Random forest, a machine learning tool (Domke et al. 2016), was used to evaluate the importance of all relevant forest floor C predictors available from P2 plots in the research dataset. Given many of the variables were not available due to regional differences in sampling protocols during periodic inventories, the objective was to reduce the random forest regression model to the minimum number of relevant predictors without substantial loss in explanatory power. The form of the full random forest model was:

$$P(FFC_{Full}) = f(lat, lon, elev, fortypgrp, above, ppt, t\max, gmi) + u \qquad (3)$$

where: lat = latitude, lon = longitude, $elev$ = elevation, $fortypgrp$ = forest type group, $above$ = aboveground live tree C (trees ≥ 2.54 cm dbh), ppt = mean annual precipitation, $tmax$ = average maximum temperature, gmi = the ratio of precipitation to potential evapotranspiration, u = the uncertainty in the prediction resulting from the sample-based estimates of the model parameters and observed residual variability around this prediction.

For each replacement, u was independently and randomly generated from a N(0,σ) distribution with σ incorporating the variability from both sources. This process of randomly selecting and incorporating u may be considered an imputation. Each model prediction was replaced independently m times and m separate estimates were combined where m = 1,000 in this analysis.

Due to data limitation in certain regions and inventory periods a series of reduced random forest regression models were used rather than replacing missing variables with imputation techniques in random forest. Database records used to compile estimates for this report were grouped by variable availability and the approaches described herein were applied to replace forest floor model predictions from Smith and Heath (2002). Forest floor C predictions are expressed in T•ha−1.

Soil organic carbon

Soil organic carbon (SOC) is the largest terrestrial C sink, and management of this pool is a critical component of efforts to mitigate atmospheric C concentrations. In the U.S., SOC in forests is monitored by the national forest inventory conducted by the FIA program (O'Neill et al. 2005). In previous C inventory submissions, SOC predictions were based, in part, on a model using the State Soil Geographic (STATSGO) database compiled by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (Amichev and Glabraith 2004), hereafter referred to as the country-specific (*CSsoc*) model. Estimates of

forest SOC found in the STATSGO database may be based on expert opinion and/or lack systematic field observations, but these country-specific model predictions have been used in past C inventory submissions. The FIA program has been consistently measuring soil attributes as part of the inventory since 2001 and has amassed an extensive inventory of SOC in forest land in the conterminous United States and coastal Alaska (O'Neill et al. 2005). More than 5,000 profile observations of SOC on forest land from FIA and the International Soil Carbon Monitoring Network (ISCN 2015) were used to develop and implement a modeling framework that includes site-, stand-, and climate-specific variables that yield predictions of SOC stocks and stock changes specific to forest land in the United States. This section provides a summary of the methodology used to predict SOC for this report. A complete description of the approach is in Domke et al. (2017).

The data used to develop the new modeling framework to predict SOC on forest land came from the FIA program and the ISCN. Since 2001, the FIA program has collected soil samples on every 16th base intensity plot distributed approximately every 38,848 ha, where at least one forested condition exists (Woodall et al. 2010). On fully forested plots, mineral and organic soils were sampled adjacent to subplots 2, 3, and 4 by taking a single core at each location from two layers: 0 to 10.16 cm and 10.16 to 20.32 cm. The texture of each soil layer was estimated in the field, and physical and chemical properties were determined in the laboratory (U.S. Forest Service 2011). For this analysis, estimates of SOC from the FIA program were calculated following O'Neill et al. (2005):

$$\sum SOC_{FIA\_TOTAL} = C_i \cdot BD_i \cdot t_i \cdot ucf \tag{4}$$

Where $\sum SOC_{FIA\_TOTAL}$ = total mass (Mg C ha-1) of the mineral and organic soil C over all ith layers, C_i = percent organic C in the ith layer, BD_i = bulk density calculated as weight per unit volume of soil (g·cm-3) at the ith soil layer, t_i = thickness (cm) of the ith soil layer (either 0 to 10.16 cm or 10.16 to 20.32 cm), and ucf = unit conversion factor (100).

The $SOC_{FIA-TOTAL}$ estimates from each plot were assigned by forest condition on each plot, resulting in 3,667 profiles with SOC layer observations at 0 to 10.16 and 10.16 to 20.32 cm depths. Since the United States has historically reported SOC estimates to a depth of 100 cm (Heath et al. 2011, USEPA 2015), ISCN data from forests in the United States were harmonized with the FIA soil layer observations to develop model functions of SOC by soil order to a depth of 100 cm. All observations used from the ISCN were contributed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. A total of 16,504 soil layers from 2,037 profiles were used from ISCN land uses defined as deciduous, evergreen, or mixed forest. The FIA-ISCN harmonized dataset used for model selection and prediction included a total of 5,704 profiles with 23,838 layer observations at depths ranging from 0 to 1,148 cm.

The modeling framework developed to predict SOC for this report was built around strategic-level forest and soil inventory information and auxiliary variables available for all FIA plots in the United States. The first phase of the new estimation approach involved fitting models using the midpoint of each soil layer from the harmonized dataset and SOC estimates at those midpoints. Several linear and nonlinear models were evaluated, and a log-log model provided the optimal fit to the harmonized data:

$$\log_{10} SOC_i = I + \log_{10} Depth \tag{5}$$

Where $\log_{10} SOC_i$ = SOC density (Mg C ha-1 cm depth-1) at the midpoint depth, I = intercept, $\log_{10} Depth$ = profile midpoint depth (cm).

The model was validated by partitioning the complete harmonized dataset multiple times into training and testing groups and then repeating this step for each soil order to evaluate model performance by soil order. Extra sum of squares F tests were used to evaluate whether there were statistically significant differences between the model coefficients from the model fit to the complete harmonized dataset and models fit to subsets of the data by soil order. Model coefficients for each soil order were used to predict SOC for the 20.32 to 100 cm layer for all FIA plots with soil profile observations. Next, the SOC layer observations from the FIA and predictions over the 100 cm profile for each FIA plot were summed:

$$SOC_{100} = SOC_{FIA\_TOTAL} + SOC_{20-100} \tag{6}$$

Where SOC_{100} = total estimated SOC density from 0-100 cm for each forest condition with a soil sample in the FIA database, SOC_{FIA_TOTAL} as previously defined in model (4), SOC_{20-100} = predicted SOC from 20.32 to 100 cm from model (5).

In the second phase of the modeling framework, SOC_{100} estimates for FIA plots were used to predict SOC for plots lacking SOC_{100} estimates using Random forests , a machine learning tool that uses bootstrap aggregating (i.e., bagging) to develop models to improve prediction (Breimen 2001). Random forests also relies on random variable selection to develop a forest of uncorrelated regression trees. These trees recognize the relationship between a dependent variable, in this case SOC_{100}, and a set of predictor variables. All relevant predictor variables—those that may influence the formation, accumulation, and loss of SOC—from annual inventories collected on all base intensity plots and auxiliary climate, soil, and topographic variables obtained from the PRISM climate group (Northwest Alliance 2015), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS 2015), and U.S. Geological Survey (Danielson and Gesch 2011), respectively, were included in the RF analysis. Due to regional differences in sampling protocols, many of the predictor variables included in the RF variable selection process were not available for all base intensity plots. To avoid problems with data limitations, pruning was used to reduce the RF models to the minimum number of relevant predictors (including both continuous and categorical variables) without substantial loss in explanatory power or increase in root mean squared error (RMSE). The general form of the full RF models were:

$$P(SOC) = f(lat, lon, elev, fortypgrp, ppt, t\max, gmi, order, surfgeo) \text{ (7)}$$

where lat = latitude, lon = longitude, $elev$ = elevation, $fortypgrp$ = forest type group, ppt = mean annual precipitation, $t\max$ = average maximum temperature, gmi = the ratio of precipitation to potential evapotranspiration, $order$ = soil order, $surfgeo$ = surficial geological description.

Moving the Annual Forest Inventory Backwards and Forwards in Time: Transition Matrices

The accounting framework used this year is fundamentally driven by the annual forest inventory system conducted by the FIA program of the U.S. Forest Service (2015a-d). Unfortunately, the annual inventory system does not extend into the 1990's and the periodic data are not consistent (e.g., different plot design) with the annual inventory necessitating the adoption of a system to "backcast" the annual C estimates. Likewise, forecasting the annual inventory can enable the monitoring of U.S. greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, however, that is an activity beyond the scope of this document. To facilitate the backcasting of the U.S. annual forest inventory C estimates, the accounting framework is comprised of a forest dynamics module (age transition matrices) and a land use dynamics module (land area transition matrices). The forest dynamics module assesses forest sequestration, forest aging, and disturbance effects (i.e., disturbances such as wind, fire, and floods identified by foresters on inventory plots). The land use dynamics module assesses C stock transfers associated with afforestation and deforestation (e.g., Woodall et al. 2015b). Both modules are developed from land use area statistics and C stock change or C stock transfer by age class. The required inputs are estimated from more than 625,000 forest and nonforest observations in the FIA national database (U.S. Forest Service 2015a-c). Model predictions for before or after the annual inventory period are constructed from the accounting framework using only the annual observations. This modeling framework includes opportunities for user-defined scenarios to evaluate the impacts of land use change and disturbance rates on future C stocks and stock changes. As annual forest inventories in the eastern United States have largely completed at least one cycle and been remeasured, age and area transition matrices can be empirically informed. In contrast, as annual inventories in western states are still undergoing their first complete cycle they are still in the process of being remeasured, and as a result theoretical transition matrices need to be developed.

Wear and Coulston (2015) and Coulston et al. (2015) provide the framework for the projection model. The overall objective is to estimate unmeasured historical changes and future changes in forest C consistent with annual forest inventory measurements. For most regions, forest conditions are observed at time t_0 and at a subsequent time $t_1=t_0+s$, where s is the time step (time measured in years) and is indexed by discrete (5 year) forest age classes. The inventory from t_0 is then backcasted to the year 1990 (on average about 16 years) and projected from t_1 to 2017 about 5 years for the next Inventory report). This backcasting/projection approach requires simulating changes in the age-class distribution resulting from forest aging and disturbance events and then applying C density estimates for each age class. For the North, South (except for west Texas and west Oklahoma), and Rocky Mountains regions of the country, age class transition matrices are estimated from observed changes in age classes between t_0 and t_1. In the remainder of the regions (Pacific Coast including Alaska, west

Texas, and west Oklahoma), only one inventory was available (t_0) so transition matrices were derived from theory but informed by the condition of the observed inventory to backcast from t_0 to 1990 and project from t_0 to 2017.

Theoretical Age Transition Matrices

Without any mortality-inducing disturbance, a projection of forest conditions would proceed by increasing all forest ages by the length of the time step until all forest resided in a terminal age class where the forest is retained indefinitely (this is by assumption, where forest C per unit area reaches a stable maximum). For the most basic case, disturbances (e.g., wildfire or timber harvesting) can reset some of the forest to the first age class. Disturbance can also alter the age class in more subtle ways. If a portion of trees in a multiple-age forest dies, the trees comprising the average age calculation change, thereby shifting the average age higher or lower (generally by one age class).

With *n* age classes, the age transition matrix (**T**) is an n x n matrix, and each element (**T**$_{qr}$) defines the proportion of forest area in class *q* transitioning to class *r* during the time step (*s*). The values of the elements of **T** depend on a number of factors, including forest disturbances such as harvests, fire, storms, and the value of s, especially relative to the span of the age classes. For example, holding area fixed, allowing for no mortality, defining the time step *s* equivalent to the span of age classes, and defining five age classes results in:

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$

where all forest area progresses to the next age class and forests within the terminal age class are retained forever. With this version of **T**, after five time steps all forests would be in the terminal age class. Relaxing these assumptions changes the structure of **T**. If all disturbances, including harvesting and fire, that result in stand regeneration are accounted for and stochastic elements in forest aging are allowed, **T** defines a traditional Lefkovitch matrix population model (e.g., Caswell 2001) and becomes:

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1-t_1-d_1 & d_2 & d_3 & d_4 & d_5 \\ t_1 & 1-t_2-d_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t_2 & 1-t_3-d_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t_3 & 1-t_4-d_4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & t_4 & 1-d_5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{9}$$

Where t_q is the proportion of forest of age class q transitioning to age class $q+1$, d_q is the proportion of age class *q* that experiences a stand-replacing disturbance, and $(1-t_q-d_q)$ is the proportion retained within age class *q* (**T**$_{qr}$).

Projections and Backcast for Pacific Coast, Rocky Mountains, West Texas, and West Oklahoma

Projections of forest C in the Pacific (including Alaska), Rocky Mountains, west Texas and west Oklahoma are based on a life stage model:

$$\Delta C_t = C_{t+m} - C_t = (F_t T - F_t) \cdot \mathbf{Den} + L_t \cdot \mathbf{Den} \tag{10}$$

In this framework **T** is an age transition matrix that shifts the age distribution of the forest **F**. The difference in forest area by age class between time *t* and *t+s* is **F**t**T**-**F**t. This quantity is multiplied by C density by age class (**Den**) to estimate C stock change of forest remaining forest between *t* and *t+s*. Land use change is accounted for by the addition of **L**t·**Den,** where **L**t identifies the age distribution of net land shifts into or out of forests. A query of the forest inventory databases provides estimates of **F** and **Den**, while inventory observations and modeling assumptions are used to estimate **T**. By expanding **Den** to a matrix of C contained in all the constituent pools of forest carbon, projections for all pools are generated.

Land use change is incorporated as a 1 x n vector **L,** with positive entries indicating increased forest area and negative entries indicating loss of forest area, which provides insights of net change only. Implementing a forest area change requires some information and assumptions about the distribution of the change across age classes (the n dimension of **L**).

In the eastern states, projections are based on the projection of observed gross area changes by age class. In western states, total forest area changes are applied using rules. When net gains are positive, the area is added to the youngest forest age class; when negative, area is subtracted from all age classes in proportion to the area in each age class category.

Backcasting forest C inventories generally involve the same concepts as forecasting. An initial age class distribution is shifted at regular time steps backwards through time, using a transition matrix (B):

$$F_{t-s} = F_t \cdot B \tag{11}$$

B is constructed based on similar logic used for creating **T**. The matrix cannot simply be derived as the inverse of **T** ($F_{t-s} = F_t T^{-1}$) because of the accumulating final age class (i.e., **T** does not contain enough information to determine the proportion of the final age class derived from the n-1 age class and the proportion that is retained in age class n from the previous time step).[134] However, **B** can be constructed using observed changes from the inventory and assumptions about transition/accumulation including nonstationary elements of the transition model:

$$\tag{12}$$

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B = \begin{pmatrix}
1 - \sum_q d_q & b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
d_1 & 1 - b_2 & b_3 & 0 & 0 \\
d_2 & 0 & 1 - b_3 & b_4 & 0 \\
d_3 & 0 & 0 & 1 - b_4 & b_r \\
d_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 - b_r
\end{pmatrix}
$$

Forest area changes need to be accounted for in the backcasts as well:

$$F_{t-s} = F_t B - L_t \tag{13}$$

Where **Lt** is the forest area change between t_1 and t_0 as previously defined.

In the Rocky Mountains, age class transition matrices were empirically derived from observed changes in age classes between t_0 and t_1. The frequency of transitions was constructed between age classes observed at t_0 and t_1 to define **T** and between age classes t_1 and t_0 to define **B.** In the Pacific Coast region, including Alaska, west Texas, and west Oklahoma, the theoretical life-stage models described by matrices (9) and (10) were applied. The disturbance factors (d) in both **T** and **B** are derived from the current inventory by assuming that the area of forest in age class 1 resulted from disturbance in the previous period, the area in age class 2 resulted from disturbance in the period before that, and so on. The source of disturbed forest was assumed to be proportional to the area of forest in each age class. For projections (**T**), the average of implied disturbance for the previous two periods was applied. For the backcast (**B**), we move the disturbance frequencies implied by the age class distribution for each time step. For areas with empirical transition matrices, change in forest area (**Lt**) was backcasted/projected using the change in forest area observed for the period t_0 to t_1. In the Pacific, including Alaska, west Texas, and west Oklahoma, it was assumed that total forest land area remained constant for the time period examined.

Projections and Backcast for North, South, East Texas, and East Oklahoma

For the eastern United States a full set of remeasured plots were available. When remeasured data are available, the previously described approach is extended to estimate change more directly; in this case $\Delta C t = F t \cdot \delta C$, where ΔC is net stock change by pool within the analysis area, F is as previously defined, and δC is an *n* x cp matrix of per unit area forest C stock change per year by pool (cp) arrayed by forest age class. Inter-period forest C dynamics are previously described, and the age transition matrix (T) is estimated from the observed data directly. Forest C change at the end of the next period is defined as: $\Delta C t + s = F t \cdot T \cdot \delta C$. Land use change and disturbances such as cutting, fire, weather, insects, and diseases were incorporated by generalizing to account for the change vectors and undisturbed forest remaining as undisturbed forest:

$$\Delta C_{t+s} = \sum_{d \in L} (A_{td} \cdot T_d \cdot \delta C_d) \tag{14}$$

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[134] Simulation experiments show that a population that evolves as a function of **T** can be precisely backcast using T^{-1}. However, applying the inverse to a population that is not consistent with the long-run outcomes of the transition model can result in projections of negative areas within some stage age classes.

Where A_{td} = area by age class of each mutually exclusive land category in L which includes d disturbances at time t.

L = (FF, NFF, FNF, Fcut, Ffire, Fweather, Fid) where FF=undisturbed forest remaining as undisturbed forest, NFF=nonforest to forest conversion, FNF=forest to nonforest conversion, Fcut=cut forest remaining as forest, Ffire=forest remaining as forest disturbed by fire, Fweather=forest remaining as forest disturbed by weather, and Fid=forest remaining as forest disturbed by insects and diseases. In the case of land transfers (FNF and NFF), T_d is an n x n identity matrix and δCd is a C stock transfer rate by age. Paired measurements for all plots in the inventory provide direct estimates of all elements of $\delta C, T_d$, and A_{td} matrices.

Projections are developed by specifying either Ft+s or At+sd for either a future or a past state. To move the system forward, T is specified so that the age transition probabilities are set up as the probability between a time 0 and a time 1 transition. To move the system backward, T is replaced by B so that the age transition probabilities are for transitions from time 1 to time 0. Forecasts were developed by assuming the observed land use transitions and disturbance rates would continue for the next 5 years. Backcasts were developed using a Markov Chain process for land use transitions, observed disturbance rates for fire, weather, and insects. Historical forest cutting was incorporated by using the relationship between the area of forest cutting estimated from the inventory plots and the volume of roundwood production from the Timber Products Output program (U.S. Forest Service 2015d). This relationship allowed for the modification of Fcut such that it followed trends described by Oswalt et al. (2014).

Carbon in Harvested Wood Products

Estimates of the Harvested Wood Product (HWP) contribution to forest C sinks and emissions (hereafter called "HWP Contribution") are based on methods described in Skog (2008) using the WOODCARB II model and the U.S. forest products module (Ince et al. 2011). These methods are based on IPCC (2006) guidance for estimating HWP C. The *2006 IPCC Guidelines* provide methods that allow Parties to report HWP Contribution using one of several different accounting approaches: production, stock change, and atmospheric flow, as well as a default method. The various approaches are described below. The approaches differ in how HWP Contribution is allocated based on production or consumption as well as what processes (atmospheric fluxes or stock changes) are emphasized.

- **Production approach**: Accounts for the net changes in C stocks in forests and in the wood products pool, but attributes both to the producing country.

- **Stock-change approach**: Accounts for changes in the product pool within the boundaries of the consuming country.

- **Atmospheric-flow approach**: Accounts for net emissions or removals of C to and from the atmosphere within national boundaries. Carbon removal due to forest growth is accounted for in the producing country while C emissions to the atmosphere from oxidation of wood products are accounted for in the consuming country.

- **Default approach**: Assumes no change in C stocks in HWP. IPCC (2006) requests that such an assumption be justified if this is how a Party is choosing to report.

The United States uses the production accounting approach (as in previous years) to report HWP Contribution (Table A-240). Annual estimates of change are calculated by tracking the additions to and removals from the pool of products held in end uses (i.e., products in use such as housing or publications) and the pool of products held in solid waste disposal sites (SWDS).

Estimates of five HWP variables that can be used to calculate HWP contribution for the stock change and atmospheric flow approaches for imports and exports are provided in Table A-238. The HWP variables estimated are:

(1A) annual change of C in wood and paper products in use in the United States,

(1B) annual change of C in wood and paper products in SWDS in the United States,

(2A) annual change of C in wood and paper products in use in the United States and other countries where the wood came from trees harvested in the United States,

(2B) annual change of C in wood and paper products in SWDS in the United States and other countries where the wood came from trees harvested in the United States,

(3) Carbon in imports of wood, pulp, and paper to the United States,

(4) Carbon in exports of wood, pulp and paper from the United States, and

(5) Carbon in annual harvest of wood from forests in the United States. The sum of these variables yield estimates for HWP contribution under the production accounting approach.

Table A-240: Harvested Wood Products from Wood Harvested in the U.S.—Annual Additions of C to Stocks and Total Stocks under the Production Approach

Year	Net C additions per year (MMT C per year)			Total C stocks (MMT C)		
	Total	Products in use Total	Products in SWDS Total	Total	Products in use	Products in SWDS
1990	(33.8)	(14.9)	(18.8)	1,895	1,249	646
1991	(33.8)	(16.3)	(17.4)	1,929	1,264	665
1992	(32.9)	(15.0)	(17.9)	1,963	1,280	683
1993	(33.4)	(15.9)	(17.5)	1,996	1,295	701
1994	(32.3)	(15.1)	(17.2)	2,029	1,311	718
1995	(30.6)	(14.1)	(16.5)	2,061	1,326	735
1996	(32.0)	(14.7)	(17.3)	2,092	1,340	752
1997	(31.1)	(13.4)	(17.7)	2,124	1,355	769
1998	(32.5)	(14.1)	(18.4)	2,155	1,368	787
1999	(30.8)	(12.8)	(18.0)	2,188	1,382	805
2000	(25.5)	(8.7)	(16.8)	2,218	1,395	823
2001	(26.8)	(9.6)	(17.2)	2,244	1,404	840
2002	(25.6)	(9.5)	(16.2)	2,271	1,414	857
2003	(28.6)	(12.3)	(16.3)	2,296	1,423	873
2004	(28.1)	(11.8)	(16.3)	2,325	1,435	890
2005	(29.5)	(12.2)	(17.3)	2,353	1,447	906
2006	(28.1)	(10.7)	(17.4)	2,382	1,459	923
2007	(20.9)	(3.8)	(17.1)	2,411	1,470	941
2008	(14.6)	2.1	(16.7)	2,431	1,474	958
2009	(16.2)	0.4	(16.6)	2,446	1,472	974
2010	(18.3)	(1.6)	(16.8)	2,462	1,471	991
2011	(17.9)	(1.1)	(16.9)	2,481	1,473	1,008
2012	(18.9)	(1.9)	(17.0)	2,498	1,474	1,025
2013	(20.6)	(3.5)	(17.1)	2,517	1,476	1,042
2014	(20.8)	(3.7)	(17.1)	2,538	1,479	1,059
2015	(26.1)	(8.6)	(17.6)	2,559	1,483	1,076
2016	(27.2)	(9.1)	(18.0)	2,585	1,492	1,093

Note: Parentheses indicate net C sequestration (i.e., a net removal of C from the atmosphere).

Table A-241: Comparison of Net Annual Change in Harvested Wood Products C Stocks Using Alternative Accounting Approaches (kt CO$_2$ Eq./year)

	HWP Contribution to LULUCF Emissions/ removals (MMT CO$_2$ Eq.)		
Inventory Year	Stock-Change Approach	Atmospheric Flow Approach	Production Approach
1990	(116,345)	(131,436)	(123,758)
1991	(119,985)	(131,633)	(123,791)
1992	(126,805)	(127,819)	(120,708)
1993	(129,954)	(129,882)	(122,498)
1994	(125,981)	(128,010)	(118,411)
1995	(122,340)	(122,495)	(112,219)
1996	(131,434)	(127,378)	(117,344)
1997	(137,218)	(122,781)	(114,188)
1998	(147,057)	(127,427)	(119,182)
1999	(141,195)	(120,395)	(112,969)
2000	(125,039)	(100,417)	(93,479)
2001	(130,714)	(103,339)	(98,188)
2002	(125,812)	(98,663)	(93,967)
2003	(143,193)	(108,453)	(104,747)
2004	(142,102)	(107,342)	(103,215)
2005	(138,130)	(113,897)	(108,034)
2006	(115,181)	(111,489)	(102,984)
2007	(73,134)	(88,392)	(76,807)
2008	(41,284)	(68,789)	(53,386)
2009	(47,980)	(78,261)	(59,367)

2010	(50,802)	(90,214)	(67,279)
2011	(54,008)	(89,470)	(65,710)
2012	(64,774)	(94,413)	(69,154)
2013	(80,511)	(102,379)	(75,552)
2014	(85,209)	(102,765)	(76,356)
2015	(130,361)	(119,057)	(95,859)
2016	(134,510)	(119,863)	(99,618)

Note: Parentheses indicate net C sequestration (i.e., a net removal of C from the atmosphere).

Table A-242: Harvested Wood Products Sectoral Background Data for LULUCF—United States

Inventory year	1A Annual Change in stock of HWP in use from consumption	1B Annual Change in stock of HWP in SWDS from consumption	2A Annual Change in stock of HWP in use produced from domestic harvest	2B Annual Change in stock of HWP in SWDS produced from domestic harvest	3 Annual Imports of wood, and paper products plus wood fuel, pulp, recovered paper, roundwood/chips	4 Annual Exports of wood, and paper products plus wood fuel, pulp, recovered paper, roundwood/chips	5 Annual Domestic Harvest	6 Annual release of C to the atmosphere from HWP consumption (from fuelwood and products in use and products in SWDS)	7 Annual release of C to the atmosphere from HWP (including firewood) where wood came from domestic harvest (from products in use and products in SWDS)	8 HWP Contribution to AFOLU CO$_2$ emissions/removals
	ΔCHWP IU DC	ΔCHWP SWDS DC	ΔC HWP IU DH	ΔCHWP SWDS DH	PIM	PEX	H	↑CHWP DC	↑CHWP DH	
									kt C/yr	kt CO$_2$/yr
1990	13,129	18,602	14,940	18,812	11,552	15,667	144,435	108,588	110,682	(123,758)
1991	15,718	17,006	16,334	17,427	12,856	16,032	139,389	103,489	105,627	(123,791)
1992	16,957	17,627	14,971	17,949	14,512	14,788	134,554	99,694	101,633	(120,708)
1993	18,221	17,221	15,930	17,479	15,685	15,665	134,750	99,328	101,342	(122,498)
1994	17,307	17,051	15,065	17,229	16,712	17,266	137,027	102,115	104,733	(118,411)
1995	17,018	16,348	14,092	16,513	16,691	16,733	134,477	101,069	103,872	(112,219)
1996	18,756	17,090	14,740	17,263	17,983	16,877	135,439	100,699	103,436	(117,344)
1997	19,654	17,769	13,404	17,738	18,994	15,057	134,206	100,720	103,064	(114,188)
1998	21,444	18,662	14,146	18,359	20,599	15,245	134,193	99,440	101,689	(119,182)
1999	20,000	18,508	12,840	17,970	21,858	16,185	133,694	100,859	102,884	(112,969)
2000	16,491	17,610	8,713	16,781	22,051	15,336	127,896	100,510	102,402	(93,479)
2001	17,414	18,235	9,566	17,213	23,210	15,744	126,866	98,683	100,087	(98,188)
2002	16,986	17,326	9,453	16,175	23,707	16,303	123,606	96,698	97,978	(93,967)
2003	21,409	17,644	12,273	16,294	26,428	16,953	118,852	89,274	90,284	(104,747)
2004	20,990	17,765	11,826	16,324	26,793	17,312	120,393	91,118	92,244	(103,215)
2005	19,085	18,587	12,158	17,306	25,445	18,836	118,544	87,481	89,080	(108,034)
2006	13,104	18,309	10,661	17,425	21,663	20,657	115,827	85,421	87,740	(102,984)
2007	2,434	17,512	3,825	17,122	16,997	21,159	101,525	77,418	80,577	(76,807)
2008	(5,364)	16,623	(2,098)	16,657	13,115	20,616	90,576	71,815	76,016	(53,386)
2009	(3,191)	16,277	(383)	16,574	14,162	22,420	92,792	71,448	76,601	(59,367)
2010	(2,281)	16,136	1,559	16,790	13,923	24,672	97,134	72,530	78,785	(67,279)
2011	(1,299)	16,028	1,055	16,866	13,580	23,252	99,934	75,533	82,013	(65,710)
2012	1,555	16,110	1,900	16,960	14,700	22,783	103,331	77,582	84,471	(69,154)
2013	5,600	16,358	3,535	17,070	16,881	22,845	118,155	90,233	97,550	(75,552)
2014	6,764	16,475	3,731	17,094	17,478	22,266	108,071	80,044	87,247	(76,356)
2015	17,967	17,587	8,566	17,577	21,686	18,603	110,347	77,877	84,204	(95,859)
2016	18,154	18,530	9,142	18,026	22,649	18,655	112,630	79,940	85,461	(99,618)

Note: Parentheses indicate net C sequestration (i.e., a net removal of C from the atmosphere).

Annual estimates of variables 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B were calculated by tracking the additions to and removals from the pool of products held in end uses (e.g., products in uses such as housing or publications) and the pool of products held in SWDS. In the case of variables 2A and 2B, the pools include products exported and held in other countries and the pools in the United States exclude products made from wood harvested in other countries. Solidwood products added to pools include lumber and panels. End-use categories for solidwood include single and multifamily housing, alteration and repair of housing, and other end uses. There is one product category and one end-use category for paper. Additions to and removals from pools are tracked beginning in 1900, with the exception that additions of softwood lumber to housing begins in 1800. Solidwood and paper product production and trade data are from USDA Forest Service and other sources (Hair and Ulrich 1963; Hair 1958; USDC Bureau of Census 1976; Ulrich, 1985, 1989; Steer 1948; AF&PA 2006a, 2006b; Howard 2003).

The rate of removals from products in use and the rate of decay of products in SWDS are specified by first order (exponential) decay curves with given half-lives (time at which half of amount placed in use will have been discarded from use). Half-lives for products in use, determined after calibration of the model to meet two criteria, are shown in Table A-243. The first criterion is that the WOODCARB II model estimate of C in houses standing in 2001 needed to match an independent estimate of C in housing based on U.S. Census and USDA Forest Service survey data. The second criterion is that the WOODCARB II model estimate of wood and paper being discarded to SWDS needed to match EPA estimates of discards over the period 1990 to 2000. This calibration strongly influences the estimate of variable 1A, and to a lesser extent variable 2A. The calibration also determines the amounts going to SWDS. In addition, WOODCARB II landfill decay rates have been validated by making sure that estimates of methane emissions from landfills based on EPA data are reasonable in comparison to methane estimates based on WOODCARB II landfill decay rates.

Decay parameters for products in SWDS are shown in Table A-244. Estimates of 1B and 2B also reflect the change over time in the fraction of products discarded to SWDS (versus burning or recycling) and the fraction of SWDS that are sanitary landfills versus dumps.

Variables 2A and 2B are used to estimate HWP contribution under the production accounting approach. A key assumption for estimating these variables is that products exported from the United States and held in pools in other countries have the same half-lives for products in use, the same percentage of discarded products going to SWDS, and the same decay rates in SWDS. Summaries of net fluxes and stocks for harvested wood in products and SWDS are in Table A-240 and Table A-241. The decline in net additions to HWP C stocks continued through 2009 from the recent high point in 2006. This is due to sharp declines in U.S. production of solidwood and paper products in 2009 primarily due to the decline in housing construction. The low level of gross additions to solidwood and paper products in use in 2009 was exceeded by discards from uses. The result is a net reduction in the amount of HWP C that is held in products in use during 2009. For 2009 additions to landfills still exceeded emissions from landfills and the net additions to landfills have remained relatively stable. Overall, there were net C additions to HWP in use and in landfills combined.

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Table A-243: Half-life of Solidwood and Paper Products in End-Uses

Parameter	Value	Units
Half-life of wood in single family housing 1920 and before	78.0	Years
Half-life of wood in single family housing 1920–1939	78.0	Years
Half-life of wood in single family housing 1940–1959	80.0	Years
Half-life of wood in single family housing 1960–1979	81.9	Years
Half-life of wood in single family housing 1980 +	83.9	Years
Ratio of multifamily half-life to single family half life	0.61	
Ratio of repair and alterations half-life to single family half-life	0.30	
Half-life for other solidwood product in end uses	38.0	Years
Half-life of paper in end uses	2.54	Years

Source: Skog, K.E. (2008) "Sequestration of C in harvested wood products for the U.S." *Forest Products Journal* 58:56–72.

Table A-244: Parameters Determining Decay of Wood and Paper in SWDS

Parameter	Value	Units
Percentage of wood and paper in dumps that is subject to decay	100	Percent
Percentage of wood in landfills that is subject to decay	23	Percent
Percentage of paper in landfills that is subject to decay	56	Percent
Half-life of wood in landfills / dumps (portion subject to decay)	29	Years
Half-life of paper in landfills/ dumps (portion subject to decay)	14.5	Years

Source: Skog, K.E. (2008) "Sequestration of C in harvested wood products for the U.S." *Forest Products Journal* 58:56–72.

Table A-245: Net CO₂ Flux from Forest Pools in *Forest Land Remaining Forest Land* and Harvested Wood Pools (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Carbon Pool	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Forest	(574.7)	(577.4)	(523.0)	(518.3)	(521.3)	(524.6)	(526.2)	(557.3)	(563.8)	(572.2)	(579.0)	(584.5)	(602.0)	(605.0)	(598.5)	(596.1)	(593.7)	(571.1)	(571.6)
Aboveground Biomass	(327.9)	(328.8)	(268.6)	(272.9)	(275.0)	(277.0)	(279.2)	(314.4)	(314.5)	(320.3)	(324.7)	(328.0)	(334.4)	(337.2)	(331.5)	(329.6)	(327.7)	(310.0)	(315.3)
Belowground Biomass	(70.0)	(70.2)	(56.4)	(57.4)	(57.8)	(58.2)	(58.6)	(66.6)	(66.4)	(67.5)	(68.4)	(69.0)	(70.3)	(71.0)	(69.7)	(69.2)	(68.7)	(64.6)	(65.7)
Dead Wood	(33.5)	(38.3)	(45.6)	(35.1)	(35.3)	(35.6)	(34.5)	(40.3)	(42.3)	(42.7)	(43.2)	(43.8)	(45.6)	(48.5)	(49.1)	(49.2)	(49.2)	(43.7)	(39.2)
Litter	(17.0)	(16.8)	(12.8)	(13.5)	(13.6)	(13.7)	(13.9)	(14.3)	(14.0)	(14.1)	(14.3)	(14.1)	(16.5)	(16.5)	(16.3)	(16.3)	(16.3)	(15.2)	(16.1)
Soil (Mineral)	(126.1)	(123.3)	(139.6)	(139.3)	(139.6)	(140.0)	(140.1)	(121.7)	(126.6)	(127.6)	(128.4)	(129.6)	(135.3)	(131.9)	(132.0)	(131.9)	(131.9)	(137.6)	(135.4)
Soil (Organic)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	+	+	+	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Harvested Wood	(123.8)	(112.2)	(93.5)	(98.2)	(94.0)	(104.7)	(103.2)	(108.0)	(103.0)	(76.8)	(53.4)	(59.4)	(67.3)	(65.7)	(69.2)	(75.6)	(76.4)	(95.9)	(99.6)
Products in Use	(54.8)	(51.7)	(31.9)	(35.1)	(34.7)	(45.0)	(43.4)	(44.6)	(39.1)	(14.0)	7.7	1.4	(5.7)	(3.9)	(7.0)	(13.0)	(13.7)	(31.4)	(33.5)
SWDS	(69.0)	(60.5)	(61.5)	(63.1)	(59.3)	(59.7)	(59.9)	(63.5)	(63.9)	(62.8)	(61.1)	(60.8)	(61.6)	(61.8)	(62.2)	(62.6)	(62.7)	(64.4)	(66.1)
Total Net Flux	(698.4)	(689.6)	(616.5)	(616.4)	(615.2)	(629.3)	(629.4)	(665.3)	(666.8)	(649.0)	(632.4)	(643.9)	(669.3)	(670.7)	(667.6)	(671.6)	(670.0)	(666.9)	(671.2)

+ Absolute value does not exceed 0.05 MMT CO₂ Eq.
Note: Parentheses indicate negative values.

Table A-246: Net C Flux from Forest Pools in *Forest Land Remaining Forest Land* and Harvested Wood Pools (MMT C)

Carbon Pool	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Forest	(156.7)	(157.5)	(142.6)	(141.4)	(142.2)	(143.1)	(143.5)	(152.0)	(153.8)	(156.0)	(157.9)	(159.4)	(164.2)	(165.0)	(163.2)	(162.6)	(161.9)	(155.7)	(155.9)
Aboveground Biomass	(89.4)	(89.7)	(73.3)	(74.4)	(75.0)	(75.6)	(76.2)	(85.7)	(85.8)	(87.3)	(88.5)	(89.4)	(91.2)	(92.0)	(90.4)	(89.9)	(89.4)	(84.6)	(86.0)
Belowground Biomass	(19.1)	(19.2)	(15.4)	(15.7)	(15.8)	(15.9)	(16.0)	(18.2)	(18.1)	(18.4)	(18.7)	(18.8)	(19.2)	(19.4)	(19.0)	(18.9)	(18.7)	(17.6)	(17.9)
Dead Wood	(9.1)	(10.4)	(12.4)	(9.6)	(9.6)	(9.7)	(9.4)	(11.0)	(11.5)	(11.6)	(11.8)	(11.9)	(12.4)	(13.2)	(13.4)	(13.4)	(13.4)	(11.9)	(10.7)
Litter	(4.6)	(4.6)	(3.5)	(3.7)	(3.7)	(3.7)	(3.8)	(3.9)	(3.8)	(3.9)	(3.9)	(3.9)	(4.5)	(4.5)	(4.4)	(4.4)	(4.4)	(4.1)	(4.4)
Soil (Mineral)	(34.4)	(33.6)	(38.1)	(38.0)	(38.1)	(38.2)	(38.2)	(33.2)	(34.5)	(34.8)	(35.0)	(35.3)	(36.9)	(36.0)	(36.0)	(36.0)	(36.0)	(37.5)	(36.9)
Soil (Organic)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Harvested Wood	(33.8)	(30.6)	(25.5)	(26.8)	(25.6)	(28.6)	(28.1)	(29.5)	(28.1)	(20.9)	(14.6)	(16.2)	(18.3)	(17.9)	(18.9)	(20.6)	(20.8)	(26.1)	(27.2)
Products in Use	(14.9)	(14.1)	(8.7)	(9.6)	(9.5)	(12.3)	(11.8)	(12.2)	(10.7)	(3.8)	2.1	0.4	(1.6)	(1.1)	(1.9)	(3.5)	(3.7)	(8.6)	(9.1)
SWDS	(18.8)	(16.5)	(16.8)	(17.2)	(16.2)	(16.3)	(16.3)	(17.3)	(17.4)	(17.1)	(16.7)	(16.6)	(16.8)	(16.9)	(17.0)	(17.1)	(17.1)	(17.6)	(18.0)
Total Net Flux	(190.5)	(188.1)	(168.1)	(168.1)	(167.8)	(171.6)	(171.7)	(181.5)	(181.9)	(177.0)	(172.5)	(175.6)	(182.5)	(182.9)	(182.1)	(183.2)	(182.7)	(181.9)	(183.1)

+ Absolute value does not exceed 0.05 MMT C.
Note: Parentheses indicate negative values.

Table A-247: Forest area (1,000 ha) and C Stocks in *Forest Land Remaining Forest Land* and Harvested Wood Pools (MMT C)

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Forest Area (1000 ha)	262,119	263,516	265,022	267,479	268,044	268,618	269,163	269,710	270,258	270,654	271,064	271,512	271,812	272,113	272,260	272,260
Carbon Pools																

Forest	**46,967**	**47,753**	**48,510**	**49,223**	**49,375**	**49,529**	**49,685**	**49,843**	**50,002**	**50,166**	**50,331**	**50,494**	**50,657**	**50,819**	**50,975**	**51,131**
Aboveground Biomass	11,889	12,335	12,748	13,122	13,208	13,294	13,381	13,470	13,559	13,650	13,742	13,833	13,922	14,012	14,096	14,182
Belowground Biomass	2,439	2,534	2,622	2,700	2,718	2,737	2,755	2,774	2,792	2,812	2,831	2,850	2,869	2,888	2,905	2,923
Dead Wood	2,262	2,310	2,373	2,424	2,435	2,446	2,458	2,470	2,482	2,494	2,507	2,521	2,534	2,548	2,560	2,570
Litter	2,568	2,591	2,612	2,630	2,634	2,638	2,642	2,646	2,650	2,654	2,659	2,663	2,668	2,672	2,676	2,680
Soil (Mineral)	27,456	27,630	27,804	27,994	28,027	28,062	28,097	28,132	28,167	28,204	28,240	28,276	28,312	28,348	28,385	28,422
Soil (Organic)	352	352	352	352	352	352	352	352	352	352	352	352	352	352	352	352
Harvested Wood	**1,895**	**2,061**	**2,218**	**2,353**	**2,382**	**2,411**	**2,431**	**2,446**	**2,462**	**2,481**	**2,498**	**2,517**	**2,538**	**2,559**	**2,585**	**2,612**
Products in Use	1,249	1,326	1,395	1,447	1,459	1,470	1,474	1,472	1,471	1,473	1,474	1,476	1,479	1,483	1,492	1,501
SWDS	646	735	823	906	923	941	958	974	991	1,008	1,025	1,042	1,059	1,076	1,093	1,111
Total Stock	**48,862**	**49,814**	**50,729**	**51,576**	**51,757**	**51,939**	**52,116**	**52,289**	**52,464**	**52,647**	**52,830**	**53,012**	**53,195**	**53,378**	**53,560**	**53,743**

Land Converted to Forest Land

The following section includes a description of the methodology used to estimate stock changes in all forest C pools for *Land Converted to Forest Land*. Forest Inventory and Analysis data and IPCC (2006) defaults for reference C stocks were used to compile separate estimates for the five C storage pools within an age class transition matrix for the 20 year conversion period (where possible). The 2009 USDA National Resources Inventory (NRI) land-use survey points were classified according to land-use history records starting in 1982 when the NRI survey began. Consequently the classifications from 1990 to 2001 were based on less than 20 years. Furthermore, the FIA data used to compile estimates of carbon sequestration in the age class transition matrix are based on 5- to 10-yr remeasurements so the exact conversion period was limited to the remeasured data over the time series. Estimates for Aboveground and Belowground Biomass, Dead wood and Litter were based on data collected from the extensive array of permanent, annual forest inventory plots and associated models (e.g., live tree belowground biomass) in the United States (USDA Forest Service 2015b, 2015c). Carbon conversion factors were applied at the disaggregated level of each inventory plot and then appropriately expanded to population estimates. To ensure consistency in the *Land Converted to Forest Land* category where C stock transfers occur between land-use categories, all soil estimates are based on methods from Ogle et al. (2003, 2006) and IPCC (2006).

Live tree C pools

Live tree C pools include aboveground and belowground (coarse root) biomass of live trees with diameter at diameter breast height (d.b.h.) of at least 2.54 cm at 1.37 m above the forest floor. Separate estimates are made for above- and below-ground biomass components. If inventory plots include data on individual trees, tree C is based on Woodall et al. (2011), which is also known as the component ratio method (CRM), and is a function of volume, species, diameter, and, in some regions, tree height and site quality. The estimated sound volume (i.e., after rotten/missing deductions) provided in the tree table of the FIADB is the principal input to the CRM biomass calculation for each tree (Woodall et al. 2011). The estimated volumes of wood and bark are converted to biomass based on the density of each. Additional components of the trees such as tops, branches, and coarse roots, are estimated according to adjusted component estimates from Jenkins et al. (2003). Live trees with d.b.h of less than 12.7 cm do not have estimates of sound volume in the FIADB, and CRM biomass estimates follow a separate process (see Woodall et al. 2011 for details). An additional component of foliage, which was not explicitly included in Woodall et al. (2011), was added to each tree following the same CRM method. Carbon is estimated by multiplying the estimated oven-dry biomass by a C constant of 0.5 because biomass is 50 percent of dry weight (IPCC 2006). Further discussion and example calculations are provided in Woodall et al. 2011 and Domke et al. 2012.

Understory vegetation

Understory vegetation is a minor component of total forest ecosystem biomass. Understory vegetation is defined as all biomass of undergrowth plants in a forest, including woody shrubs and trees less than one-inch d.b.h. In this Inventory, it is assumed that 10 percent of understory C mass is belowground. This general root-to-shoot ratio (0.11) is near the lower range of temperate forest values provided in IPCC (2006) and was selected based on two general assumptions: ratios are likely to be lower for light-limited understory vegetation as compared with larger trees, and a greater proportion of all root mass will be less than 2 mm diameter.

Estimates of C density are based on information in Birdsey (1996), which was applied to FIA permanent plots. See model (1) in the *Forest Land Remaining Forest Land* section of the Annex.

In this model, the ratio is the ratio of understory C density (T C/ha) to live tree C density (above- and below-ground) according to Jenkins et al. (2003) and expressed in T C/ha. An additional coefficient is provided as a maximum ratio; that is, any estimate predicted from the model that is greater than the maximum ratio is set equal to the maximum ratio. A full set of coefficients are in Table A-237. Regions and forest types are the same classifications described in Smith et al. (2003). An example example calculation for understory C in aspen-birch forests in the Northeast is is provided in the *Forest Land Remaining Forest Land* section of the Annex.

This calculation is followed by three possible modifications. First, the maximum value for the ratio is set to 2.02 (see value in column "maximum ratio"); this also applies to stands with zero tree C, which is undefined in the above model. Second, the minimum ratio is set to 0.005 (Birdsey 1996). Third, nonstocked (i.e., currently lacking tree cover but still in the forest land use) and pinyon/juniper forest types (see Table A-237) are set to coefficient A, which is a C density (T C/ha) for these types only.

Dead wood

The standing dead tree estimates are primarily based on plot-level measurements (Domke et al. 2011; Woodall et al. 2011). This C pool includes aboveground and belowground (coarse root) mass and includes trees of at least 12.7 cm d.b.h. Calculations follow the basic CRM method applied to live trees (Woodall et al. 2011) with additional modifications to account for decay and structural loss. In addition to the lack of foliage, two characteristics of standing dead trees that can

significantly affect C mass are decay, which affects density and thus specific C content (Domke et al. 2011; Harmon et al. 2011), and structural loss such as branches and bark (Domke et al. 2011). Dry weight to C mass conversion is by multiplying by 0.5.

Downed dead wood, inclusive of logging residue, are sampled on a subset of FIA plots. Despite a reduced sample intensity, a single down woody material population estimate (Woodall et al. 2010; Domke et al. 2013; Woodall et al. 2013) per state is now incorporated into these empirical downed dead wood estimates. Downed dead wood is defined as pieces of dead wood greater than 7.5 cm diameter, at transect intersection, that are not attached to live or standing dead trees. It also includes stumps and roots of harvested trees. Ratio estimates of downed dead wood to live tree biomass were developed using FORCARB2 simulations and applied at the plot level (Smith et al. 2004). Estimates for downed dead wood correspond to the region and forest type classifications described in Smith et al. (2003). A full set of ratios is provided in Table A-238. An additional component of downed dead wood is a regional average estimate of logging residue based on Smith et al. (2006) applied at the plot level. These are based on a regional average C density at age zero and first order decay; initial densities and decay coefficients are provided in Table A-239. These amounts are added to explicitly account for downed dead wood following harvest. The sum of these two components are then adjusted by the ratio of population totals; that is, the ratio of plot-based to modeled estimates (Domke et al. 2013).

Litter carbon

Carbon in the litter layer is currently sampled on a subset of the FIA plots. Litter C is the pool of organic C (including material known as duff, humus, and fine woody debris) above the mineral soil and includes woody fragments with diameters of up to 7.5 cm. Because litter attributes are only collected on a subset of FIA plots, a model was developed to predict C density based on plot/site attributes for plots that lacked litter information (Domke et al. 2016).

As the litter, or forest floor, estimates are an entirely new model this year, a more detailed overview of the methods is provided here. The first step in model development was to evaluate all relevant variables—those that may influence the formation, accumulation, and decay of forest floor organic matter—from annual inventories collected on FIADB plots (P2) using all available estimates of forest floor C (n = 4,530) from the P3 plots (hereafter referred to as the research dataset) compiled from 2000 through 2014 (Domke et al. 2016).

Random forest, a machine learning tool (Domke et al. 2016), was used to evaluate the importance of all relevant forest floor C predictors available from P2 plots in the research dataset. Given many of the variables were not available due to regional differences in sampling protocols during periodic inventories, the objective was to reduce the random forest regression model to the minimum number of relevant predictors without substantial loss in explanatory power. The model (3) and parameters are described in the *Forest Land Remaining Forest Land* section of the Annex.

Due to data limitation in certain regions and inventory periods a series of reduced random forest regression models were used rather than replacing missing variables with imputation techniques in random forest. Database records used to compile estimates for this report were grouped by variable availability and the approaches described herein were applied to replace forest floor model predictions from Smith and Heath (2002). Forest floor C predictions are expressed in T•ha−1.

Mineral Soil

A Tier 2 method is applied to estimate soil C stock changes for *Land Converted to Forest Land* (Ogle et al. 2003, 2006; IPCC 2006). For this method, land is stratified by climate, soil types, land-use, and land management activity, and then assigned reference C levels and factors for the forest land and the previous land use. The difference between the stocks is reported as the stock change under the assumption that the change occurs over 20 years. Reference C stocks have been estimated from data in the National Soil Survey Characterization Database (USDA-NRCS 1997), and U.S.-specific stock change factors have been derived from published literature (Ogle et al. 2003; Ogle et al. 2006). Land use and land use change patterns are determined from a combination of the Forest Inventory and Analysis Dataset (FIA), the 2010 National Resources Inventory (NRI) (USDA-NRCS 2013), and National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD) (Homer et al. 2007). See Annex 3.12 for more information about this method (Methodology for Estimating N_2O Emissions, CH_4 Emissions and Soil Organic C Stock Changes from Agricultural Soil Management).

Table A-248 summarizes the annual change in mineral soil C stocks from U.S. soils that were estimated using a Tier 2 method (MMT C/year). The range is a 95 percent confidence interval from 50,000 simulations (Ogle et al. 2003, 2006).

Table A-249 summarizes the total land areas by land use/land use change subcategory for mineral soils between 1990 and 2015 estimated with a Tier 2 approach and based on analysis of USDA National Resources Inventory data (USDA-NRCS 2013).

Table A-248: Annual change in Mineral Soil C stocks from U.S. agricultural soils that were estimated using a Tier 2 method (MMT C/year)

Category	1990	1995	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Cropland Converted to Forest Land	0.01 (-0.01 to 0.03)	0.01 (-0.01 to 0.04)	0.03 (-0.01 to 0.08)	0.02 (-0.02 to 0.06)	-0.01 (-0.03 to 0.01)	-0.01 (-0.03 to 0.01)	-0.01 (-0.02 to 0.01)	-0.01 (-0.02 to 0.01)	-0.01 (-0.02 to 0.01)	-0.01 (-0.02 to 0.01)	-0.01 (-0.03 to 0.01)	0.00 (-0.03 to 0.02)	0.00 (-0.03 to 0.02)
Grassland Converted to Forest Land	0.03 (-0.03 to 0.1)	0.05 (-0.04 to 0.16)	0.09 (-0.04 to 0.24)	0.06 (-0.05 to 0.18)	-0.02 (-0.08 to 0.05)	-0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04)	-0.02 (-0.09 to 0.04)	-0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04)	-0.02 (-0.08 to 0.04)	-0.02 (-0.05 to 0.02)	-0.01 (-0.06 to 0.05)	-0.01 (-0.07 to 0.05)	0.00 (-0.07 to 0.06)
Other Lands Converted to Forest Land	0.00 (0 to 0.01)	0.01 (-0.01 to 0.02)	0.02 (-0.01 to 0.04)	0.01 (-0.01 to 0.04)	0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01)	0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01)	0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01)	0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01)	0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01)	0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01)	0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01)	0.00 (-0.01 to 0.01)	0.00 (-0.01 to 0.02)
Settlements Converted to Forest Land	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)
Wetlands Converted to Forest Land	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0.01)	0.00 (0 to 0.01)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)	0.00 (0 to 0)
Total Lands Converted to Forest Lands	**0.05**	**0.08**	**0.15**	**0.10**	**-0.03**	**-0.04**	**-0.03**	**-0.03**	**-0.04**	**-0.02**	**-0.01**	**-0.01**	**0.00**

Note: The range is a 95 percent confidence interval from 50,000 simulations (Ogle et al. 2003, 2006).

Table A-249: Total land areas (hectares) by land use/land use change subcategory for mineral soils between 1990 to 2016

Conversion Land Areas (Hectares x 106)	1990	1995	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Cropland Converted to Forest Land	0.21	0.20	0.25	0.20	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17
Grassland Converted to Forest Land	0.71	0.79	0.78	0.62	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.59
Other Lands Converted to Forest Land	0.09	0.10	0.13	0.13	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
Settlements Converted to Forest Land	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Wetlands Converted to Forest Land	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Total Lands Converted to Forest Lands	**1.04**	**1.13**	**1.20**	**0.98**	**0.91**	**0.91**	**0.90**	**0.90**	**0.89**	**0.89**	**0.89**	**0.89**	**0.89**

Note: Estimated with a Tier 2 approach and based on analysis of USDA National Resources Inventory data (USDA-NRCS 2013).

Uncertainty Analysis

The uncertainty analyses for total net flux of forest C (see Table 6-11 in the FLRFL section) are consistent with the IPCC-recommended Tier 1 methodology (IPCC 2006). Specifically, they are considered approach 1 (propagation of error [Section 3.2.3.1]) (IPCC 2006). To better understand the effects of covariance, the contributions of sampling error and modeling error were parsed out. In addition, separate analyses were produced for forest ecosystem and HWP flux.

Estimates of forest C stocks in the United States are based on C estimates assigned to each of several thousand inventory plots from a regular grid. Uncertainty in these estimates and uncertainty associated with change estimates arise from many sources including sampling error and modeling error. Here we focus on these two types of error but acknowledge several other sources of error are present in the overall stock and stock change estimates. In terms of sampling based uncertainty, design based estimators described by Bechtold and Patterson (2005) were used to quantify the variance of C stock estimates. In this section we denote the estimate of C stock at time *t* as Ct and the variances of the estimate of C stock for time *t* as Var(Ct). These calculations follow Bechtold and Patterson (2005). The variance of stock change is then:

$$Var(Ct2-Ct1)=Var(Ct2)+Var(Ct1)-2\cdot Cov(Ct2,Ct1) \tag{15}$$

The uncertainty of a stock estimate associated with sampling error is U(Ct)s= Var(Ct)0.5. The uncertainty of a stock changes estimate associated with sampling error is U(ΔC)s=Var(Ct2-Ct1)0.5.

Model-based uncertainty is important because the pool-level C models have error. The total modeling mean-squared error (MSEm) is approximately 1,622 (Mg/ha)^2. The percent modeling error at time *t* is

$$\%U(Ct)m =100\cdot MSEm/dt \tag{16}$$

Where dt is the total C stock density at time t calculated as Ct/At where At is the forest area at time *t*.

The uncertainty of Ct from modeling error is

$$U(Ct)m=Ct\cdot \%U(Ct)m/100 \tag{17}$$

The model-based uncertainty with respect to stock change is then

$$U(\Delta C)m=(U(Ct1)m + U(Ct2)m - 2\cdot Cov(U(Ct1m,Ct2m)))0.5 \tag{18}$$

The sampling and model based uncertainty are combined for an estimate of total uncertainty. We considered these sources of uncertainty independent and combined as follow for stock change for stock change (ΔC):

$$U(\Delta C)=(U(\Delta C)m2+ U(\Delta C)s2)0.5 \text{ and the 95 percent confidence bounds was +- } 2\cdot U(\Delta C) \tag{19}$$

The mean square error (MSE) of pool models was (MSE, [Mg C/ha]^2): soil C (1143.0), litter (78.0), live tree (259.6), dead trees (101.5), understory (0.9), down dead wood (38.9), total MSE (1,621.9).

Numerous assumptions were adopted for creation of the forest ecosystem uncertainty estimates. Potential pool error correlations were ignored. Given the magnitude of the MSE for soil, including correlation among pool error would not appreciably change the modeling error contribution. Modeling error correlation between time 1 and time 2 was assumed to be 1. Because the MSE was fixed over time we assumed a linear relationship dependent on either the measurements at two points in time or an interpolation of measurements to arrive at annual flux estimates. Error associated with interpolation to arrive at annual flux is not included.

Uncertainty about net C flux in HWP is based on Skog et al. (2004) and Skog (2008). Latin hypercube sampling is the basis for the HWP Monte Carlo simulation. Estimates of the HWP variables and HWP Contribution under the production approach are subject to many sources of uncertainty. An estimate of uncertainty is provided that evaluated the effect of uncertainty in 13 sources, including production and trade data and parameters used to make the estimate. Uncertain data and parameters include data on production and trade and factors to convert them to C, the census-based estimate of C in housing in 2001, the EPA estimate of wood and paper discarded to SWDS for 1990 to 2000, the limits on decay of wood and paper in SWDS, the decay rate (half-life) of wood and paper in SWDS, the proportion of products produced in the United States made with wood harvested in the United States, and the rate of storage of wood and paper C in other countries that came from U.S. harvest, compared to storage in the United States.

The uncertainty about HWP and forest ecosystem net C flux were combined and assumed to be additive. Typically when propagating error from two estimates the variances of the estimates are additive. However, the uncertainty around the HWP flux was approximated using a Monte Carlo approach which resulted in the lack of a variance estimate for HWP C flux. Therefore, we considered the uncertainty additive between the HWP sequestration and the *Forest Land Remaining Forest Land* sequestration. Further, we assumed there was no covariance between the two estimates which is plausible as the observations used to construct each estimate are independent.

Emissions from Forest Fires

CO_2 Emissions from Forest Fires

As stated in other sections, the forest inventory approach implicitly accounts for CO_2 emissions due to disturbances. Net C stock change is estimated from successive C stock estimates. A disturbance, such as a forest fire, removes C from the forest. The inventory data, on which net C stock estimates are based, already reflects the C loss from such disturbances because only C remaining in the forest is estimated. Estimating the CO_2 emissions from a disturbance such as fire and adding those emissions to the net CO_2 change in forests would result in double-counting the loss from fire because the inventory data already reflect the loss. There is interest, however, in the size of the CO_2, CH_4, and N_2O emissions from disturbances such as fire. These estimated emissions from forest fires are based on IPCC (2006) methodology, which includes a combination of U.S.-specific data on area burned and potential fuel available for combustion along with IPCC default combustion and emission factors.

Emissions were calculated following IPCC (2006) methodology, according to equation 2.27 of IPCC (2006, Volume 4, Chapter 2), which in general terms is:

$$\text{Emissions} = \text{Area burned} \times \text{Fuel available} \times \text{Combustion factor} \times \text{Emission factor} \times 10^{-3} \qquad (20)$$

Where the estimate for emissions is in units of metric tons (MT), which is generally summarized as million metric tons (MMT) per year. Area burned is the annual total area of forest fire in hectares. Fuel available is the mass of fuel available for combustion in metric tons dry weight per hectare. Combustion factor is the proportion of fuel consumed by fire and is unitless. The emission factor is gram of emission (in this case CO_2) per kilogram dry matter burnt, and the "10^{-3}" balances units. The first two factors are based on datasets specific to U.S. forests, whereas the last two factors employ IPCC (2006) default values.

Area burned is based on annual area of forest fires according to Monitoring Trends in Burn Severity (MTBS) (MTBS Data Summaries 2015; Eidenshink et al. 2007) dataset summaries,[135] which include fire data for all 49 states that are a part of these estimates. That is, the MTBS data used here include the 48 conterminous states as well as Alaska, including interior Alaska; but note that the fire data used are also reduced to only include managed land. Summary information includes fire identity, year, location, area burned, fire intensity, and other fire characteristics. In addition to forest fires, the MTBS data include all wildland and prescribed fires on other ecosystems such as grasslands and rangelands; the "forest fire" distinction is not included as a part of identifying information for each fire. An additional spatial dataset – National MTBS Burned Area Boundaries–provides information to locate fires.[136] These individual-fire boundary data were used to partition the area burned in each fire to forest versus non-forest.

The MTBS fire data records include land cover information from the National Land Cover (NLCD) dataset (Homer et al. 2015), which can be used to distinguish forest fires from other wildland fires within the MTBS data. However, the forest land cover of the NLCD data, including the 2011 land cover (Homer et al. 2015) provides an estimate of forest land that is approximately 20 percent lower than forest area identified by the forest inventory of the USDA Forest Service (USDA Forest Service 2015b, e.g., data as of 2 June 2015) for the conterminous United States. This suggests that annual area of forest fires identified with the NLCD cover data may underestimate area of forest burned, but the difference between USDA Forest Service (2015) and Homer et al. (2015) for each individual fire, if any, is dependent on specific areas where the fires actually occur. As an alternative data source, forest area for conterminous United States and Alaska are defined by Ruefenacht et al. (2008). The forest area for the conterminous states representative of approximately 2002 is within 2 percent of the forest areas estimated for 1990 through 2016 in U.S. EPA (2016). These data were used to partition the perimeter data to forest for each fire (that is, area of forest relative to entire area of the fire for each MTBS fire). We assume that while changes in forests have occurred both before and since the data for Ruefenacht et al. (2008) were compiled, changes in forest versus non-forest status on lands subject to wildfires are likely minimal enough to make this dataset appropriate for this use. In addition, the Alaska forest area was allocated to managed and unmanaged areas according to Ogle et al. (in preparation), as discussed in more detail above.

The burned area perimeter dataset also was used to identify Alaska fires that were co-located with the area of permanent inventory plots of the USDA Forest Service's (2015b) forest inventory along the southern coastal portion of the state. The only MTBS-identified burned forest areas in Alaska that coincide with the Forest Service's permanent plot

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[135] See <http://www.mtbs.gov/dataaccess.html>.
[136] See <http://www.mtbs.gov/dataaccess.html>.

inventoried area were on the northern (or Cook Inlet) side of the Kenai Peninsula, which is generally identified as boreal forest. From this, all MTBS fires of interest identified in Alaska are considered boreal forests.

Estimates of fuel availability are based on plot level forest inventory data, which are summarized by state and applied to all fires within the respective states. Plot level C stocks are defined by C conversion factors applied to current USDA Forest Service inventory data (USDA Forest Service 2015b; U.S. EPA 2016; Smith et al. 2010) and summarized by state. We assume that while changes in forests have occurred over the years since the 1990 start of the reporting interval, the current general range of plot level C densities as determined by forest types and stand structures can be used as a representation of the potential fuel availability over the forest lands of a given state. We use the current forest inventory data[137] and the distribution of metric tons dry matter per hectare as the inputs for fuel availability. Fuel estimated for wildfires included all aboveground biomass (live trees and understory) as well as standing dead trees, down dead wood, and forest floor litter; whereas, fuel estimated for prescribed fires was based on the non-living components only.

The combustion factor used here for temperate forests is 0.45 (see Table 2.6 Volume 4, Chapter 2 of IPCC 2006). Similarly, the emission factor is an IPCC (2006) default, which for CO_2 is 1,569 g CO_2 per kg dry matter of fuel (see Table 2.5 Volume 4, Chapter 2 of IPCC 2006). With the application of equation 2.27 of IPCC (2006, in Volume 4, Chapter 2) defaults were used for mass of fuel available for the Alaska estimates because of the very limited coverage of boreal forests in the available U.S. forest inventories (see Table 2.4 Volume 4, Chapter 2 of IPCC 2006). Note that the values used for Alaska (Table 2.4 of IPCC 2006) represent the product of fuel available and the combustion factor.

Table A-250 provides summary values of annual area burned, area identified as forest fire, and emissions calculated according to equation 2.27 of IPCC (2006, in Volume 4, Chapter 2). The emission factor for CO_2 from Table 2.5 Volume 4, Chapter 2 of IPCC (2006) is provided in Table A-251. Separate calculations were made for each wild and prescribed fire in each state for each year. The results as MT CO_2 were summed to the MMT CO_2 per year values represented in Table A-250, and C emitted per year (Table A-250 and Table A-253) was based on multiplying by the conversion factor 12/44 (IPCC 2006).

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[137] Retrieved from <http://apps.fs.fed.us/fiadb-downloads/datamart.html> on June 2, 2015.

Table A-250: Areas (Hectares) from Wildfire Statistics and Corresponding Estimates of C and CO₂ (MMT/year) Emissions for Wildfires and Prescribed Fires[a]

		1990	1995	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016[b]
Conterminous 48 States - Wildfires	Managed land burned (1000 ha)	462.8	544.0	2,257.6	1,723.9	1,698.5	1,489.9	579.2	3,187.2	3,421.8	1,093.9	1,994.9	2,308.3	2,308.3
	Forest area burned (1000 ha)	184.2	128.7	1,016.2	603.3	724.42	493.5	142.6	1,242.1	1,451.7	640.0	679.0	1,137.9	1,137.9
	C emitted (MMT/yr)	6.1	2.5	26.5	12.0	25.9	10.8	3.5	22.1	37.8	18.5	22.9	44.7	44.7
	CO₂ emitted (MMT/yr)	22.5	9.2	97.0	44.1	94.9	39.6	12.9	81.0	138.6	67.9	84.1	164.1	164.1
Alaska - Wildfires	Managed land burned (1000 ha)	306.4	11.7	163.7	1,323.9	24.5	695.1	203.8	70.1	56.9	375.4	78.6	1,420.2	1,420.2
	Forest area burned (1000 ha)	303.4	10.0	160.9	1,253.8	16.8	682.8	175.0	55.0	41.6	347.1	75.6	1,256.8	1,256.8
	C emitted (MMT/yr)	5.4	0.2	2.8	22.0	0.3	11.8	3.1	1.0	0.7	6.1	1.3	22.0	22.0
	CO₂ emitted (MMT/yr)	19.6	0.6	10.4	80.6	1.1	43.3	11.3	3.5	2.7	22.3	4.9	80.7	80.7
Prescribed Fires (all 49 states)	Managed land burned (1000 ha)	10.3	16.0	83.1	107.1	319.3	407.9	754.1	993.7	149.2	275.8	299.5	200.7	200.7
	Forest area burned (1000 ha)	6.1	10.9	22.7	62.1	251.1	317.8	657.3	242.9	110.4	268.6	281.9	175.1	175.1
	C emitted (MMT/yr)	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	1.6	2.1	5.1	1.6	0.8	1.5	1.7	1.0	1.0
	CO₂ emitted (MMT/yr)	0.2	0.2	0.6	1.3	6.0	7.8	18.6	5.9	2.9	5.5	6.1	3.5	3.5
Wildfires (all 49 states)	CH₄ emitted (kt/yr)	126.1	29.8	322.9	372.9	288.2	248.7	72.2	255.5	423.9	270.1	270.7	729.3	729.3
	N₂O emitted (kt/yr)	7.0	1.6	17.7	20.6	16.1	13.8	4.0	14.1	23.2	15.1	14.8	40.3	40.3
	CO emitted (kt/yr)	2,868	676	7,324	8,399	6,439	5,726	1,652	5,744	9,602	6,253	6,180	16,512	16,512
	NOₓ emitted (kt/yr)	80.8	18.9	203.7	236.7	181.9	161.4	46.3	161.0	270.5	174.9	173.7	467.0	467.0
Prescribed Fires (all 49 states)	CH₄ emitted (kt/yr)	0.5	0.7	1.8	3.8	18.0	23.8	55.6	18.0	8.8	16.3	18.3	10.5	10.5
	N₂O emitted (kt/yr)	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.0	1.3	3.1	1.0	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.6
	CO emitted (kt/yr)	11.9	15.9	40.3	85.4	405.0	534.7	1,259.5	410.6	202.1	370.9	415.2	240.0	240.0
	NOₓ emitted (kt/yr)	0.3	0.4	1.1	2.4	11.3	15.2	35.4	11.5	5.6	10.4	11.7	6.7	6.7

[a] These emissions have already been accounted for in the estimates of net annual changes in C stocks, which accounts for the amount sequestered minus any emissions, including the assumption that combusted wood may continue to decay through time.

[b] The data for 2016 were unavailable when these estimates were summarized; therefore 2015, the most recent available estimate, is applied to 2016.

Table A-251: Emission Factors for Extra Tropical Forest Burning and 100-year GWP (AR4), or equivalence ratios, of CH₄ and N₂O to CO₂

Emission Factor (g per kg dry matter burned)[a]		Equivalence Ratios[b]	
CH_4	4.70	CH_4 to CO_2	25
N_2O	0.26	N_2O to CO_2	298
CO_2	1,569	CO_2 to CO_2	1

[a] Source: IPCC (2006)
[b] Source: IPCC (2007)

The set of fire emissions estimates using MODIS imagery and post-fire observations developed for Alaska by Veraverbeke et al. (2015a) is used here to provide a comparison with the estimates developed here (i.e., Table A-253). The spatial Alaskan Fire Emissions Database (AKFED, Veraverbeke et al. 2015b) was partitioned to forest land based on both Ruefenacht et al. (2008) and Homer et al. (2015) as well as managed/unmanaged (Ogle et al. in preparation). The estimates of annual C emitted from fire are in Table A-252, which also includes the estimates for managed forest land (both wildland and prescribed) that underlie the values provided in Table A-250. Note that the values in the six rightmost columns effectively partition the C emissions estimates provided in Veraverbeke et al. (2015a, see Table 2). That is, Table A-252, column 2 provides the estimates developed for this Inventory while each of columns 3-5 and 6-8 sum to the emissions estimates of Veraverbeke et al. (2015a); the differences between the two sets are how they are partitioned according to forest land.

Table A-252: Estimated C emissions (MMT/yr) for fire based on the AKFED, and partitioned to managed forest land in Alaska

Year[a]	Managed forest land (Table A-250)[b]	Forest land based on Ruefenacht et al. (2008)			Forest land based on Homer et al. (2015)		
		Managed forest land	Unmanaged forest land	Non-forest land	Managed forest land	Unmanaged forest land	Non-forest land
		C emitted (MMT/year)					
2001	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.1
2002	11.2	12.7	3.3	0.8	1.5	0.4	14.8
2003	2.8	4.0	1.4	0.0	0.6	0.2	4.7
2004	34.4	51.8	16.6	1.0	7.0	2.5	59.9
2005	22.0	29.8	14.1	1.7	4.1	1.9	39.6
2006	1.4	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7
2007	1.5	1.4	1.0	2.9	0.3	0.1	4.9
2008	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.8
2009	12.0	16.3	9.8	0.2	1.5	0.7	24.1
2010	4.7	4.6	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.1	5.1
2011	1.0	1.5	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.9
2012	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6
2013	6.1	7.4	2.5	0.3	4.7	1.7	3.7

[a] The AKFED data include the years 2001-2013 (Veraverbeke et al. 2015b).
[b] Values include both wildland and prescribed fires in Alaska.

Non-CO₂ Emissions from Forest Fires

Emissions of non-CO_2 gases–specifically, methane (CH_4) and nitrous oxide (N_2O)–from forest fires are estimated using the same methodology described above (i.e., equation 2.27 of IPCC 2006, Volume 4, Chapter 2). The only difference in calculations is the gas-specific emission factors, which are listed in Table A-251. The summed annual estimates are provided in Table A-253. Conversion of the CH_4 and N_2O estimates to CO_2 equivalents (as provided in Chapter 6-2) is based on global warming potentials (GWPs) provided in the *IPCC Fourth Assessment Report* (AR4) (IPCC 2007), which are the equivalence ratios listed in Table A-251. An example application of these ratios for the current year's estimate of CH_4 emissions is: 7.34 MMT CO_2 Eq. = 293,836 MT $CH_4 \times$ (25 kg CO_2 / 1 kg CH_4) $\times 10^{-6}$.

Uncertainty about the non-CO_2 estimates is based on assigning a probability distribution to represent the estimated precision of each factor in equation 2.27 of the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* (IPCC 2006). These probability distributions are randomly sampled with each calculation, and this is repeated a large number of times to produce a histogram, or frequency distribution of values for the calculated emissions. That is, a simple Monte Carlo ("Approach 2") method was employed to propagate uncertainty in the equation (IPCC 2006). In general, probability densities are normal and also considered marginal distributions.

Estimates of burned forest area from the MTBS data (MTBS Data Summaries 2015; Ruefenacht et al. 2008; Ogle et al. in preparation) are assigned a normal distribution with relatively low uncertainty with a standard deviation of 4

percent, and these were sampled independently by year (Homer et al. 2015; Hao and Larkin 2014; Eidenshink et al. 2007). Fuel available is based on the distribution of plot level C densities (as metric tons dry matter per hectare) as defined within the current USDA Forest Service inventory data (USDA Forest Service 2015; U.S. EPA 2016). We assume that current data adequately represent the general range of plot level C densities within a state's forest land, given the limitations of the older inventory data as discussed elsewhere in this report. The plot-level C densities are summarized as dry weight densities (metric tons per hectare) for each plot with all aboveground dry weight summed as potential fuel for wildfires and all non-living components of aboveground dry weight assigned as potential fuel for prescribed fires. Frequency distributions of the plot data indicate that densities are distributed approximately lognormally. Each state's data are fit to a lognormal distribution, and these were sampled independently by state and year. Note that each state has separate lognormal distributions for wild versus prescribed fire fuels, yet the same sampling sequence was used (i.e., jointly distributed within each state by year). Estimates for the Alaska fuel-by-combustion value as well as the combustion factor and emission factors are normal distributions with mean and standard deviations as defined in the tables (IPCC 2006 Tables 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6). These were sampled independently by year, and truncated to positive values where necessary. The equivalence ratios (Table A-251) to represent estimates as CO_2 equivalent were not considered uncertain values for these results.

Table A-253: Estimated C Released and Estimates of Non-CO_2 Emissions (MMT/year) for U.S. forests

Year	C Emitted (MMT/yr)	CH₄ Emitted (MMT/yr)	N₂O (MMT/yr)
1990	42,306	127	7
1991	48,467	147	8
1992	21,470	65	4
1993	12,060	36	2
1994	77,059	234	13
1995	10,186	31	2
1996	50,308	150	8
1997	6,582	20	1
1998	27,816	84	5
1999	64,197	191	11
2000	107,993	325	18
2001	56,711	169	9
2002	152,689	462	26
2003	87,512	262	15
2004	152,406	456	25
2005	125,921	377	21
2006	108,000	323	18
2007	160,680	479	27
2008	101,915	306	17
2009	90,771	272	15
2010	42,794	128	7
2011	90,465	273	15
2012	144,192	433	24
2013	95,638	286	16
2014	95,027	289	16
2015	248,237	740	41
2016[a]	248,237	740	41

[a] The data for 2016 were unavailable when these estimates were summarized; therefore 2015, the most recent available estimate, is applied to 2016.

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3.14. Methodology for Estimating CH_4 Emissions from Landfills

Landfill gas is a mixture of substances generated when bacteria decompose the organic materials contained in solid waste. By volume, landfill gas is about half CH_4 and half CO_2.[138] The amount and rate of CH_4 generation depends upon the quantity and composition of the landfilled material, as well as the surrounding landfill environment. Not all CH_4 generated within a landfill is emitted to the atmosphere. The CH_4 can be extracted and either flared or utilized for energy, thus oxidizing the CH_4 to CO_2 during combustion. Of the remaining CH_4, a portion oxidizes to CO_2 as it travels through the top layer of the landfill cover. In general, landfill-related CO_2 emissions are of biogenic origin and primarily result from the decomposition, either aerobic or anaerobic, of organic matter such as food or yard wastes.

Methane emissions from landfills are estimated using two primary methods. The first method uses the first order decay (FOD) model as described by the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* to estimate CH_4 generation. The amount of CH_4 recovered and combusted from MSW landfills is subtracted from the CH_4 generation, and is then adjusted with an oxidation factor. The second method used to calculate CH_4 emissions from landfills, also called the back-calculation method, is based off directly measured amounts of recovered CH_4 from the landfill gas and is expressed by Equation HH-8 in CFR Part 98.343 of the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP).

The current Inventory methodology uses both methods to estimate CH_4 emissions across the time series. The 1990-2015 Inventory was the first Inventory to incorporate directly reported GHGRP net CH_4 emissions data for landfills. In previous Inventories, only the first order decay method was used. EPA's GHGRP requires landfills meeting or exceeding a threshold of 25,000 metric tons of CH_4 generation per year to report a variety of facility-specific information, including historical and current waste disposal quantities by year, CH_4 generation, gas collection system details, CH_4 recovery, and CH_4 emissions. EPA's GHGRP provides a consistent methodology, a broader range of values for the oxidation factor, and allows for facility-specific annual waste disposal data to be used, thus these data are considered Tier 3 (highest quality data) under the *2006 IPCC Guidelines*. Using EPA's GHGRP data was a significant methodological change and required a merging of the GHGRP methodology with the Inventory methodology used in previous years to ensure time-series consistency.

Figure A-18 presents the CH_4 emissions process—from waste generation to emissions—in graphical format. A detailed discussion of the steps taken to compile the 1990 to 2016 Inventory are presented in the remainder of this Annex.

Figure A-18: Methane Emissions Resulting from Landfilling Municipal and Industrial Waste
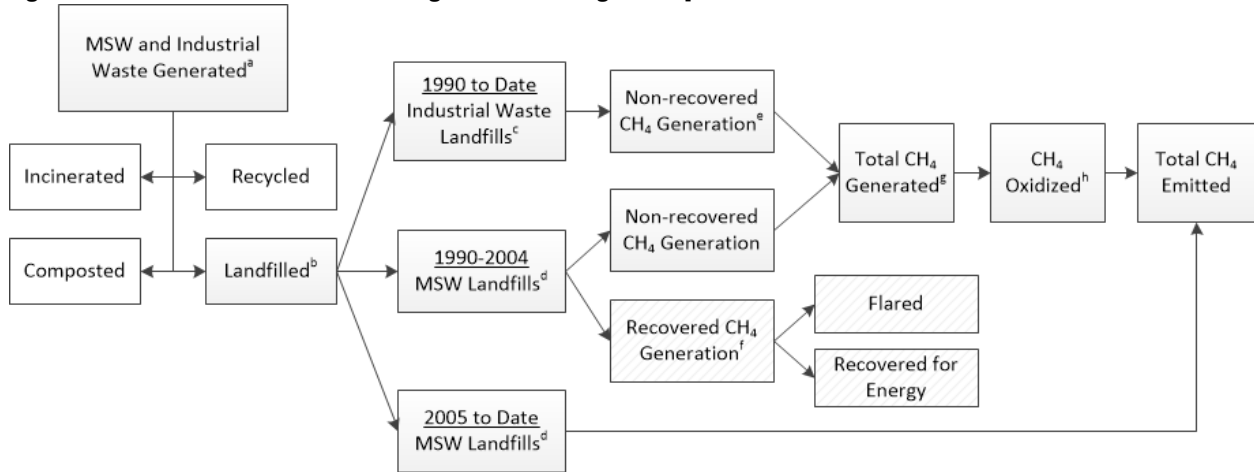
a MSW waste generation is not calculated because annual quantities of waste disposal are available through EPA 2017b; annual production data used for industrial waste (Lockwood Post's Directory and the USDA).

b Quantities of MSW landfilled for 1940 through 1988 are based on EPA 1988 and EPA 1993; 1989 through 2004 are based on BioCycle 2010; 2005 through 2016 are based on EPA 2017b. Quantities of industrial waste landfilled are estimated using a disposal factor and industrial production data sourced from Lockwood Post's Directory and the USDA.

c The *2006 IPCC Guidelines* – First Order Decay Model is used for industrial waste landfills. Two different methodologies are used in the time series for MSW landfills.

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[138] Typically, landfill gas also contains small amounts of nitrogen, oxygen, and hydrogen, less than 1 percent nonmethane volatile organic compounds (NMVOCs), and trace amounts of inorganic compounds.

[d] For 1990 to 2004, the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* – First Order Decay Model is used. For 2005 to 2016, directly reported net CH_4 emissions from the GHGRP are used with the addition of a scale-up factor equal to 9 percent of each year's emissions. The scale-up factor accounts for emissions from landfills that do not report to the GHGRP.

[e] Methane recovery from industrial waste landfills is not incorporated into the Inventory because it does not appear to be a common practice according to the GHGRP dataset.

[f] Data are pulled from three recovery databases: EIA 2007, flare vendor database (2015), and EPA (GHGRP) 2016(b). These databases have not been updated past 2015 because the Inventory strictly uses net emissions from the GHGRP data.

[g] For years 1990 to 2004, the total CH_4 generated from MSW landfills and industrial waste landfills are summed. For years 2005 to 2016, only the industrial waste landfills are considered because the directly reported GHGRP emissions are used for MSW landfills.

[h] An oxidation factor of 10 percent is applied to all CH_4 generated in years 1990 to 2004 (*2006 IPCC Guidelines*; Mancinelli and McKay 1985; Czepiel et al 1996). For years 2005 to 2016, directly reported CH_4 emissions from the GHGRP are used for MSW landfills. Various oxidation factor percentages are included in the GHGRP dataset (0, 10, 25, and 35) with an average across the dataset of approximately 20 percent.

Step 1: Estimate Annual Quantities of Solid Waste Placed in MSW Landfills for 1940 to 2004

To estimate the amount of CH_4 generated in a landfill in a given year, information is needed on the quantity and composition of the waste in the landfill for multiple decades, as well as the landfill characteristics (e.g., size, aridity, waste density). Estimates and/or directly measured amounts of waste placed in municipal solid waste (MSW) and industrial waste landfills are available through various studies, surveys, and regulatory reporting programs (i.e., EPA's GHGRP). The composition of the amount of waste placed in these landfills is not readily available for most years the landfills were in operation. Consequently, and for the purposes of estimating CH_4 generation, the Inventory methodology assumes that all waste placed in MSW landfills is bulk MSW, and that all waste placed in industrial waste landfills is from either pulp and paper manufacturing facilities or food and beverage facilities.

Historical waste data, preferably since 1940, are required for the FOD model to estimate CH_4 generation for the Inventory time series. Estimates of waste placed in landfills in the 1940s and 1950s were developed based on U.S. population for each year and the per capital disposal rates from the 1960s. Estimates of the annual quantity of waste placed in landfills from 1960 through 1983 were developed from EPA's 1993 Report to Congress (EPA 1993) and a 1986 survey of MSW landfills (EPA 1988).

For 1989 to 2004, estimates of the annual quantity of waste placed in MSW landfills were developed from a survey of State agencies as reported in the State of Garbage (SOG) in America surveys (BioCycle 2010) and recent data from the Environmental Research & Education Foundation (EREF), adjusted to include U.S. Territories.[139] The SOG surveys and EREF (2016) provide state-specific landfill waste generation data and a national average disposal factor back to 1989. The SOG survey is no longer updated, but is available every two years for the years 2002, 2004, 2006, and 2008 (as published in BioCycle 2006; 2008, and 2010). EREF published a report in 2016 for data years 2010 and 2013 using a similar methodology as the SOG surveys (EREF 2016). EREF plans to publish updated reports every three years. A linear interpolation was used to estimate the amount of waste generated in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012; data were extrapolated for 2014 to 2016 based on national population growth because waste generation data are not available for these years. Upon publication of the next EREF report, the waste generated for 2014 to the current Inventory year will be updated.

Estimates of the quantity of waste landfilled are determined by applying a waste disposal factor to the total amount of waste generated. A waste disposal factor is determined for each year a SOG survey and EREF report is published and is the ratio of the total amount of waste landfilled to the total amount of waste generated. The waste disposal factor is interpolated for the years in-between the SOG surveys and EREF data, and extrapolated for years after the last year of data. Methodological changes have occurred over the time that the SOG survey has been published, and this has resulted in fluctuating trends in the data.

Table A-254 shows estimates of waste quantities contributing to CH_4 emissions. The table shows SOG and EREF (EREF 2016) estimates of total waste generated and total waste landfilled (adjusted for U.S. Territories) for various years over the 1990 to 2016 timeframe even though the Inventory methodology does not use the data for 2005 onward.

Table A-254: Solid Waste in MSW and Industrial Waste Landfills Contributing to CH_4 Emissions (MMT unless otherwise noted)

	1990		2005		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total MSW Generated[a]	270		368		319	319	320	322	324
Percent of MSW Landfilled	77%		64%		63%	64%	64%	64%	64%
Total MSW Landfilled	**205**		**234**		**200**	**201**	**202**	**203**	**205**
MSW last 30 years	4,876		5,992		6,388	6,411	6,432	6,451	6,468

[139] Since the SOG survey does not include U.S. Territories, waste landfilled in U.S. Territories was estimated using population data for the U.S. Territories (U.S. Census Bureau 2013) and the per capita rate for waste landfilled from BioCycle (2010).

MSW since 1940[b]	6,808		9,925		11,474	11,675	11,878	12,081	12,286
Total Industrial Waste Landfilled	**9.7**		**10.9**		**10.5**	**10.3**	**10.4**	**10.3**	**10.3**
Pulp and Paper Sector[c]	6.4		6.9		6.2	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.1
Food and Beverage Sector[d]	3.3		4.0		4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2

[a] This estimate represents the waste that has been in place for 30 years or less, which contributes about 90 percent of the CH_4 generation. Values are based on EPA (1993) for years 1940 to years 1988 (not presented in table), *BioCycle* 2001, 2004, 2006, and 2010 for years 1989 to 2014 (1981 to 2004, and 2006 to 2011 are not presented in table). Values for years 2010 to 2016 are based on EREF (2016) and annual population data from the U.S. Census Bureau.
[b] This estimate represents the cumulative amount of waste that has been placed in landfills since 1940 to the year indicated and is the sum of the annual disposal rates used in the first order decay model. Values are based on EPA 1993; *BioCycle* 2001, 2004, 2006, and 2010; and EREF 2016.
[c] Production data from 1990 and 2001 are from Lockwood-Post's Directory, 2002. Production data from 2002-2016 are from the FAOStat database available at: http://faostat3.fao.org/home/index.html#DOWNLOAD. Accessed on September 8, 2017.
[d] Food production values for 1990 to 2016 are from ERG. USDA-NASS Ag QuickStats available at http://quickstats.nass.usda.gov.

Step 2: Estimate CH_4 Generation at MSW Landfills for 1990 to 2004

The FOD method is exclusively used for 1990 to 2004. For the FOD method, methane generation is based on nationwide MSW generation data, to which a national average disposal factor is applied; it was not landfill-specific. Directly reported CH_4 emissions from EPA's GHGRP are used for years they are available (i.e., 2010 to 2015), and then back-casted for years 2005 to 2009. Landfill facilities reporting to EPA's GHGRP use a combination of the FOD method and the back-calculation method to develop their CH_4 emissions values. Landfills reporting to EPA's GHGRP without gas collection and control apply the FOD method, while the landfills with gas collection and control may apply either the FOD method or the back-calculation method, whichever is most appropriate for their site-specific landfill condition. It should be noted that most landfills with gas collection and control report using the back-calculation method.

The FOD method is presented below, and is similar to Equation HH-5 in CFR Part 98.343 for MSW landfills, and Equation TT-6 in CFR Part 98.463 for industrial waste landfills.

$$CH_{4,\text{Solid Waste}} = [CH_{4,\text{MSW}} + CH_{4,\text{Ind}} - R] - Ox$$

where,

$CH_{4,\text{Solid Waste}}$	=	Net CH_4 emissions from solid waste
$CH_{4,\text{MSW}}$	=	CH_4 generation from MSW landfills
$CH_{4,\text{Ind}}$	=	CH_4 generation from industrial landfills
R	=	CH_4 recovered and combusted (only for MSW landfills)
Ox	=	CH_4 oxidized from MSW and industrial waste landfills before release to the atmosphere

The input parameters needed for the FOD model equations are the mass of waste disposed each year (discussed under Step 1), degradable organic carbon (DOC), and the decay rate constant (k). The equation below provides additional detail on the activity data and emission factors used in the $CH_{4,\text{MSW}}$ equation presented above.

$$CH_{4,\text{MSW}} = \left[\sum_{x=S}^{T-1}\left\{W_x \times Lo \times \frac{16}{12} \times (e^{-k(T-x-1)} - e^{-k(T-x)})\right\}\right]$$

where,

G_{CH4}	=	Total amount of CH_4 generated
T	=	Reporting year for which emissions are calculated
x	=	Year in which waste was disposed
S	=	Start year of calculation
W_x	=	Quantity of waste disposed of in the landfill in a given year
L_o	=	Methane generation potential (100 m^3 CH_4/Mg waste; EPA 1998, 2008)
16/12	=	conversion factor from CH_4 to C
k	=	Decay rate constant (yr^{-1}, see Table A-277)

The DOC is determined from the CH_4 generation potential (L_0 in m^3 CH_4/Mg waste) as shown in the following equation:

$$DOC = [L_0 \times 6.74 \times 10^{-4}] \div [F \times 16/12 \times DOC_f \times MCF]$$

where,

DOC	=	degradable organic carbon (fraction, kt C/kt waste),
L_0	=	CH_4 generation potential (100 m^3 CH_4/Mg waste; EPA 1998, 2008),
6.74×10^{-4}	=	CH_4 density (Mg/m^3),
F	=	fraction of CH_4 by volume in generated landfill gas (equal to 0.5)
16/12	=	molecular weight ratio CH_4/C,
DOC_f	=	fraction of DOC that can decompose in the anaerobic conditions in the landfill (fraction equal to 0.5 for MSW), and
MCF	=	methane correction factor for year of disposal (fraction equal to 1 for anaerobic managed sites).

DOC values can be derived for individual landfills if a good understanding of the waste composition over time is known. A default DOC value is used in the Inventory because waste composition data are not regularly collected for all landfills nationwide. When estimating CH_4 generation for the years 1990 to 2004, a default DOC value is used. This DOC value is calculated from a national CH_4 generation potential[140] of 100 m^3 CH_4/Mg waste (EPA AP-42) as described in the next few paragraphs.

The DOC value used in the CH_4 generation estimates from MSW landfills is 0.2028, and is based on the CH_4 generation potential of 100 m^3 CH_4/Mg waste (EPA 1998; EPA 2008). After EPA developed the L_o value, RTI analyzed data from a set of 52 representative landfills across the United States in different precipitation ranges to evaluate L_o, and ultimately the national DOC value. The 2004 Chartwell Municipal Solid Waste Facility Directory confirmed that each of the 52 landfills chosen accepted or accepts both MSW and construction and demolition (C&D) waste (Chartwell 2004; RTI 2009). The Values for L_o were evaluated from landfill gas recovery data for this set of 52 landfills, which resulted in a best fit value for L_o of 99 m^3/Mg of waste (RTI 2004). This value compares favorably with a range of 50 to 162 (midrange of 106) m^3/Mg presented by Peer, Thorneloe, and Epperson (1993); a range of 87 to 91 m^3/Mg from a detailed analysis of 18 landfills sponsored by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA 1998); and a value of 100 m^3/Mg recommended in EPA's compilation of emission factors (EPA 1998; EPA 2008; based on data from 21 landfills). Based on the results from these studies, a value of 100 m^3/Mg appears to be a reasonable best estimate to use in the FOD model for the national inventory for years 1990 through 2004, and is the value used to derive the DOC value of 0.2028.

In 2004, the FOD model was also applied to the gas recovery data for the 52 landfills to calculate a decay rate constant (k) directly for $L_0 = 100$ m^3/Mg. The decay rate constant was found to increase with annual average precipitation; consequently, average values of k were developed for three precipitation ranges, shown in Table A-255 and recommended in EPA's compilation of emission factors (EPA 2008).

Table A-255: Average Values for Rate Constant (k) by Precipitation Range (yr⁻¹)

Precipitation range (inches/year)	k (yr⁻¹)
<20	0.020
20-40	0.038
>40	0.057

These values for k show reasonable agreement with the results of other studies. For example, EPA's compilation of emission factors (EPA 1998; EPA 2008) recommends a value of 0.02 yr⁻¹ for arid areas (less than 25 inches/year of precipitation) and 0.04 yr⁻¹ for non-arid areas. The SWANA (1998) study of 18 landfills reported a range in values of k from 0.03 to 0.06 yr⁻¹ based on CH_4 recovery data collected generally in the time frame of 1986 to 1995.

Using data collected primarily for the year 2000, the distribution of waste-in-place versus precipitation was developed from over 400 landfills (RTI 2004). A distribution was also developed for population versus precipitation for comparison. The two distributions were very similar and indicated that population in areas or regions with a given precipitation range was a reasonable proxy for waste landfilled in regions with the same range of precipitation. Using U.S. Census data and rainfall data, the distributions of population versus rainfall were developed for each Census decade from 1950 through 2010. The distributions showed that the U.S. population has shifted to more arid areas over the past several decades. Consequently, the population distribution was used to apportion the waste landfilled in each decade according to the precipitation ranges developed for k, as shown in Table A-256.

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[140] Methane generation potential (L_o) varies with the amount of organic content of the waste material. A higher L_o occurs with a higher content of organic waste.

Table A-256: Percent of U.S. Population within Precipitation Ranges (%)

Precipitation Range (inches/year)	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
<20	10	13	14	16	19	19	18
20-40	40	39	37	36	34	33	44
>40	50	48	48	48	48	48	38

Source: Years 1950 through 2000 are from RTI (2004) using population data from the U.S. Census Bureau and precipitation data from the National Climatic Data Center's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Year 2010 is based on the methodology from RTI (2004) and the U.S. Bureau of Census and precipitation data from the National Climatic Data Center's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration where available.

The *2006 IPCC Guidelines* also require annual proportions of waste disposed of in managed landfills versus unmanaged and uncategorized sites prior to 1980. Based on the historical data presented by Mintz et al. (2003), a timeline was developed for the transition from the use of unmanaged and uncategorized sites for solid waste disposed to the use of managed landfills. Based on this timeline, it was estimated that 6 percent of the waste that was land disposed in 1940 was disposed of in managed landfills and 94 percent was managed in uncategorized sites. The uncategorized sites represent those where not enough information was available to assign a percentage to unmanaged shallow versus unmanaged deep solid waste disposal sites. Between 1940 and 1980, the fraction of waste that was land disposed transitioned towards managed landfills until 100 percent of the waste was disposed of in managed landfills in 1980. For wastes disposed of in the uncategorized sites, a methane correction factor (MCF) of 0.6 was used based on the recommended IPCC default value for uncharacterized land disposal (IPCC 2006). The recommended IPCC default value for the MCF for managed landfills of 1 (IPCC 2006) has been used for the managed landfills for the years where the first order decay methodology was used (i.e., 1990 to 2004).

Step 3: Estimate CH₄ Emissions Avoided from MSW Landfills for 1990 to 2004

The estimated landfill gas recovered per year (R) at MSW landfills is based on a combination of four databases that include recovery from flares and/or landfill gas-to-energy projects:

- a database developed by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) for the voluntary reporting of greenhouse gases (EIA 2007),
- a database of LFGE projects that is primarily based on information compiled by EPA LMOP (EPA 2016),
- the flare vendor database (contains updated sales data collected from vendors of flaring equipment), and the
- EPA's GHGRP MSW landfills database (EPA 2015).[141]

The EPA's GHGRP MSW landfills database was first introduced as a data source for the 1990 to 2013 Inventory. The GHGRP MSW landfills database contains facility-reported data that undergoes rigorous verification and is considered to contain the least uncertain data of the four databases. However, this database only contains a portion of the landfills in the United States (although, presumably the highest emitters since only those landfills that meet the methane generation threshold must report) and only contains data from 2010 and later. For landfills in this database, methane recovery data reported data for 2010 and later were linearly back-casted to 1990, or the date the landfill gas collection system at a facility began operation, whichever is earliest.

A destruction efficiency of 99 percent was applied to amounts of CH₄ recovered to estimate CH₄ emissions avoided for all recovery databases. This value for destruction efficiency was selected based on the range of efficiencies (86 to 99+ percent) recommended for flares in EPA's *AP-42 Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors*, Draft Chapter 2.4, Table 2.4-3 (EPA 2008). A typical value of 97.7 percent was presented for the non-methane components (i.e., volatile organic compounds and non-methane organic compounds) in test results (EPA 2008). An arithmetic average of 98.3 percent and a median value of 99 percent are derived from the test results presented in EPA 2008. Thus, a value of 99 percent for the destruction efficiency of flares has been used in Inventory methodology. Other data sources supporting a 99 percent destruction efficiency include those used to establish New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for landfills and in recommendations for closed flares used in the EPA's LMOP.

Step 3a: Estimate CH₄ Emissions Avoided Through Landfill Gas-to-Energy (LFGE) and Flaring Projects

The quantity of CH₄ avoided due to LFGE systems was estimated based on information from three sources: (1) a database developed by the EIA for the voluntary reporting of greenhouse gases (EIA 2007); (2) a database compiled by LMOP and referred to as the LFGE database for the purposes of this inventory (EPA 2016); and (3) the GHGRP MSW

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[141] The 2015 GHGRP dataset is used in the GHGRP MSW landfills dataset described in Step 3a. This database is no longer updated because the methodology has changed such that the directly reported net methane emissions are used. The GHGRP dataset is available through Envirofacts <http://www.epa.gov/enviro/facts/ghg/search.html>.

landfills dataset (EPA 2015). The EIA database included location information for landfills with LFGE projects, estimates of CH_4 reductions, descriptions of the projects, and information on the methodology used to determine the CH_4 reductions. In general, the CH_4 reductions for each reporting year were based on the measured amount of landfill gas collected and the percent CH_4 in the gas. For the LFGE database, data on landfill gas flow and energy generation (i.e., MW capacity) were used to estimate the total direct CH_4 emissions avoided due to the LFGE project. The GHGRP MSW landfills database contains the most detailed data on landfills that reported under EPA's GHGRP for years 2010 through 2015, however the amount of CH_4 recovered is not specifically allocated to a flare versus a LFGE project. The allocation into flares or LFGE was performed by matching landfills to the EIA and LMOP databases for LFGE projects and to the flare database for flares. Detailed information on the landfill name, owner or operator, city, and state are available for both the EIA and LFGE databases; consequently, it was straightforward to identify landfills that were in both databases against those in EPA's GHGRP MSW landfills database.

To avoid double-counting CH_4 recovery, a hierarchical approach is applied after matching landfills in one database to the other databases. If a landfill in the EIA database was also in the LFGE and/or the flare vendor database, the CH_4 recovery was based on the EIA data because landfill owners or operators directly reported the amount of CH_4 recovered using gas flow concentration and measurements, and because the reporting accounted for changes over time. The EIA database only includes facility-reported data through 2006; the amount of CH_4 recovered in this database for years 2007 and later were assumed to be the same as in 2006. Nearly all (93 percent) of landfills in the EIA database also report to EPA's GHGRP.

If both the flare data and LFGE recovery data were available for any of the remaining landfills (i.e., not in the EIA or EPA's GHGRP databases), then the CH_4 recovered were based on the LFGE data, which provides reported landfill-specific data on gas flow for direct use projects and project capacity (i.e., megawatts) for electricity projects. The LFGE database is based on the most recent EPA LMOP database (published annually). The remaining portion of avoided emissions is calculated by the flare vendor database, which estimates CH_4 combusted by flares using the midpoint of a flare's reported capacity. New flare vendor sales data were unable to be obtained for the current Inventory year. Given that each LFGE project is likely to also have a flare, double counting reductions from flares and LFGE projects in the LFGE database was avoided by subtracting emission reductions associated with LFGE projects for which a flare had not been identified from the emission reductions associated with flares (referred to as the flare correction factor).

Step 3b: Estimate CH_4 Emissions Avoided Through Flaring for the Flare Database

To avoid double counting, flares associated with landfills in EPA's GHGRP, EIA and LFGE databases were not included in the total quantity of CH_4 recovery from the flare vendor database. As with the LFGE projects, reductions from flaring landfill gas in the EIA database were based on measuring the volume of gas collected and the percent of CH_4 in the gas. The information provided by the flare vendors included information on the number of flares, flare design flow rates or flare dimensions, year of installation, and generally the city and state location of the landfill. When a range of design flare flow rates was provided by the flare vendor, the median landfill gas flow rate was used to estimate CH_4 recovered from each remaining flare (i.e., for each flare not associated with a landfill in the EIA, EPA's GHGRP, or LFGE databases). Several vendors have provided information on the size of the flare rather than the flare design gas flow rate for most years of the Inventory. Flares sales data has not been obtained for the past three Inventory years.

To estimate a median flare gas flow rate for flares associated with these vendors, the size of the flare was matched with the size and corresponding flow rates provided by other vendors. Some flare vendors reported the maximum capacity of the flare. An analysis of flare capacity versus measured CH_4 flow rates from the EIA database showed that the flares operated at 51 percent of capacity when averaged over the time series and at 72 percent of capacity for the highest flow rate for a given year. For those cases when the flare vendor supplied maximum capacity, the actual flow was estimated as 50 percent of capacity. Total CH_4 avoided through flaring from the flare vendor database was estimated by summing the estimates of CH_4 recovered by each flare for each year. Flare sales data were not provided to the EPA for the previous and current Inventory year.

Step 3c: Reduce CH_4 Emissions Avoided Through Flaring

If comprehensive data on flares were available, each LFGE project in EPA's GHGRP, EIA, and LFGE databases would have an identified flare because it is assumed that most LFGE projects have flares. However, given that the flare vendor database only covers approximately 50 to 75 percent of the flare population, an associated flare was not identified for all LFGE projects. These LFGE projects likely have flares, yet flares were unable to be identified for one of two reasons: 1) inadequate identifier information in the flare vendor data, or 2) a lack of the flare in the flare vendor database. For those projects for which a flare was not identified due to inadequate information, CH_4 avoided would be overestimated, as both the CH_4 avoided from flaring and the LFGE project would be counted. To avoid overestimating emissions avoided from flaring, the CH_4 avoided from LFGE projects with no identified flares was determined and the flaring estimate from the flare

vendor database was reduced by this quantity (referred to as a flare correction factor) on a state-by-state basis. This step likely underestimates CH_4 avoided due to flaring, but was applied to be conservative in the estimates of CH_4 emissions avoided.

Additional effort was undertaken to improve the methodology behind the flare correction factor for the 1990 to 2009 and 1990 to 2014 inventory years to reduce the total number of flares in the flare vendor database that were not matched to landfills and/or LFGE projects in the EIA and LFGE databases. Each flare in the flare vendor database not associated with a LFGE project in the EIA, LFGE, or EPA's GHGRP databases was investigated to determine if it could be matched. For some unmatched flares, the location information was missing or incorrectly transferred to the flare vendor database and was corrected during the review. In other instances, the landfill names were slightly different between what the flare vendor provided and the actual landfill name as listed in the EIA, LFGE and EPA's GHGRP databases. The remaining flares did not have adequate information through the name, location, or owner to identify it to a landfill in any of the recovery databases or through an Internet search; it is these flares that are included in the flare correction factor for the current inventory year.

A large majority of the unmatched flares are associated with landfills in the LFGE database that are currently flaring, but are also considering LFGE. These landfills projects considering a LFGE project are labeled as candidate, potential, or construction in the LFGE database. The flare vendor database was improved in the 1990 to 2009 inventory year to match flares with operational, shutdown as well as candidate, potential, and construction LFGE projects, thereby reducing the total number of unidentified flares in the flare vendor database, all of which are used in the flare correction factor. The results of this effort significantly decreased the number of flares used in the flare correction factor, and consequently, increased recovered flare emissions, and decreased net emissions from landfills for the 1990 through 2009 Inventory. The revised state-by-state flare correction factors were applied to the entire Inventory time series.

Step 4: Estimate CH_4 Emissions from MSW Landfills for 2005 to 2009

For 2005 to 2009, back-casted GHGRP net emissions plus a scale-up factor to account for emission from landfills that do not report to the GHGRP are used. The GHGRP data were first incorporated into the methodology in the 1990 to 2015 Inventory. Including the GHGRP net emissions data was a significant methodological change from the FOD method previously described in Steps 1 to 3; therefore, EPA needed to merge the previous method with the new (GHGRP) dataset. A summary of how and why the GHGRP emissions were back-casted and how the scale-up factor was estimated are included here. The methodology described in this section was determined based on the good practice guidance in Volume 1: Chapter 5 Time Series Consistency of the *2006 IPCC Guidelines*. Additional details including other options considered are included in RTI 2017.

Facilities reporting to the GHGRP without landfill gas collection and control use the FOD method. Facilities reporting to the GHGRP with landfill gas collection and control must use two methodologies, the FOD method (expressed by Equation HH-5 in CFR Part 98.343), and the back-calculation methodology, which is based on directly measured amounts of recovered CH_4 from the landfill gas and is expressed by Equation HH-8 in CFR Part 98.343 (also presented below). The two parts of Equation HH-8 consider the portion of CH_4 in the landfill gas that is not collected by the landfill gas collection system; and the portion that is collected. First, the recovered CH_4 is adjusted with the collection efficiency of the gas collection and control system and the fraction of hours the recovery system operated in the calendar year. This quantity represents the amount of CH_4 in the landfill gas that is not captured by the collection system; it is then adjusted for oxidation. The second portion of the equation adjusts the portion of CH_4 in the collected landfill gas with the efficiency of the destruction device(s), and the fraction of hours the destruction device(s) operated during the year.

$$CH_4, \text{Solid Waste} = \left[\left(\frac{R}{CE \, x \, f_{REC}} - R \right) x (1 - OX) + R \, x \left(1 - (DE \, x \, f_{Dest}) \right) \right]$$

Where,

R	= Quantity of recovered CH_4 from Equation HH-4 of the EPA's GHGRP
CE	= Collection efficiency estimated at the landfill, taking into account system coverage, operation, and cover system materials from Table HH-3 of the EPA's GHGRP. If area by soil cover type information is not available, the default value of 0.75 should be used. (percent)
f_{REC}	= fraction of hours the recovery system was operating (percent) OX = oxidation factor (percent)
DE	= destruction efficiency (percent)
f_{Dest}	= fraction of hours the destruction device was operating (fraction)

For completeness, and because the GHGRP only includes a subset of U.S. landfills, a scale-up factor had to be developed to estimate the amount of emissions from the landfills that do not report to the GHGRP. Landfills that do not meet the reporting threshold to the GHGRP are not required to report to the GHGRP. Therefore, the GHGRP dataset is only partially complete when considering the universe of MSW landfills. In theory, national emissions from MSW landfills equals

the emissions from the GHGRP plus emissions from landfills that do not report to the GHGRP. The scale-up factor was first applied in the 1990 to 2015 Inventory (as 12.5 percent) and was revised for the 1990 to 2016 Inventory to 9 percent. The remainder of this section describes how the steps taken to increase time series consistency after incorporating the GHGRP data.

Regarding the time series and as stated in *2006 IPCC Guidelines Volume 1: Chapter 5 Time Series Consistency* (IPCC 2006), "the time series is a central component of the greenhouse gas inventory because it provides information on historical emissions trends and tracks the effects of strategies to reduce emissions at the national level. All emissions in a time series should be estimated consistently, which means that as far as possible, the time series should be calculated using the same method and data sources in all years" (IPCC 2006). This chapter however, recommends against back-casting emissions back to 1990 with a limited set of data and instead provides guidance on techniques to splice, or join methodologies together. One of those techniques is referred to as the overlap technique. The overlap technique is recommended when new data becomes available for multiple years. This was the case with the GHGRP data, where directly reported CH_4 emissions data became available for more than 1,200 MSW landfills beginning in 2010. The GHGRP emissions data had to be merged with emissions from the FOD method to avoid a drastic change in emissions in 2010, when the datasets were combined. EPA also had to consider that according to IPCC's good practice, efforts should be made to reduce uncertainty in Inventory calculations and that, when compared to the GHGRP data, the FOD method presents greater uncertainty.

In evaluating the best way to combine the two datasets, EPA considered either using the FOD method from 1990 to 2009, or using the FOD method for a portion of that time and back-casting the GHGRP emissions data to a year where emissions from the two methodologies aligned. Plotting the back-casted GHGRP emissions against the emissions estimates from the FOD method showed an alignment of the data in 2004 and later years which facilitated the use of the overlap technique while also reducing uncertainty. Therefore, EPA decided to back-cast the GHGRP emissions from 2009 to 2005 only to merge the datasets and adhere to the IPCC good practice guidance.

An important factor in this approach is that the back-casted emissions for 2005 to 2009 are subject to change with each Inventory because the GHGRP dataset may change as facilities revise their annual GHG reports.

For the 1990 to 2016 Inventory, EPA revisited the methodology used to calculate the scale-up factor in the 1990 to 2015 Inventory and, with stakeholder input, decided to base the scale-up factor on the total amount of buried waste between landfills not reporting to the GHGRP and those reporting to the GHGRP. There are significant uncertainties in the data quality of the total amount of buried waste at the non-reporting landfills, and for some landfills, no information was available at all. There is much less uncertainty in these amounts for the landfills reporting to the GHGRP. Additionally, this variable provides a direct basis for comparing emissions from these two sets of landfills because landfill methane generation emissions are directly related to the amount of waste disposed in addition to other less static variables (e.g., waste composition) and is the basis for the FOD method used in the earlier part of the time series (1990 to 2004). Details on how the 9 percent scale-up factor was derived is included in RTI (2018). Like the 1990 to 2015 Inventory, the scale-up factor is applied to all years from 2005 to 2016.

Step 5: Estimate CH_4 Emissions from MSW Landfills for 2010 to 2016

Directly reported CH_4 emissions to EPA's GHGRP are used for 2010 to 2016. The 9 percent scale-up factor is applied annually as is done for 2005 to 2009 because the GHGRP does not capture emissions from all landfills in the United States.

Step 6: Estimate CH_4 Generation at Industrial Waste Landfills for 1990 to the Current Inventory Year

Industrial waste landfills receive waste from factories, processing plants, and other manufacturing activities. In national inventories prior to the 1990 through 2005 inventory, CH_4 generation at industrial landfills was estimated as seven percent of the total CH_4 generation from MSW landfills, based on a study conducted by EPA (1993). In 2005, the methodology was updated and improved by using activity factors (industrial production levels) to estimate the amount of industrial waste landfilled each year, and by applying the FOD model to estimate CH_4 generation. A nationwide survey of industrial waste landfills found that most of the organic waste placed in industrial landfills originated from two sectors: food processing (meat, vegetables, fruits) and pulp and paper (EPA 1993). Data for annual nationwide production for the food processing and pulp and paper sectors were taken from industry and government sources for recent years; estimates were developed for production for the earlier years for which data were not available. For the pulp and paper sector, production data published by the Lockwood-Post's Directory were used for years 1990 to 2001 and production data published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture were used for years 2002 through 2016. An extrapolation based on U.S. real gross domestic product was used for years 1940 through 1964. For the food processing sector, production levels were obtained or developed

from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the years 1990 through 2016 (ERG 2017). An extrapolation based on U.S. population was used for the years 1940 through 1989.

In addition to production data for the pulp and paper and food processing sectors, the following inputs are needed to use the FOD model for estimating CH_4 generation from industrial waste landfills: 1) quantity of waste that is disposed in industrial waste landfills (as a function of production), 2) CH_4 generation potential (L_0) from which a DOC value can be calculated, and 3) the decay rate constant (k).

Research into waste generation and disposal in landfills for the pulp and paper sector indicated that the quantity of waste landfilled was about 0.050 MT/MT of product compared to 0.046 MT/MT product for the food processing sector (RTI 2006). These factors were applied to estimates of annual production to estimate annual waste disposal in industrial waste landfills. Estimates for DOC were derived from available data (EPA, 2015b; Heath et al., 2010; NCASI, 2005; Kraft and Orender, 1993; NCASI 2008; Flores et al. 1999 as documented in RTI 2015). The DOC value for industrial pulp and paper waste is estimated at 0.15 (L_o of 49 m^3/MT); the DOC value for industrial food waste is estimated as 0.26 (L_o of 128 m^3/MT) (RTI 2015; RTI 2014). Estimates for k were taken from the default values in the *2006 IPCC Guidelines*; the value of k given for food waste with disposal in a wet temperate climate is 0.19 yr^{-1}, and the value given for paper waste is 0.06 yr^{-1}.

A literature review was conducted for the 1990 to 2010 and 1990 to 2014 inventory years with the intent of updating values for L_o (specifically DOC) and k in the pulp and paper sector. Where pulp and paper mill wastewater treatment residuals or sludge are the primary constituents of pulp and paper waste landfilled, values for k available in the literature range from 0.01/yr to 0.1/yr, while values for L_o range from 50 m^3/Mt to 200 m^3/Mt.[142] Values for these factors are highly variable and are dependent on the soil moisture content, which is generally related to rainfall amounts. At this time, sufficient data were available through EPA's GHGRP to warrant a change to the L_o (DOC) from 99 to 49 m^3/MT, but sufficient data were not obtained to warrant a change to k for the current inventory year. EPA will consider an update to the k values for the pulp and paper sector as new data arises and will work with stakeholders to gather data and other feedback on potential changes to these values.

As with MSW landfills, a similar trend in disposal practices from unmanaged landfills, or open dumps to managed landfills was expected for industrial waste landfills; therefore, the same time line that was developed for MSW landfills was applied to the industrial landfills to estimate the average MCF. That is, between 1940 and 1980, the fraction of waste that was land disposed transitioned from 6 percent managed landfills in 1940 and 94 percent open dumps to 100 percent managed landfills in 1980 and on. For wastes disposed of in unmanaged sites, an MCF of 0.6 was used and for wastes disposed of in managed landfills, an MCF of 1 was used, based on the recommended IPCC default values (IPCC 2006).

The parameters discussed above were used in the integrated form of the FOD model to estimate CH_4 generation from industrial waste landfills.

Step 7: Estimate CH_4 Oxidation from MSW and Industrial Waste Landfills

A portion of the CH_4 escaping from a landfill oxidizes to CO_2 in the top layer of the soil. The amount of oxidation depends upon the characteristics of the soil and the environment. For purposes of this analysis, it was assumed that of the CH_4 generated, minus the amount of gas recovered for flaring or LFGE projects, 10 percent was oxidized in the soil (Jensen and Pipatti 2002; Mancinelli and McKay 1985; Czepiel et al 1996). The literature review was reviewed in 2011 (RTI 2011) and 2016 to provide recommendations for the most appropriate oxidation rate assumptions. It was found that oxidation values are highly variable and range from zero to over 100 percent (i.e., the landfill is considered to be an atmospheric sink by virtue of the landfill gas extraction system pulling atmospheric methane down through the cover). There is considerable uncertainty and variability surrounding estimates of the rate of oxidation because oxidation is difficult to measure and varies considerably with the presence of a gas collection system, thickness and type of the cover material, size and area of the landfill, climate, and the presence of cracks and/or fissures in the cover material through which methane can escape. IPCC (2006) notes that test results from field and laboratory studies may lead to over-estimations of oxidation in landfill cover soils because they largely determine oxidation using uniform and homogeneous soil layers. In addition, a number of studies note that gas escapes more readily through the side slopes of a landfill as compared to moving through the cover thus complicating the correlation between oxidation and cover type or gas recovery.

Sites with landfill gas collection systems are generally designed and managed better to improve gas recovery. More recent research (2006 to 2012) on landfill cover methane oxidation has relied on stable isotope techniques that may provide a more reliable measure of oxidation. Results from this recent research consistently point to higher cover soil methane oxidation rates than the IPCC (2006) default of 10 percent. A continued effort will be made to review the peer-reviewed

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[142] Sources reviewed included Heath et al. 2010; Miner 2008; Skog 2008; Upton et al. 2008; Barlaz 2006; Sonne 2006; NCASI 2005; Barlaz 1998; and Skog and Nicholson 2000.

literature to better understand how climate, cover type, and gas recovery influence the rate of oxidation at active and closed landfills. At this time, the IPCC recommended oxidation factor of 10 percent will continue to be used for all landfills for the years 1990 to 2004.

For years 2005 to 2016, directly reported CH_4 emissions to EPA's GHGRP, which include the adjustment for oxidation, are used. EPA's GHGRP allows facilities to use a range of oxidation factors: 0.0, 0.10, 0.25, 0.35. The average oxidation factor across all facilities reporting to the GHGRP for the years data are available is approximately 20 percent, thus this value is essentially the oxidation factor applied for years 2005 to 2016.

Step 8: Estimate Total CH_4 Emissions for the Inventory

For 1990 to 2004, total CH_4 emissions were calculated by adding emissions from MSW and industrial landfills, and subtracting CH_4 recovered and oxidized, as shown in Table A-257. A different methodology is applied for 2005 to 2016. Directly reported net CH_4 emissions to EPA's GHGRP plus the 9 percent scale-up factor were applied for 2010 to 2016. For 2005 to 2009, the directly-reported GHGRP net emissions from 2010 to 2016 were used to back-cast emissions for 2005 to 2009. Note that the emissions values for 2005 to 2009 are re-calculated for each Inventory and are subject to change if facilities reporting to the GHGRP revise their annual GHG reports for any year. The 9 percent scale-up factor was also applied annually for 2005 to 2009.

Table A-257: CH₄ Emissions from Landfills (kt)

	1990	1995	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
MSW CH₄ Generation	8,214	9,140	10,270	10,477	10,669	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Industrial CH₄ Generation	484	537	618	625	629	636	639	643	648	653	656	657	659	661	662	663	664
MSW CH₄ Recovered	**(718)**	**(1,935)**	**(4,894)**	**(4,995)**	**(5,304)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
MSW CH₄ Oxidized	(750)	(720)	(538)	(548)	(537)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Industrial CH₄ Oxidized	(48)	(54)	(62)	(63)	(63)	(64)	(64)	(64)	(65)	(65)	(66)	(66)	(66)	(66)	(66)	(66)	(66)
MSW Net CH₄ Emissions (GHGRP)	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	4,737	4,645	4,552	4,459	4,366	4,402	4,043	4,087	3,936	3,913	3,870	3,708
Net Emissions[a]	7,182	6,967	5,394	5,496	5,395	5,310	5,220	5,130	5,042	4,954	4,992	4,634	4,680	4,531	4,509	4,467	4,306

Notes: MSW and Industrial CH₄ generation in Table A-257 represents emissions before oxidation. Totals may not sum exactly to the last significant figure due to rounding. Parentheses denote negative values.
[a] MSW Net CH₄ emissions for years 2010 to 2016 are directly reported CH₄ emissions to the EPA's GHGRP for MSW landfills and are back-casted to estimate emissions for 2005 to 2009. A scale-up factor of 9 percent of each year's emissions from 2005 to 2016 is applied to 2005 to 2016 to account for landfills that do not report annual methane emissions to the GHGRP. Emissions for years 1990 to 2004 are calculated by the FOD methodology.

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