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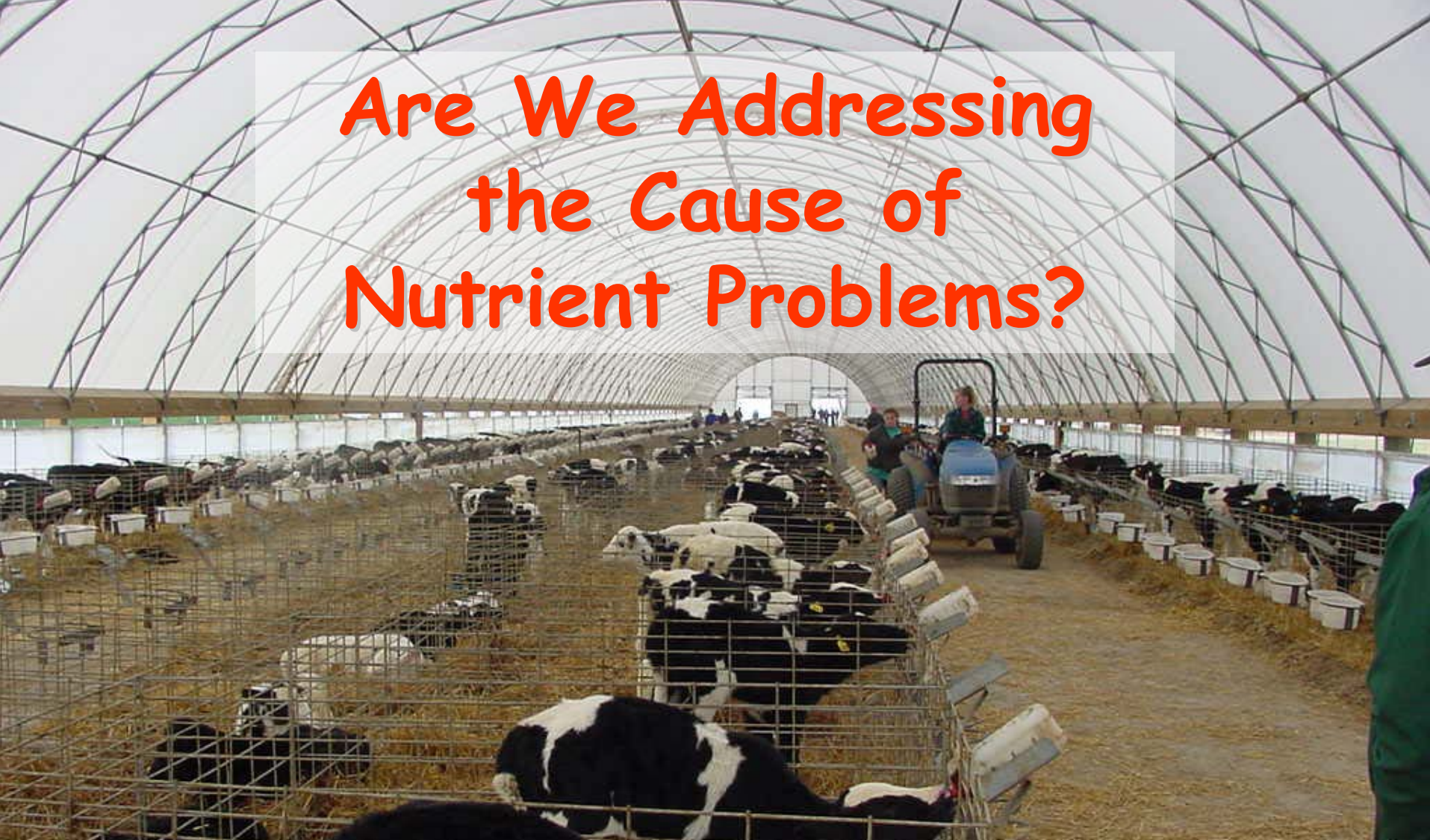
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# CAFO Perspective

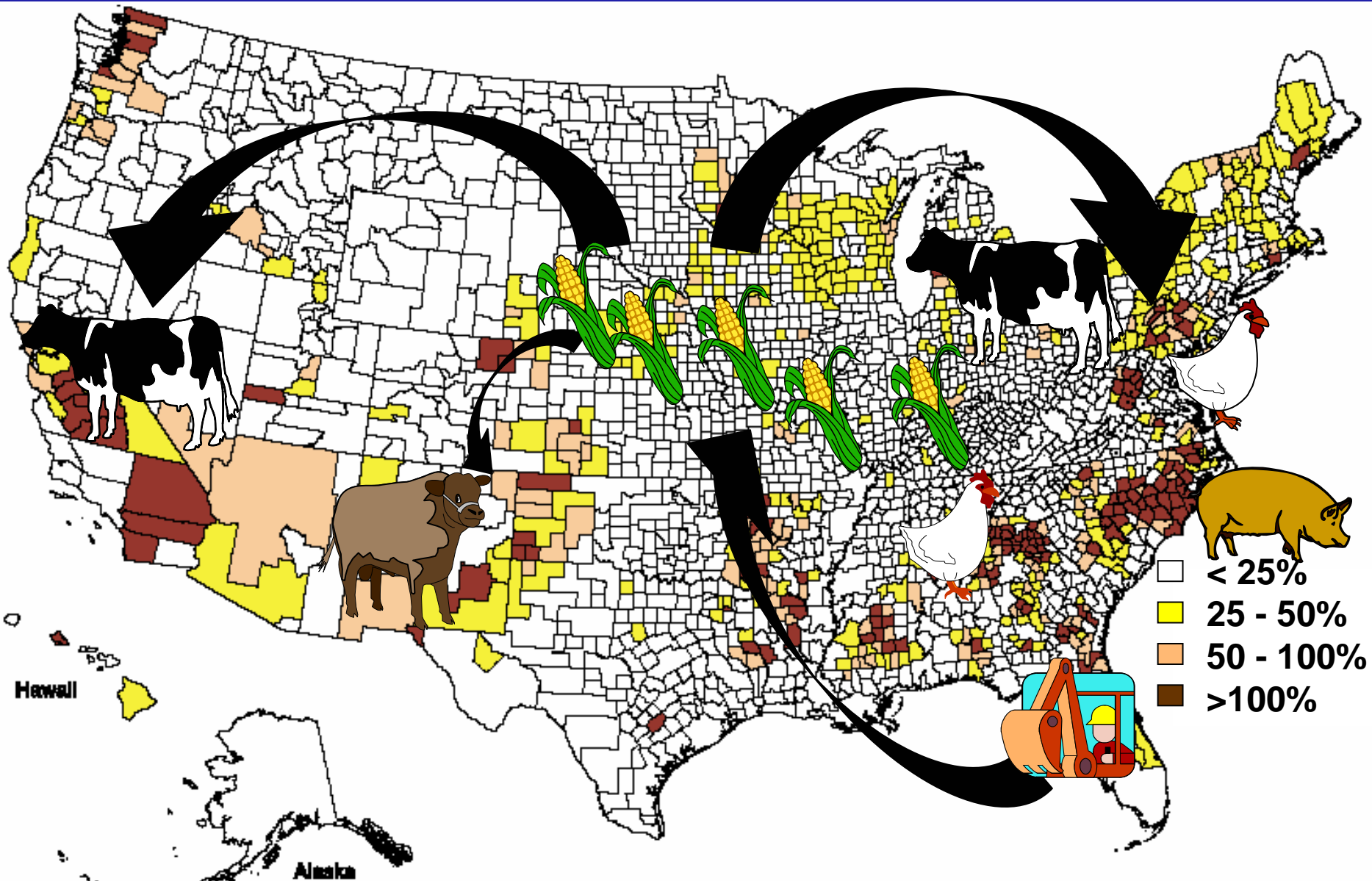




# Are We Addressing the Cause of Nutrient Problems?

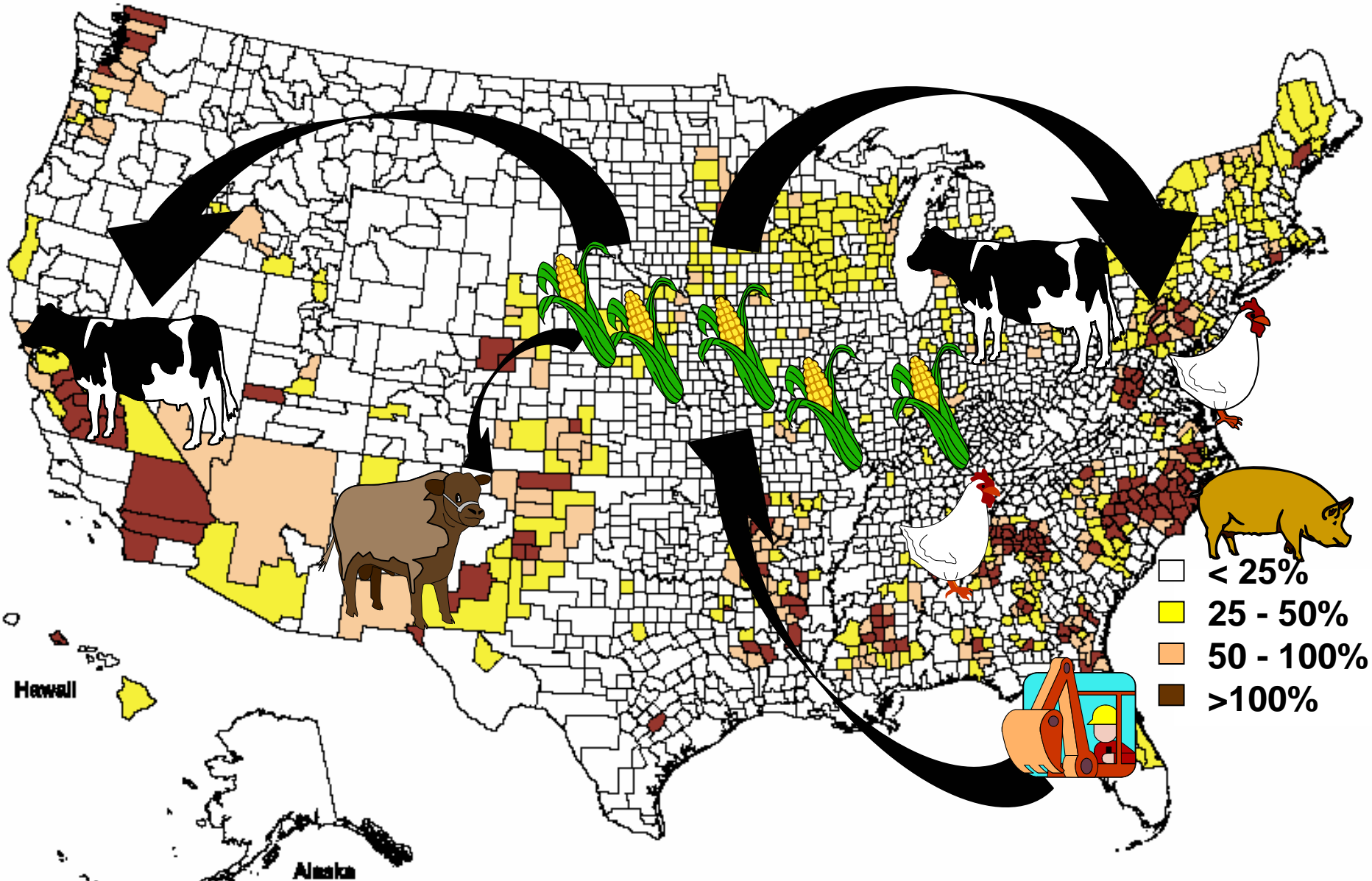


# Manure P vs. Crop Land P Use

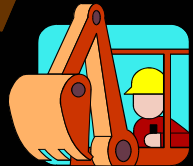




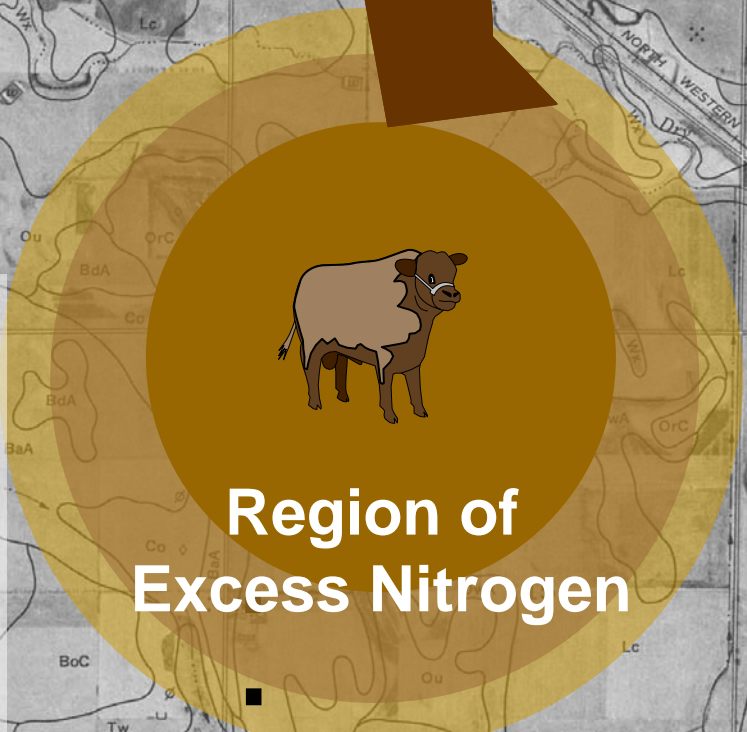
# One-Way Flow of Nutrients Is Underlying Cause



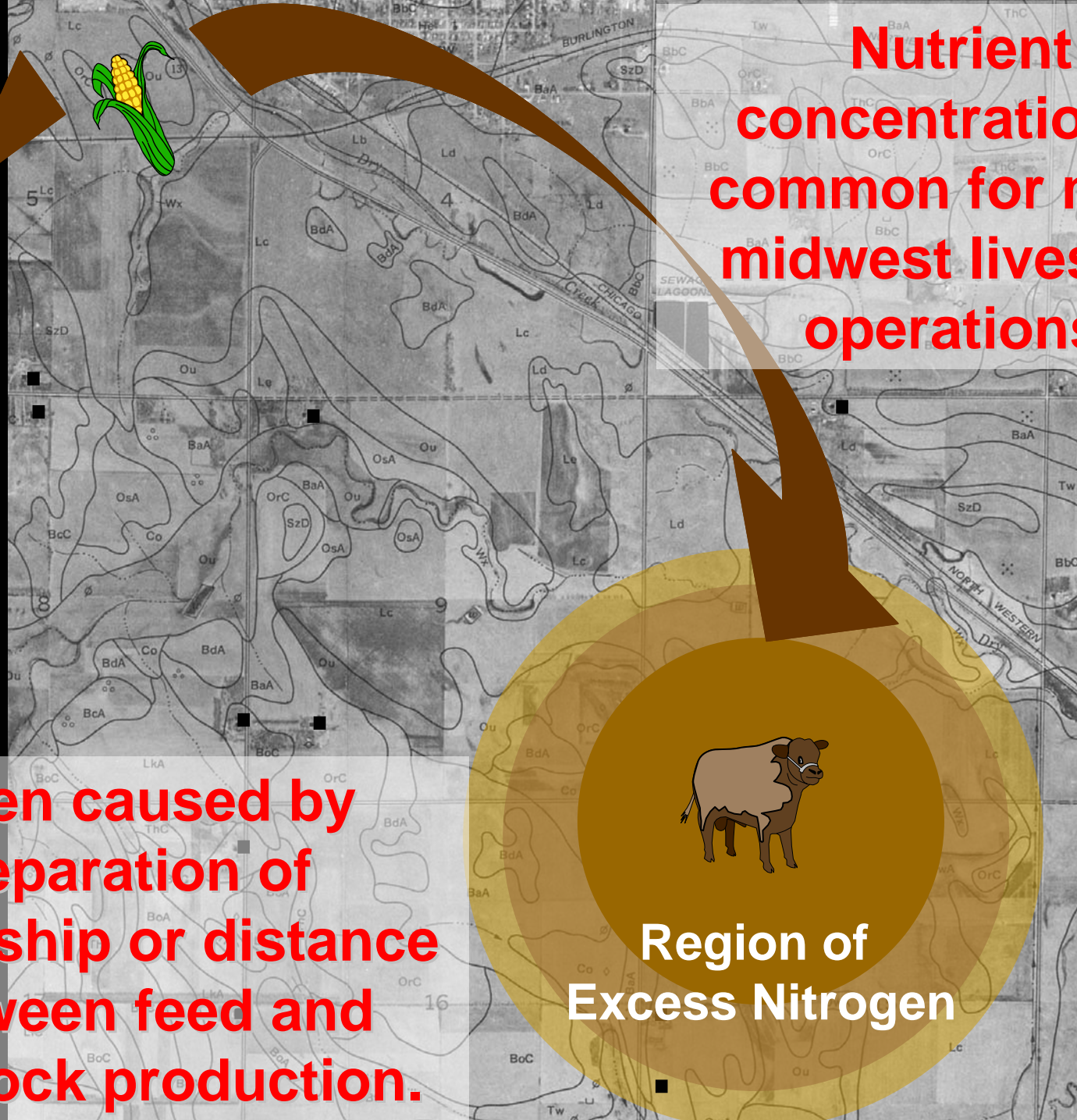
**Nutrient concentration is common for many midwest livestock operations.**



**Often caused by separation of ownership or distance between feed and livestock production.**



**Region of Excess Nitrogen**





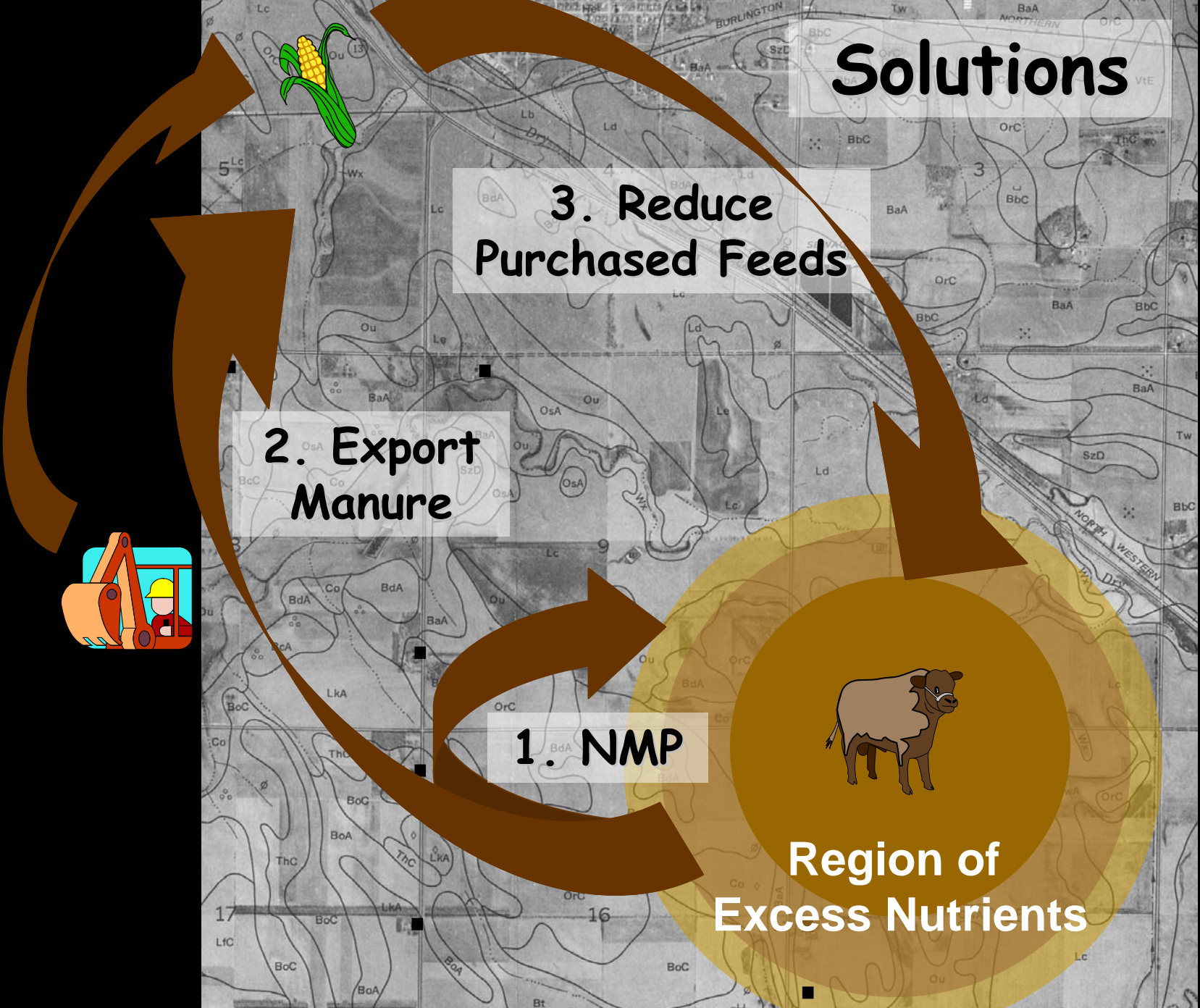
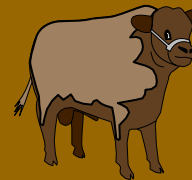
# Solutions

3. Reduce  
Purchased Feeds

2. Export  
Manure

1. NMP

Region of  
Excess Nutrients



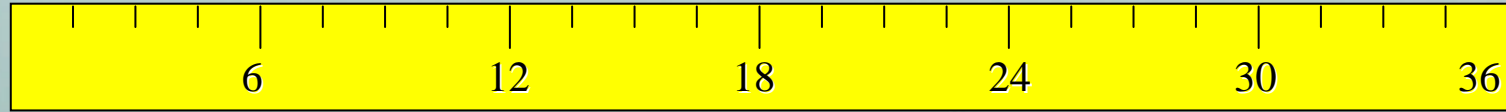


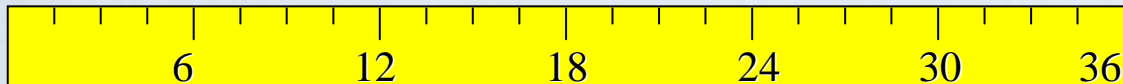
# Future NMP Checklist?

Does the CAFO's NMP:

- ✓ Quantify excess nutrients?
- ✓ Recommend strategies for reducing feed inputs?
- ✓ Recommend strategies for marketing manure?

# Should an NMP Measure Environmental Performance?





## What Do We Want To Measure?

- Individual field nutrient performance
- Farm's nutrient performance

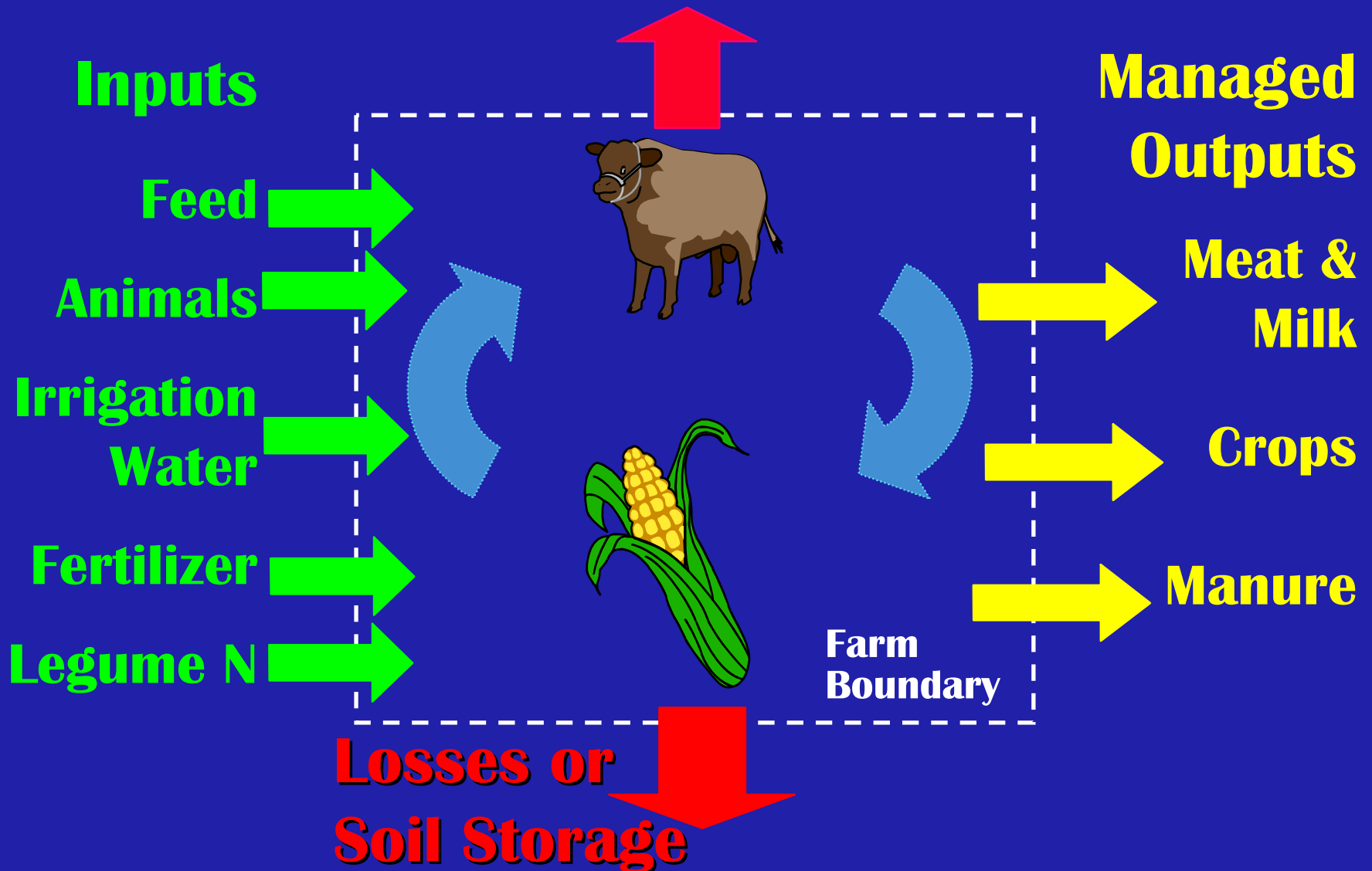
## Measurement Tool

Field Nutrient Balance

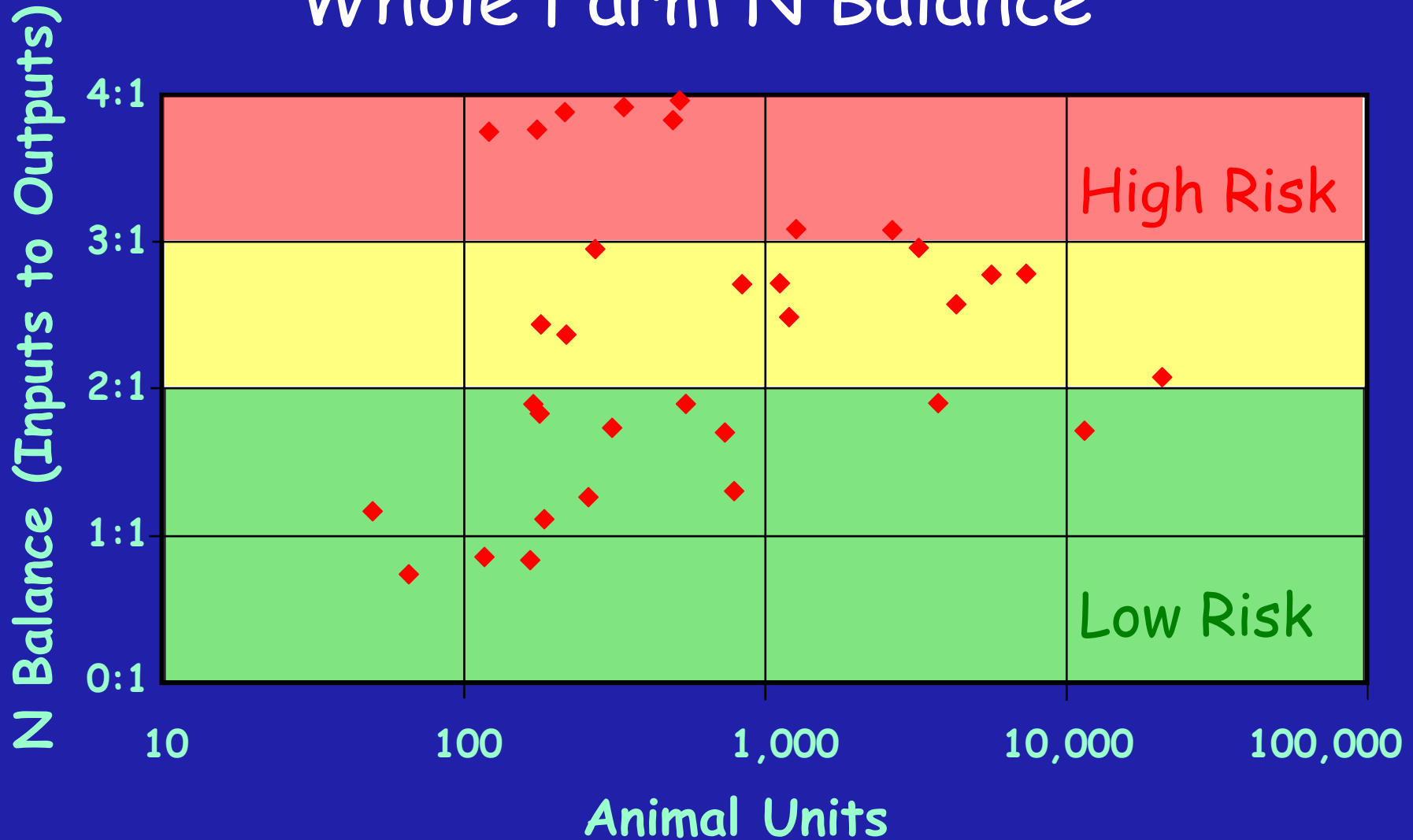
Whole Farm Nutrient Balance



# Whole Farm Nutrient Balance



# Whole Farm N Balance



# Phosphorus Inputs to Livestock Systems

Phosphorus Inputs (% of Total)

Fertilizer

35%

33%

1%

Feeds

62%

47%

74%

Animals

3%

20%

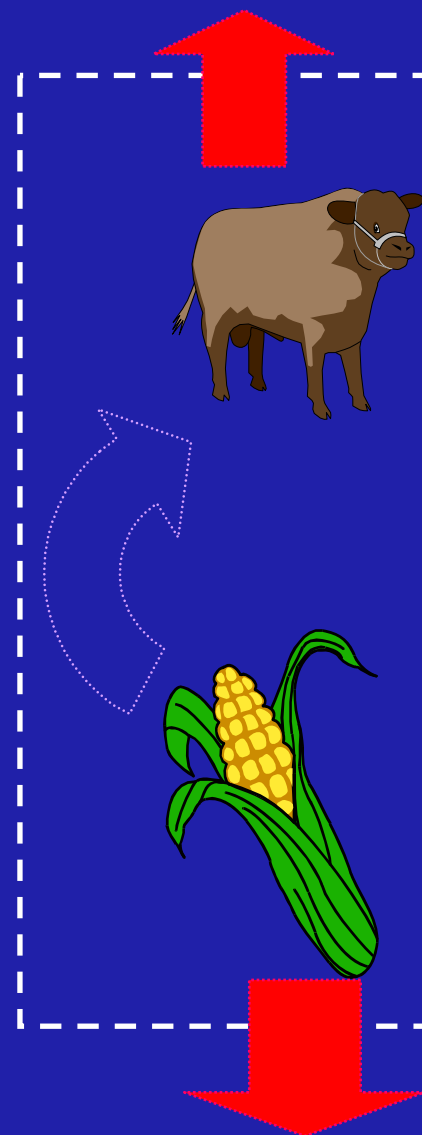
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250-2500

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One Time Animal Capacity (animal units)





# Future NMP Checklist?

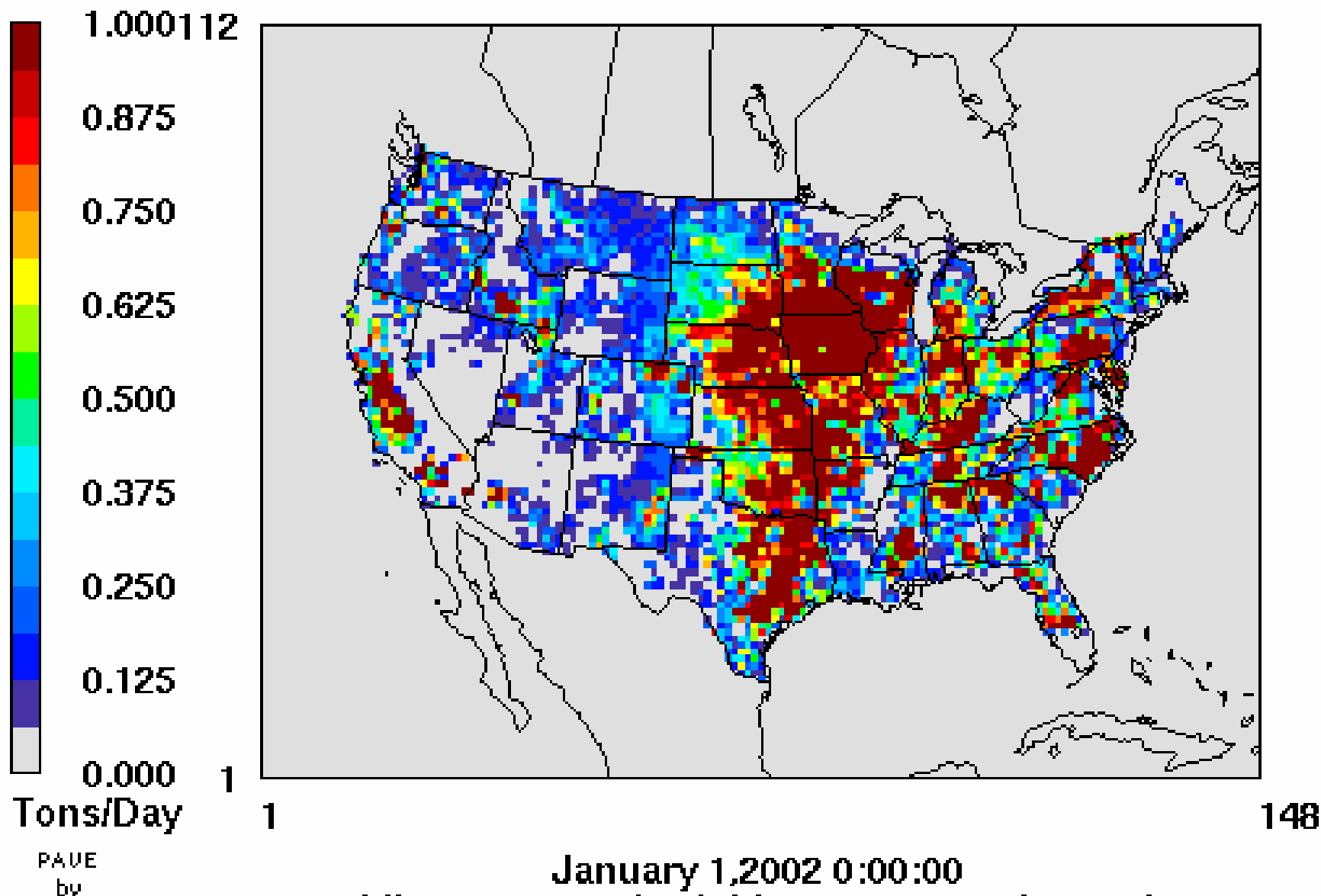
Should the CAFO's NMP:

- ✓ Measure individual field nutrient balance?
- ✓ Measure whole farm nutrient balance?

# Should An NMP Estimate Ammonia Emissions?



# Daily Ammonia Emissions from Livestock (36 km grid)

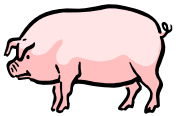
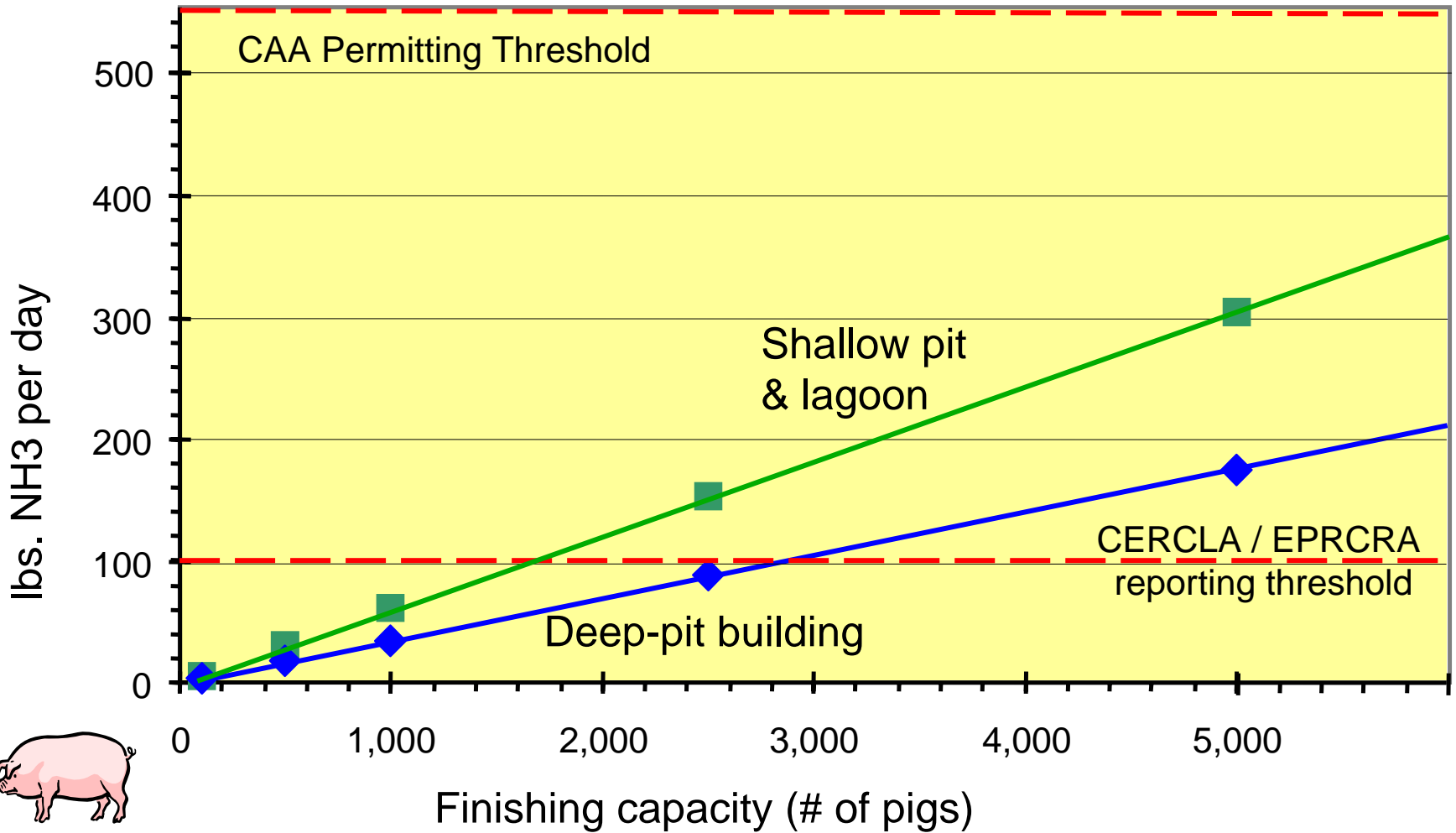




# Ammonia Emissions Regulatory Thresholds

- CERCLA & EPCRA - Reporting threshold of 100 lbs/day
- Clean Air Act - Permitting threshold of 100 tons /year

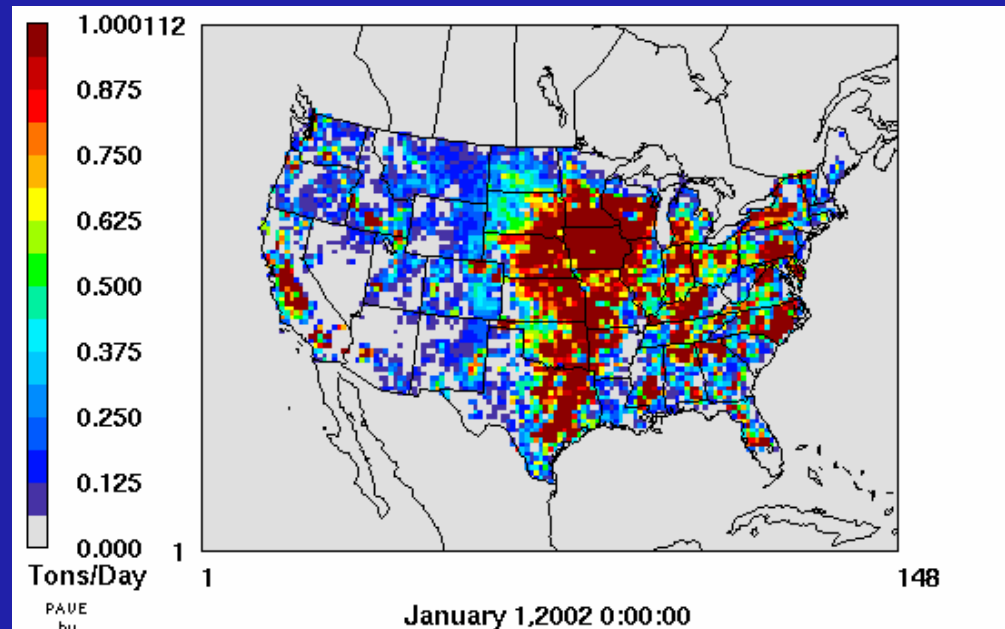
# Ammonia Emissions - Swine Finishing Operations



Primary assumptions involve year-round housing, buildings occupied 48 weeks a year, and 75% of N lost from lagoon as NH<sub>3</sub>... Stowell, UNL

# Future NMP Checklist?

✓ Does the NMP estimate ammonia emissions?





# Take Home Message

Should our NMPs:

- ✓ Quantify excess nutrients?
- ✓ Recommend strategies for reducing feed inputs and marketing manure?
- ✓ Measure nutrient performance?
- ✓ Estimate ammonia emissions?

