



# InfoAg 2015

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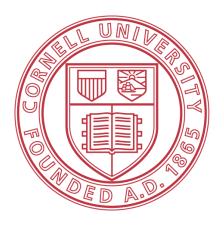
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# Nitrogen: Elusive and complex



## Nitrogen:



- How much N did I lose from Tuesday's 2" rainfall?
- It's been cold, how much N has my soil mineralized?
- How much less N will I lose if I add a stabilizer?
- What impact will switching to no-till have on my N needs?
- What happens if the rest of the season is dry? Wet?
- Will I need less N if I switch from fall to spring pre-plant?
- Should I apply variable rate nitrogen?





# Adapt-N answers these questions for agronomists and growers, and creates win-win performance improvements



# Objectives today



- Adapt-N overview and why it's different
- Research methodology, results, and key learnings
- Agronomic inputs and recommendations in detail
- N modeling in a precision ag approach
- Data privacy



## Adapt-N



- Set the standard for nitrogen modeling
- Built on 10+ years of land-grant research
- Demonstrated to improve grower profit while reducing N loss
- 100% independent, unbiased, and transparent
- Designed for agronomists, recognized by the industry















# Robust Nitrogen Modeling



User Inputs:









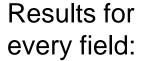


Adapt-N Simulations:

High-Resolution Climate Data (Precip, Temp, Solar Radiation)

13 Interrelated Software Models

- Crop growth, N uptake, N loss, manure, etc.
- 2,000+ proprietary soil dictionary records





- Daily recommendations
- PDF reports
- Shapefile + agX export
- Interactive graphs
- N-Alerts
- Prior-season analysis





#### **Nitrogen Recommendation**

Grower: Smith Farming Farm: Corey's Farm Field: Skunk River East Zone: Main Zone

Nitrogen recommendation for July 30, 2014:

160 lbs N/Acre N recommendation 143-179 N recommendation range

Recommendation based on supporting estimates and assumptions:

205 lbs N/Acre	74 lbs N/Acre	117 lbs N/Acre
Expected N in crop at harvest	N mineralization so far	N loss so far
O lbs N/Acre	52 lbs N/Acre	23 lbs N/Acre
Partial credit from prior crop	N in crop now	Expected future loss
2 lbs N/Acre Expected future mineralization	6 lbs N/Acre N in soil now	13.6" / 28.0" Rainfall since planting / Rainfall since 01/01/14

#### Field information

Soil: Webster

Maturity Class: Grains: 107 day corn

Planted: 06/01/14 Expected Yield: 200.0 bu/acre

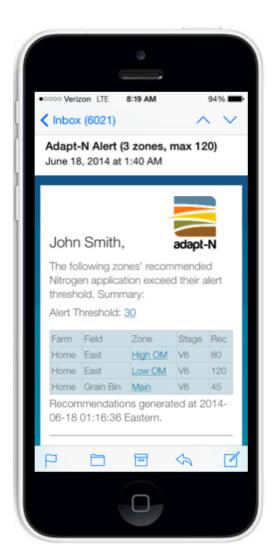
Harvest Population: 30,000 Organic Matter %: 3.5

Previous Crop: Grain Corn

N fertilizer already applied: 100 lbs N/Acre

Irrigation Applied: None Manure Applied: No Adapt-N Zone ID: 8758







# Adapt-N: Functionality and Field Testing

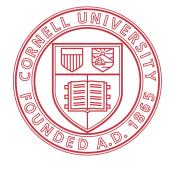


#### **Disclosure**

According to Cornell University policy, I am disclosing that I have an equity interest in Agronomic Technology Corp, which has received a license for the use and further development of the Adapt-N tool.

This tool was developed as part of my Cornell research program, and Agronomic Technology Corp is providing some support to my program for the further development of this technology.





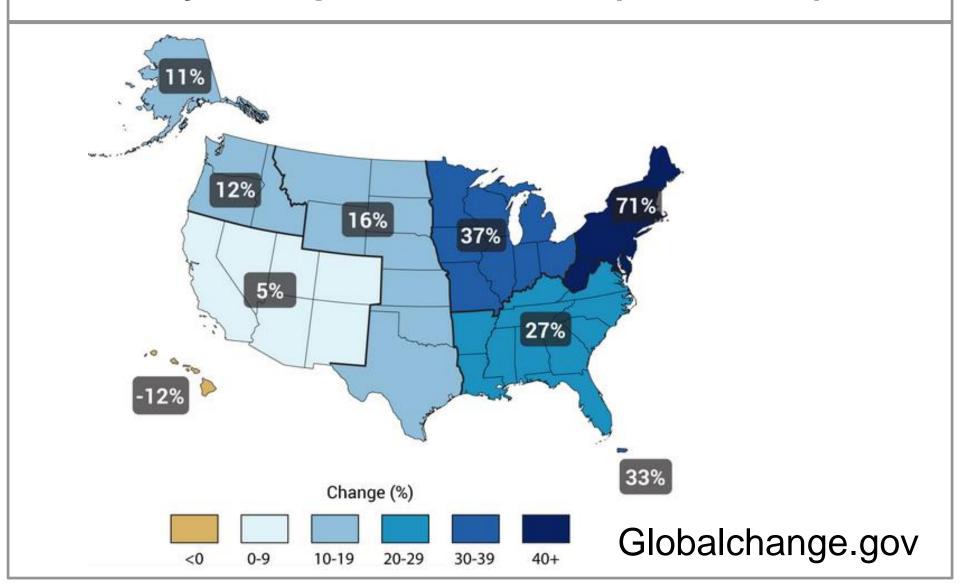
### Many sources of variation in N availability

- generalized recommendations are too simplistic!
  - Organic amendments (manure, compost, etc.)
  - Crop rotations
  - Soil type differences (at multiple scales)
  - Soil organic matter contents
  - Soil and crop management (tillage, planting date, etc.)
  - Weather:
    - Temperature
    - Precipitation!



Interactions are complex and nonlinear

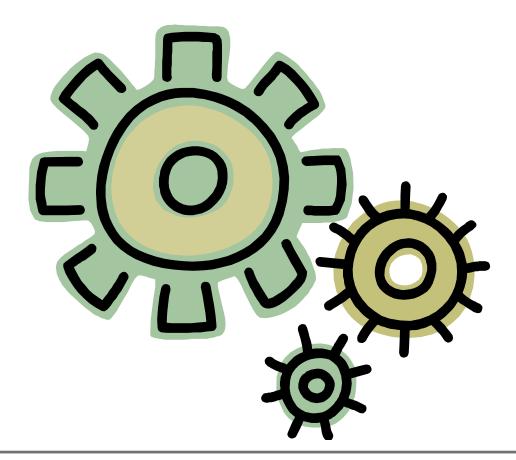
# Regional Increases in Very Heavy Precipitation Events (1958-2007)





# Inner Workings of Adapt-N

(in short)





#### PNM model: The core of the Adapt-N tool

#### 13 interconnected soil and crop models:

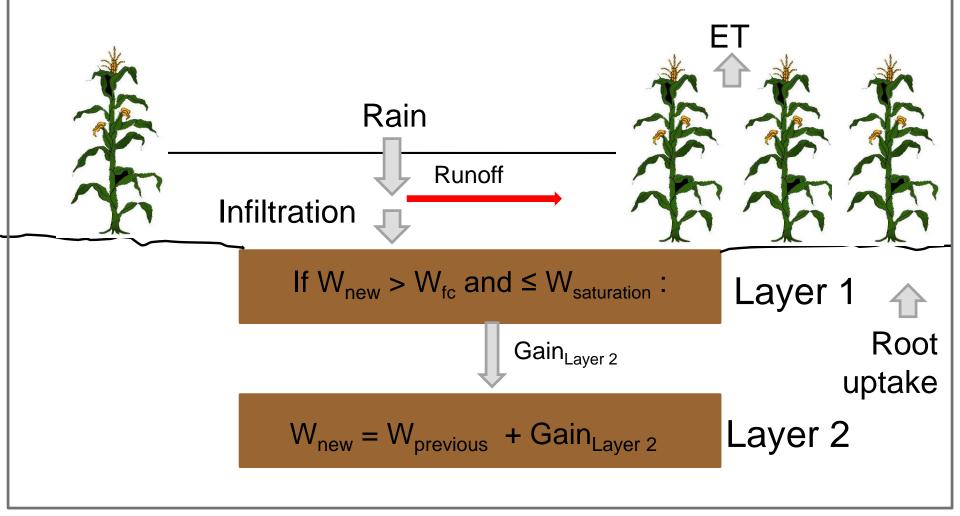
- Based on long-term modeling efforts at leading international institutions going back to the 1980's
- Includes comprehensive literature knowledge
- Calibrated and tested with extensive field studies
- Accesses high-resolution weather data and extensive soil databases

Hutson, J.L., R.J. Wagenet, and M.E. Niederhofer. 2003. Leaching Estimation And Chemistry Model: a process-based model of water and solute movement, transformations, plant uptake, and chemical reactions in the unsaturated zone. Version 4. Dept of Crop and Soil Sciences. Research Series No. R03-1. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA.

**Sinclair, T.R., and R.C. Muchow. 1995.** Effect of nitrogen supply on maize yield: I. modeling physiological responses. Agronomy Journal 87:632-641.

# **Soil Water Dynamics**

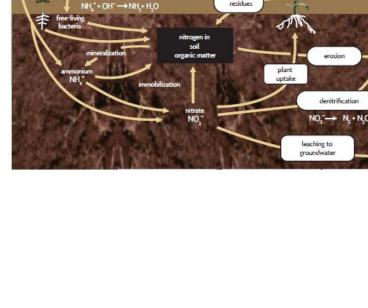
- **Solotious**
- Simulates soil water conditions throughout profile (20 layers)
- Parameterized using soil dictionaries
- Accounts for soil and management conditions

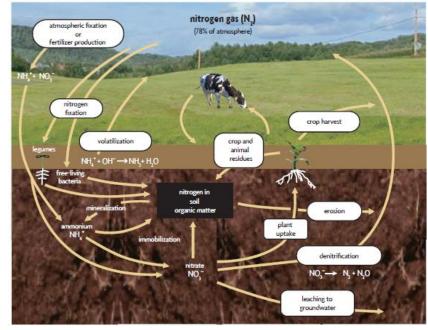


#### Major N Processes in Adapt-N Model



- Net additions:
  - Mineralization immobilization
  - Urea hydrolysis
- **Transformations** 
  - **Nitrification**
- Losses
  - Denitrification (nitrification)
  - Ammonia volatilization
  - Leaching
  - Plant N uptake
- Modifications for Enhanced Efficiency Compounds



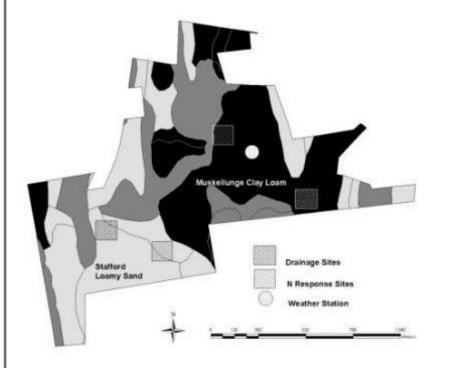


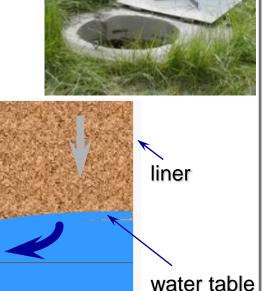


## Making the models work

#### Lysimeter Experiments

- New York and Minnesota
- N fertilizer and manure (rate and timing)
- N losses measured
- Results used for model calibration





18 m (clay loam) / 15 m (loamy sand)

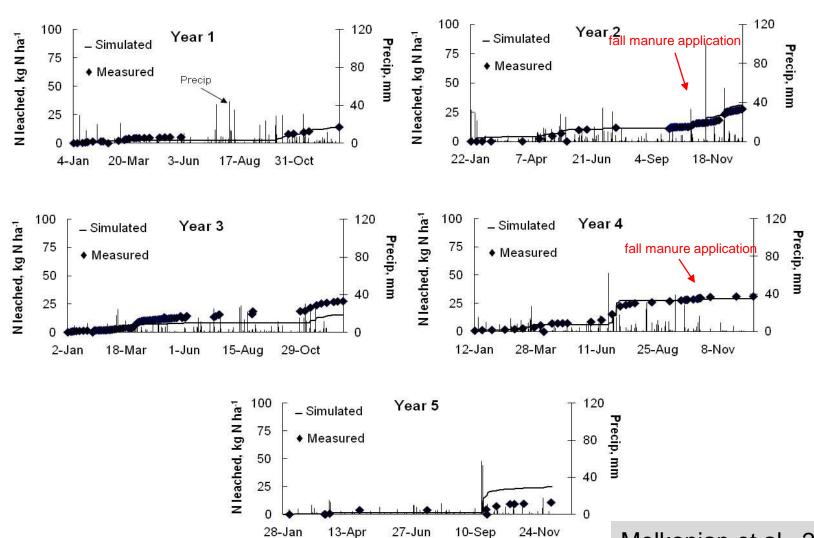
drain

"impermeable layer"



#### **Independent Model Evaluation**

#### Nitrate-N Leaching



Melkonian et al., 2010



#### **Adapt-N-Recommendation Methodology**

#### N Rate =

**Expected N in Crop** 

Input: Expected Yield

- N in Crop Now - N in Soil Now

Simulation based on actual real-time weather

- Prior Crop Credit

Partial simulation, partial fixed credit

- Net N Future N Losses and Gains

Probabilistic simulations based on historical weather

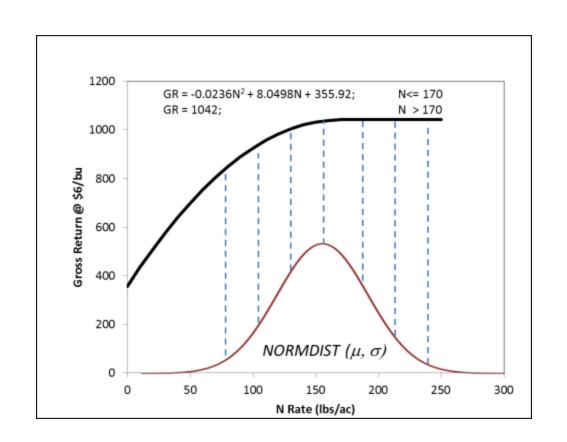
- Price-Profit-Risk Factor

Probability-uncertainty simulations



## **Risk Components**

# Differential Impact of Under and Over-Fertilization due to Nonlinear-Asymmetrical Yield Response to N



Stochastic Gross Returns: 
$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}*GR\right)\right)$$



# **Adapt-N Strip Trials**

Validating and Improving the Tool





#### **Adapt-N Model Calibration and Testing**

- 200+ Cornell University-coordinated replicated strip trials in 10 states (Midwest, Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast)
- In collaboration with researchers and consultants
- Adapt-N vs. Grower rates or Multi-rate N response trials
- Additional "informal" testing
- Funded by many organizations











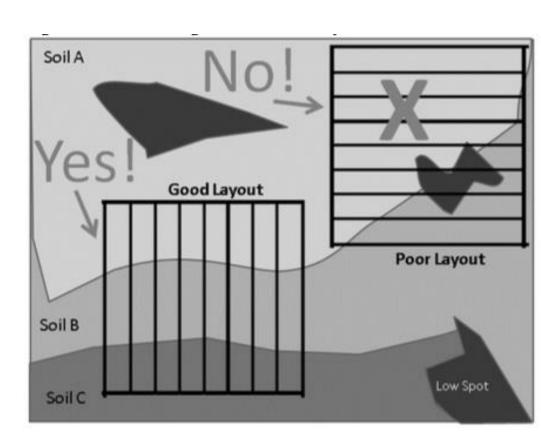




# **Strip Trial Design**



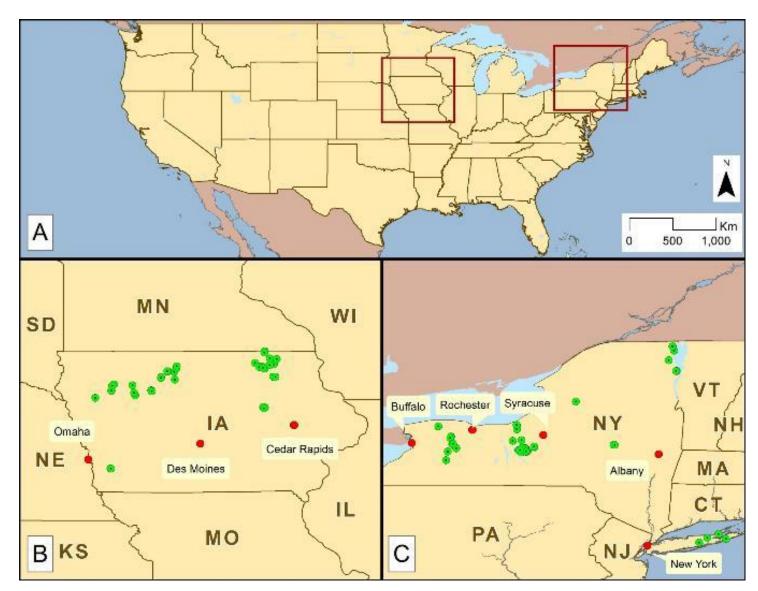
- Spatially balanced designs with at least 4 replications
- Trials include:
  - Soil sampling, before/during/after the season. Stalk sampling
  - Soil health evaluation
  - Multiple N rates to compute the retrospective economic optimum rate
  - Comparisons with standard recommendations (MRTN, etc.)
  - Trial design with in-field variability





#### 2011-14 Grower vs Adapt-N Strip Trials

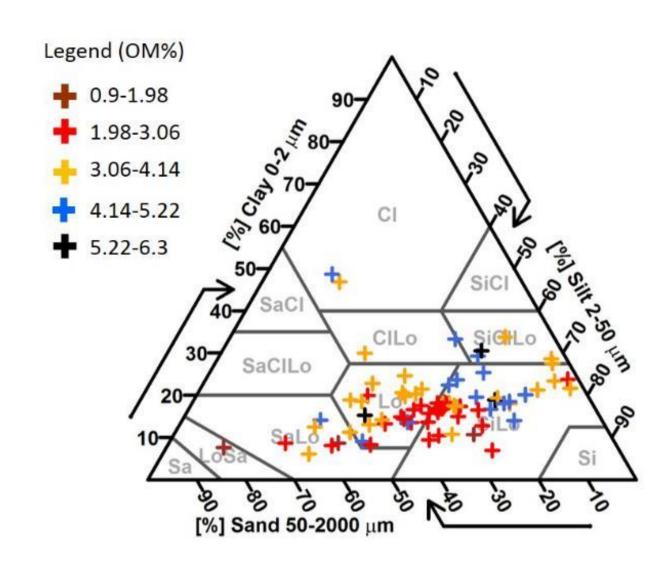
Iowa and New York (n=126)





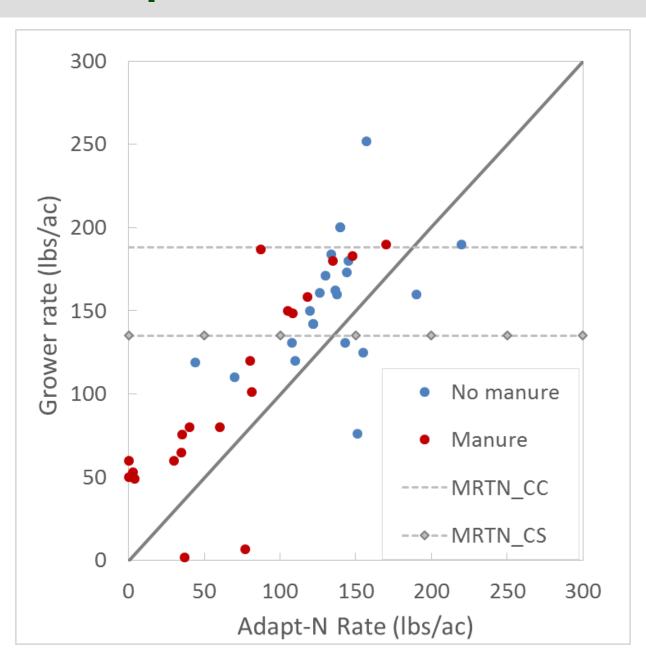
#### 2011-14 Grower vs Adapt-N Strip Trials

#### Soil Texture and Organic Matter Content



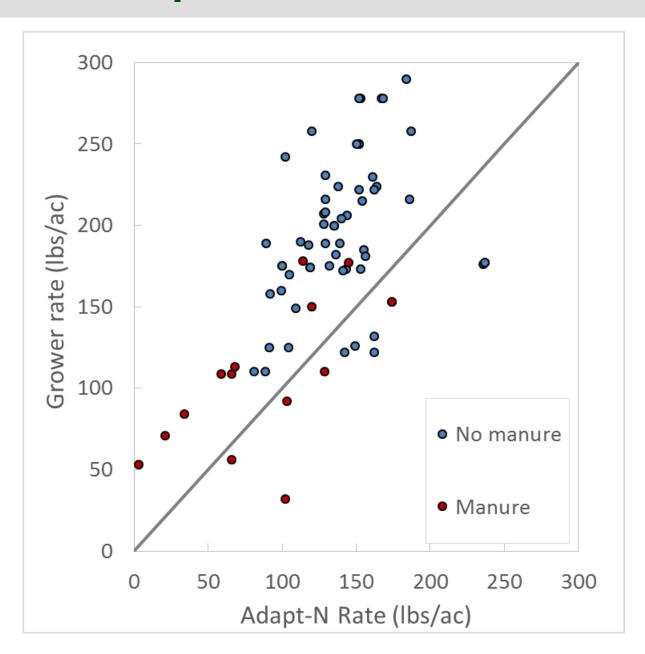
#### **Grower vs Adapt-N Rates - Iowa**





#### **Grower vs Adapt-N Rates – New York**

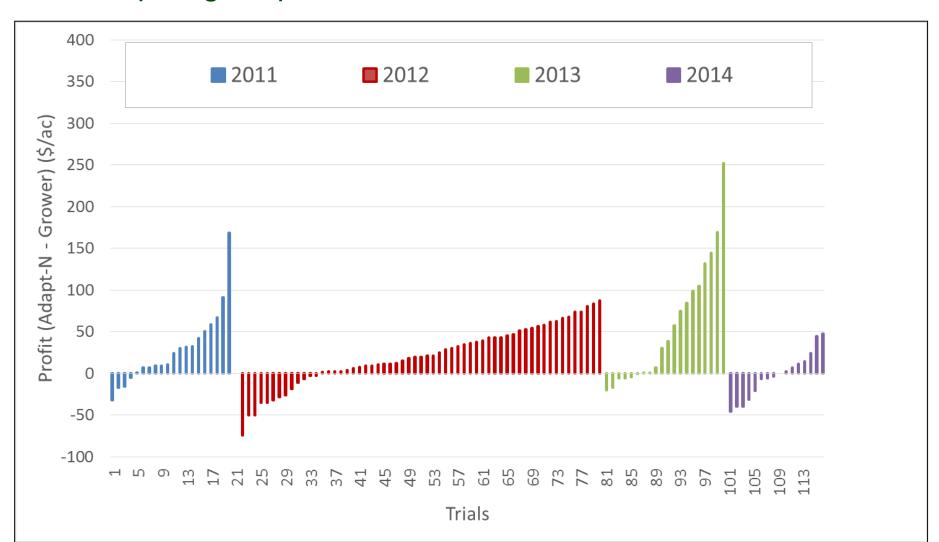






#### Profit differences for 2011-2014 strip trials in NY and IA

Comparing Adapt-N rate recommendations with Grower rates





#### Comparison of Adapt-N and Grower N rates

#### 2011-14 on-farm strip trials in Iowa and New York

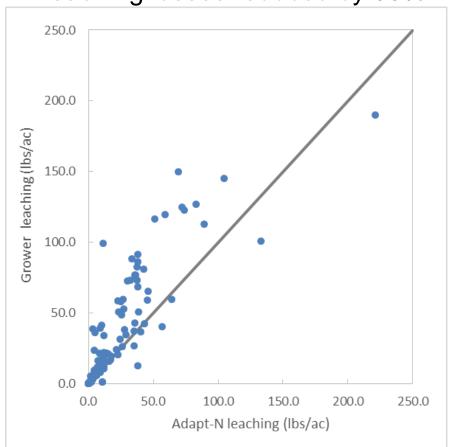
State-Year	NY2011	NY2012	NY2013	NY2014	IA2011	IA2012	IA2013	Mean
N input diff (lbs/ac)	-62.7	-66	19.1	-32.6	-16.7	-27.6	-19.3	-29.4
Yield diff (bu/ac)	-0.05	-1.85	20.60	-3.20	1.90	-0.45	0.50	2.49
Profit diff (\$/ac)	\$34.1	\$23.93	\$93.63	\$0.95	\$21.6	\$14.35	\$12.2	\$28.68



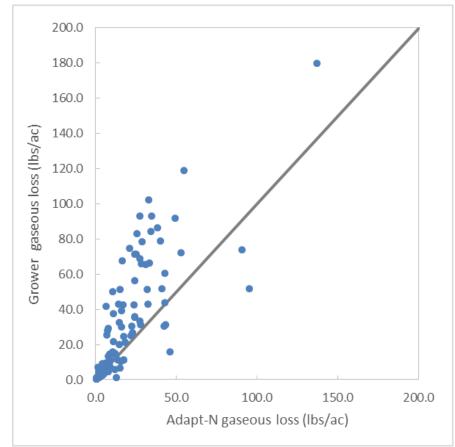
# Comparison of Adapt-N and Grower N rates: Simulated environmental losses

Iowa and New York Trials 2011-14

Leaching losses reduced by 35%



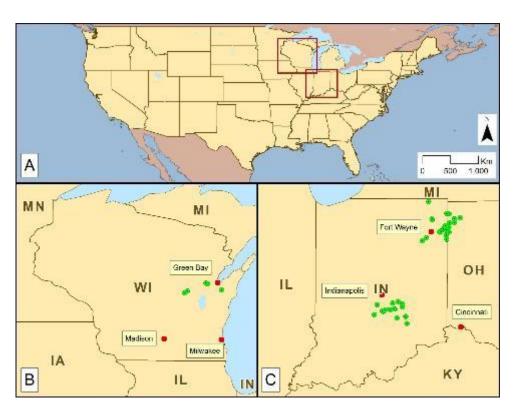
Gaseous losses reduced by 40%

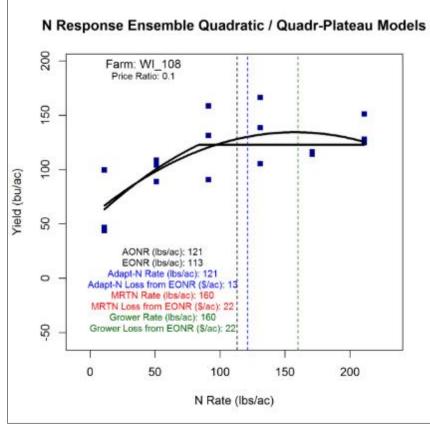




#### 2013-14 Multi-Rate Trials:

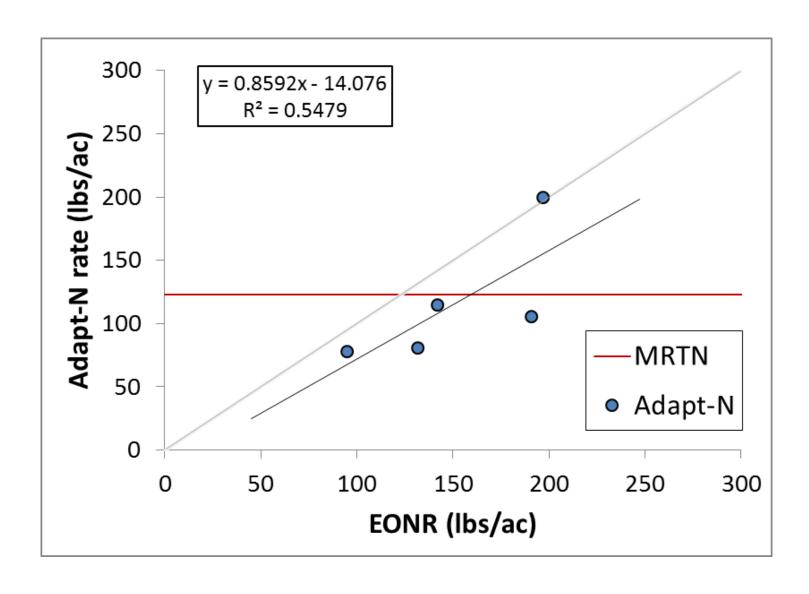
#### Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio (n=42)







#### Wisconsin 2013 EONR vs Adapt-N

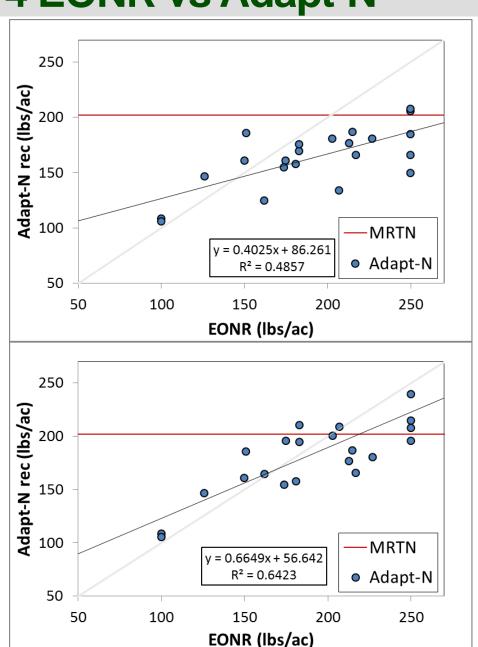




#### Indiana-Ohio 2014 EONR vs Adapt-N

Early Sidedress





#### Lessons Learned



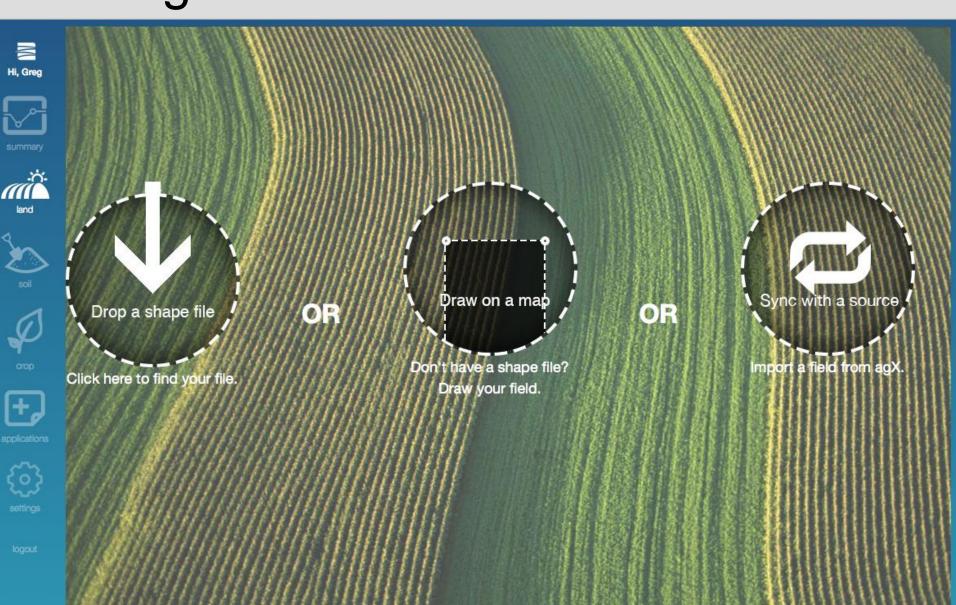
- Adapt-N offers win-win solutions
- Importance of good input data to achieve precise recommendations
- Recent upgrades have improved recommendations
- Complex models are needed to deal with diversity of conditions



# Creating recommendations

# Loading field data





### Fundamental objective: minimize time

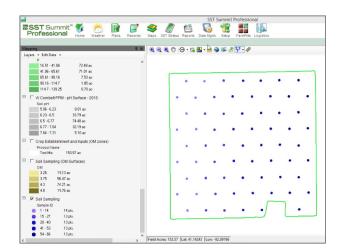


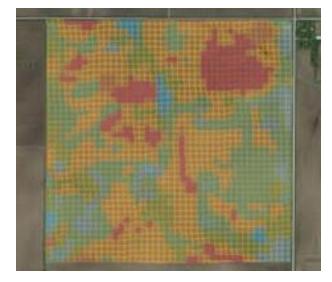
- Make use of data where it already exists
- Agree on and use a data standard
- Streamline workflows



Manage Data. Harvest Information.

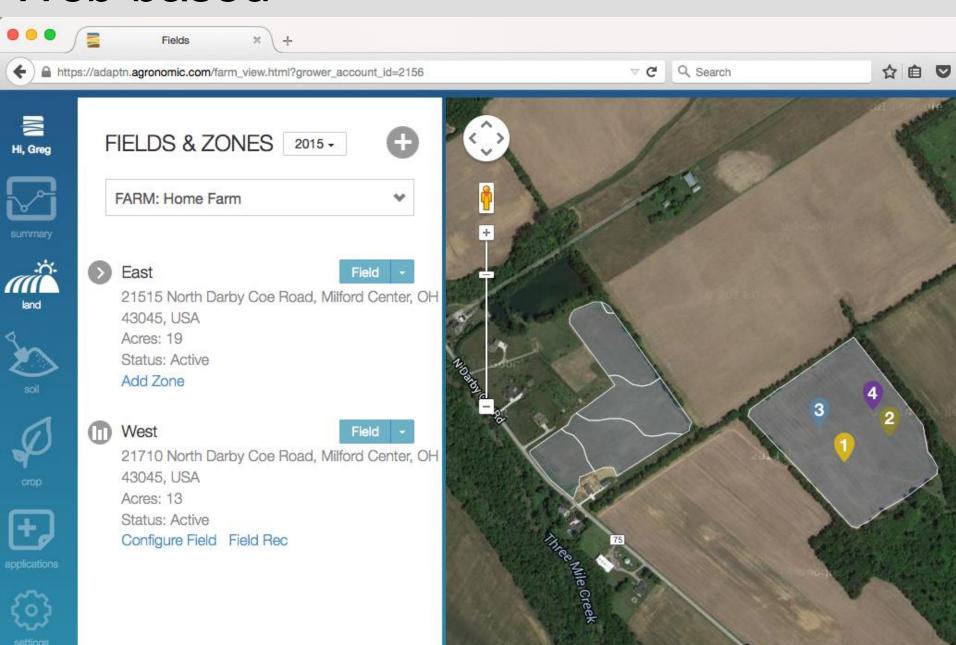






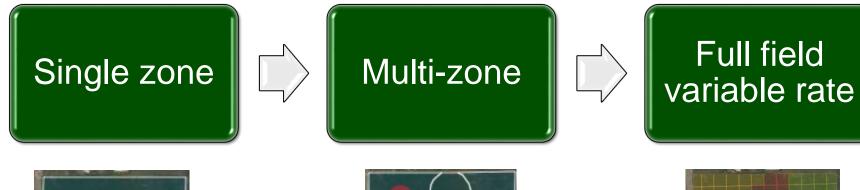
### Web-based





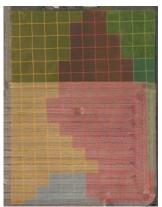
## Flexible zone creation options











N rec for flat rate application or basic nitrogen analysis

Simple VRT, or analysis by soil type, yield goal, organic matter, etc.

Powerful multi-variable VRT prescriptions, exportable to other systems

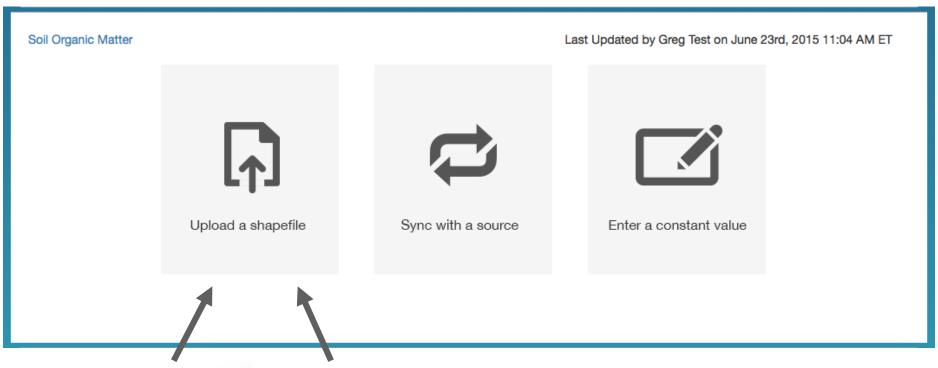
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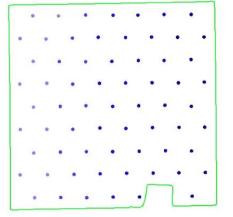


- Soil Type/Texture
- Slope
- Soil Organic Matter
- Prior crop info
- Planting info, expected yield
- Tillage method and details
- Existing and expected applications:
  - · Nitrogen rate, type, placement, date, stabilizer
  - · Manure type, rate, incorporation, and analysis
  - Irrigation

### We go where the data is





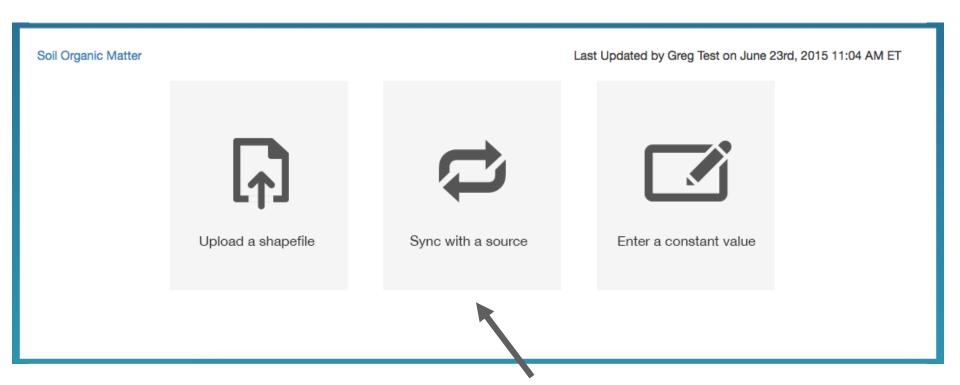




Example: Using Shapefiles to load soil organic matter data in grid-sampled or zone-sampled format.

### We go where the data is





Example: Syncing soil test data from another system





### We go where the data is

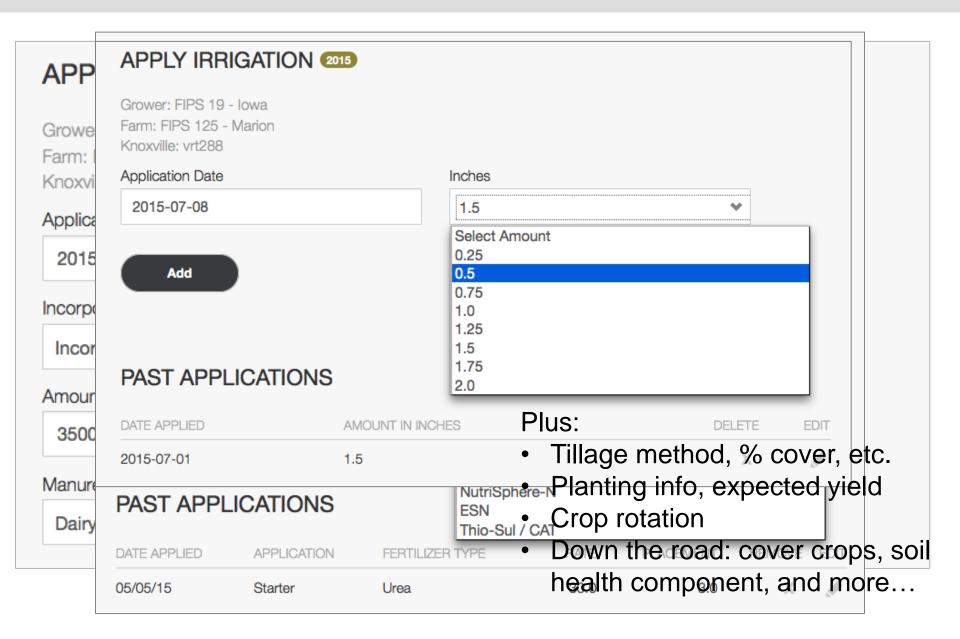


Soil Organic Matter		Last Updated by Greg Levow (Adapt-N Staff) on July 15	5th, 2015 05:55 PM ET
Enter a constant value	Soil Test Sample Depth (Inches)  0.0	Constant Soil Organic Matter %  0.0	Submit

Users always have the option to enter data manually.

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### FIELD RECOMMENDATION





Recommendation for 07/28/2015

0 / 41 / 95 / 1,378

lbs N/acre (min/avg/max/total)

Grower FIPS 19 - Iowa

Farm FIPS 125 - Marion

Field Knoxville

Acres 34

**Export Recommendation** 

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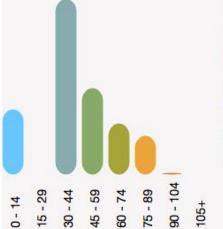
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Tillage Method Conservation Tillage

Rainfall Since Planting 19.1" Estimated Growth Stage V18

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Organic Matter (%)	1.20	2.35	3.70
Harvest Population	27,500	28,153	35,000
Yield Target (bu/acre)	160	165	220





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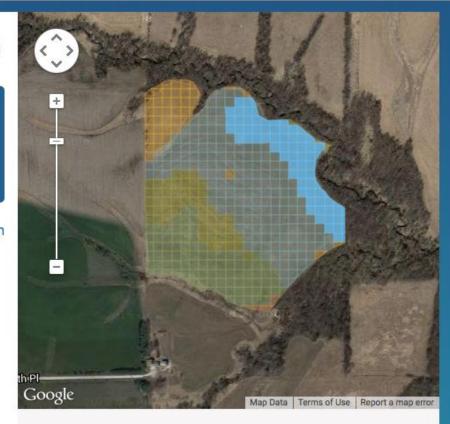
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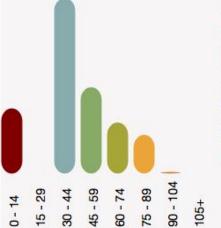
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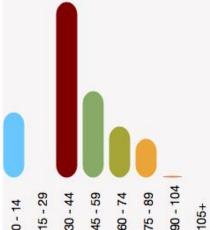
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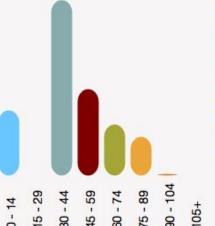
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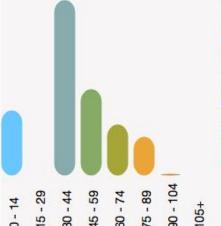
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### Supporting estimates











Created for 2015-Jul-28.













Farm: FIPS 125 - Marion Field: Knoxville Zone: vrt196 (2015) Soil Type: Ladoga Planted: 2015-05-05 Growth Stage: V18 Google

lbs N/Acre Sidedress N Recommendation Rec Range (lbs N/Acre)

N Fertilizer Already Applied

Recommendation based on 2015's configuration and the simulation year's supporting estimates, and assumptions:

Expected N in crop at harvest

lbs N/Acre Partial credit from soybeans

lbs N/Acre Future Net N Credits

Current Nitrate N top 12" Virtual PSNT: 0.3 ppm

lbs N/Acre N in soil now

Water in root zone / field capacity

lhs N/Acre Expected Future Fertilizer Loss

Rainfall since planting / since 01/01/15

Root zone inorganic N

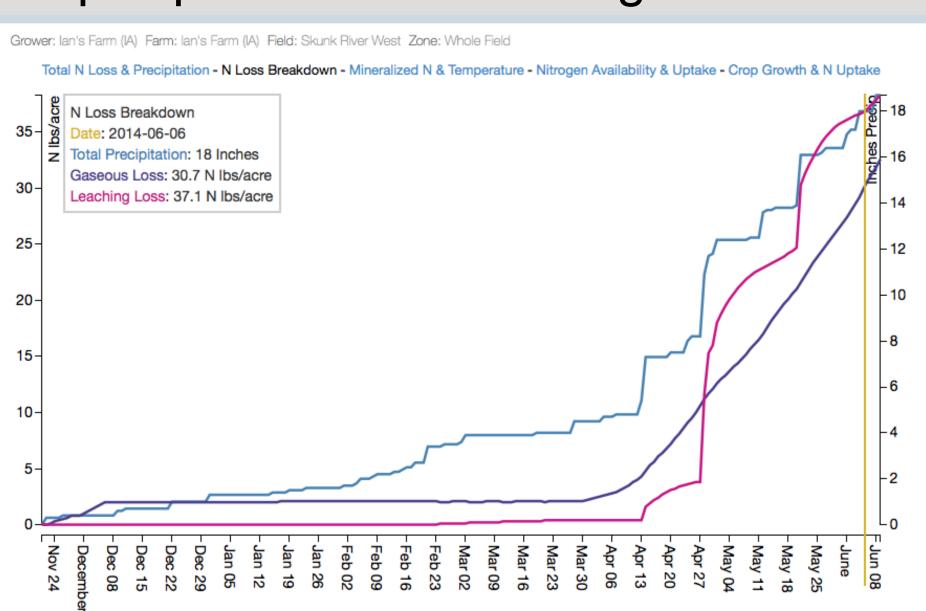
View as a short or full PDF. View Graphs. Get help with these values.

Data was last updated 2015-Jul-28 18:26:07 ET.

Detailed support for all recommendations gives users key insights into our modeling results so ground observations and other tools can be used in complement.

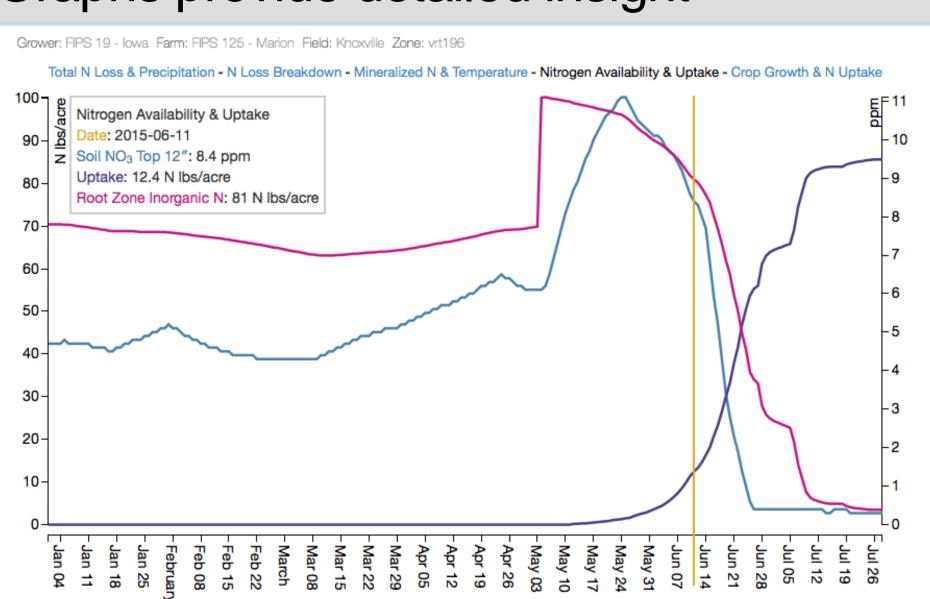
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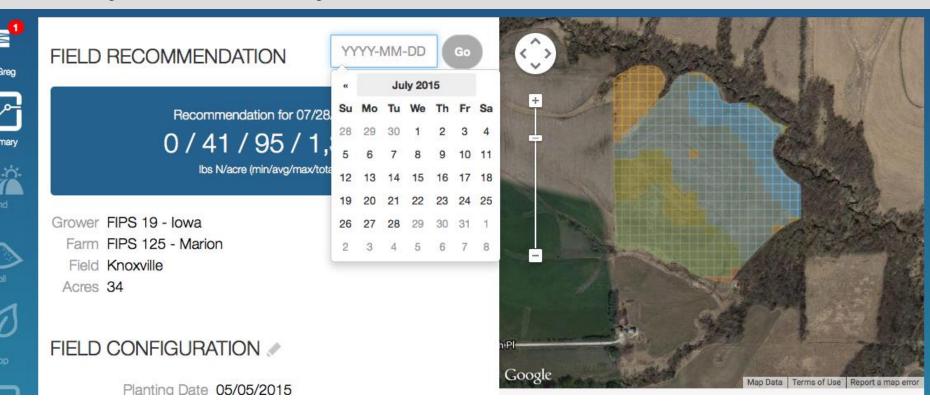
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## Multi-year analysis

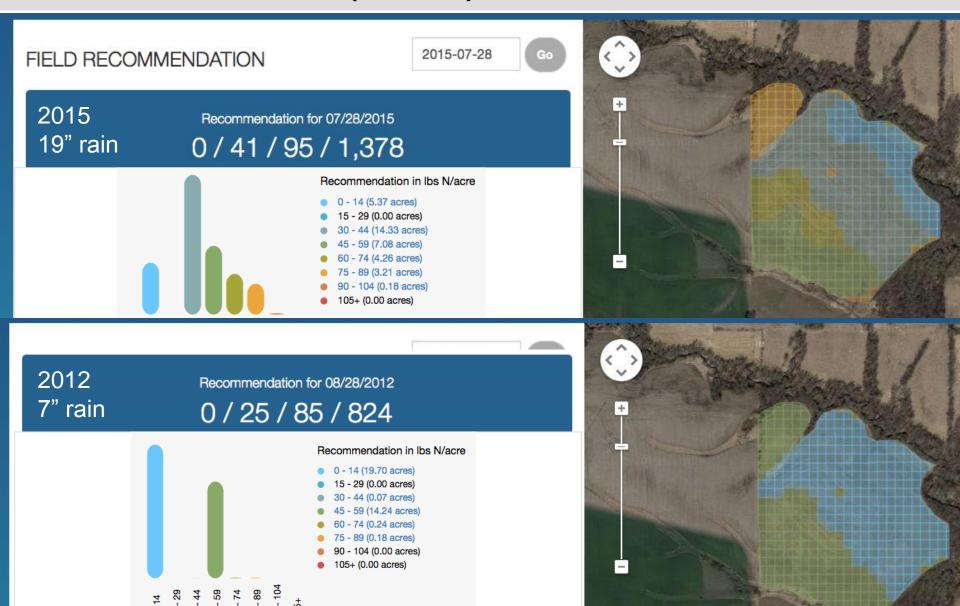




Select from historical weather years to compare recommendations under different scenarios

## 2015 vs. 2012 (lowa)





## Flexible export options



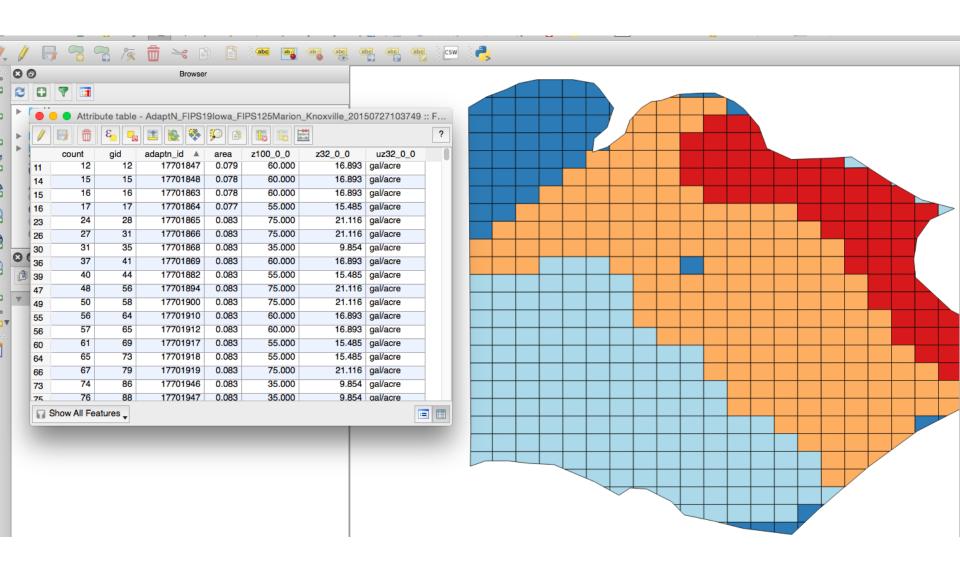
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Set Floor Value (Min)		Value	
Select	٧	N/A	
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Export as a Shapefile or to other systems in whatever form of nitrogen will be applied

## Adapt-N rec as a Shapefile





## Daily dashboards



GROWERS, FARMS & FIELDS	ACTIVE	ACRES	STAGE	RECOMMENDATION	Viewing: Active Field PAST APPLIED	ds - ACTION
Grower: Miller Farms (MN)	-	153	V0 - V18	+Nitrogen		
Farm/Field: Home Farm (MN) / Northeast Quarter	~	146	V18 - V18	45 - 45 lbs/acre	60.0 - 60.0 lbs/acre	٥
Farm/Field : Waite Park / County Hwy 6	~	7	V17 - V17	105 - 105 lbs/acre	120.0 - 120.0 lbs/acre	٥
Grower: Nyman Farms (NY)	-	22	V0 - V18	+Nitrogen		
Farm/Field : Home Farm / Middle Road 22	~	22	V18 - V18	0 - 110 lbs/acre	0.0 - 100.0 lbs/acre	٥
Grower: Ohlson Farms (OH)	-	31	V0 - V18	+Nitrogen		
Farm/Field: Woodville Farm / Home 30	~	31	V18 - V18	50 - 90 lbs/acre	0.0 - 35.0 lbs/acre	۵
Grower: Williams Farms (WI)	-	52	V0 - V19	+Nitrogen		
Farm/Field: Williams Dairy - Home Farm (WI) / Quarry 33	~	33	V19 - V19	60 - 65 lbs/acre	0.0 - 0.0 lbs/acre	٥

Quickly view the N needs and status across all growers based on daily summary dashboards

### Email/SMS alerts





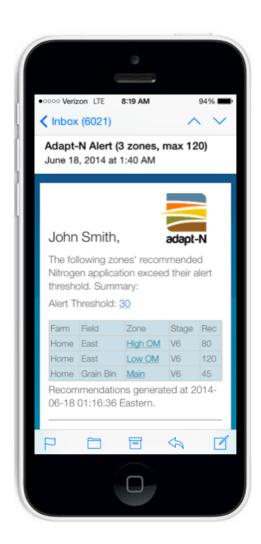
The following fields and/or zones have recommended Nitrogen application values that exceed their alert threshold. Summary:

- 3 farms
- 3 fields
- 4 zones, max: 85, min: 65, avg: 73

Alert Threshold: 40

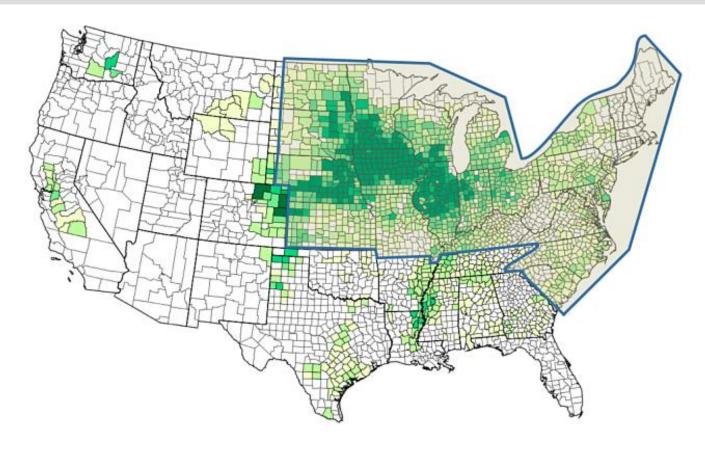
Farm	Field	Zone	Stage	Rec
Jones	Jones	Main	V5	65
Reed	Reed	Main	V5	85
Reed	Reed	adapt N Trial	V5	75
Rons	Rons	adapt N Trial	V5	70

Recommendations generated at 2015-06-10 04:47:05 Eastern.



# Widely deployed and growing





- 28 states and expanding
- Additional crops being added

### Adapt-N in a precision ag program

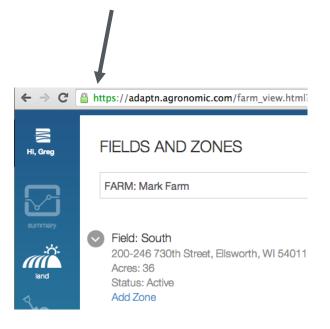


- Enables sales agronomists to provide a consistent nitrogen recommendation service across the territory
- We don't market directly to growers, but enable your brand to provide scientifically-based N recs as a service
- Flexible account structure: dashboards, multi-user, alerts, reporting, and login access for your growers (if desired)
- Identify/enhance additional crop nutrition sales opportunities, while providing an environmentally responsible N management service
- Margin opportunities for your precision program

## Data Privacy and Security



- Data intent
- Grower Bill of Rights
- HTTPS Encryption





. When we work with a partner, it is done on behalf of our Grower community. Our partners must understand and be aligned with

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the Grower Bill of Rights.

· To whom we are providing the results

· Our partners must be aligned with our Grower Bill of Rights

What the process is around ending your participation in the program

# Thank you!

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