

## Direct emission of nitrous oxide from agricultural soils

A.F. Bouwman

*National Institute of Public Health and the Environment P.O. Box 1, 3720 BA Bilthoven, The Netherlands*

Received 19 January 1996; accepted in revised form 12 April 1996

*Key words:* crop, emission, fertilizer, nitrogen, nitrous oxide, soil

### Abstract

This analysis is based on published measurements of nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) emission from fertilized and unfertilized fields. Data was selected in order to evaluate the importance of factors that regulate N<sub>2</sub>O production, including soil conditions, type of crop, nitrogen (N) fertilizer type and soil and crop management. Reported N<sub>2</sub>O losses from anhydrous ammonia and organic N fertilizers or combinations of organic and synthetic N fertilizers are higher than those for other types of N fertilizer. However, the range of management and environmental conditions represented by the data set is inadequate for use in estimating emission factors for each fertilizer type. The data are appropriate for estimating the order of magnitude of emissions. The longer the period over which measurements are made, the higher the fertilizer-induced emission. Therefore, a simple equation to relate the total annual direct N<sub>2</sub>O-N emission (E) from fertilized fields to the N fertilizer applied (F), was based on the measurements covering periods of one year:  $E = 1 + 1.25 \times F$ , with E and F in kg N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>. This relationship is independent of the type of fertilizer. Although the above regression equation includes considerable uncertainty, it may be appropriate for global estimates.

### Introduction

Nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) plays an important role in the atmospheric radiative balance and in the stratospheric ozone chemistry. A large number of major and minor sources of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions and sinks have been identified, yet there is considerable uncertainty about the source and sink strengths. Khalil & Rasmussen (1992) recently presented a global N<sub>2</sub>O budget indicating that the uncertainty for most N<sub>2</sub>O sources amounts to at least a factor of 2. Part of the uncertainty arises from the paucity of measurements of N<sub>2</sub>O fluxes. Another part stems from the difficulty of extrapolating measurements of biogenic fluxes from soils and aquatic sources to larger scales because of their extreme heterogeneity, both in space and time. For abiogenic sources, such as fossil fuel combustion and industrial processes, political, economic and cultural factors are major uncertainties in making extrapolations.

There is considerable uncertainty in the estimates of N<sub>2</sub>O emission from soils - a major global source (Watson et al., 1992). Few measurements of N<sub>2</sub>O flux-

es in agricultural fields have been published recently, despite the concern about the increase in the concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Many flux measurements were carried out between 1980 and 1990. For example, attempts have been made to estimate N<sub>2</sub>O emissions caused by synthetic nitrogen (N) fertilizers (Eichner, 1990), and synthetic and organic fertilizers (Bouwman, 1990), based on published values. Recently, Watson et al. (1992) estimated a global annual emission from cultivated fields of 0.03 - 3 Tg N<sub>2</sub>O-N (Tg = teragram; 1Tg = 10<sup>12</sup>g).

The direct efflux of N<sub>2</sub>O from agricultural fields is possibly only part of the emission caused by N fertilization. Denitrification of N leached from soils may form a potential source of N<sub>2</sub>O fluxes from groundwater or from surface waters by degassing. Nitrogen taken up by plants may be consumed by humans or animals. Denitrification of the nitrogen in their excreta may also become a source of N<sub>2</sub>O.

Many reviews have been published on N<sub>2</sub>O production by nitrification and denitrification (e.g. Firestone & Davidson, 1989). The release of N<sub>2</sub>O may be a by-

product of nitrifiers that denitrify nitrite ( $\text{NO}_2^-$ ) under oxygen stress (Poht & Focht, 1985). Under moist and oxygen-depleted conditions, denitrification is generally the major source of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , and both the rate of denitrification and the conditions that influence the ratio of  $\text{N}_2/\text{N}_2\text{O}$  determine the  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emission (Davidson, 1991). Many factors, summarized below, regulate nitrification and denitrification (Bouwman, 1990).

- Soil moisture and temperature, both of which affect microbial processes
- The amount of mineralizable organic carbon, used as an energy source for denitrifiers
- Soil oxygen availability, which controls denitrification; oxygen supply is mainly determined by the soil water content and the rate of microbial consumption;
- Concentrations of  $\text{NO}_3^-$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ; obviously the plant roots play a role by consuming nutrients and acting as a source of nutrients and carbon from residues and exudates;
- Soil pH, which influences nitrification and denitrification rates as well as the ratio of  $\text{N}_2/\text{N}_2\text{O}$ .

The method proposed by Eichner (1990) to calculate  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emission from different fertilizer types was adopted by the IPCC for making country estimates (OECD, 1991). Computer models to simulate  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emission from fertilized fields are based on N application and availability, weather conditions, soil properties, soil, crop and water management. The models range from simple mechanistic models (Mosier & Parton, 1985) to more complex process models (Li et al., 1992). These models were developed and validated for the conditions of a single site. Extrapolation of flux measurements should be validated for a wide range of conditions. However, this requires soil data and daily weather data currently not available on the global scale.

In this study published data of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emission in relation to N fertilization were analyzed along with the regulating factors of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  production and the flux measurements. On the basis of this analysis and comparison with earlier estimates a method to estimate annual  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emission from fertilized fields will be described. Several factors regulating production, consumption and emission of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  will be discussed briefly on the basis of the data in the Appendix. Another important aspect that will be discussed is the length of the period covered by the flux measurements and their frequency.

## Comparison of experiments

### Methods

The data considered include experiments in cropped and unplanted plots with different soils and different types of N fertilizers, ranging from organic to combinations of synthetic and organic fertilizers (Appendix). The flux measurement technique, period covered by the measurements and sampling frequency are indicated for all the experiments (Appendix).

Details on the measurement techniques used can be found in the individual reports listed. Two types of gas collection chambers or enclosures on the soil surface are commonly used to quantify the  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  flux from the soil to the atmosphere (Appendix). "Open" chambers have forced flow-through air circulation the gas flux from the soil surface can be calculated from concentration difference between incoming and outgoing air. "Closed" chambers have closed-loop air circulation, whereby the flux from the soil surface is calculated from the measured concentration increase inside the chamber. Other techniques in the Appendix include the soil gas gradient method, whereby the gas concentration gradient in the soil profile is used to estimate the flux to the atmosphere, and micrometeorological methods. Generally, in micrometeorological methods the flux between the soil surface and the atmosphere is assumed to be identical to the vertical flux measured at the reference level some distance above the surface, based on the concept that gas transport is accomplished by the eddy motion of the atmosphere which displaces parcels of air from one level to another. Details on the techniques can be found in the individual reports listed. Reviews of the theoretical and practical problems which cause variability in gas flux measurements are presented by Mosier (1989).

### Results

*Overall emission of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$*  The emission of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  is presented as: (i) the total  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emission during the period covered by the measurements; (ii) the fertilizer-induced  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emission, calculated as the difference in emission between the fertilized and the control plot and presented as a percentage of the fertilizer N applied; (iii) the total  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emission as a percentage of the fertilizer applied. The fertilizer-induced  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emission varies between 0% and 7% of the N application for 87 experiments for mineral soils as recorded in the Appendix that included a control plot. The total  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$

emission (not subtracting the emission from the control plots) from 180 experiments for mineral soils recorded in the Appendix ranges between 0% and 8% of the N application.

*Period covered by measurements* The length of the period over which the measurements were made may influence the amount of N<sub>2</sub>O from fertilizers captured. The average fertilizer-induced N<sub>2</sub>O emission for all experiments with control plots is 0.6% ( $\pm 1.1$  % standard deviation;  $n = 88$ ) of the N application based on all experiments for mineral soils (Appendix). The average fertilizer-induced N<sub>2</sub>O emission was found to be  $0.8 \pm 1.2\%$  for experiments  $> 30$  days ( $n = 70$ ),  $1.1 \pm 1.4\%$  for experiments of  $> 100$  days ( $n = 43$ ) and  $1.6 \pm 0.4\%$ , for experiments of  $> 200$  days ( $n = 5$ ). This suggests that if N<sub>2</sub>O flux measurements are extended over longer periods, more of the N<sub>2</sub>O emission induced by N fertilization will be captured. Hence, it is necessary to measure fluxes during prolonged periods to account for all the fertilizer-induced emission.

*Frequency of measurements* Brumme & Beese (1992) observed that N<sub>2</sub>O flux measurements done once per week tend to overestimate the total emission estimate relative to daily observation by 20%. In many studies the frequency of measurements is once per day or once every 2 or 3 days, with the highest frequencies in periods of high fluxes shortly after fertilizer application (Appendix). In some studies the measurements were done only once per week. These differences in frequency of flux measurements may form another source of uncertainty.

*Presence and type of crop* Many studies included fertilized but unplanted fields (Appendix). Since there is no N uptake by plants, denitrification and associated N<sub>2</sub>O emission may be higher than in cropped fields. The mean fertilizer-induced N<sub>2</sub>O emission for unplanted fields was found to be  $0.9 \pm 1.4\%$  of the N application ( $n = 41$ ), while the mean for fields with crops or grass was  $0.4 \pm 0.6\%$  ( $n = 47$ ).

The N<sub>2</sub>O emission from ungrazed grassland plots ( $0.3 \pm 0.5\%$ ,  $n = 19$ ) were found to be only slightly lower than that from cropped fields ( $0.4 \pm 0.6\%$ ,  $n = 28$ ). Grasses take up N quickly and completely, and have a longer growing season than crops, which could lead to more N uptake and less denitrification in grasslands than in cropped fields. But the amount of readily oxidizable organic substrate is probably more in grass than annual crops. The data show only a slight differ-

ence between grass and crops, possibly because most measurements covered only the spring and summer period and not the full year.

For most experiments it is impossible to determine the contributions of crop, the amount and type of N fertilizer, management practices and weather. However, in some experiments the crop or the combined effect of crop and management clearly determined the N<sub>2</sub>O emission, e.g. wetland rice and leguminous crops. Wetland rice in experiments 15 and 36 showed low N<sub>2</sub>O fluxes, and the N<sub>2</sub>O emission from dryland rice fields was somewhat higher (experiment 23). This may be caused by the low availability of oxygen, which is unfavorable for nitrification. Moreover, low oxygen availability may lead to a low N<sub>2</sub>O/N<sub>2</sub> ratio in denitrification products. However, Byrnes et al. (1993) showed that drainage and subsequent reflooding of rice fields may give rise to significant N<sub>2</sub>O emission. As measurements during drained phases were not done in experiments 15 and 36, the reported N<sub>2</sub>O emissions may be underestimated.

Fields with legumes showed high N<sub>2</sub>O emission. As leguminous crops usually receive little or no N fertilizer, these high N<sub>2</sub>O emissions may be attributed to N inputs from symbiotic N fixation. The only available data is for alfalfa ( $2.3\text{--}4.2$  kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>, experiment 17), soybeans ( $0.34\text{--}1.97$  kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>, experiment 41) and clover ( $0\text{--}0.07$  kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>, experiment 14). The measurements in the clover fields did not result in high fluxes, perhaps because N fertilizer added in this experiment prevented N fixation. Unfortunately the measurement period was not reported for experiment 14.

*Crop residues* The data indicate that decomposition and mineralization of crop residues may contribute to N<sub>2</sub>O fluxes. The effect of crop residues is illustrated by comparing experiments in Iowa on typical Haplaquolls (experiments 5 and 6). Both the control and the fertilizer treatment of experiment 6 showed much higher N<sub>2</sub>O emission than experiment 5. In experiment 5 maize residues were incorporated in the surface layer, while in experiment 6 soybean residues were left on the surface to decompose.

Experiment 20 included plots with rye grown as a cover crop after harvest of the previous crop. The rye was incorporated before planting tobacco and this produced lower N<sub>2</sub>O emission than plots with manure or alfalfa residue.

*Tillage.* Surface application of N fertilizers to plots with minimum or reduced tillage leads to high N<sub>2</sub>O emission (experiment 20). This is consistent with experiments 8 and 13, which showed lower N<sub>2</sub>O emission from ploughed plots cropped to winter wheat fertilized with NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> than unploughed, directly sown plots.

*Source and amount of nitrogen.* The variability in N<sub>2</sub>O fluxes is extremely high for all N fertilizer types and all application levels (Figure 1). Fluxes ranging between 0 and 30 kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> were observed in plots with mineral soils. The results for the unfertilized control plots (Appendix) range between -0.6 and 4.2 kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N ha<sup>-1</sup> (average 0.8, standard deviation 1.0 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup> n = 55). The variability may be caused by many different factors, of which the weather conditions and history of fertilization and management may be important ones.

Some forms of N show higher N<sub>2</sub>O emissions than other types. Fluxes of N<sub>2</sub>O from combinations of organic and synthetic fertilizers are generally high. The experiments listed in the Appendix showed the N content of organic fertilizers as total N, including mineral and organic N. Hence, there is uncertainty in the amount of available N because part of the organic N is not directly available, and volatilization of NH<sub>3</sub> was not accounted for here, just as for synthetic fertilizers.

Emissions from NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>-based fertilizers and combinations of organic and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> fertilizers from experiment 31 were found relatively high compared to other fertilizer types. Measurements in experiment 31 were carried out immediately after irrigation and rainfall events, and this likely caused an overestimation of both denitrification and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions extrapolated over the growing season.

Within the group of synthetic fertilizers, anhydrous ammonia induced the highest N<sub>2</sub>O fluxes. This may not, however, be the result of the type of fertilizer, but merely of the mode of application (see below).

*Mode of fertilizer application.* Some experiments indicated an important effect of the mode of fertilizer application. Most fertilizers were broadcast onto the soil surface and incorporated by tillage. Anhydrous ammonia must be injected as a gas into the soil. This produces highly alkaline zones of high ammonium concentration (various references quoted in Breitenbeck & Bremner, 1986a) that may lead to high N<sub>2</sub>O production (Bouwman, 1990). Experiments 4, 5, 6 and 10 showed that deeper injection of anhydrous

ammonia lead to higher N<sub>2</sub>O emission than shallower injection. Another example of the effect of high pH in experiment 36, in which urea drilled into the soil caused higher N<sub>2</sub>O emission than top-dressed urea for the same high N application rate of 180 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>.

It is difficult to explain why deeper injection resulted in higher N<sub>2</sub>O emission. The N loss by NH<sub>3</sub> volatilization from applied anhydrous ammonia is probably lower for deep than for shallow injection. However, if the ammonia is injected deeper, the transport of the N<sub>2</sub>O formed is over a longer distance, which increases possibilities for further N<sub>2</sub>O reduction.

*Timing of fertilizer application.* The data set does not include enough experiments on the effect of timing of the fertilizer application to draw conclusions. Applications in periods when the crop actually takes up nutrients will reduce N losses by denitrification and leaching, thereby also reducing N<sub>2</sub>O losses (Mosier, 1993).

*Soil type and properties* In experiments 4 and 7 different soils were included to measure the effect of different N fertilizers on N<sub>2</sub>O emission. Unfortunately, the authors did not explain the differences. A possible explanation may be the soil textures, as indicated by experiments 7 and 8. The heavy textured soils showed higher N<sub>2</sub>O emission than the lighter textured ones, possibly because heavy textured soils show stronger anaerobicity, which may extend over longer periods than light textured soils. In contrast, the light textured soils in experiment 4 showed higher emissions than heavier textured soils, possibly due to the dominating role of the weather conditions on the texture effect.

Drained organic soils with no fertilizer additions showed much higher N<sub>2</sub>O emissions than mineral soils, up to 100 kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (experiments 17 and 43). Mineralization of organic N in organic soils may be as high as 1400 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (Terry et al., 1981; Appendix). Using these numbers, the observed N<sub>2</sub>O emission from the organic soils constitutes a fraction of < 1 to > 10% of the N mineralized (Appendix).

Another soil property that may affect N<sub>2</sub>O emission is the soil pH, which may affect nitrification, denitrification and the ratio of N<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>O. Generally, it is thought that N<sub>2</sub>O reduction is inhibited at low pH (various references quoted in Bouwman et al., 1993). However the same soils modified to different pH gave no measurable differences in N<sub>2</sub>O emission (experiment 20). This may be due to adaptation to soil pH of denitrifiers since 1962 when the soils were limed (Parkin et al., 1985).

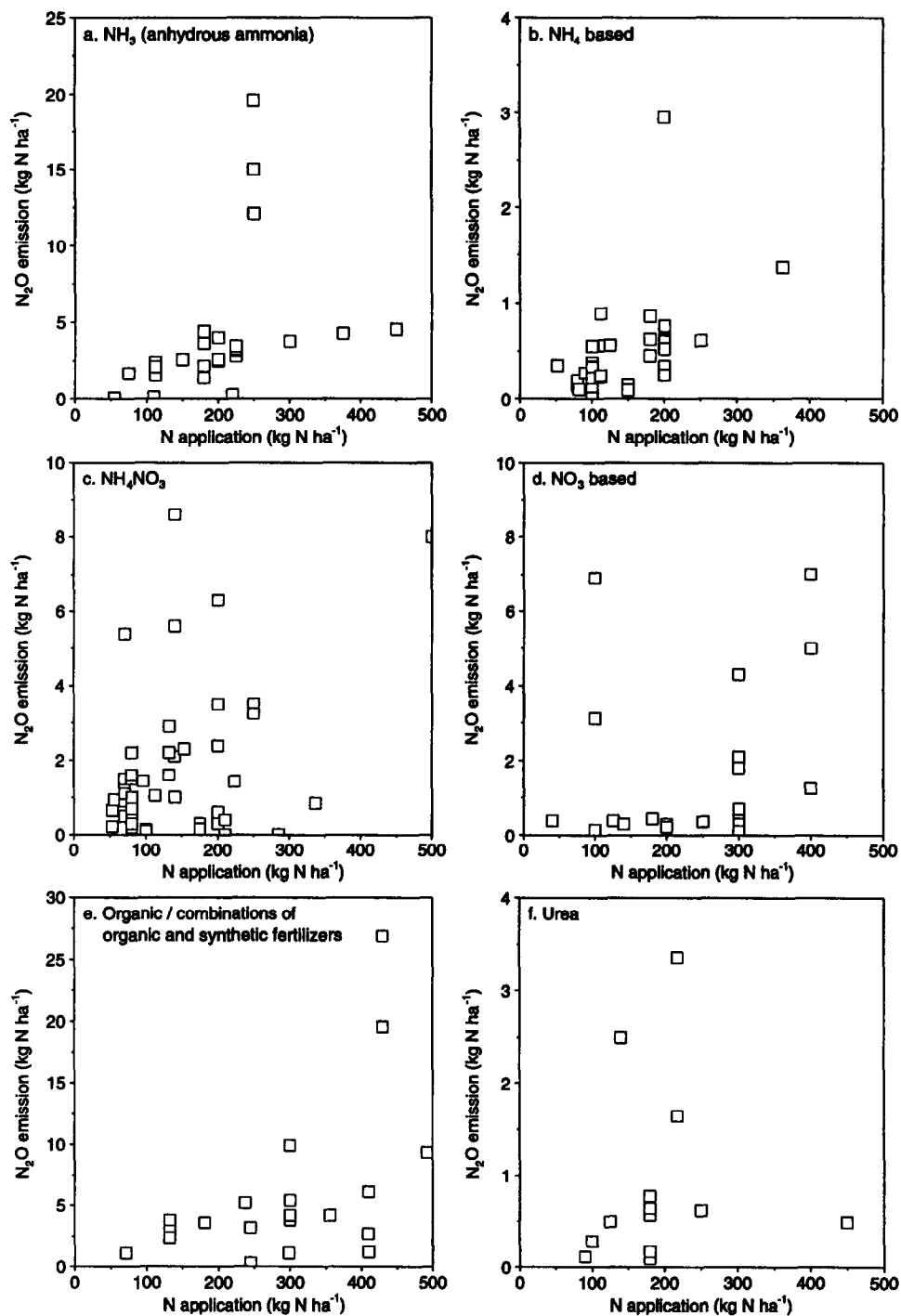


Figure 1. Relation between N fertilizer application and N<sub>2</sub>O emission from mineral soils for experiments listed in the Appendix independent of the period covered by the measurements. Data are presented for (a) anhydrous ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>); (b) ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub>)-based fertilizers; (c) ammonium nitrate (NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>); (d) nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub>)-based fertilizers; (e) organic fertilizers, and combinations of organic and synthetic fertilizers, and (f) urea.

Table 1. Average and standard deviation of the fertilizer-induced N<sub>2</sub>O emission<sup>a</sup> for different types of N fertilizer reported by Eichner (1990) compared with results from this study

Type	Eichner (1990) <sup>b</sup>			This study		
	Average N (%)	SD	n <sup>c</sup>	Average N (%)	SD	n <sup>c</sup>
Anhydrous ammonia	2.3	2.0	12	1.6	1.6	23
Ammonium nitrate	0.3	0.3	8	0.3	0.3	10
Salts of ammonium urea	0.1	0.1	17	0.1	0.1	20
Saltes of nitrate	0.1	0.0	7	0.3	0.6	14
Organic/combinations of organic and synthetic fertilizers	0.2	0.5	15	0.2	0.4	16
	nd <sup>d</sup>	nd	nd	1.5	0.5	5

<sup>a</sup> The fertilizer-induced emission is calculated as emission from the fertilized plot minus that from the control plot, presented as percentage of N fertilizer application.

<sup>b</sup> Recalculated from the data used by Eichner (1990), including N applications > 250 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>. The errors recorded in Eichner's tables in the measurement data from Seiler & Conrad (1981), Conrad et al. (1983) and Christensen (1983) were corrected.

<sup>c</sup>n = number of experiments.

<sup>d</sup>nd = no data.

*Soil drainage.* Experiment 11 concentrated on drainage of a poorly drained soil with stagnant water. Draining the soil caused a decrease in the N<sub>2</sub>O emission. The soils of all the experiments were classified according to soil drainage class based on data given in the reports or on the soil taxonomic class. For example, Paleudalfs are considered well drained, while the name Calciaquolls suggests hydromorphic properties and poor drainage. However, there was no clear relation found between soil drainage and N<sub>2</sub>O emission for the experiments listed.

### Determining the direct contribution of fertilizer to N<sub>2</sub>O emissions

The method presented by Eichner (1990) attempts to estimate fertilizer-induced emission, i.e. the emission from a fertilized plot minus that from a control plot, determined during the measurement period. Eichner (1990) calculated the fertilizer-induced N<sub>2</sub>O emission as a percentage of N fertilizer applied for a number of fertilizer types (Table 1). There are a number of uncertainties in this method:

- The data sets used by Eichner (1990) and in this study represent only a small number of climatic, soil and management conditions. For example, Eichner based the median and range of N<sub>2</sub>O emission induced by anhydrous NH<sub>3</sub> on only a few

experiments, mostly carried out in Iowa (experiments 3-7). The highest fertilizer-induced N<sub>2</sub>O emission (6.8%, experiment 6) was observed in fields where soybean residues were left on the surface to decompose. This may not be representative of worldwide practices in fields where anhydrous ammonia is applied.

- Addition of observations to the data set of Eichner (1990) can result in changes in the calculated average N<sub>2</sub>O losses caused by fertilization. This study included 14 measurements for anhydrous ammonia that were not reviewed by Eichner (1990); the result is a 30% lower fertilizer-induced emission (Table 1). This has important consequences for the estimated emission from the application of anhydrous ammonia, which contributes about 45% to the global N<sub>2</sub>O emission from fertilizers based on Eichner's method. The greatest difference is found for urea, where the N<sub>2</sub>O emission resulting from this study exceeds the estimate of Eichner (1990) by a factor of 3, brought about by the addition of only 7 measurements.
- Fertilizer-induced N<sub>2</sub>O emission does not yield an estimate of the *total* annual emission. Most measurements listed in the Appendix cover the crop season or shorter periods. Most of the N<sub>2</sub>O is generally emitted within one month after fertilizer application, after which emissions decline to a "background" level. Although the background emission

may be low its contribution to the annual flux may not be negligible. Moreover, it is very likely that this background emission level is influenced by the fertilization and soil management during previous years. Hence, to estimate the full effect of fertilizers, annual emission estimates should account for this background level.

A simple method is proposed here to calculate the *total annual* N<sub>2</sub>O emission from fertilized fields, independent of crop, management, soil conditions and fertilizer type. As noted above, the length of the measurement period seems to be important in determining the total N<sub>2</sub>O emission. Figure 1 shows the relationship between N-fertilizer application rate and N<sub>2</sub>O emission for all experiments on mineral soils. Clearly, there is no correlation between N application rate and N<sub>2</sub>O emission if the duration of measurements is not considered. For experiments with a full year of N<sub>2</sub>O flux measurements, the correlation is much better. Data presented in Figure 2 for cropped fields and ungrazed grass plots include a variety of different fertilizers (including synthetic, organic, and combinations of organic and synthetic N fertilizers), weather conditions and soils. The results from experiment 2 were excluded because of reported abnormally low precipitation. The results from leguminous crops (experiments 17 and 41) were also excluded because the input from N fixation was not reported.

Least squares fitting of the data in Figure 2 to a linear function result in equation (1) with an  $r^2$  of 0.8:

$$E = 1 + 0.0125 \times F \quad (1)$$

here  $E$  = emission (kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N) and  $F$  = fertilizer application rate (kg N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>). This relationship was based on only 20 experiments, with measurements covering a full year; its global applicability is highly uncertain. The *background* emission of 1 kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> is based on only five estimates for unfertilized plots, with a range of emissions from -0.6 to + 3.2 kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (experiments 30 and 19, respectively). It is, however, consistent with the average of the 33 measurements covering more than 100 days in unfertilized control plots of  $1.2 \pm 1.1$  kg N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>.

The *fertilizer-induced* N<sub>2</sub>O emission of 1.25% is close to the calculated 1.1% ( $\pm 1.4\%$ ) fertilizer-induced N<sub>2</sub>O emission based on 43 experiments with a duration of measurements of > 100 days where a control plot was included. The 1.25% fertilizer-induced emission is also consistent with Mosier's (1993) esti-

mate of 1% and with the 0.5-2% N<sub>2</sub>O emission from fertilizers estimated by Bolle et al. (1986).

## Discussion and conclusions

Although the factors that control N<sub>2</sub>O production are known, it is impossible to predict their interaction under field conditions on the basis of the available information. These factors greatly affect the N<sub>2</sub>O emission generated by fertilizers (Appendix). The processes of nitrification and denitrification, and the controls of the reduction of N<sub>2</sub>O to N<sub>2</sub>, have specific optimum conditions. Redox, moisture and C sources change during the year and from one year to another, and the importance of the different N<sub>2</sub>O producing processes also changes as a consequence. The variability in the data is caused by a variety of factors related to weather and management and their interaction, such as local rainfall and temperature, timing and frequency of irrigation, history, mode and timing of fertilizer application, presence or absence of crops, type of crop and soil management.

Byrnes et al. (1990) concluded that N<sub>2</sub>O emissions may be more closely related to soil properties than to the N source. However, the comparison in Table 1 suggests that there may be differences in N<sub>2</sub>O emission caused by fertilizer type. With the variability in estimates and the small number of experiments, the addition of a few experiments drastically changed the calculated emission factors, as was shown for anhydrous ammonia and urea. Therefore, the data set is too limited to calculate the N<sub>2</sub>O emission specific for each fertilizer type and sufficient new data is not likely to be generated in the coming years. However the available data are adequate to estimate the order of magnitude of emissions.

A simple approach was developed on the basis of a background emission of 1 kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> plus a fertilizer-induced N<sub>2</sub>O emission of 1.25% of the N application. This method has been shown to be independent of fertilizer types, and may not be adequate to estimate emissions for local conditions or specific crops. The absolute range of uncertainty for the fertilizer-induced N<sub>2</sub>O emission is 0.25 - 2.25% based on the data set but excluding the extremes (AR Mosier, 1994, personal communication).

The method may be adequate for global analyses. Assuming that the global N fertilizer use of 80 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup> in 1990 (FAO, 1991) is applied exclusively to arable fields and that no organic fertilizers are used, the

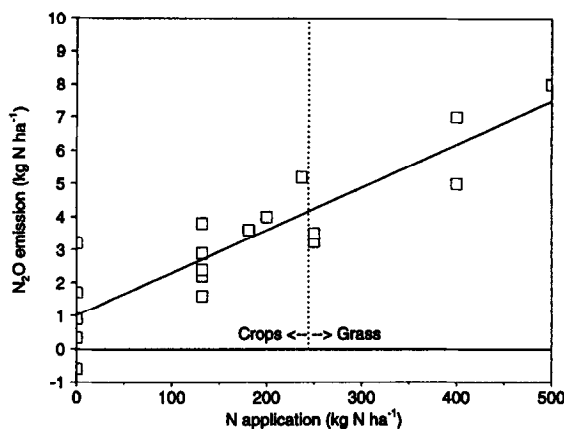


Figure 2. Relationship between N fertilizer application and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emission for experiments on plots with mineral soils for N application rates  $< 500 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  with a measurement period of one year. Results for experiment 2 and measurements for leguminous crops (Appendix) were excluded. The squares indicate both measurements in cropped fields and ungrazed grasslands.

background emission calculated for the global arable land area of  $1440 \times 10^6 \text{ ha}$  is  $1.4 \text{ Tg N}_2\text{O-N yr}^{-1}$  and the fertilizer-induced emission is an additional  $1 \text{ Tg N}_2\text{O-N yr}^{-1}$ . Hence, arable lands are a major source in the global  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  budget of  $13\text{--}16 \text{ Tg yr}^{-1}$ . The fertilizer-induced  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emission is about equal to the global  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emission from animal excreta (Bouwman et al., 1995). The contribution of global synthetic fertilizer use to the atmospheric increase of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  of  $4 \text{ Tg yr}^{-1}$  is about 25%.

This estimate does not include  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emissions from leguminous crops. These crops usually receive little or no N fertilizer. The  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emissions from fields with leguminous crops may be considerable. These high  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emissions may be attributed to inputs from symbiotic N fixation. The global area of leguminous crops is  $145 \text{ Mha}$  (FAO, 1991), about 10% of the total arable land. This area does not include legumes grown as green manures not reported by the FAO (1991), and legumes in grasslands and N-fixing grass species. The N inputs from legumes to agricultural systems may be of the same order of magnitude as global synthetic N fertilizer use (Duxbury et al., 1993), indicating the potential importance for the  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  cycle.

Finally, the above method does not account for the high reported fluxes of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  from cultivated drained organic soils and other wetland areas. Although the global area of arable land with organic soil may not be important, this may be a significant local source.

## Acknowledgements

This study formed part of MAP project No 773004 of the National Institute of Public Health and the Environment (RIVM). An earlier version of this report was published as RIVM report No 773004004. Many researchers have been helpful in supplying reprints of articles. In particular I wish to thank Arvin Mosier (USDA-ARS) for his comments and advice during the course of this study and Klaas van der Hoek for his critical reading of the draft. Thanks are due to two anonymous reviewers and to Ruth de Wijs (RIVM) for editorial assistance.

## References

- Arah JRM, Smith KA, Crighton IJ & Li HS (1991) Nitrous oxide production and denitrification in Scottish arable soils. *Soil Sci* 42:351–367
- Armstrong ASB (1983) Nitrous oxide emissions from two sites in southern England during winter 1981/19982. *J Sci Food Agric* 34:803–807
- Bolle HJ, Seiler W & Bolin B (1986) Other greenhouse gases and aerosols. Assessing their role in atmospheric radiative transfer. *In* Bolin B, Döös BR, Jäger J & Warrick RA (eds) *The Greenhouse Effect, Climatic Change and Ecosystems*, pp157–203, SCOPE Vol. 29. Wiley and Sons, New York, USA
- Bouwman AF (1990) Exchange of greenhouse gases between terrestrial ecosystems and the atmosphere. *In*: Bouwman AF (ed) *Soils and the Greenhouse Effect*, pp 61–127, Wiley and Sons, Chichester, UK
- Bouwman AF, Fung I, Matthews E & John J (1993) Global analysis of the potential for  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  production in natural soils, *Global Biogeochem Cycles* 7:557–597



- Bouwman AF, Olivier JGJ & van der Hoek KW (1995) Uncertainties in the global source distribution of nitrous oxide. *J Geophys Res* 100:2785–2800
- Brams EA, Hutchinson GL, Anthony WP & Livingston GP (1990) Seasonal nitrous oxide emissions from an intensively-managed, humid, subtropical grass pasture. In: Bouwman AF (ed) *Soils and the Greenhouse Effect*, pp 481–487. Wiley and Sons, Chichester, UK
- Breitenbeck GA & Bremner JM (1986a) Effects of various nitrogen fertilizers on emission of nitrous oxide from soils *Biol Fert Soils* 2:195–199
- Breitenbeck GA & Bremner JM (1986b) Effects of rate and depth of fertilizer application on emission of nitrous oxide from soil fertilized with anhydrous ammonia. *Biol Fert Soils* 2:201–204
- Breitenbeck GA, Blackmer AM & Bremner JM (1980) Effects of different nitrogen fertilizers on emission of nitrous oxide from soil. *Geophys Res Lett* 7:85–88
- Bremner JM, Breitenbeck GA & Blackmer AM (1981a) Effect of nitrapyrin on emission of nitrous oxide from soil fertilized with anhydrous ammonia. *Geophys Res Lett* 8:353–356
- Bremner JM, Breitenbeck GA & Blackmer AM (1981b) Effect of anhydrous ammonia fertilization on emission of nitrous oxide from soils. *J Environ Qual* 10:77–80
- Bremner JM, Robbins SG & Blackmer (1980) Seasonal variability of nitrous oxide from soil. *Geophys Res Lett* 7:641–644
- Bronson KF, Mosier AR & Bishnoi SR (1992) Nitrous oxide emissions in irrigated corn as affected by nitrification inhibitors. *Soil Sci Soc Am J* 56:161–165
- Brumme R & Beese F (1992) Effects of liming and nitrogen fertilization on emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O from a temperate forest. *J Geophys Res* 97:12851–12858
- Burford JR, Dowdell RJ & Crees R (1981) Emission of nitrous oxide to the atmosphere from direct drilled and ploughed clay soils *J Sci Food Agric* 32:219–223
- Byrnes BH, Christianson CB, Holt LS & Austin ER (1990) Nitrous oxide emissions from the nitrification of nitrogen fertilizers. In: Bouwman AF (ed) *Soils and the Greenhouse Effect*, pp 489–495. Wiley, Chichester, UK
- Byrnes BH, Holt LS & Austin ER (1993) The emission of nitrous oxide upon wetting a rice soil following a dry season fallow. *J Geophys Res* 98:22925–22929
- Cates RL & Keeney DR (1987) Nitrous oxide production throughout the year from fertilized and manured maize fields. *J Environ Qual* 16:443–447
- Li C, Frolking S & Frolking TA (1992) A model of nitrous oxide evolution from soil driven by rainfall events: I. Model structure and sensitivity. *J Geophys Res* 97:9759–9776
- Christensen S (1983) Nitrous oxide emission from a soil under permanent grass: seasonal and diurnal fluctuations as influenced by manuring and fertilization. *Soil Biol Biochem* 15:531–536
- Cochran L, Elliot LF & Papendick RI (1980) Nitrous oxide emissions from a fallow field fertilized with anhydrous ammonia. *Soil Sci Soc Am J* 45:307–310
- Colbourn P & Harper IW (1987) Denitrification in drained and undrained arable clay soil. *J Soil Sci* 38:531–539
- Colbourn P, Harper IW & Iqbal MM (1984a) Denitrification losses from <sup>15</sup>N labelled calcium fertilizer in a clay soil in the field. *J Soil Sci* 35:539–547
- Colbourn P, Iqbal MM & Harper IW (1984b) Estimation of the total gaseous nitrogen losses from clay soils under laboratory and field conditions. *J Soil Sci* 35:11–22
- Conrad R & Seiler W (1980) Field measurements of the loss of fertilizer nitrogen into the atmosphere as nitrous oxide *Atmos Environ* 14:555–558
- Conrad R, Seiler W & Bunse G (1983) Factors influencing the loss of fertilizer nitrogen in the atmosphere as N<sub>2</sub>O. *J Geophys Res* 88:6709–6718
- Davidson EA (1991) Fluxes of nitrous oxide and nitric oxide from terrestrial ecosystems. In: Rogers JE & Whitman WB (eds) *Microbial Production and Consumption of Greenhouse gases: Methane, Nitrogen oxides and Halomethanes*, pp 219–235. American Society of Microbiology, Washington, DC, USA
- Denmead OT, Freney JR & Simpson JR (1979) Nitrous oxide emission during denitrification in a flooded field. *Soil Sci Soc Am J* 43:716–718
- Duxbury JM, Bouldin DR, Terry RE & Tate III RL (1982) Emissions of nitrous oxide from soils. *Nature* 298:462–464
- Duxbury JM & McConnaughey PK (1986) Effect of fertilizer source on denitrification and nitrous oxide emissions in a maize field. *Soil Sci Soc Am J* 50:644–648
- Duxbury JM, Harper LA & Mosier AR (1993) Contributions of agroecosystems to global climate change. In: Rolston DE, Duxbury JM, Harper LH & Mosier AR (eds) *Agricultural Ecosystem Effects on Trace Gases and Global Climate Change*. ASA Special Publication 55, pp 1–18. American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America and Soil Science Society of America, Madison, USA
- Eggington GM & Smith KA (1986a) Nitrous oxide emission from a grassland soil fertilized with slurry and calcium nitrate. *J Soil Sci* 37:59–67
- Eggington GM & Smith KA (1986b) Losses of nitrogen by denitrification from a grassland soil fertilized with cattle slurry and calcium nitrate. *J Soil Sci* 37:69–80
- Eicher MJ (1990) Nitrous oxide emissions from fertilized soils: summary of available data. *J Environ Qual* 19:272–280
- FAO (1991) *Agrostat PC, Computerized Information Series 1/3: Land use*. FAO Publications Division. FAO, Rome, Italy
- Firestone MK & Davidson EA (1989) Microbiological basis of NO and N<sub>2</sub>O production and consumption in soil. In: Andreae MO & Schimel DS (eds) *Exchange of Trace Gases between terrestrial Ecosystems and the Atmosphere*, pp 7–21. Wiley and Sons, Chichester, UK
- Goodroad LL & Keeney DR (1984) Nitrous oxide emission from forest, marsh and prairie ecosystems. *J Environ Qual* 13:448–452
- Goodroad LL, Keeney DR & Peterson LA (1984) Nitrous oxide emissions from agricultural soils in Wisconsin. *J Environ Qual* 13:557–561
- Hutchinson GL & Brams EA (1992) NO versus N<sub>2</sub>O emission from an NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-amended bermuda grass pasture. *J Geophys Res* 97:9889–9896
- Hutchinson GL & Mosier AR (1979) Nitrous oxide emissions from an irrigated corn field. *Science* 205:1125–1127
- Khalil MAK & Rasmussen RA (1992) The global sources of nitrous oxide. *J Geophys Res* 97:14651–14660
- McKenney DJ, Shuttleworth KF & Findlay WI (1980) Nitrous oxide evolution rates from fertilized soils: effects of applied nitrogen. *Can J Soil Sci* 60:429–438
- Minami K (1987) Emission of nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) from Agroecosystem. *JARQ* 21:22–27.
- Minami K (1990) Effect of nitrification inhibitors on emission of nitrous oxide from soils. Proceedings International Congress of the International Soil Science Society, Kyoto, Japan, August 1990.
- Mosier AR (1989) Chamber and isotope techniques. In: Andreae MO & Schimel DS (eds) *Exchange of Trace Gases between terrestrial Ecosystems and the Atmosphere*, pp 175–187. Dahlem Workshop report. Wiley and Sons, Chichester, UK

- Mosier AR (1993) Nitrous oxide emissions from agricultural soils. In: Amstel AR (ed) Proceedings of the International Workshop "Methane and Nitrous Oxide: Methods in National Emission Inventories and Options for Control", February 3-5, 1993, Amersfoort, The Netherlands, pp. 273-285. Report 481507003, National Institute of Public Health and Environmental Protection, Bilthoven, The Netherlands.
- Mosier AR & Hutchinson GL (1981) Nitrous oxide emissions from cropland fields. *J Environ Qual* 10:169-173
- Mosier AR & Parton WJ (1985) Denitrification in a shortgrass prairie: a modelling approach. In: Caldwell DE, Brierley JA & Brierley CL (eds) *Planetary Ecology*, pp 441-451. Van Nostrand Reinhold Co., New York, USA
- Mosier AR, Guenzi WD & Schweizer EE (1986) Soil losses of dinitrogen and nitrous oxide from irrigated crops in Northeastern Colorado. *Soil Sci Soc Am J* 50:344-348
- Mosier AR, Hutchinson GL, Sabey BR & Baxter J (1982) Nitrous oxide emissions from barley plots treated with ammonium nitrate or sewage sludge. *J Environ Qual* 11:78-81
- Mosier AR, Mohanty SK, Bhadrachalam A & Chakravorti SK (1990) Evolution of dinitrogen and nitrous oxide from the soil to the atmosphere through rice plants. *Biol Fert Soils* 9:61-67
- Mosier AR, Stillwell M, Parton WJ & Woodmansee RG (1981) Nitrous oxide emissions from a native short grass prairie. *Soil Sci Soc Am J* 45:617-619
- OECD (1991) Estimation of greenhouse gas emissions and sinks. Final report from OECD experts meeting, 18-21 February 1991. Prepared for Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), revised August 1991. OECD
- Parkin TB, Sextone AJ & Tiedje JM (1985) Adaptation of denitrifying populations to low soil pH. *Appl Environ Microbiol* 49:1053-1056
- Poth M & Focht DD (1985)  $^{15}\text{N}$  kinetic analysis of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  production by *Nitrosomonas europaea*: an examination of nitrifier denitrification. *Appl Environ Microbiol* 49:1134-1141
- Rolston DE, Hoffman DL & Toy DW (1978) Field measurement of denitrification: I. Flux of  $\text{N}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ . *Soil Sci Soc Am J* 42:863-869
- Ryden JC (1981)  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  exchange between a grassland soil and the atmosphere. *Nature* 292:235-237
- Ryden JC (1983) Denitrification loss from a grassland soil in the field receiving different rates of nitrogen as ammonium nitrate. *J Soil Sci* 34:355-365
- Ryden JC & Lund LJ (1980) Nature and extent of directly measured denitrification losses from some irrigated crop production units. *Soil Sci Soc Am J* 44:505-511
- Ryden JC, Lund LJ, Letey J & Focht DD (1979) Direct measurement of denitrification loss from soils II. Development and application of field methods. *Soil Sci Soc Am J* 43:110-118
- Seiler W & Conrad R (1981) Field measurements of natural and fertilizer-induced  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  release rates from soils. *J Air Pollut Control Assoc* 31:767-772
- Slemr F, Conrad R & Seiler W (1984) Nitrous oxide emissions from fertilized and unfertilized soils in a subtropical region (Andalusia, Spain). *J Atmos Chem* 1:159-169
- Smith CJ, Brandon M & Patrick WH Jr (1982) Nitrous oxide emission following urea-N fertilization of wetland rice. *Soil Sci Plant Nutr* 28:161-171
- Terry RE, Tate RL III & Duxbury JM (1981) Nitrous oxide emissions from drained, cultivated organic soils in South Florida. *J Air Pollut Control Assoc* 31:1173-1176
- USDA (1975) *Soil Taxonomy. A Basic System of Soil Classification for making and interpreting Soil Surveys*. Agric Handbook 436. Soil Conservation Service, US Dept. of Agriculture
- Watson RT, Meira Filho LG, Sanhueza E & Janetos A (1992) Sources and sinks. In: Houghton JT, Callander BA & Varney SK (eds.) *Climate change 1992. The supplementary report to the IPCC scientific assessment*, pp 25-46. University Press, Cambridge, UK
- Webster CP & Dowdell RJ (1982) Nitrous oxide emission from permanent grass swards. *J Sci Food Agric* 33:227-230
- Williams EJ, Hutchinson GL & Fehsenfeld FC (1992)  $\text{NO}_x$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emissions from soil. *Global Biogeochem Cycles* 6:351-388

Appendix

Ref <sup>a</sup>	Location	Soil classification <sup>b</sup>	Texture/other properties	Drainage <sup>c</sup>	Crop/treatment	Fertilizer type <sup>d</sup>	N-App <sup>e</sup> rate (kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> )	N <sub>2</sub> O emission rate	Length of exp (days)	Method <sup>f</sup>	Freq <sup>g</sup>	Fertilizer induced N <sub>2</sub> O emission (% of N-app) <sup>h</sup>	Remarks
							I	II					
1	Reading, UK		Loamy sand	w	Unplanted	NO <sub>3</sub>	200	0.30	135	c	d	0.2	Wood free
1	Reading, UK		Clay loam	w	Unplanted	NO <sub>3</sub>	200	0.22	135	c	d	0.1	Wood free
2	Texas, USA	Glossaremic Paleudalfs	Sandy loam, 1.7% C	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	117	0.56	63	c	d/w	0.5	Intensive management
2	Texas, USA	Glossaremic Paleudalfs	Sandy loam, 1.7% C	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	82	0.10	63	c	d/w	0.1	Intensive management
2	Texas, USA	Glossaremic Paleudalfs	Sandy loam, 1.7% C	w	Grass	-	0	0.13	105	c	d/w	0.2	Intensive management
2	Texas, USA	Glossaremic Paleudalfs	Sandy loam, 1.7% C	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	112	0.23	63	c	d/w	0.2	Intensive management; also presented in Hutchinson & Brans (1992)
2	Texas, USA	Glossaremic Paleudalfs	Sandy loam, 1.7% C	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	52	0.35	63	c	d/w	0.7	Intensive management; also presented in Hutchinson & Brans (1992)
2	Texas, USA	Glossaremic Paleudalfs	Sandy loam, 1.7% C	w	Grass	-	0	0.30	63	c	d/w	0.2	Low management
2	Texas, USA	Glossaremic Paleudalfs	Sandy loam, 1.7% C	w	Grass	-	0	0.07	63	c	d/w	0.2	Low management
2	Texas, USA	Glossaremic Paleudalfs	Sandy loam, 1.7% C	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	0	0.08	105	c	d/w	0.2	Low management
2	Texas, USA	Glossaremic Paleudalfs	Sandy loam, 1.7% C	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	112	0.24	63	c	d/w	0.2	Low management
2	Texas, USA	Glossaremic Paleudalfs	Sandy loam, 1.7% C	w	Grass	-	0	0.20	63	c	d/w	0.2	Low management; also presented in Hutchinson & Brans (1992)
2	Texas, USA	Glossaremic Paleudalfs	Sandy loam, 1.7% C	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	363	1.37	365	c	d/w	0.4	Hutchinson & Brans (1992)
2	Texas, USA	Glossaremic Paleudalfs	Sandy loam, 1.7% C	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	112	0.39	365	c	d/w	0.8	Intensive management; sum 365 days
3	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcraquolls	Clay loam, 4.9% C	p	Unplanted	urea	0	0.33	96	c	3-7d	0.1	Low management
3	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcraquolls	Clay loam, 4.9% C	p	Unplanted	urea	125	0.50	96	c	3-7d	0.1	Low management
3	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcraquolls	Clay loam, 4.9% C	p	Unplanted	urea	230	0.62	96	c	3-7d	0.1	Low management
3	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcraquolls	Clay loam, 4.9% C	p	Unplanted	NH <sub>4</sub>	125	0.56	96	c	3-7d	0.2	Low management
3	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcraquolls	Clay loam, 4.9% C	p	Unplanted	NH <sub>4</sub>	230	0.61	96	c	3-7d	0.1	Low management
3	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcraquolls	Clay loam, 4.9% C	p	Unplanted	NO <sub>3</sub>	125	0.38	96	c	3-7d	0	Low management
3	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcraquolls	Clay loam, 4.9% C	p	Unplanted	NO <sub>3</sub>	230	0.56	96	c	3-7d	0	Low management
4	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Loam, 2.5% C, pH 7.7	p	Unplanted	-	0	0.65	140	c	3-7d	0	Low management
4	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Loam, 2.5% C, pH 7.7	p	Unplanted	NH <sub>3</sub>	180	4.40	140	c	3-7d	2.1	AA injected @ 20 cm
4	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Loam, 2.5% C, pH 7.7	p	Unplanted	NH <sub>4</sub> (eq. ammonium)	180	0.86	140	c	3-7d	0.1	AA injected @ 20 cm
4	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Loam, 2.5% C, pH 7.7	p	Unplanted	urea	180	0.77	140	c	3-7d	0.1	AA injected @ 20 cm
4	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcraquolls	Silty clay loam, 4.6% C, pH 7.9	p	Unplanted	NH <sub>3</sub>	0	0.38	140	c	3-7d	0.9	Low management
4	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcraquolls	Silty clay loam, 4.6% C, pH 7.9	p	Unplanted	NH <sub>3</sub>	180	1.92	140	c	3-7d	0.1	Low management
4	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcraquolls	Silty clay loam, 4.6% C, pH 7.9	p	Unplanted	NH <sub>4</sub> (eq. ammonium)	180	0.45	140	c	3-7d	0	Low management
4	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcraquolls	Silty clay loam, 4.6% C, pH 7.9	p	Unplanted	urea	180	0.57	140	c	3-7d	0.1	Low management
4	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcraquolls	Silty clay loam, 4.6% C, pH 7.9	p	Unplanted	NO <sub>3</sub>	180	0.44	140	c	3-7d	0.1	Low management
4	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 2.7% C, pH 6.9	p	Unplanted	-	0	0.51	140	c	3-7d	0.9	Low management
4	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 2.7% C, pH 6.9	p	Unplanted	NH <sub>3</sub>	180	2.17	140	c	3-7d	0.1	Low management
4	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 2.7% C, pH 6.9	p	Unplanted	NH <sub>4</sub> (eq. ammonium)	180	0.62	140	c	3-7d	0.1	Low management
4	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 2.7% C, pH 6.9	p	Unplanted	urea	180	0.64	140	c	3-7d	0.1	Low management
5	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.8% C, pH 6.9	p	Unplanted; maize residues incorporated	-	0	0.45	116	c	3-7d	1.6	AA injected @ 20 cm
5	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.8% C, pH 6.9	p	Unplanted; maize residues incorporated	NH <sub>3</sub>	75	1.67	116	c	3-7d	1.4	AA injected @ 20 cm
5	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.8% C, pH 6.9	p	Unplanted; maize residues incorporated	NH <sub>4</sub>	150	2.38	116	c	3-7d	1.7	AA injected @ 20 cm
5	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.8% C, pH 6.9	p	Unplanted; maize residues incorporated	NH <sub>3</sub>	225	3.17	116	c	3-7d	1.2	AA injected @ 20 cm
5	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.8% C, pH 6.9	p	Unplanted; maize residues incorporated	NH <sub>4</sub>	300	3.75	116	c	3-7d	1.0	AA injected @ 20 cm
5	Iowa, USA	Typic Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.8% C, pH 6.9	p	Unplanted; maize residues incorporated	NH <sub>3</sub>	375	4.26	116	c	3-7d	1.1	AA injected @ 20 cm

Mineral soils

## Appendix (Continued).

5	Iowa, USA	Type Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.8% C, pH 6.9	Unplanted, maize residues incorporated	NH <sub>3</sub>	450	4.54	116	c	3-7d	0.9	1.0	AA injected at 20 cm
5	Iowa, USA	Type Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.8% C, pH 6.9	Unplanted, maize residues incorporated	-	0	0.71	156	c	3-7d	0.7	1.4	AA injected at 10 cm
5	Iowa, USA	Type Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.8% C, pH 6.9	Unplanted, maize residues incorporated	NH <sub>3</sub>	112	1.52	156	c	3-7d	0.7	1.9	AA injected at 20 cm
5	Iowa, USA	Type Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.8% C, pH 6.9	Unplanted, maize residues incorporated	NH <sub>3</sub>	112	2.10	156	c	3-7d	1.5	2.1	AA injected at 30 cm
5	Iowa, USA	Type Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.8% C, pH 6.9	Unplanted, maize residues incorporated	NH <sub>3</sub>	225	2.82	156	c	3-7d	0.9	1.3	AA injected at 10 cm
5	Iowa, USA	Type Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.8% C, pH 6.9	Unplanted, maize residues incorporated	NH <sub>3</sub>	225	3.25	156	c	3-7d	1.1	1.4	AA injected at 20 cm
5	Iowa, USA	Type Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.8% C, pH 6.9	Unplanted, maize residues incorporated	NH <sub>3</sub>	225	3.44	156	c	3-7d	1.2	1.5	AA injected at 30 cm
6	Iowa, USA	Type Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.7% C, pH 6.9	Unplanted, maize residues incorporated	NH <sub>3</sub>	180	3.62	355	c	3-7d	1.7	2.0	AA injected at 18 cm in fall
6	Iowa, USA	Type Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 3.7% C, pH 6.9	Unplanted, maize residues incorporated	NH <sub>3</sub>	180	0.43	167	c	3-7d	0.5	0.8	AA injected at 18 cm in spring
7	Iowa, USA	Type Cabarequolls	Silt clay loam, 4.6% C, pH 7.9	Unplanted, soybean plants left to decompose	NH <sub>3</sub>	180	1.37	167	c	3-7d	0.5	0.8	AA injected at 18 cm in spring
7	Iowa, USA	Type Cabarequolls	Silt clay loam, 4.6% C, pH 7.9	Unplanted, soybean plants left to decompose	NH <sub>3</sub>	250	15.00	139	c	w	5.3	6.0	AA injected at 20 cm
7	Iowa, USA	Type Haplaquolls	Silt clay loam, 2.7% C, pH 6.9	Unplanted, soybean plants left to decompose	NH <sub>3</sub>	250	10.60	139	c	w	6.8	7.8	AA injected at 20 cm
7	Iowa, USA	Type Haplaquolls	Loam, 2.5% C, pH 7.7	Unplanted, soybean plants left to decompose	NH <sub>3</sub>	0	2.00	139	c	w	6.8	7.8	AA injected at 20 cm
7	Iowa, USA	Type Haplaquolls	Loam, 2.5% C, pH 7.7	Unplanted, soybean plants left to decompose	NH <sub>3</sub>	250	12.10	139	c	w	4.0	4.8	AA injected at 20 cm
8	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay, 3.2-3.9% C	Wheat, winter, direct drilled	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	70	0.90	212	c	w	1.3	1.3	Nov 77-June 78
8	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay, 3.2-3.9% C	Wheat, winter, direct drilled	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	70	3.40	212	c	w	7.7	7.7	Nov 77-June 78
8	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay, 3.2-3.9% C	Oilseed rape, ploughed	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	140	3.60	212	c	w	4.0	4.0	Nov 78-June 79
8	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay, 3.2-3.9% C	Oilseed rape, direct drilled	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	140	8.60	212	c	w	6.1	6.1	Nov 78-June 79
8	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 2.2-1% C	Wheat, winter, ploughed	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	70	0.50	212	c	w	0.7	0.7	Nov 77-June 78
8	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 2.2-1% C	Wheat, winter, direct drilled	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	140	1.50	212	c	w	2.1	2.1	Nov 77-June 78
8	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 2.2-1% C	Oilseed rape, ploughed	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	140	1.00	212	c	w	0.7	0.7	Nov 78-June 79
8	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay loam, 2.2-1% C	Oilseed rape, direct drilled	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	140	2.10	212	c	w	1.5	1.5	Nov 78-June 79
9	Wisconsin, USA	Type Hapludalfs		Maize	organic/NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> /urea	237	5.20	365	c	7-30 d	2.1	2.2	168/13/56 manure/NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> /urea, prev maize residues incorporated
9	Wisconsin, USA	Type Hapludalfs		Maize	organic/NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	181	3.60	365	c	7-30 d	1.8	2.0	168/13/56 manure/NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> /urea, prev maize residues incorporated
9	Wisconsin, USA	Type Hapludalfs		Grass	-	0	0.34	365	c	7-30 d	0	0.1	24 hour cont. measurement per 2 days
10	Washington, USA	Udic Haploxerolls	Silt loam	Unplanted	NH <sub>3</sub>	0	0.03	35	o	2 d	0	0.1	AA injected at 15cm
10	Washington, USA	Udic Haploxerolls	Silt loam	Unplanted	NH <sub>3</sub>	55	0.05	35	o	2 d	0.1	0.1	AA injected at 15cm
10	Washington, USA	Udic Haploxerolls	Silt loam	Unplanted	NH <sub>3</sub>	110	0.10	35	o	2 d	0.1	0.1	AA injected at 15cm
10	Washington, USA	Udic Haploxerolls	Silt loam	Unplanted	NH <sub>3</sub>	220	0.23	35	o	2 d	0.1	0.1	AA injected at 15cm
11	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay, undrained	Wheat, winter, direct drilled	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	53	0.65	30	cl	w	1.2	1.2	
11	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay, undrained	Wheat, winter, direct drilled	NO <sub>3</sub>	0	0.07	28	cl	w	3.1	3.1	
11	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay, undrained	Wheat, winter, direct drilled	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	100	3.12	31	cl	w	3.1	3.1	
11	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay, undrained	Wheat, winter, direct drilled	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	0	0.07	28	cl	w	1.5	1.5	
11	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay, drained	Wheat, winter, direct drilled	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	96	1.44	30	cl	w	0.4	0.4	
11	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay, drained	Wheat, winter, direct drilled	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	53	0.22	31	cl	w	0.4	0.4	
11	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay, drained	Wheat, winter, direct drilled	-	0	1.49	31	cl	w	1.5	1.5	53 kg N as NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> , 100 as Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
11	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay, drained	Wheat, winter, direct drilled	-	0	0.07	30	cl	w	1.5	1.5	53 kg N as NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> , 100 as Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
12	Oxon, UK	Type Haplaquolls	Clay, undrained	Wheat, winter, direct drilled	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> /NO <sub>3</sub>	153	2.30	57	cl	2-3 d	1.5	1.5	53 kg N as NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> , 100 as Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>

13	Oxon, UK	Typic Haplaquepis	Clay, 37% C	p	Wheat, winter, ploughed		70	110	242	c1	w	16
13	Oxon, UK	Typic Haplaquepis	Clay, 37% C	p	Wheat, winter, direct drilled		70	130	242	c1	w	19
13	Oxon, UK	Typic Haplaquepis	Clay, 37% C	p	Grass		210	040	242	c1	w	02
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess, pararendzina	Sandy clay loam	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	100	005	nk	c-	d	01
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess, pararendzina	Sandy clay loam	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	100	005	nk	c-	d	01
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess, brown soil	Sandy loam	w	Unplanted (beet field, plants removed)		100	015	nk	c-	d	02
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess, brown soil	Sandy loam	w	Unplanted (beet field, plants removed)		100	022	nk	c-	d	02
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess, brown soil	Sandy loam	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	100	001	nk	c-	d	0
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess	Sandy clay loam	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	100	003	nk	c-	d	0
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess	Sandy clay loam	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	100	007	nk	c-	d	01
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess	Sandy clay loam	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	100	038	nk	c-	d	04
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess	Sandy clay loam	w	Clover	NH <sub>4</sub>	100	007	nk	c-	d	0
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess	Sandy clay loam	w	Clover	NH <sub>4</sub>	100	007	nk	c-	d	01
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess	Sandy clay loam	w	Grass	NO <sub>3</sub>	100	002	nk	c-	d	0
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess	Sandy loam	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	100	007	nk	c-	d	01
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess	Sandy loam	w	Grass	NH <sub>4</sub>	100	008	nk	c-	d	01
14	Mainz, Germany	Loess	Sandy loam	w	Rice, wetland	NH <sub>4</sub>	40	038	18	0-	cont	10
15	Australia	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Clay	w			0	030	85	c1	d	02
16	New York, USA	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Silt loam, 1% C, pH 6.9	w	Maize	NO <sub>3</sub>	140	030	85	c1	d	02
16	New York, USA	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Silt loam, 1% C, pH 6.9	w	Maize	Urea	140	250	85	c1	d	18
16	New York, USA	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Silt loam, 1% C, pH 6.9	w	Maize	Urea	132	240	365	c-	d	18
17	New York, USA	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Silt loam	w	Maize	Organic/NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	132	290	365	c-	d	22
17	New York, USA	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Silt loam	w	Maize	Organic/NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	132	380	365	c-	d	29
17	New York, USA	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Silt loam	w	Timothy weeds	Organic/NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	0	090	365	c-	d	1980/81
17	New York, USA	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Silt loam	w	Timothy weeds	Organic/NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	0	170	365	c-	d	1979/80
17	New York, USA	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Silt loam	w	Maize	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> /urea	132	160	365	c-	d	1979/80
17	New York, USA	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Silt loam	w	Maize	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> /urea	132	290	365	c-	d	1980/81
17	New York, USA	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Silt loam	w	Maize	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> /urea	132	220	365	c-	d	1980/81
17	New York, USA	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Silt loam	w	Maize	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> /urea	132	230	365	c-	d	1980/81
17	New York, USA	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Silt loam	w	Alfalfa		0	420	365	c-	d	1979/80
17	New York, USA	Glossoboric Hapludalfs	Silt loam	w	Alfalfa		0	420	365	c-	d	1979/80
18	Edinburgh, UK	Stagnogley, 41% C	Sandy loam over clay loam	p	Grass	Organic	1230	325	314	g	d/w	03
18	Edinburgh, UK	Stagnogley, 41% C	Sandy loam over clay loam	p	Grass	NO <sub>3</sub>	0	045	273	g	d/w	1978-1979
18	Edinburgh, UK	Stagnogley, 41% C	Sandy loam over clay loam	p	Grass	NO <sub>3</sub>	400	125	273	g	d/w	1978-1980
18	Edinburgh, UK	Stagnogley, 41% C	Sandy loam over clay loam	p	Grass	Organic	298	110	273	g	d/w	1978-1980
18	Edinburgh, UK	Stagnogley, 41% C	Sandy loam over clay loam	p	Grass	Organic	0	355	314	g	d/w	1978-1979
18	Edinburgh, UK	Stagnogley, 41% C	Sandy loam over clay loam	p	Grass	NO <sub>3</sub>	100	690	314	g	d/w	1978-1979
19	Edinburgh, UK	Stagnogley, 41% C	Sandy loam over clay loam	p	Grass	NO <sub>3</sub>	700	1340	365	o2	2-30/w	19
19	Edinburgh, UK	Stagnogley, 41% C	Sandy loam over clay loam	p	Grass	Organic	700	330	365	o2	2-30/w	05
19	Edinburgh, UK	Stagnogley, 41% C	Sandy loam over clay loam	p	Grass	Organic	0	320	365	o2	2-30/w	09
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 4.7-2.16% C	w	Tobacco	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> /straw	80	070	253	c-	w	04
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 4.7, 2.27% C	w	Tobacco	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> /straw	80	030	190	c-	w	04

80 kg N from NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, unknown amount of N from straw incorporated, 1981  
80 kg N from NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, unknown amount of N from incorporated cover crop (rye), 1981

Appendix (Continued).

20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 4.7, 2.31% C	w	Tobacco	Organic/NH <sub>4</sub> /NO <sub>3</sub>	245	0.30	190	c-	w	0.1	80 NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 165 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> from alfalfa, 1981
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 4.7, 2.72% C	w	Tobacco	Organic/NH <sub>4</sub> /NO <sub>3</sub>	410	2.70	252	c-	w	0.7	80 NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 330 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> from manure, 1981
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 6.7, 1.61% C	w	Tobacco	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	80	1.00	210	c-	w	1.3	1980
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 5.1, 1.56% C	w	Tobacco	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	80	0.90	210	c-	w	1.1	1980
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 4.7, 1.56% C	w	Tobacco	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	80	1.50	206	c-	w	1.9	1980
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 4.7, 2.16% C	w	Tobacco	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> /straw	80	2.20	249	c-	w	2.8	80 kg N from NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> , unknown amount of N from straw incorporated, 1980
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 4.7, 2.27% C	w	Tobacco	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> /straw	80	1.60	202	c-	w	2.0	amount of N from NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> , unknown amount of N from incorporated cover crop (rye), 1980
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 4.7, 2.31% C	w	Tobacco	Organic/NH <sub>4</sub> /NO <sub>3</sub>	245	3.20	202	c-	w	1.3	80 NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 265 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> from alfalfa, 1980
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 4.7, 2.72% C	w	Tobacco	Organic/NH <sub>4</sub> /NO <sub>3</sub>	410	6.10	257	c-	w	1.5	80 NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 330 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> from manure, 1980
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 5.8, 2.72% C	w	Barley	Organic/NH <sub>4</sub> /NO <sub>3</sub>	520	1.60	215	c-	w	0.3	80 NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 440 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> from sludge, 1980
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 6.8, 1.74% C	w	Maize	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	200	6.30	190	c-	w	3.2	Reduced tillage, 1980
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 6.8, 1.74% C	w	Maize	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	200	3.30	190	c-	w	1.8	1979
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 6.7, 1.56% C	w	Vegetables	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	80	0.20	160	c-	w	0.3	1979
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 5.1, 1.56% C	w	Vegetables	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	80	0.20	160	c-	w	0.3	1979
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 4.7, 1.56% C	w	Vegetables	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	80	0.40	160	c-	w	0.5	1979
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 4.7, 2.72% C	w	Vegetables	Organic/NH <sub>4</sub> /NO <sub>3</sub>	410	1.20	160	c-	w	0.3	80 NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 330 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> from manure, 1979
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 5.8, 2.72% C	w	Barley	Organic/NH <sub>4</sub> /NO <sub>3</sub>	520	0.20	152	c-	w	0.0	80 NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> + 440 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> from sludge, 1979
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 6.8, 1.81% C	w	Maize	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	200	0.30	157	c-	w	0.2	Reduced tillage, 1979
20	Wisconsin, USA	Typic Argudolls	Silt loam, pH 6.8, 1.74% C	w	Maize	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	200	0.60	157	c-	w	0.3	Reduced tillage, 1979
21	Colorado, USA	Andic Argustoll	Clay (montmorillonite)	w	Maize	NH <sub>3</sub>	200	2.60	128	c-/m	w	1.3	Irrigated maize
21	Colorado, USA	Andic Argustoll	Clay (montmorillonite)	w	Maize	NH <sub>3</sub>	200	4.00	365	c-/m	w	2.0	Irrigated maize; flux based on extrapolation
22	Ontario, Canada	Gray brown Luvisol	Sandy loam	w	Maize	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	0	0.10	80	c-	w	0.3	Estimated from Figure 1, p 434
22	Ontario, Canada	Gray brown Luvisol	Sandy loam	w	Maize	NH <sub>4</sub>	336	0.85	80	c-	w	0.2	About 3 measurements/month
23	Konosu, Japan	Alluvial soil		w	Rape	NH <sub>4</sub>	150	0.09	38	c-	2 h	0.1	Figure 4 (p 24) shows 2 h intervals of measurement
23	Konosu, Japan	Alluvial soil		w	Wheat	NH <sub>4</sub>	80	0.14	186	c-	2 h	0.2	
23	Teikuba, Japan	Audosoils		w	Wheat	NH <sub>4</sub>	80	0.19	186	c-	2 h	0.2	
23	Teikuba, Japan	Audosoils		w	Rape	NH <sub>4</sub>	100	0.34	56	c-	2 h	0.3	
23	Teikuba, Japan	Audosoils		w	Rape	NH <sub>4</sub>	150	0.14	38	c-	2 h	0.1	
23	Teikuba, Japan	Audosoils		w	Carrot	NH <sub>4</sub>	200	0.52	116	c-	2 h	0.3	
23	Konosu, Japan	Alluvial soil		w	Carrot	NH <sub>4</sub>	200	0.62	116	c-	2 h	0.3	
23	Konosu, Japan	Alluvial soil		w	Rice, dryland	NH <sub>4</sub>	100	0.33	120	c-	2 h	0.3	

23	Tsukuba, Japan	Andosols	w	Rice, dryland	NH <sub>4</sub>	100	0.55	120	c-	2 b	0.6	
23	Mito, Japan	Andosols	w	Rice, dryland	NH <sub>4</sub>	90	0.27	139	c-	2 h	0.3	
24	Tsukuba, Japan	Gray lowland soil, 2.5% C	p	carrot	NH <sub>4</sub>	200	0.25	116	c-	3-10 d	0.1	Nitrification inhibitor added
24	Tsukuba, Japan	Gray lowland soil, 2.5% C	p	carrot	NH <sub>4</sub>	200	0.60	116	c-	3-10 d	0.3	
24	Tsukuba, Japan	Gray lowland soil, 2.5% C	p	carrot	-	0	0.08	116	c-	3-10 d	0.1	
24	Tsukuba, Japan	Gray lowland soil, 2.5% C	p	carrot	NH <sub>4</sub>	200	0.34	116	c-	3-10 d	0.2	
25	Colorado, USA	Andic Agriustolls	w	Maize	NH <sub>4</sub>	200	2.90	123	c-/m	d/w	1.3	Irrigated maize; AA injected
26	Colorado, USA	Ustic Torriorthents	w	Barley	Organic (N-mineralized)	356	4.19	153	c-	3 d/w	1.0	Total N added is 1436 kg
26	Colorado, USA	Ustic Torriorthents	w	Barley	Organic (N-mineralized)	71	1.09	153	c-	3 d/w	0.8	Total N added is 287 kg
26	Colorado, USA	Ustic Torriorthents	w	Barley	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	0	0.82	153	c-	3 d/w	0.4	N-mineralised is 69 kg
26	Colorado, USA	Ustic Torriorthents	w	Barley	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	224	1.43	153	c-	3 d/w	0.5	
26	Colorado, USA	Ustic Torriorthents	w	Barley	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	112	1.04	153	c-	3 d/w	0.5	
26	Colorado, USA	Ustic Torriorthents	w	Barley	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	56	0.93	153	c-	3 d/w	0.7	
26	Colorado, USA	Ustic Torriorthents	w	Barley	-	0	0.52	153	c-	3 d/w	0.7	
27	Colorado, USA	Andic Agriustolls	w	Maize	-	0	2.23	120	c2	2-4 p d/3 p w		Irrigated maize
27	Colorado, USA	Andic Agriustolls	w	Maize	NH <sub>4</sub>	200	2.95	120	c2	2-4 p d/3 p w	1.5	Irrigated maize
27	Colorado, USA	Andic Agriustolls	w	Barley	-	0	0.45	86	c2	2-4 p d/3 p w		Irrigated barley
27	Colorado, USA	Andic Agriustolls	w	Barley	NH <sub>4</sub>	200	0.76	86	c2	2-4 p d/3 p w	0.4	Irrigated barley
28	California, USA	Type Xerorthents	w	Unplanted	NO <sub>3</sub> /organic	300	9.90	16	c2	d/w	3.3	Unknown amount of N from organic fert., controlled soil
28	California, USA	Type Xerorthents	w	Unplanted	NO <sub>3</sub> /organic	300	5.40	16	c2	d/w	1.8	Unknown amount of N from organic fert., controlled soil
28	California, USA	Type Xerorthents	w	Unplanted (ryegrass 4 months before exp)	NO <sub>3</sub>	300	4.30	16	c2	d/w	1.4	Unknown amount of N from organic fert., controlled soil
28	California, USA	Type Xerorthents	w	Unplanted (ryegrass 4 months before exp)	NO <sub>3</sub>	300	1.80	16	c2	d/w	0.6	Unknown amount of N from organic fert., controlled soil
28	California, USA	Type Xerorthents	w	Unplanted	NO <sub>3</sub>	300	2.10	16	c2	d/w	0.7	Unknown amount of N from organic fert., controlled soil
28	California, USA	Type Xerorthents	w	Unplanted	NO <sub>3</sub>	300	0.60	16	c2	d/w	0.2	Unknown amount of N from organic fert., controlled soil
28	California, USA	Type Xerorthents	w	Unplanted	NO <sub>3</sub> /organic	300	4.20	16	c2	d/w	1.4	Unknown amount of N from organic fert., controlled soil
28	California, USA	Type Xerorthents	w	Unplanted	NO <sub>3</sub> /organic	300	3.80	16	c2	d/w	1.3	Unknown amount of N from organic fert., controlled soil
28	California, USA	Type Xerorthents	w	Unplanted (ryegrass 4 months before exp)	NO <sub>3</sub>	300	0.70	16	c2	d/w	0.2	Unknown amount of N from organic fert., controlled soil
28	California, USA	Type Xerorthents	w	Unplanted (ryegrass 4 months before exp)	NO <sub>3</sub>	300	0.10	16	c2	d/w	0	Unknown amount of N from organic fert., controlled soil
28	California, USA	Type Xerorthents	w	Unplanted	NO <sub>3</sub>	300	0.40	16	c2	d/w	0.1	Unknown amount of N from organic fert., controlled soil

Appendix (Continued).

	California, USA	Type	Xerobents	Loam	w	Unplanted		NO <sub>3</sub>	300	0.20	16	∑	d/w	0.1	Controlled soil moisture, winter exp
28	California, USA	Ochraqualis		loam over clay, 3.5% C	w	Unplanted		NO <sub>3</sub>	300	0.20	16	∑	d/w	0.1	Controlled soil moisture, winter exp
29	Berkshire, UK	Ochraqualis		loam over clay, 3.5% C	p	Grass		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	250	3.25	365	0-	d/3 p w	1.3	
30	Berkshire, UK	Ochraqualis		loam over clay, 3.5% C	p	Grass		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	500	8.00	365	0.1	2.3 p w	1.6	
30	Berkshire, UK	Ochraqualis		loam over clay, 3.5% C	p	Grass		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	250	3.50	365	0.1	2.3 p w	1.4	
31	California USA	Pacific Haploxerolls		Fine loamy	w	Vegetables		NO <sub>3</sub>	620	41.80	210	0.1	d/2.3 d	6.7	Lettuce-celery, irrigated
31	California USA	Pacific Haploxerolls		Fine loamy	w	Vegetables		NO <sub>3</sub>	620	20.20	210	0.1	d/2.3 d	3.3	Lettuce-celery, irrigated
31	California USA	Pacific Haploxerolls		Fine loamy	w	Vegetables		NO <sub>3</sub>	620	26.40	210	0.1	d/2.3 d	4.3	Lettuce-celery, irrigated
31	California USA	Pacific Haploxerolls		Fine loamy	w	Vegetables		organicNO <sub>3</sub>	430	19.60	210	0.1	d/2.3 d	4.6	144/286 organicNO <sub>3</sub> , arachokes, irrigated
31	California USA	Pacific Haploxerolls		Fine loamy	w	Vegetables		organicNO <sub>3</sub>	430	26.90	210	0.1	d/2.3 d	6.3	144/286 organicNO <sub>3</sub> , arachokes, irrigated
31	California USA	Pacific Haploxerolls		Fine loamy	w	Vegetables		NO <sub>3</sub>	680	26.80	210	0.1	d/2.3 d	3.9	Cauliflower, irrigated
31	California USA	Pacific Haploxerolls		Fine loamy	w	Vegetables		NO <sub>3</sub>	680	29.20	210	0.1	d/2.3 d	4.3	Cauliflower, irrigated
32	California USA	Pacific Haploxerolls		Fine loamy	w	Vegetables		NH <sub>4</sub> urea/NH <sub>3</sub>	335	7.68	123	0.1	d/w	2.3	Celery, irrigated, 12-18% of denitrification of 51.2 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> as N <sub>2</sub> O (p 117)
33	Manz, Germany	Loess loam		Sandy 1-clay loam, 0.8% C, pH 7.4	w	Grass		-	0	0.02	49	c-	d	0.05	0.1
33	Manz, Germany	Loess loam		Sandy 1-clay loam, 0.8% C, pH 7.4	w	Grass		NO <sub>3</sub>	100	0.07	49	c-	d	0.07	0.1
33	Manz, Germany	Loess loam		Sandy 1-clay loam, 0.8% C, pH 7.4	w	Grass		NH <sub>4</sub>	100	0.09	49	c-	d	0.07	0.1
33	Manz, Germany	Aeolian sand		Sand	w	Weeds		-	0	0.13	71	c-	d	0.01	0.1
33	Manz, Germany	Aeolian sand		Sand	w	Weeds		NO <sub>3</sub>	100	0.14	71	c-	d	0.01	0.1
33	Manz, Germany	Aeolian sand		Sand	w	Weeds		NH <sub>4</sub>	100	0.22	71	c-	d	0.09	0.2
33	Manz, Germany	Loess		Sandy loam, 2.2-6% C	w	Grass		-	0	0.02	32	c-	d	0.01	0
33	Manz, Germany	Loess		Sandy loam, 2.2-6% C	w	Grass		NO <sub>3</sub>	100	0.03	32	c-	d	0.03	0
33	Manz, Germany	Loess		Sandy loam, 2.2-6% C	w	Grass		NH <sub>4</sub>	100	0.05	32	c-	d	0.03	0
34	Manz, Germany	Eolian sand		Sand	w	Weeds		-	0	0.04	72	c-	2d/m	0.1	0.1
34	Manz, Germany	Eolian sand		Sand	w	Weeds		NH <sub>4</sub>	100	0.13	72	c-	2d/m	0.1	0.1
34	Manz, Germany	Eolian sand		Sand	w	Weeds		NO <sub>3</sub>	100	0.05	72	c-	2d/m	0.1	0.1
34	Manz, Germany	Eolian sand		Sand	w	Weeds		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	100	0.09	72	c-	2d/m	0.1	0.1
35	Andalusia, Spain	Loamy sand		Loamy sand	w	Grass		-	0	0	10	c-	d	0.1	0.1
35	Andalusia, Spain	Loamy sand		Loamy sand	w	Grass		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	100	0.08	10	c-	d	0.1	0.1
35	Andalusia, Spain	Loamy sand		Loamy sand	w	Unplanted, soybean residues incorporated		-	0	0.10	28	c-	d	0	0.1
35	Andalusia, Spain	Loamy sand		Loamy sand	w	Unplanted, soybean residues incorporated		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	100	0.14	28	c-	d	0	0.1
35	Andalusia, Spain	Loamy sand		Loamy sand	w	Unplanted, soybean residues incorporated		Urea	100	0.28	28	c-	d	0.2	0.3
36	Louisiana, USA	Typic Althaqualfs		Silt loam, 0.7% C, pH 6	p	Rice, wetland		-	0	0.07	105	c-	w	0	0.1
36	Louisiana, USA	Typic Althaqualfs		Silt loam, 0.7% C, pH 6	p	Rice, wetland		Urea	90	0.11	105	c-	w	0	0.1
36	Louisiana, USA	Typic Althaqualfs		Silt loam, 0.7% C, pH 6	p	Rice, wetland		Urea	180	0.17	105	c-	w	0.1	0.1

Examined from Figure 2, p.165  
 Examined from reported % N<sub>2</sub>O loss; plot received additional 75 kg N earlier in the year  
 Examined from 1.3 × 10<sup>-1</sup> g N<sub>2</sub>O-N loss m<sup>-2</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>  
 Examined from reported 0.04% N<sub>2</sub>O-N loss from NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>  
 Examined from reported 0.18% N<sub>2</sub>O-N loss from urea  
 Urea drilled  
 Urea drilled



36	Louisiana, USA	Typic Althaqualfs	Silt loam, 0.7% C, pH 6	p	Rice, wetland		Urea	90	0.11	105	-	w	0	0.1	Urea top dressed											
36	Louisiana, USA	Typic Althaqualfs	Silt loam, 0.7% C, pH 6	p	Rice, wetland		Urea	180	0.09	105	-	w	0	0.1	Urea top dressed											
37	UK	Typic Althaqualfs	Clay loam, 4% C	p	Grass		NO <sub>3</sub>	400	7.00	365	-	2p d/w	1.5	1.8	Mean of reported emission of 6.0-8.0 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup>											
37	UK		Silt loam, 2.3% C	w	Grass		NO <sub>3</sub>	400	5.00	365	-	2p d/w	1.0	1.3	Mean of reported emission of 4.0-6.0 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup>											
37	UK		Silt loam, 2.3% C	w	Grass			0	0.90	365	-	2p d/w	0.9	1.2	Mean of reported emission of 0.8-1.0 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup>											
38	Denmark		Sandy loam, 1.9% C, pH 5.3	w	Grass		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	200	2.38	100	o	h	0.9	1.2	Two applications											
38	Denmark		Sandy loam, 1.9% C, pH 5.3	w	Grass		Organic	492	9.35	100	o	h	1.8	1.9	Two applications, cow slurry, 50% of N inorganic											
38	Denmark		Sandy loam, 1.9% C, pH 5.3	w	Grass			0	0.67	100	o	h														
39	Scotland		Loam, pH 6.6, 4.4% C	w	barley, winter, ploughed		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	210	0.01	8	o	d		0												
39	Scotland		Loam, pH 6.6, 4.4% C	w	barley, winter, ploughed		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	285	0.01	8	o	nk		0												
39	Scotland		Loam, pH 6.6, 4.4% C	w	barley, winter, direct drilled		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	210	0.01	8	o	nk		0												
39	Scotland		Loam, pH 6.6, 4.4% C	w	barley, winter, direct drilled		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	285	0.01	8	o	nk		0												
39	Scotland		Loam, pH 6.5, 3.3% C	w	barley, winter, ploughed		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	210	0.01	8	o	nk		0												
39	Scotland		Loam, pH 6.5, 3.3% C	w	barley, winter, ploughed		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	285	0	8	o	nk		0												
39	Scotland		Loam, pH 6.5, 3.3% C	w	barley, winter, direct drilled		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	210	0.01	8	o	nk		0												
39	Scotland		Loam, pH 6.5, 3.3% C	w	barley, winter, direct drilled		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	285	0.01	8	o	nk		0												
40	Colorado, USA	Acric Argustolls	Clay loam, 1.1% C, pH 7.2	w	Maize		Urea	218	3.36	97	c	3 p w	1.5	1.5	Irrigated 1989											
40	Colorado, USA	Acric Argustolls	Clay loam, 1.1% C, pH 7.2	w	Maize		Urea	0	0.11	97	c	3 p w			Irrigated 1989											
40	Colorado, USA	Acric Argustolls	Clay loam, 1.1% C, pH 7.2	w	Maize		Urea	218	1.65	97	c	3 p w	0.7	0.8	Irrigated 1990											
41	Iowa, USA		Sandy loam, 0.9% C, pH 7.9	p	Soybeans			0	0.34	365	c	3d/2d														
41	Iowa, USA		Silt clay loam, 5.4% C, pH 7.5	p	Soybeans			0	0.65	365	c	3d/2d														
41	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcisquolls	Clay loam, 1.3% C, pH 8.1	p	Soybeans			0	1.35	365	c	3d/2d														
41	Iowa, USA	Typic Calcisquolls	Sandy loam, 1.3% C, pH 6.7	p	Soybeans			0	1.05	365	c	3d/2d														
41	Iowa, USA	Typic Haploquolls	Loam, 2.9% C, pH 6.9	p	Soybeans			0	1.87	365	c	3d/2d														
41	Iowa, USA	Typic Haploquolls	Loam, 2.5% C, pH 6.5	p	Soybeans			0	1.87	365	c	3d/2d														
42	New York, USA				Wheat			0	0.09	46	nk	nk														
42	New York, USA				Wheat		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	175	0.30	46	nk	nk	0.1	0.2												
42	New York, USA				Wheat		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	0	0.16	46	nk	nk	0	0.1												
44	Colorado, USA	Listolie Haplrigds	Fine sandy loam	w	Grass			0	0.14	62	c	3d														
44	Colorado, USA	Ustolie Haplrigds	Fine sandy loam	w	Grass			450	0.49	62	c	3d	0.1	0.1												
17	Florida, USA		Organic	w	Onions		Urea	170	85	365	c	d		50												
17	Florida, USA		Organic	w	Onions		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	170	72	365	c	d		42												
17	Florida, USA		Organic	w	Maize		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	170	76	365	c	d		45												
17	Florida, USA		Organic	w	Maize		NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	170	152	365	c	d		89												
17	Florida, USA		Organic	w	Sugarcane			0	48	365	c	d														

## Appendix (Continued).

17	Florida, USA	Organic	w	Sugarcane	-	0	7	365	c -	d	Estimated N mineralization 1200-1400 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
17	Florida, USA	Organic	w	Grass	-	0	97	365	c -	d	Estimated N mineralization 1200-1400 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
17	Florida, USA	Organic	w	Grass	-	0	16	365	c -	d	Estimated N mineralization 1200-1400 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
17	Florida, USA	Organic	w	Unplanted	-	0	165	365	c -	d	Estimated N mineralization 1200-1400 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
17	Florida, USA	Organic	w	Unplanted	-	0	59	365	c -	d	Estimated N mineralization 1200-1400 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
43	Florida, USA	Organic	p	Unplanted	-	0	165	365	c -	3d	Estimated N mineralization 1200-1400 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
43	Florida, USA	Organic	p	Grass	-	0	97	365	c -	3d	Estimated N mineralization 1200-1400 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
43	Florida, USA	Organic	p	Sugarcane	-	0	48	365	c -	3d	Estimated N mineralization 1200-1400 kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>

nk - not reported.

a 1, Armstrong (1983); 2, Brams et al. (1990); 3, Breitenbeck et al. (1980); 4, Breitenbeck & Bremner (1986a); 5, Breitenbeck & Bremner (1986b); 6, Bremner et al. (1981a); 7, Bremner et al. (1981b); 8, Burford et al. (1981); 9, Cates & Keeney (1987); 10, Cochran et al. (1980); 11, Colbour & Harper (1987); 12, Colbour et al. (1984a); 13, Colbour et al. (1984b); 14, Conrad et al. (1983); 15, Denmead et al. (1979); 16, Duxbury & McConnaughey (1986); 17, Duxbury et al. (1982); 18, Eggington & Smith (1986a); 19, Eggington & Smith (1986b); 20, Goodroad et al. (1984); 21, Hutchinson & Mosier (1979); 22, McKenney et al. (1980); 23, Minami (1987); 24, Minami (1990); 25, Mosier & Hutchinson (1981); 26, Mosier et al. (1982); 27, Mosier et al. (1986); 28, Rolston et al. (1978); 29, Ryden (1981); 30, Ryden (1983); 31, Ryden & Lund (1980); 32, Ryden et al. (1979); 33, Seiler & Conrad (1981); 34, Conrad & Seiler (1980); 35, Slemr et al. (1984); 36, Smith et al. (1982); 37, Webster & Dowdell (1982); 38, Christensen (1983); 39, Arah et al. (1991); 40, Bronson et al. (1992); 41, Bremner et al. (1980); 42, Duxbury (personal communication), quoted in Eichner (1990); 43, Terry et al. (1981); 44, Mosier et al. (1981).

b Reported soil classification according to USDA (1975) or general description.

c w - well drained; m - moderately well drained; p - poorly drained.

d NH<sub>3</sub> - anhydrous ammonia; NH<sub>4</sub> - salts of ammonia; NO<sub>3</sub> - salts of nitrate; NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> - ammonium nitrate; organic - various forms of organic fertilizers.

e c - closed chamber method; o - open chamber method; g - soil N<sub>2</sub>O gradient method, based on N<sub>2</sub>O gas concentration gradient in the soil profile to estimate the flux to the atmosphere; m - micrometeorological method; 1 - N<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O measured (with/without C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> inhibition), only N<sub>2</sub>O is recorded here; 2 - <sup>15</sup>N labelling; -- N<sub>2</sub>O measured (no C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> inhibition).

f Freq. - frequency of sampling; d - once per day, w - once per week; m - once per month; 3-7 d - once per 3-7 days, 2 p.d or 2p.w - twice per day/week, cont - continuous, d/w or other combinations indicate higher frequency at high and lower frequency at low flux rates.

§ I - flux from fertilized plot minus flux from unfertilized control plot, presented as % of N-application; II - flux from fertilized plot presented as % of N-application.