On-line decision support tool for ammonia emission from field-applied slurry

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Michelis-Menten

Cumulative volatilization, N



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- N_{max} and k_m dependent on slurry characteristics + weather.
- Atmospheric Environment 36 (2002) 3309– 3319
- Europ. J. Agronomy 26 (2007) 425–434

Implementation



Plantelnfo

On-line advisory service for Danish farmers

Application details entered by farmer

- Manure type, composition and amount
- Application method
- Incorporation time
- Current + predicted weather obtained from Danish meteorological service

Pl@nteInfo \square Oπ LOGIN KONTAKT FORET Forside | Vejret | Afgrøder | Planteværn | Vand | Jord | Kvælstof | Sorter | Bier | Mobil | eRåd | Links | Hjæl Ammoniakfordampning ved udbringning af gylle 2008 🗸 April 2 døgns prognose 7 døgns prognose Valgt Fouresætninger Ammoniakfordampning, kg N pr. ha 301 Gynetype Kvæggylle 🗸 2**0**1 ørstofindhold (%) 5 NH₂ indhold (g N/kg) 13 on o3 o5 o7 o9 11 13 15 17 19 21 23 25 27 29 o⊉ Gylle pr. ha (tons/ha) 30 Søjerne viser for hver dag hvor meget ammoniak der fordamper, h Udbringningsmetode Slæbeslange gødningen er udbragt netop den dag. * Temperatur (°C) Nedpløjning, timer efter 6 udbringning Gylle pr. time 100 (tons/time) Ha i alt 10 01 03 05 07 09 11 13 15 17 19 21 23 25 27 29 01 Start timer efter Vindhastighed (m/s) 8 kl. 24 Tør / våd jord Beregnes fra vejrdata. Vis 05 07 09 11 15 17 . 19 21 23 01 03 13 25 27 29 O1

Conclusion



Educational

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- Farmers have limited choice about timing