



# Economic Module:

## *Updates and options ahead*

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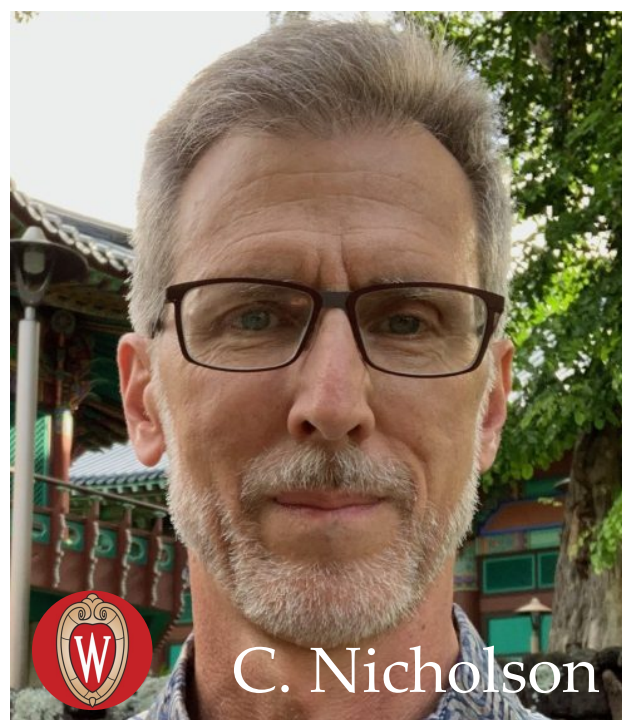
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# Team and Project Collaborators

# Goals



Advance RuFaS Economic Module



Conduct ecological economic analysis of dairy farm costs for alternate portfolios of management practices



Develop a DSS module for RuFaS that predicts the ecological economic costs and benefits for user-defined portfolios of management practices.

# Economic Module Components



Capital Costs

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Operating Costs

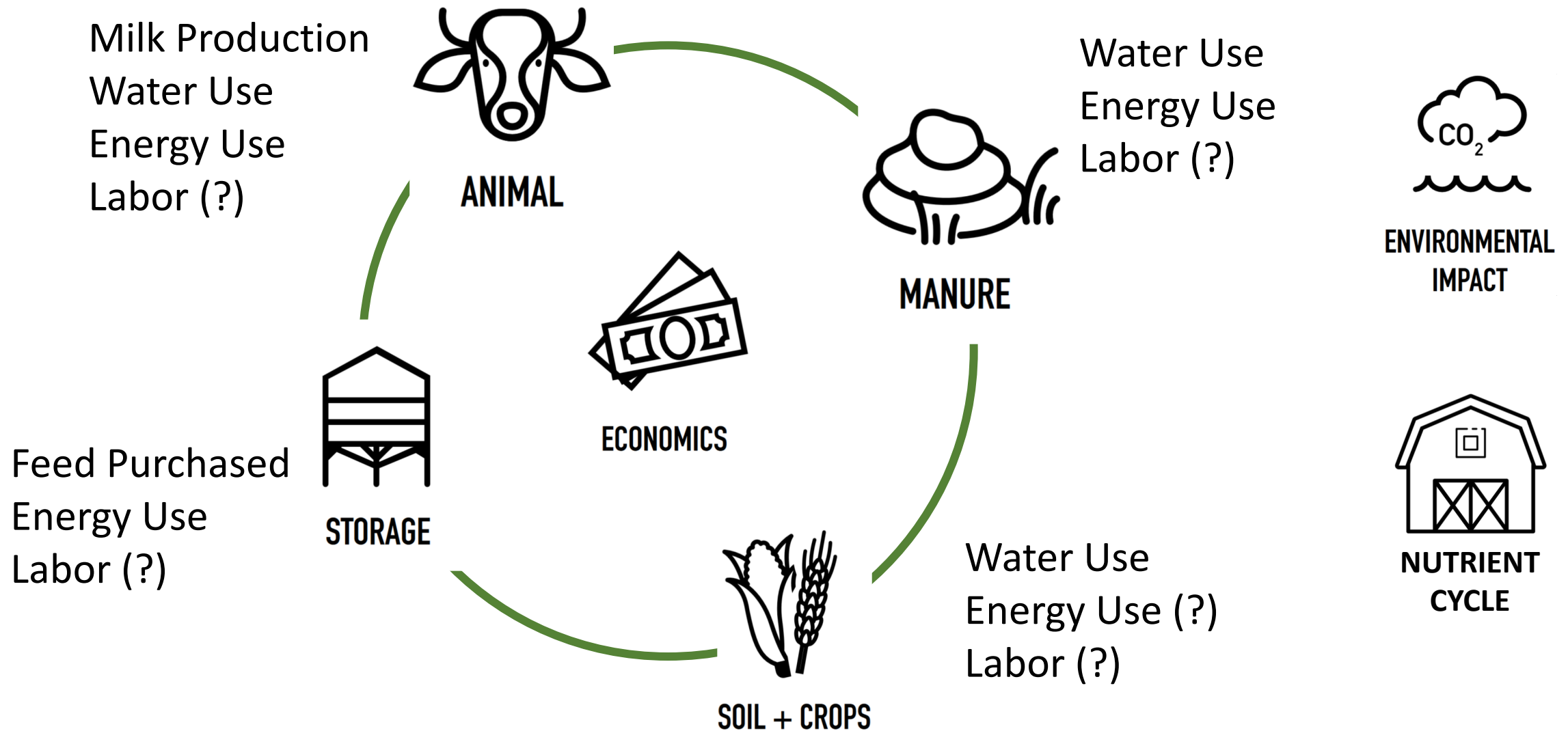
Energy | Water | Feed | Labor (?)



Revenues

Milk

# RuFaS Modules links with Economics



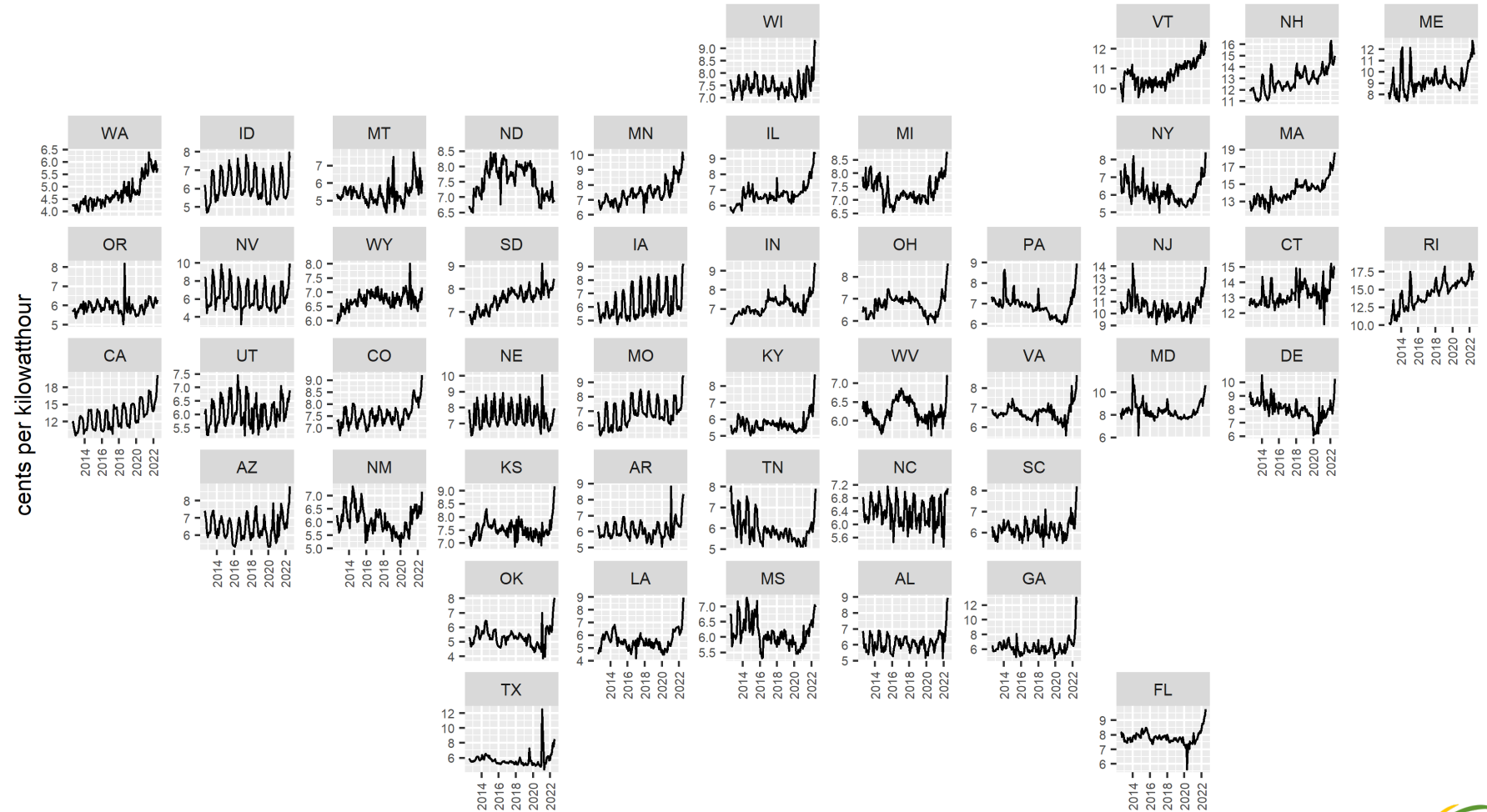
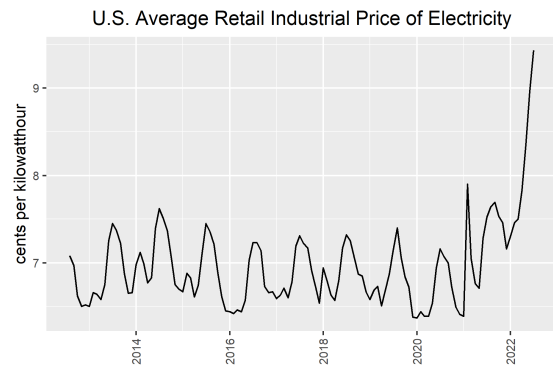
# Energy Cost

- Electricity
- Natural Gas
- Gasoline
- Diesel
- Propane



# Modeling Electricity Cost at State Level

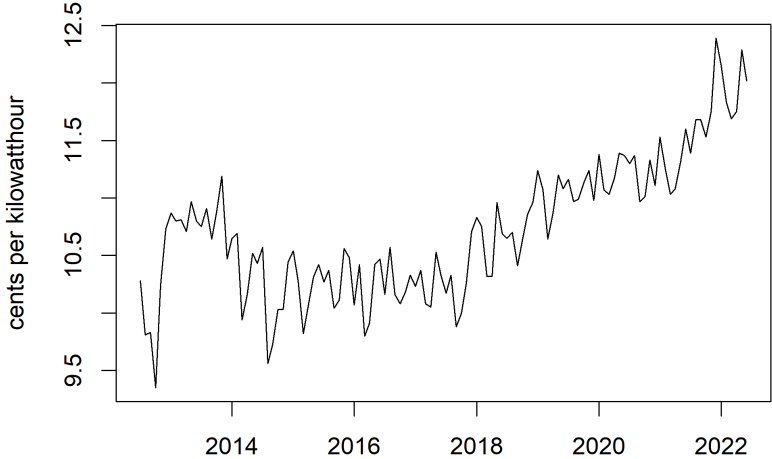
Average Retail Industrial Price of Electricity in CONUS



# CONUS Energy Cost Forecasting



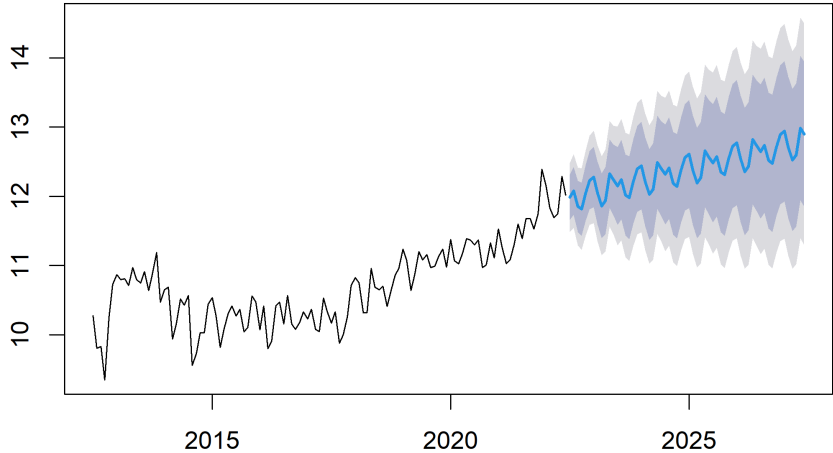
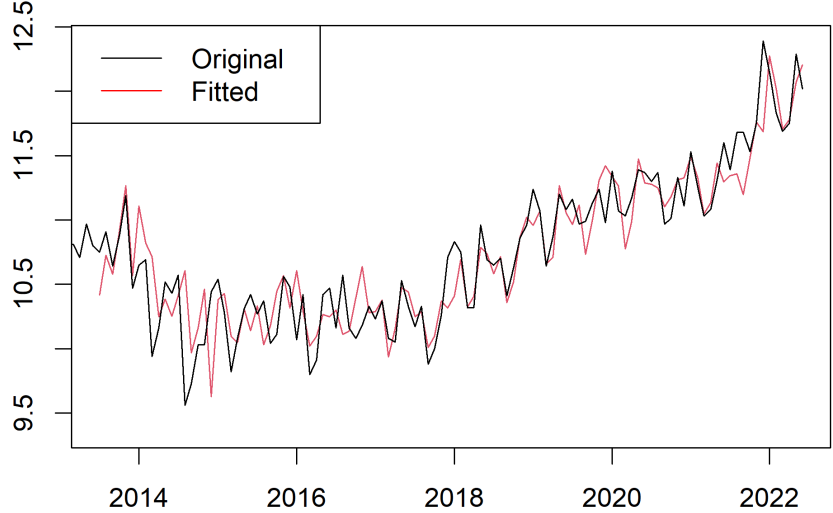
VT Average Retail Industrial Price of Electricity



**ARIMA**

OR

**Exponential smoothing**





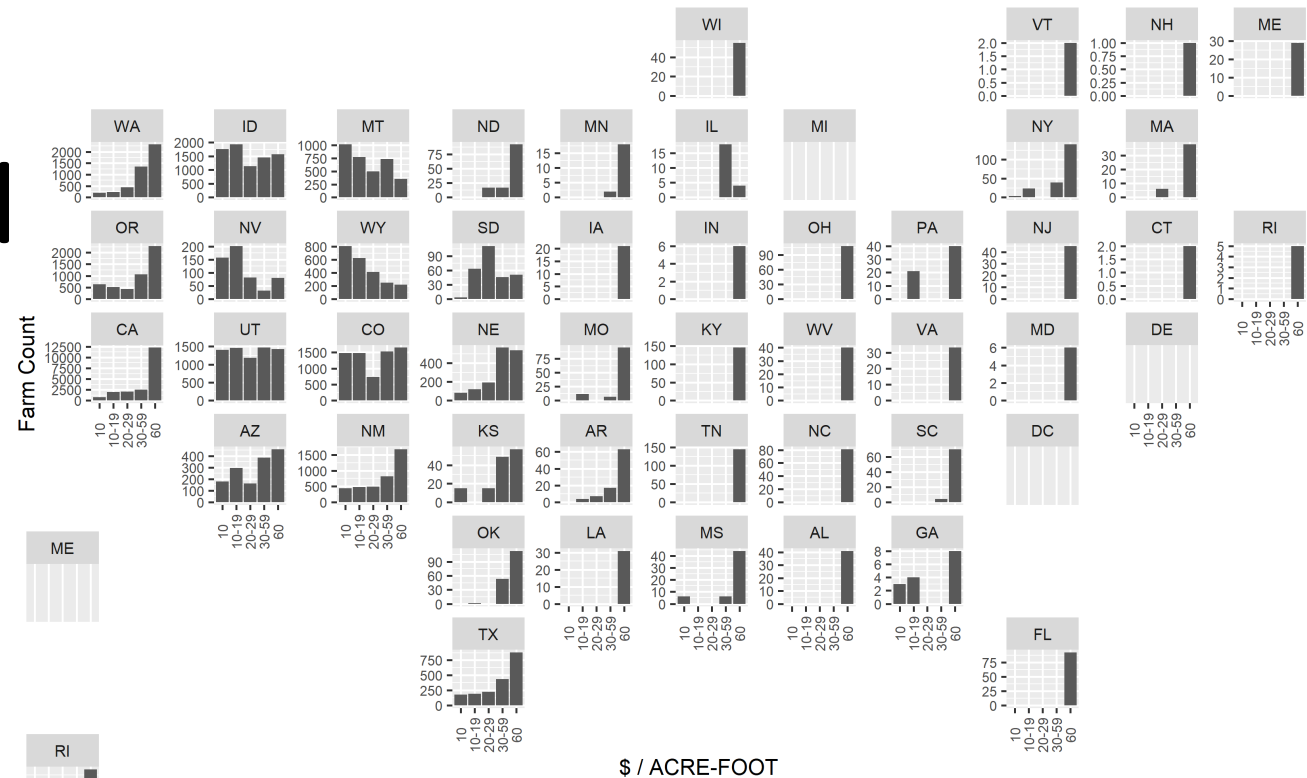
# Water Cost



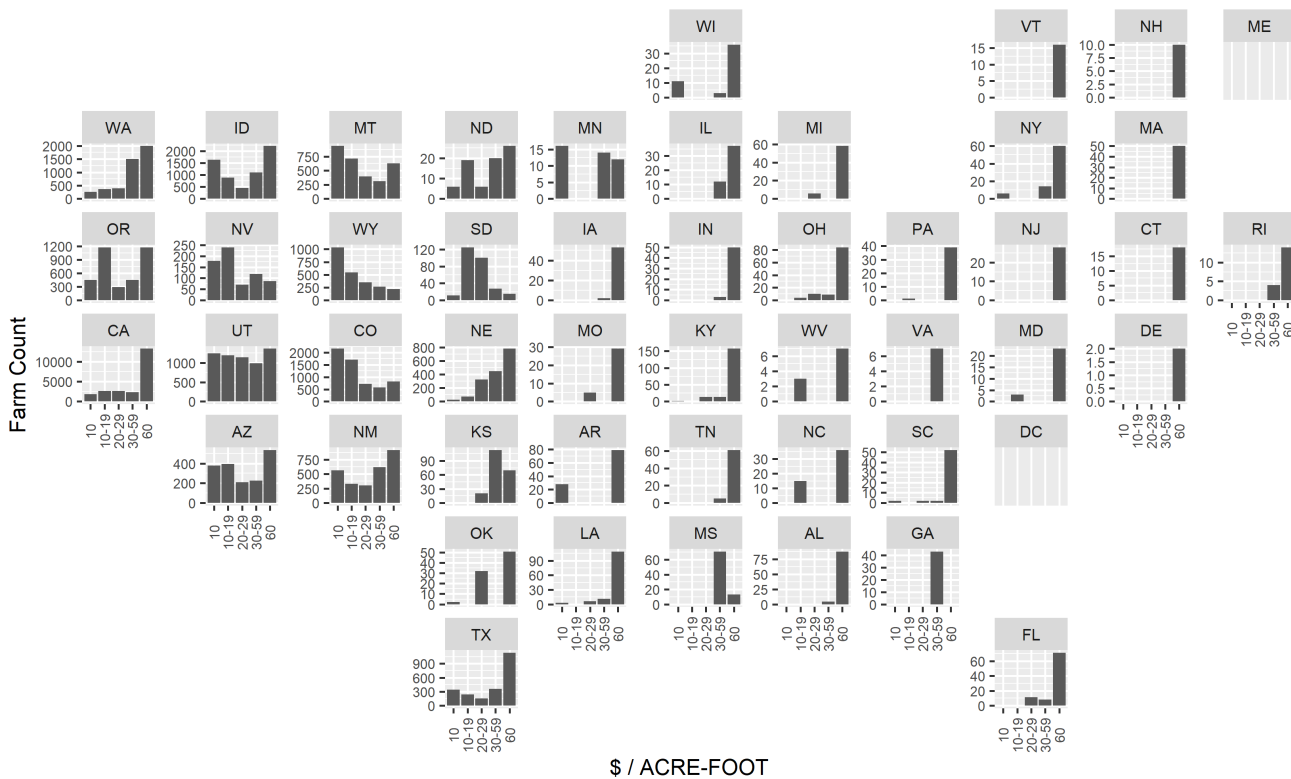
United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service

# CONUS Modeling of Water Cost at State Level

Farms by average water cost per acre-foot for 2018



Farms by average water cost per acre-foot for 2013



\$/ ACRE-FOOT

\$/ ACRE-FOOT

# CONUS Water Cost Forecasting

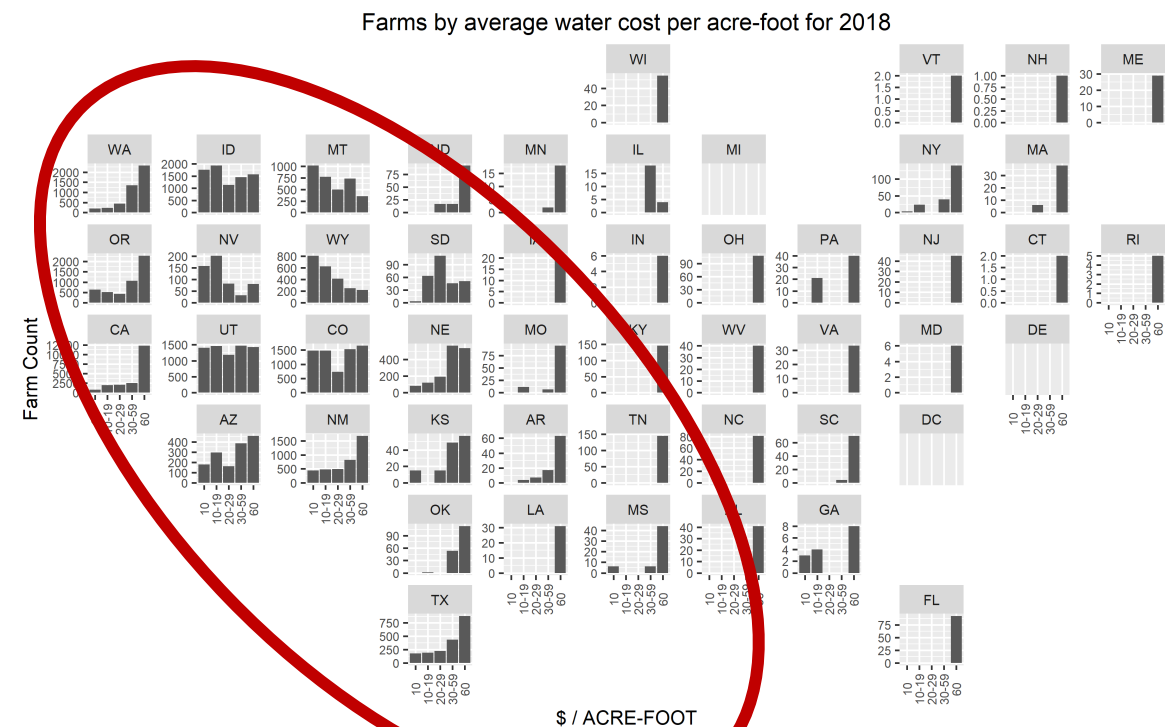
- Limited Data
- State Level Mean Water Cost per acre/foot is a viable option
- Linear trend of State mean water cost based on 2003, 2008, 2013, and 2018

State	Average cost per acre-foot			
	2003	2008	2013	2018
Alabama	54.35	183.77	407.61	495.9
Alaska	NA	NA	131.43	165
Arizona	15.91	28.76	29.43	30.18
Arkansas	13.11	4.92	27.52	49.62
California	29.56	48.03	45.59	67.97
Colorado	7.28	14.29	16.96	14.19
Connecticut	131.23	125.58	155.41	NA
Delaware	NA	NA	200	NA
Florida	9.41	14.16	64.72	124.12
Georgia	NA	NA	41.63	43.59
Hawaii	19.88	157.75	151.45	235.42
Idaho	10.53	15.13	17.65	16.78
Illinois	NA	NA	115.85	42.31
Indiana	NA	NA	107.57	150
Iowa	2.39	10.67	78.76	62.31
Kansas	25.78	28.58	47.16	41.55
Kentucky	238.33	1111.67	1258.07	2186.57
Louisiana	5.79	73.01	70.53	254.17
Maine	26.72	NA	NA	2486.17
Maryland	71.32	13.94	566.47	279.4
Massachusetts	5.12	NA	435.19	432.72
Michigan	NA	NA	198.2	NA
Minnesota	4.09	1.88	9.83	836.1
Mississippi	NA	300	58.35	135.51
Missouri	4.17	8	192.61	257.02

State	Average cost per acre-foot			
	2003	2008	2013	2018
Montana	7.46	12.03	10.98	14.81
Nebraska	14.94	22.38	42.19	32.96
Nevada	6.15	10.28	13.6	11.65
New Hampshire	NA	NA	204.17	NA
New Jersey	31.37	NA	226.33	632.43
New Mexico	5.34	24.76	41.46	32.4
New York	153.97	36.84	406.72	164.95
North Carolina	NA	300	63.7	756.67
North Dakota	9.06	17.71	38.85	50.81
Ohio	44.42	38.64	606.02	522.74
Oklahoma	18.55	175.89	8.76	53.27
Oregon	11.8	15.68	20.18	24.22
Pennsylvania	NA	100	638.83	270.41
Rhode Island	NA	225.81	819.17	3625
South Carolina	NA	520.59	53.18	171.07
South Dakota	1.52	15.78	16.8	25.38
Tennessee	52.03	143.44	210.39	648.63
Texas	19.37	19.41	31.05	29.83
Utah	7.91	10.88	13.34	13.48
Vermont	145.91	NA	80	NA
Virginia	NA	22.68	30	130.3
Washington	19.24	26.61	32.01	39.05
West Virginia	NA	NA	123.5	1850
Wisconsin	12.12	133.04	34.1	201.29
Wyoming	3.58	5.83	8.14	8.64

# Sensitivity Analysis of Water Cost Forecasting

- Linear trend of State mean water cost for 2003, 2008, 2013, and 2018
- Sensitivity analysis for some states of the mean estimation
  - Condition  $n \geq 30$  and bins  $> 3$
  - Chebyshev's inequality



# Feed Cost



# Acquired Prices for RuFaS Feed Items

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service		ADM
Alfalfa Meal	Feather Meal	Blood Meal
Almond Hulls	Fish Meal	Fats and Oils
Barley	Linseed Meal	Calcium carbonate
Beet Pulp	Meat and Bone Meal	Dicalcium Phosphate, dibasic
Cane Molasses	Meat Meal	Calcium Phosphate monobasic
Canola Meal	Oats	Calcium Sulfate, dihydrate
Corn	Rice Bran	Magnesium Oxide
Corn Distillers Dried Grain	Soybean Hulls	Potassium Chloride
Corn Gluten Feed	Soybean Meal High Protein	Sodium Bicarbonate
Corn Gluten Feed Meal	Soybean Meal Low Protein	Sodium Phosphate, Monohydrate
Yellow Corn Hominy Feed	Soybean Oil	Potassium Sulfate
Cottonseed Meal	Sunflower Meal	Ammonium Chloride
Cottonseed Whole	Wheat Bran	Calcium Chloride dihydrate
	Wheat Middling	Whey



Different Sources



Varying temporal span



Varying temporal step

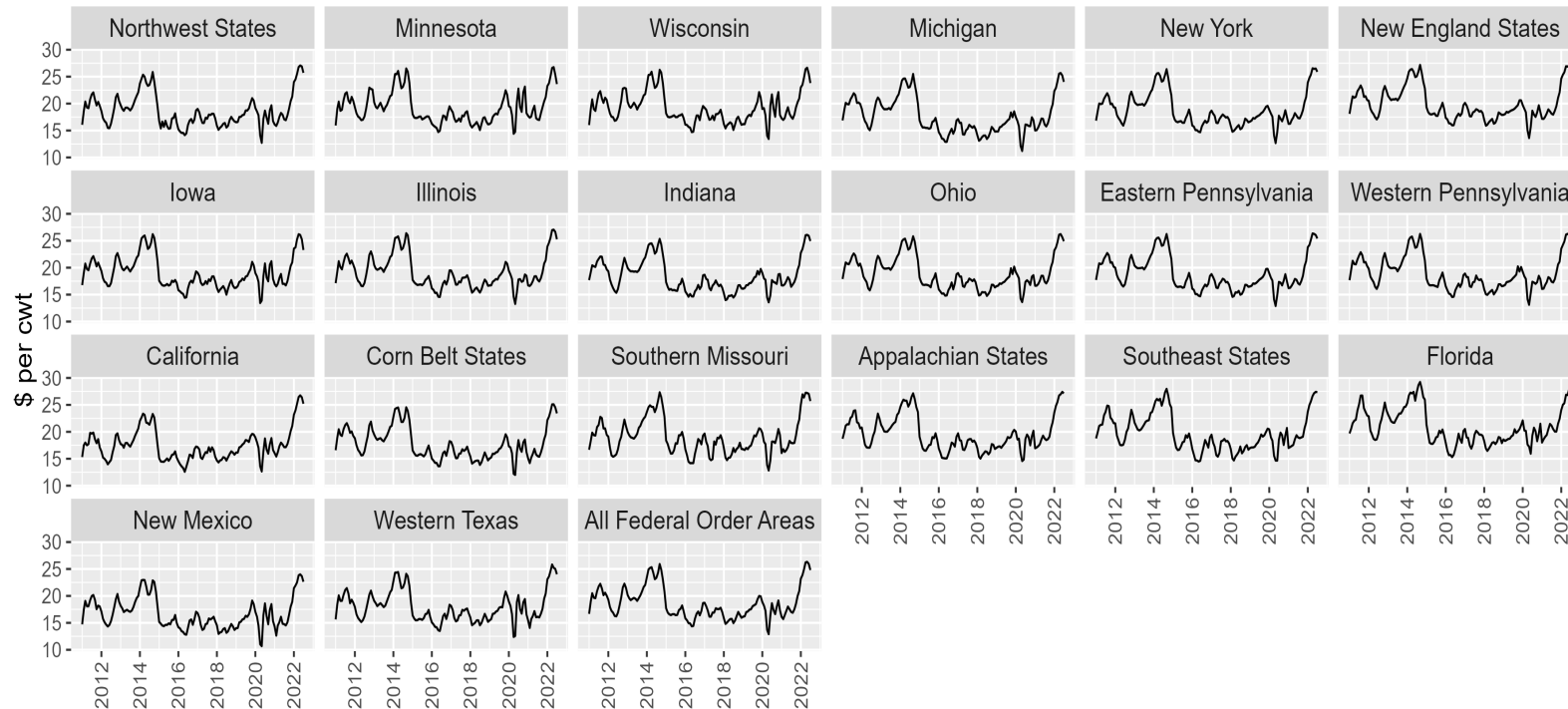


No automated way to pull information for some feed items

# Milk Price

# Modeling Milk Prices at Reporting Areas Level

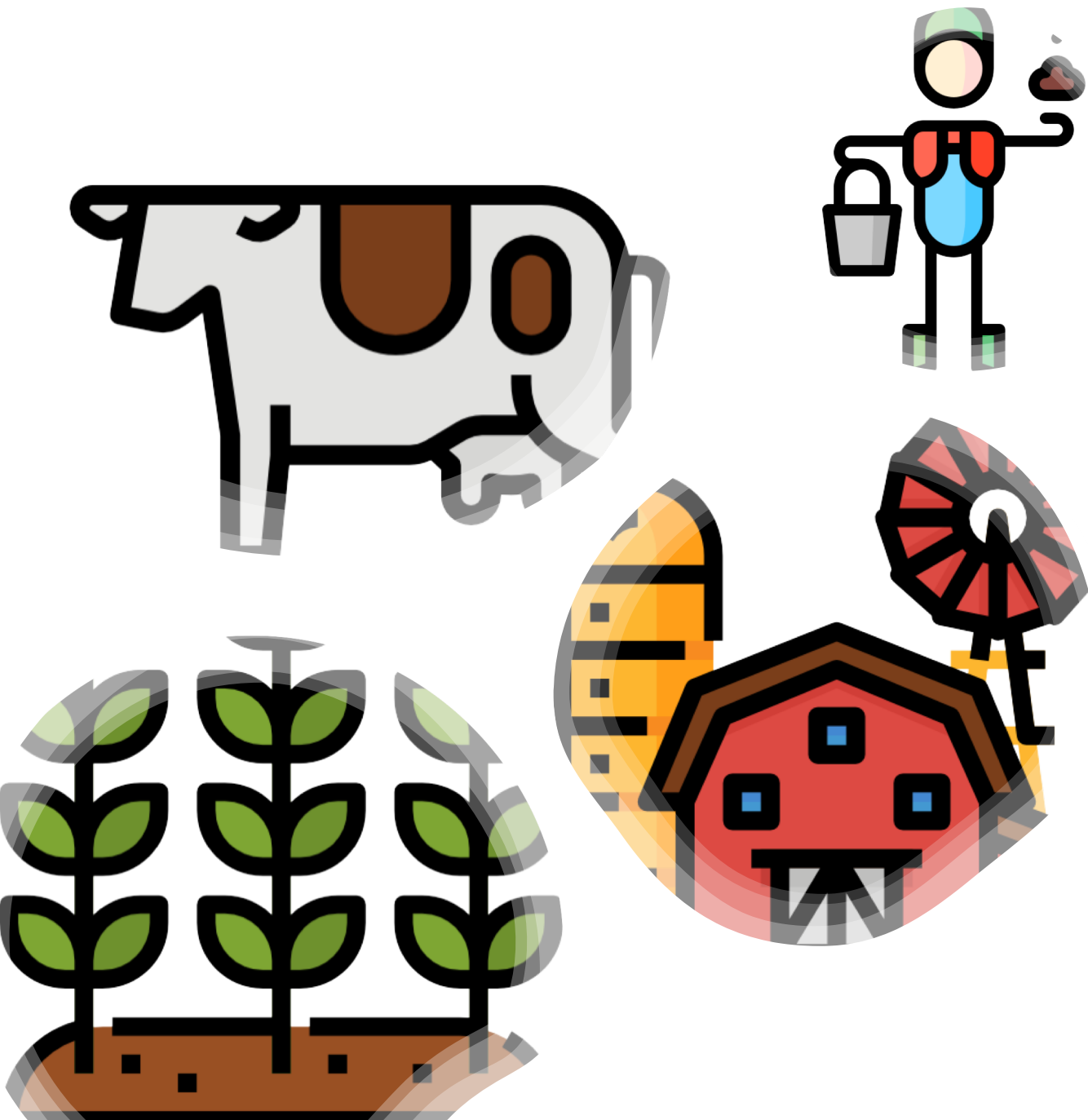
Net Pay Prices Received by Dairy Farmers for Milk in CONUS





# Ecological economic analysis of dairy farm costs





# Management Practices

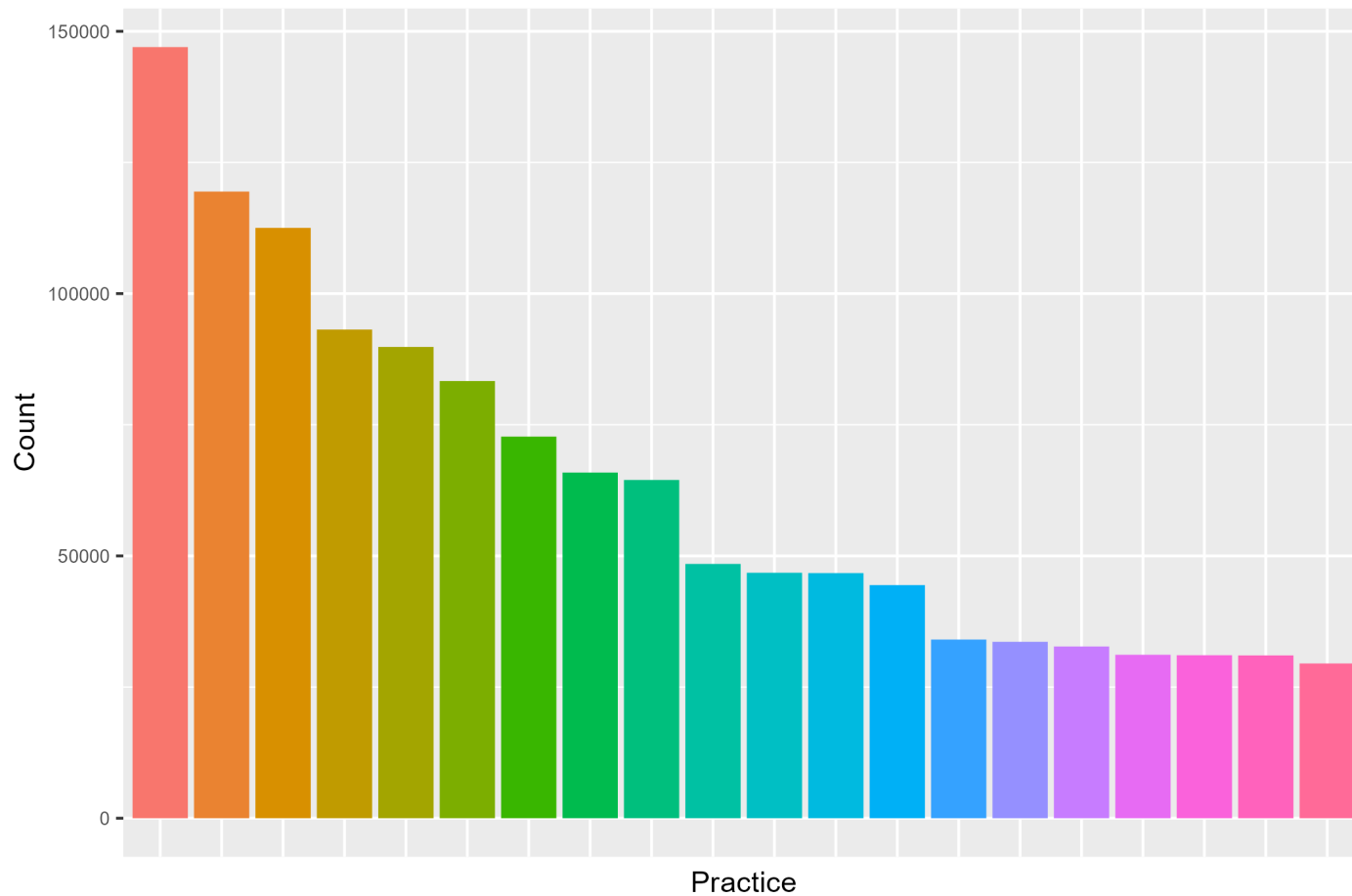
- Feed Storage
- Animal
- Manure
- Crop & Soil

# Environmental Quality Incentives Program Data Set

247 practices in the dataset

45-75% of the implementation cost

Top 20 EQIP practices for 2009-2018



EQIP Practice

- Fence
- Cover Crop
- Watering Facility
- Livestock Pipeline
- Brush Management
- Nutrient Management
- Heavy Use Area Protection
- Prescribed Grazing
- Forage and Biomass Planting
- Forest Stand Improvement
- Critical Area Planting
- Irrigation Water Management
- Pumping Plant
- Pest Management Conservation System
- Structure for Water Control
- Herbaceous Weed Treatment
- Underground Outlet
- Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till
- Tree/Shrub Establishment
- Mulching

# Discussion

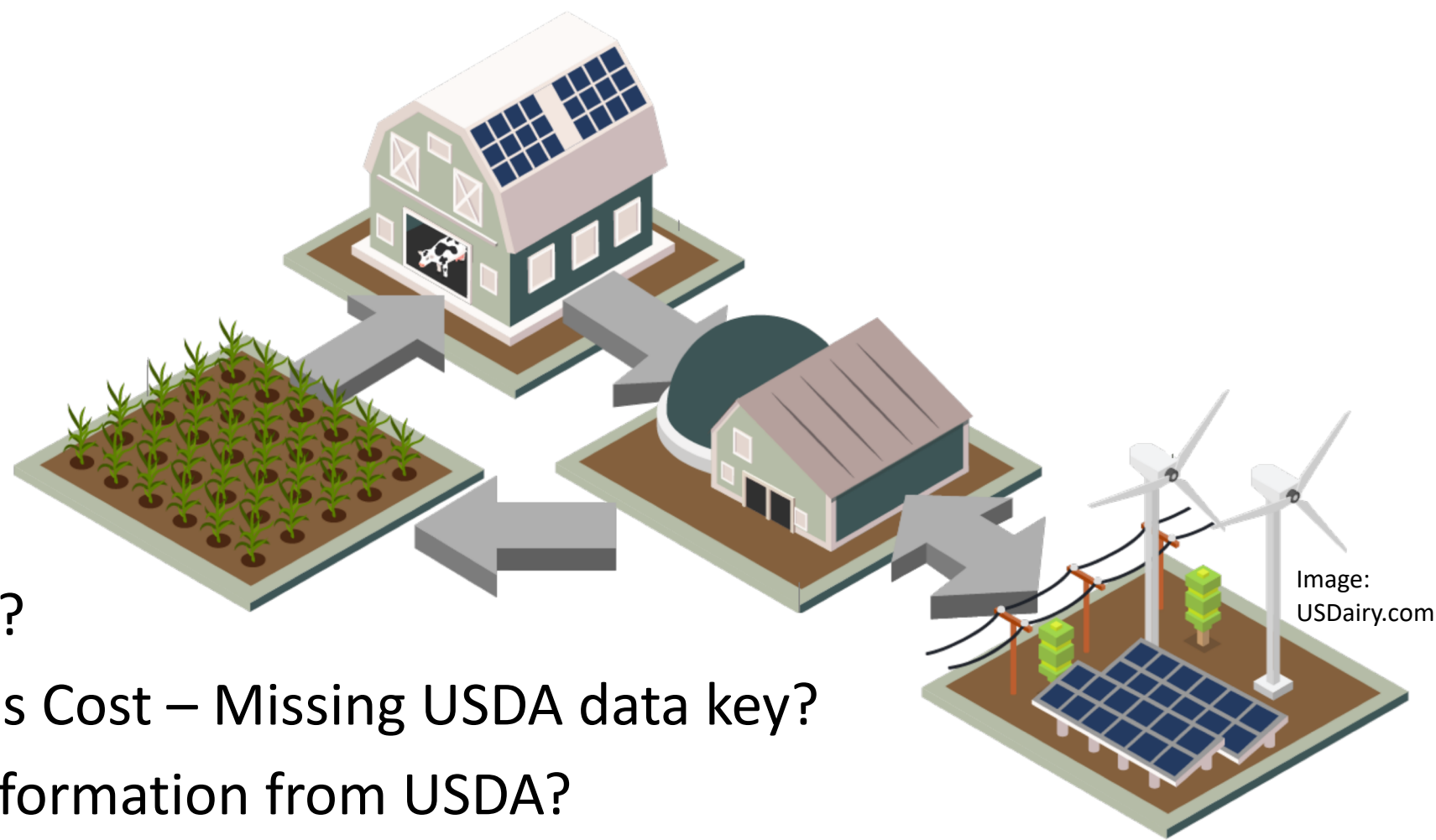


Image:  
USDairy.com

- Simulation timeframe?
- Management Practices Cost – Missing USDA data key?
- Detailed water cost information from USDA?
- How to take into account labor cost for RuFaS v1.0?
- Exogenous regressors for mailbox milk price?
- Inflows (Outflows) from (to) the other RuFaS components?

Thank you for  
your attention!

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