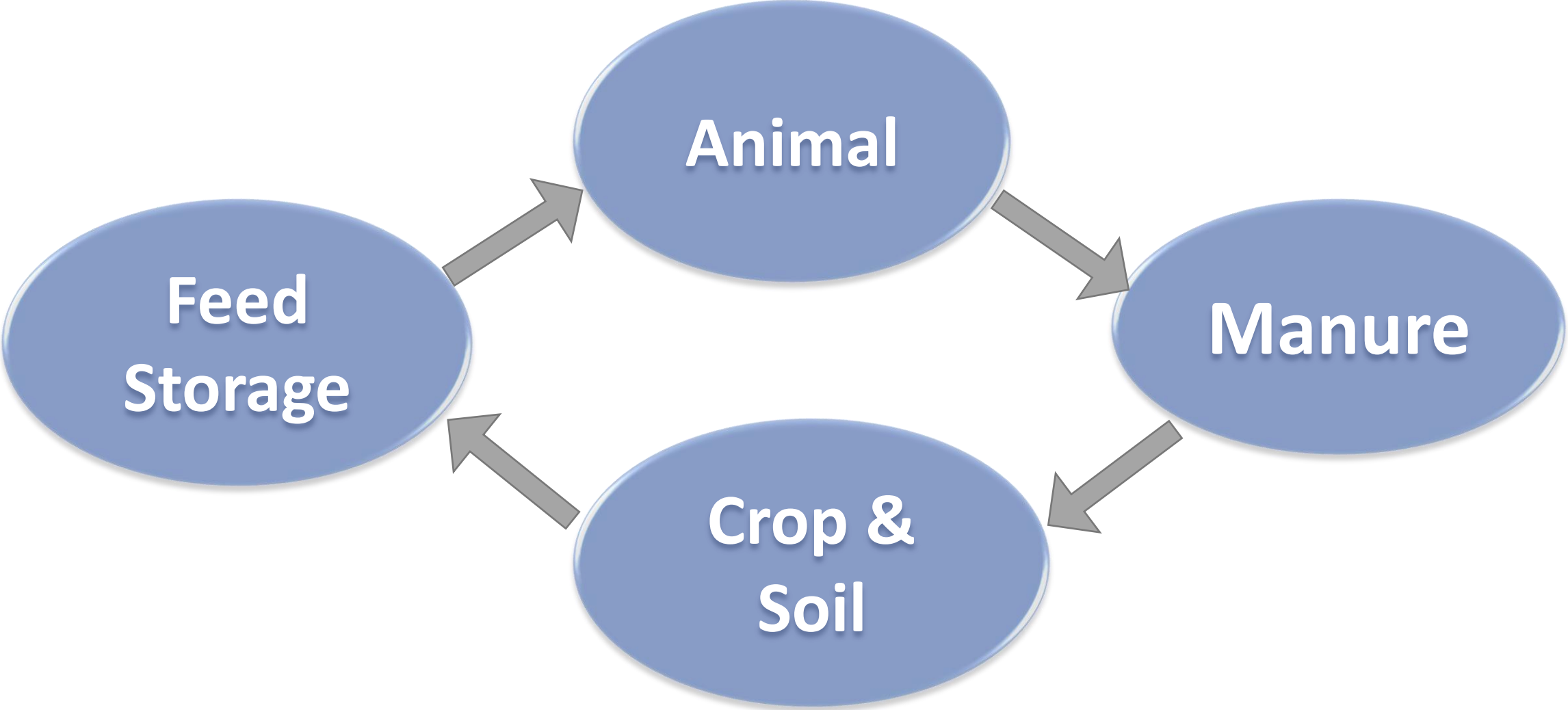




Crop & Soil Module

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RuFaS General Structure

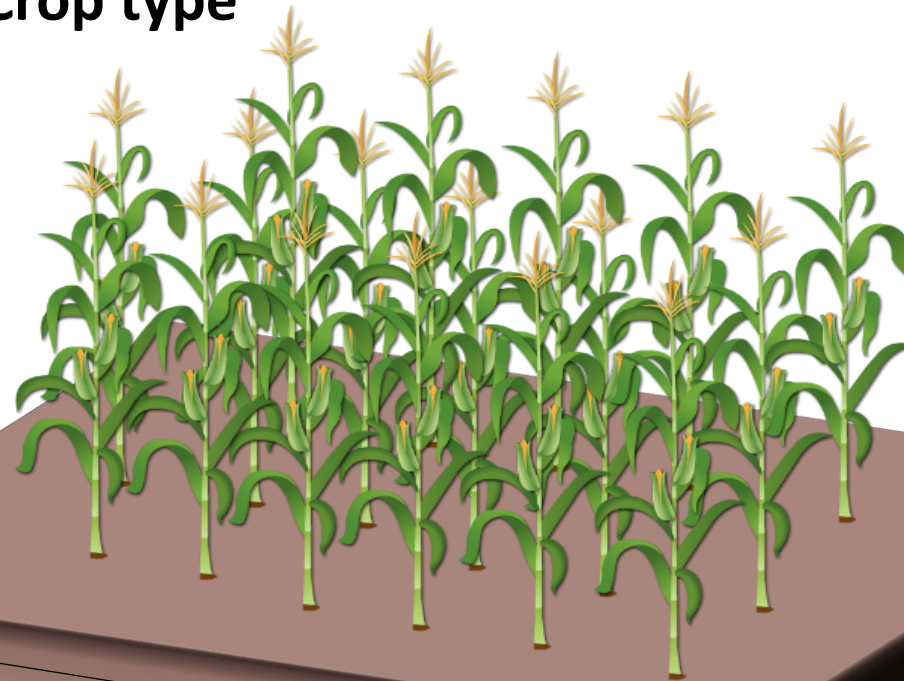


Crop & Soil System



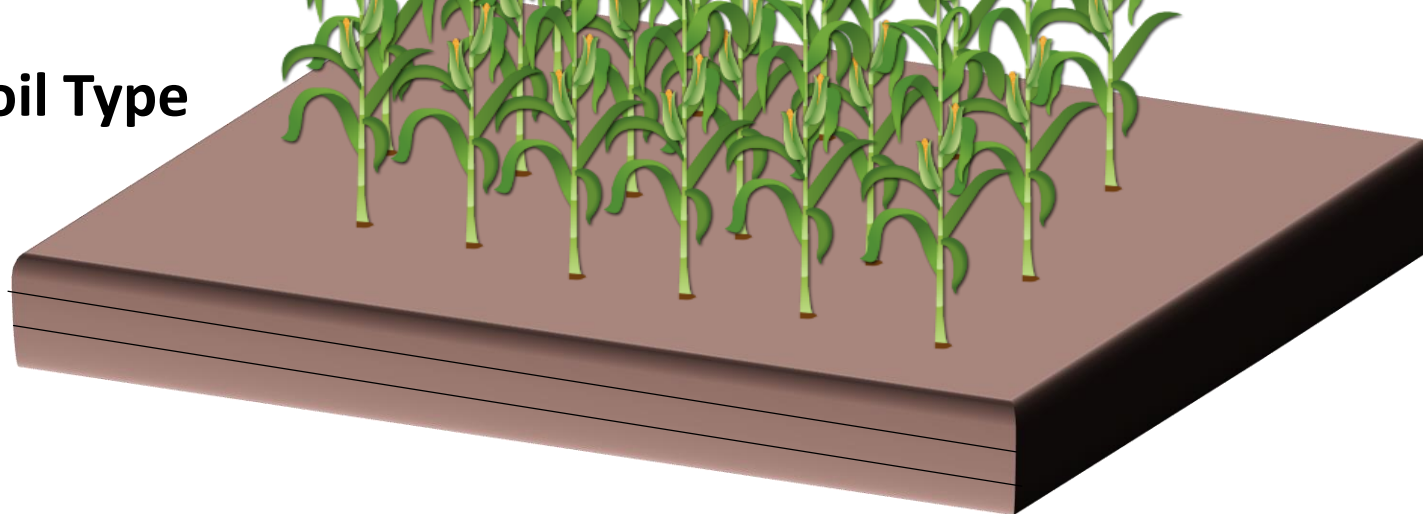
Climate

Crop type

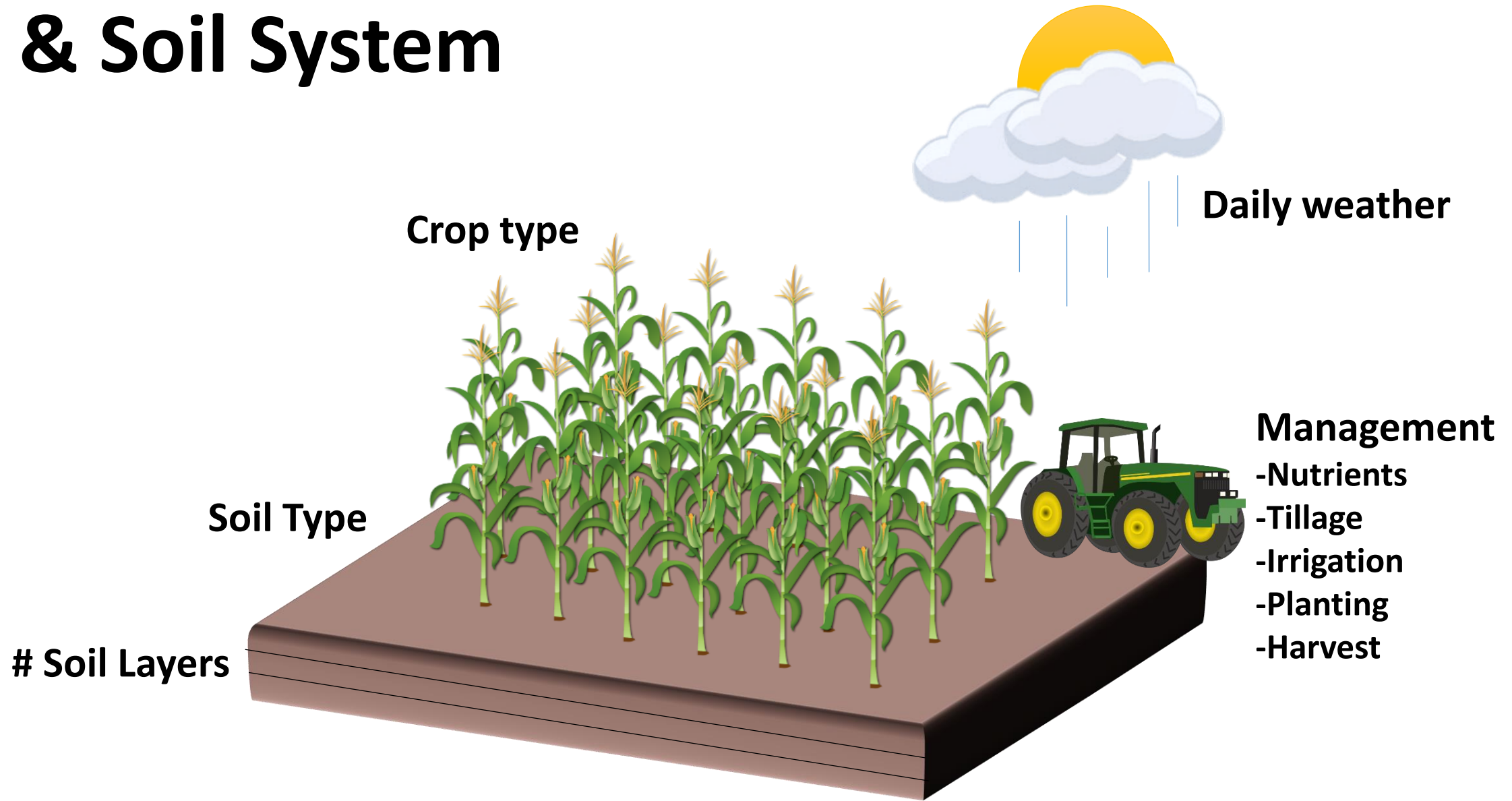


Soil Type

Soil Layers



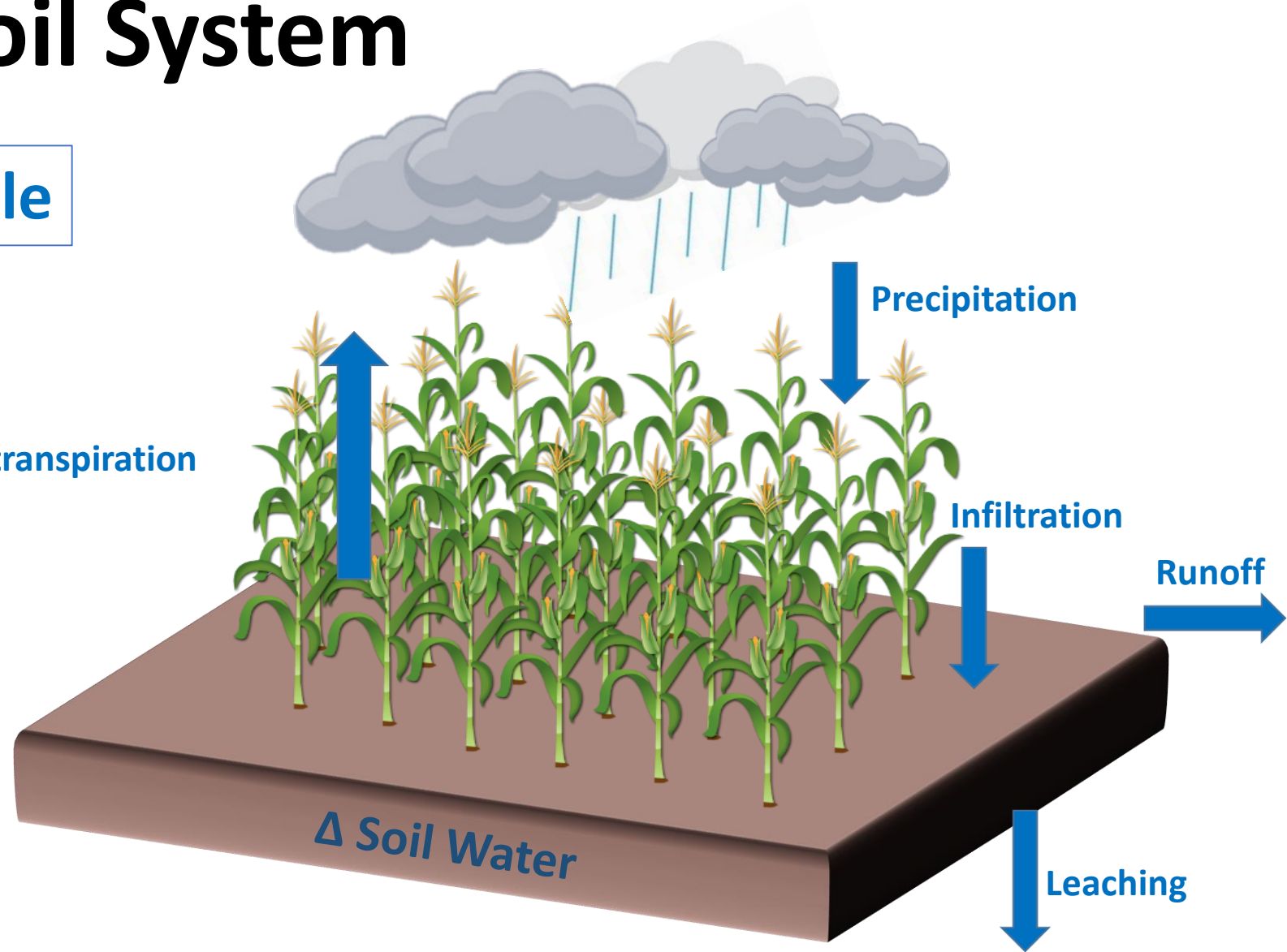
Crop & Soil System



Crop and Soil System

Water Cycle

Evapotranspiration



Precipitation

Infiltration

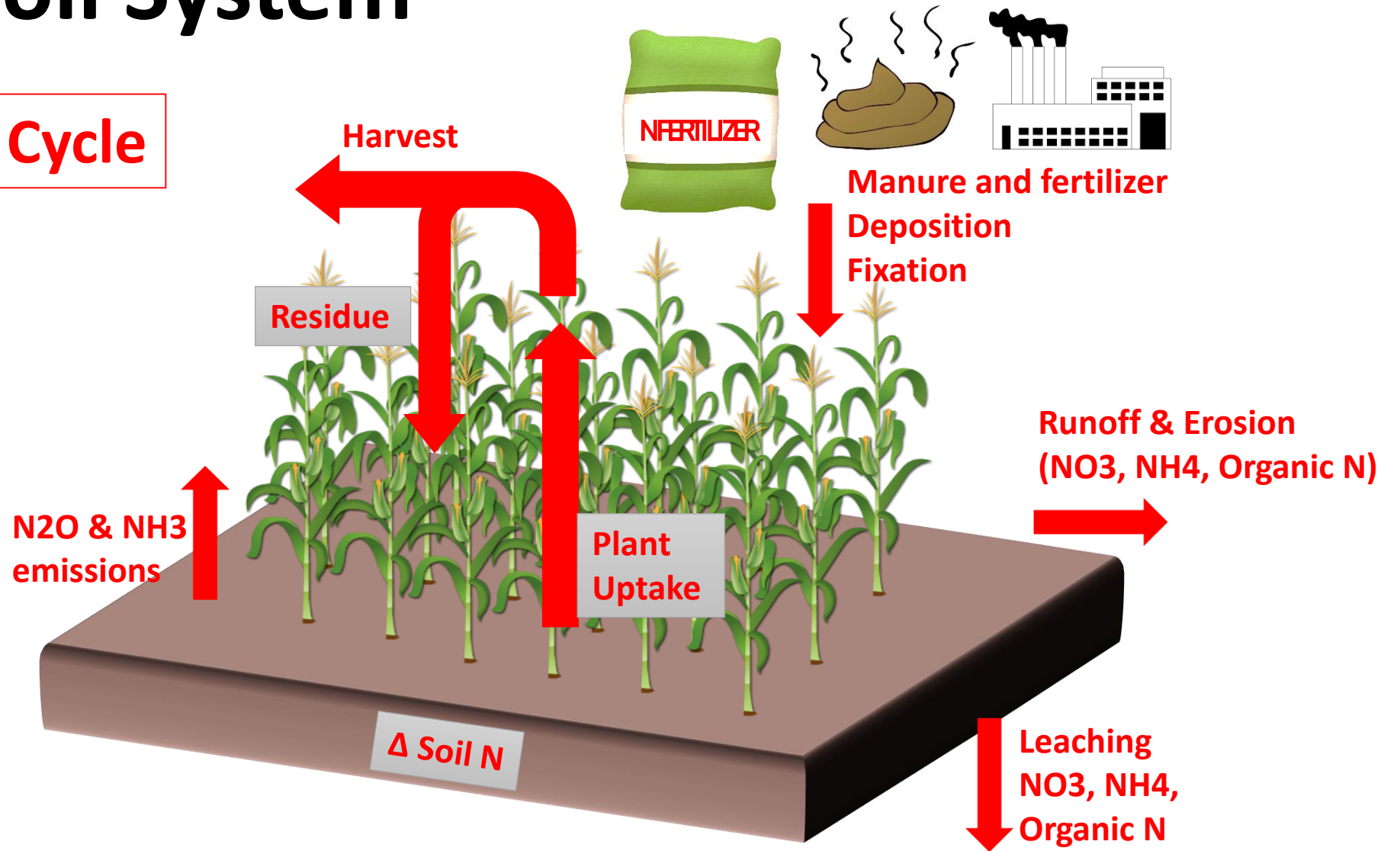
Runoff

Leaching

Δ Soil Water

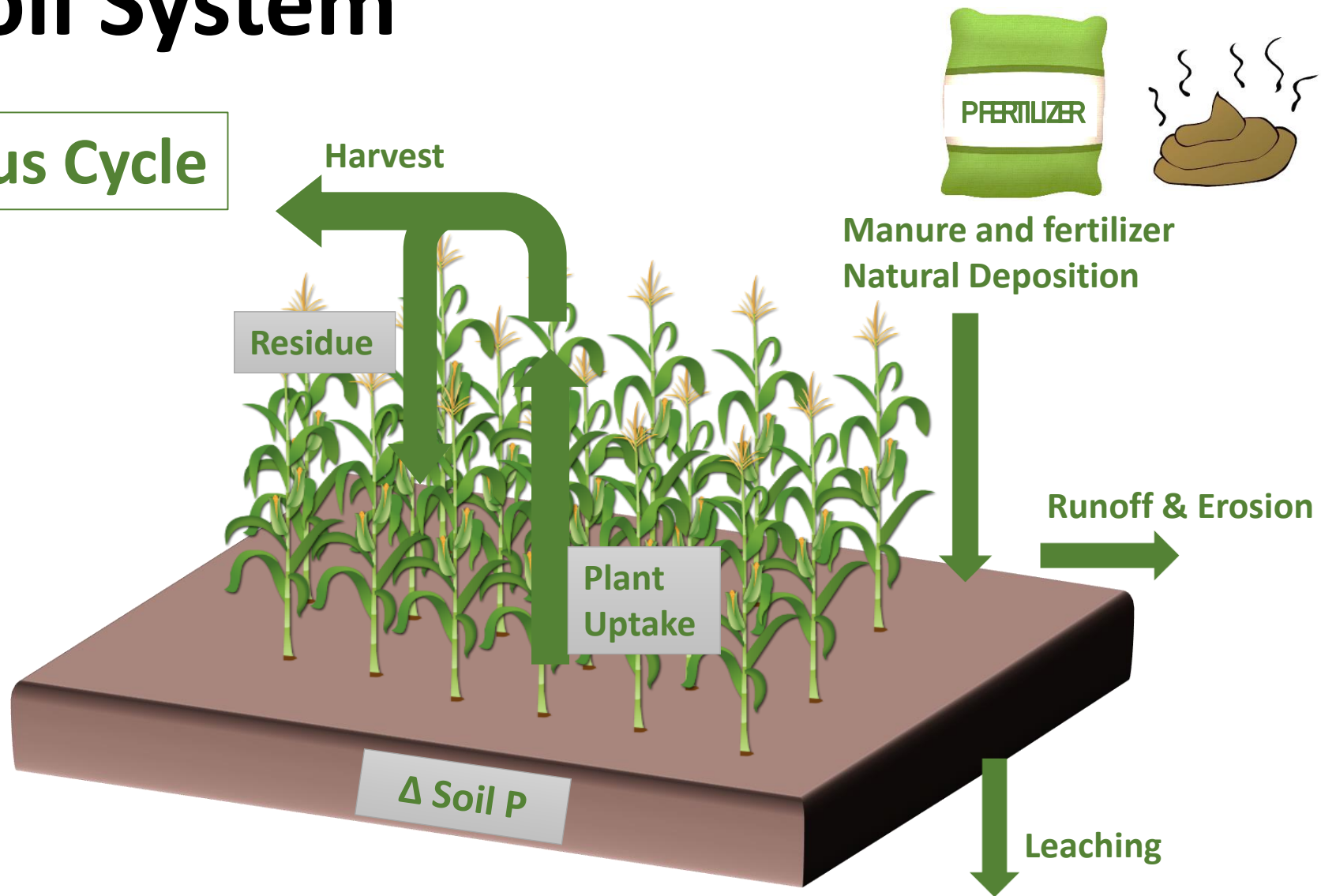
Crop and Soil System

Nitrogen Cycle



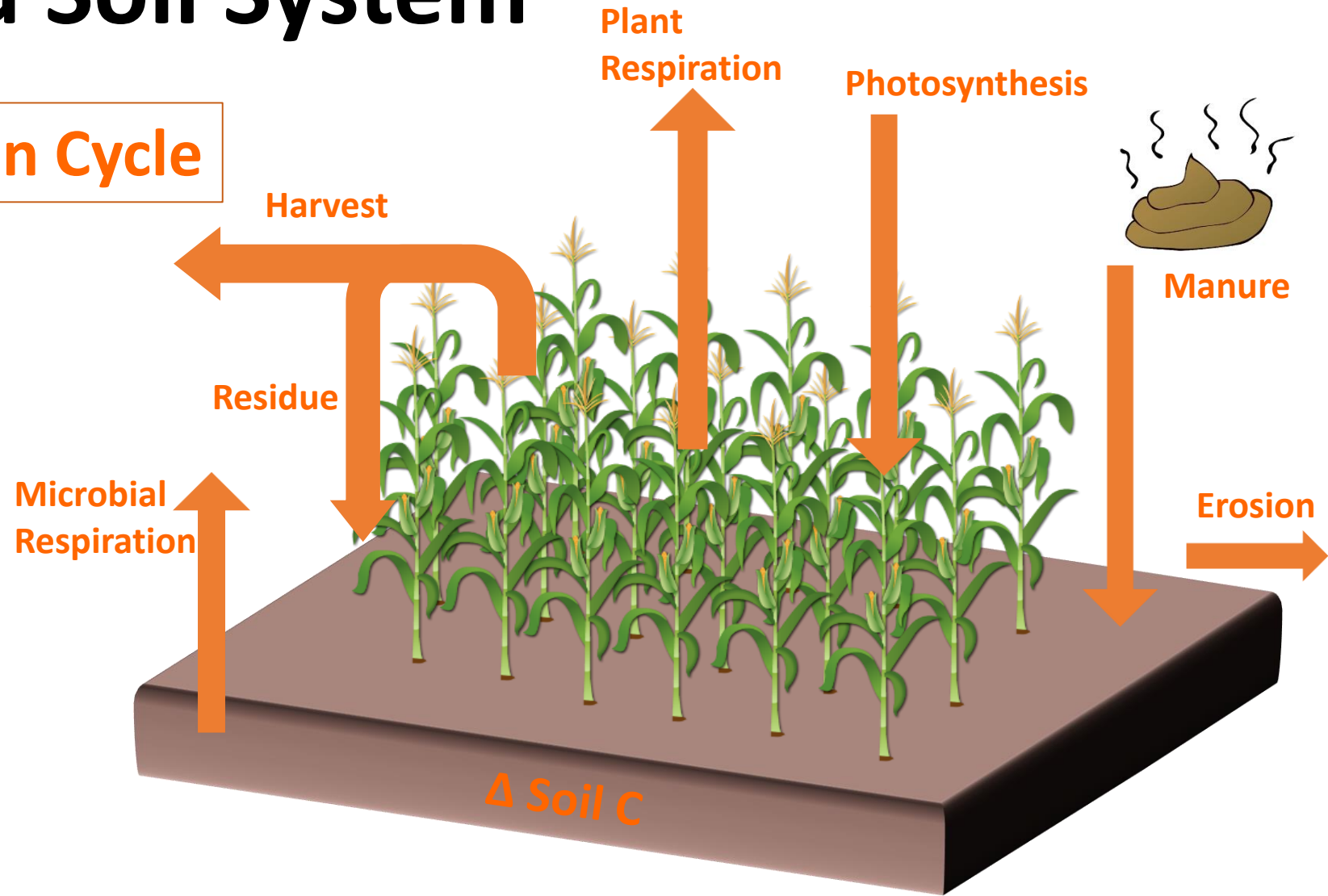
Crop and Soil System

Phosphorus Cycle



Crop and Soil System

Carbon Cycle

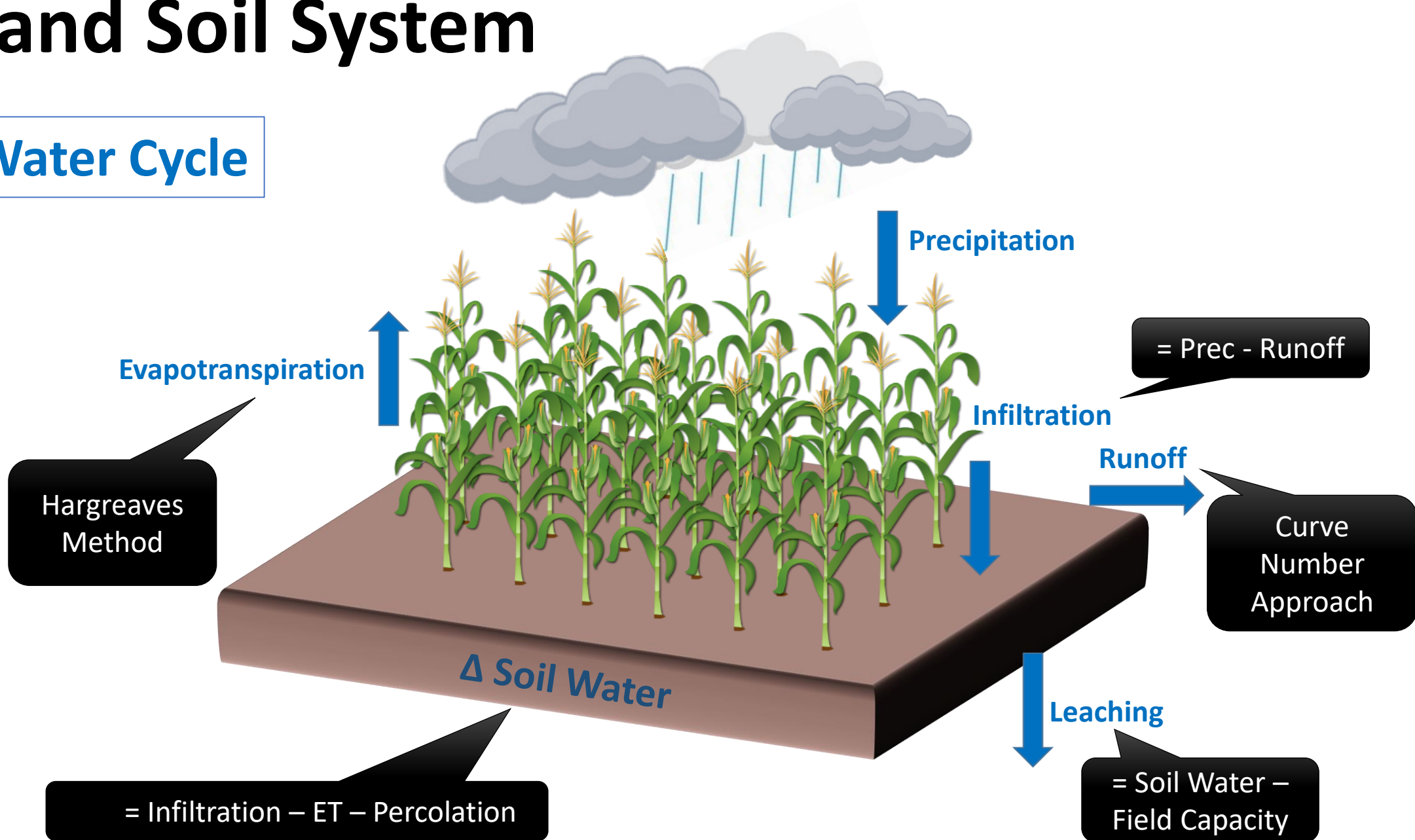


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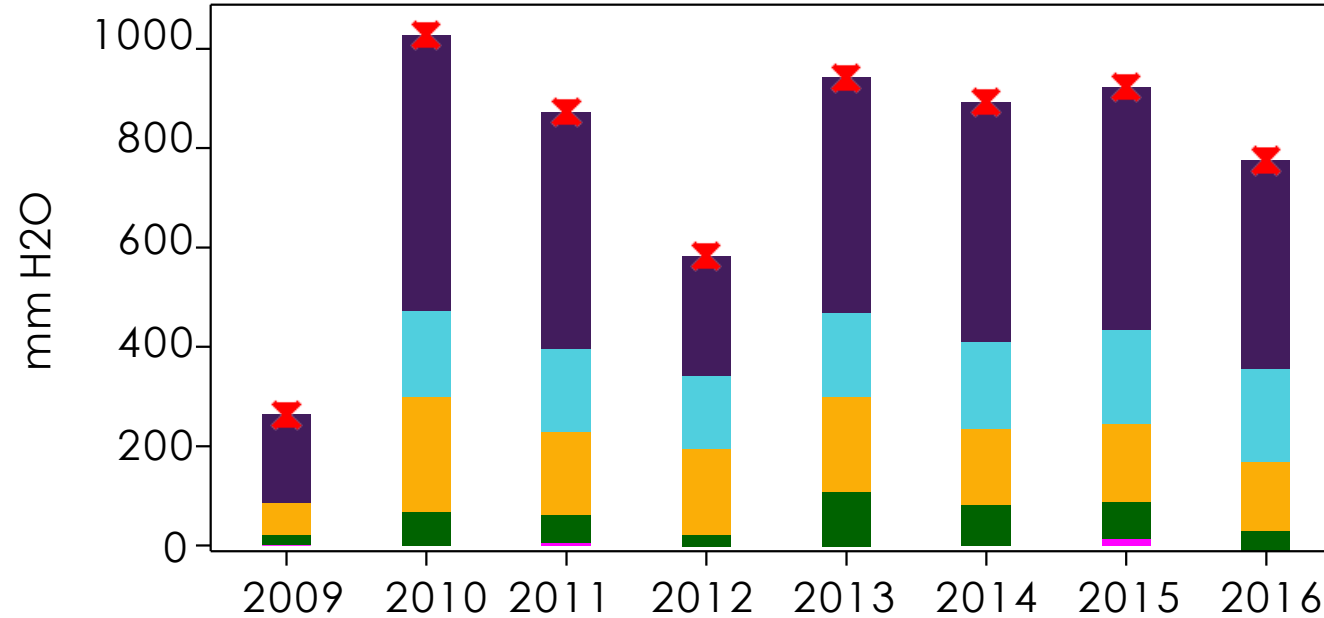
-Albert Einstein

Crop and Soil System

Water Cycle



Water Balance



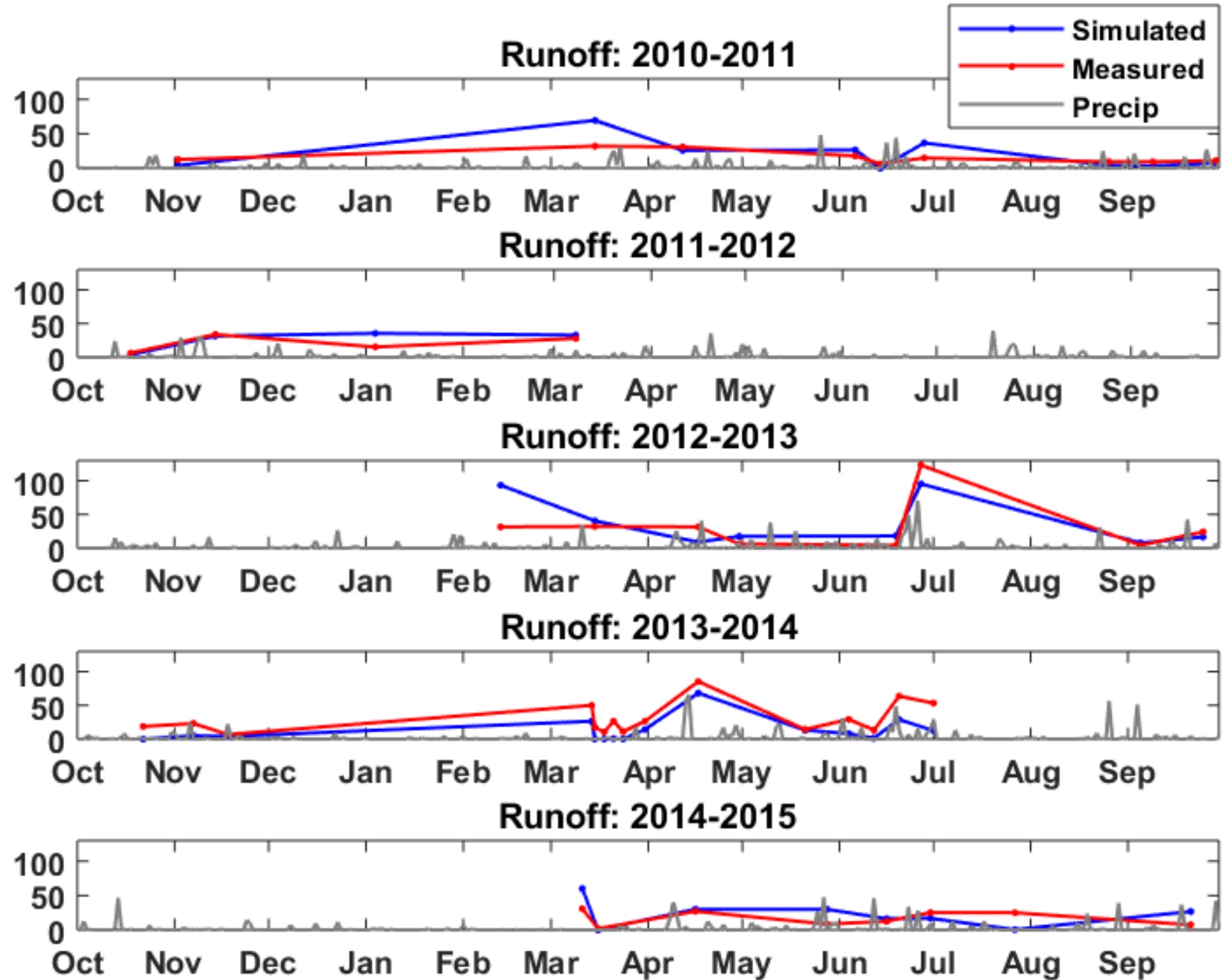
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runoff		19.949	70.246	57.286	23.413	110.202	81.312	74.136	40.75
evaporation		63.779	230.209	165.52	172.741	192.12	154.099	157.124	139.043
transpiration		0.0	173.575	167.396	147.308	168.047	174.957	189.091	187.151
drainage		178.085	555.228	476.944	240.804	473.151	482.036	488.966	418.546
actual precipitation		262.89	1027.43	872.49	582.168	941.07	892.048	922.528	774.192
calculated water		262.89	1027.43	872.49	582.168	941.07	892.048	922.528	774.192
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Testing: USDA-ARS Dairy Farm, Prairie du Sac, WI

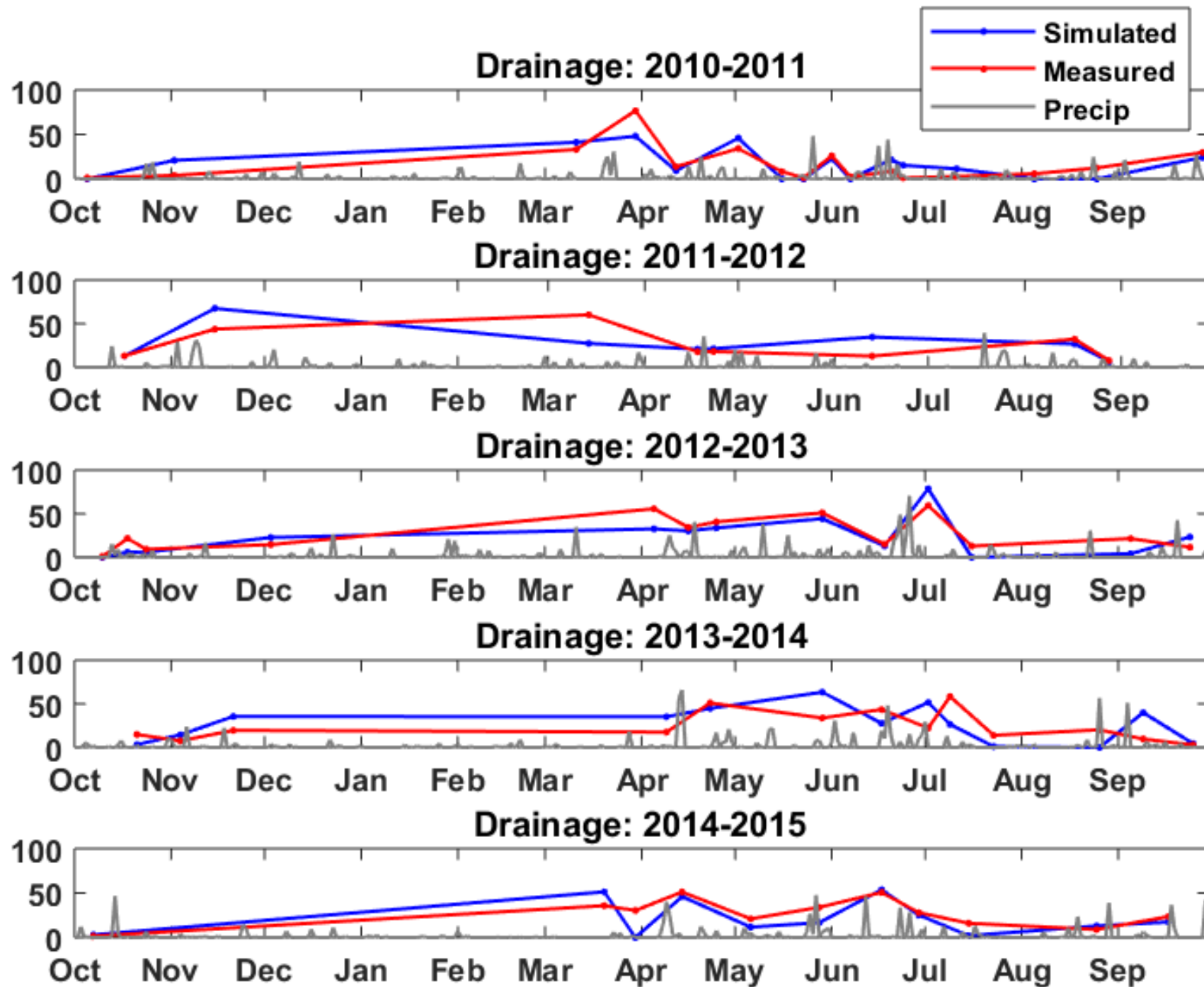


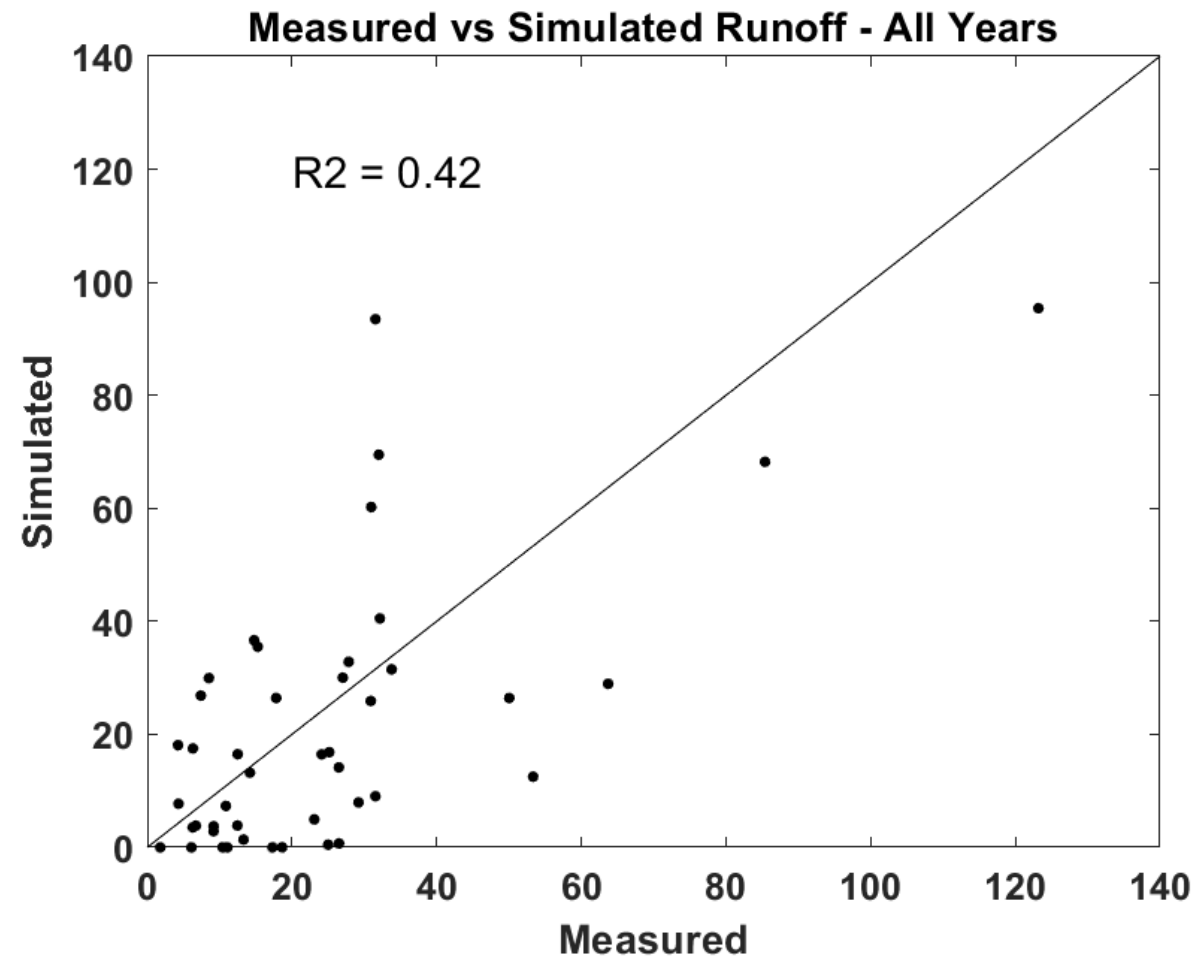
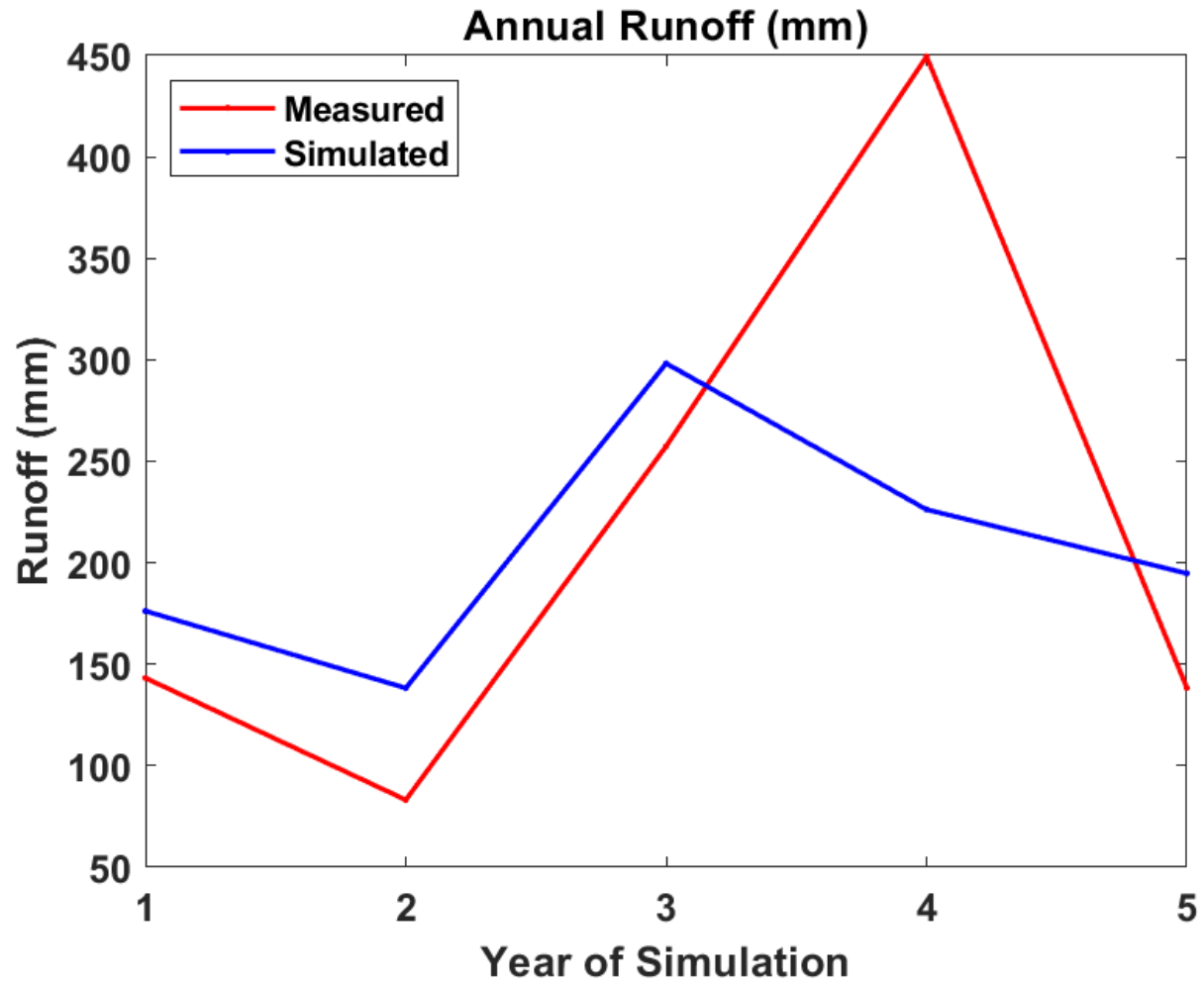
Runoff Comparison Event-Scale

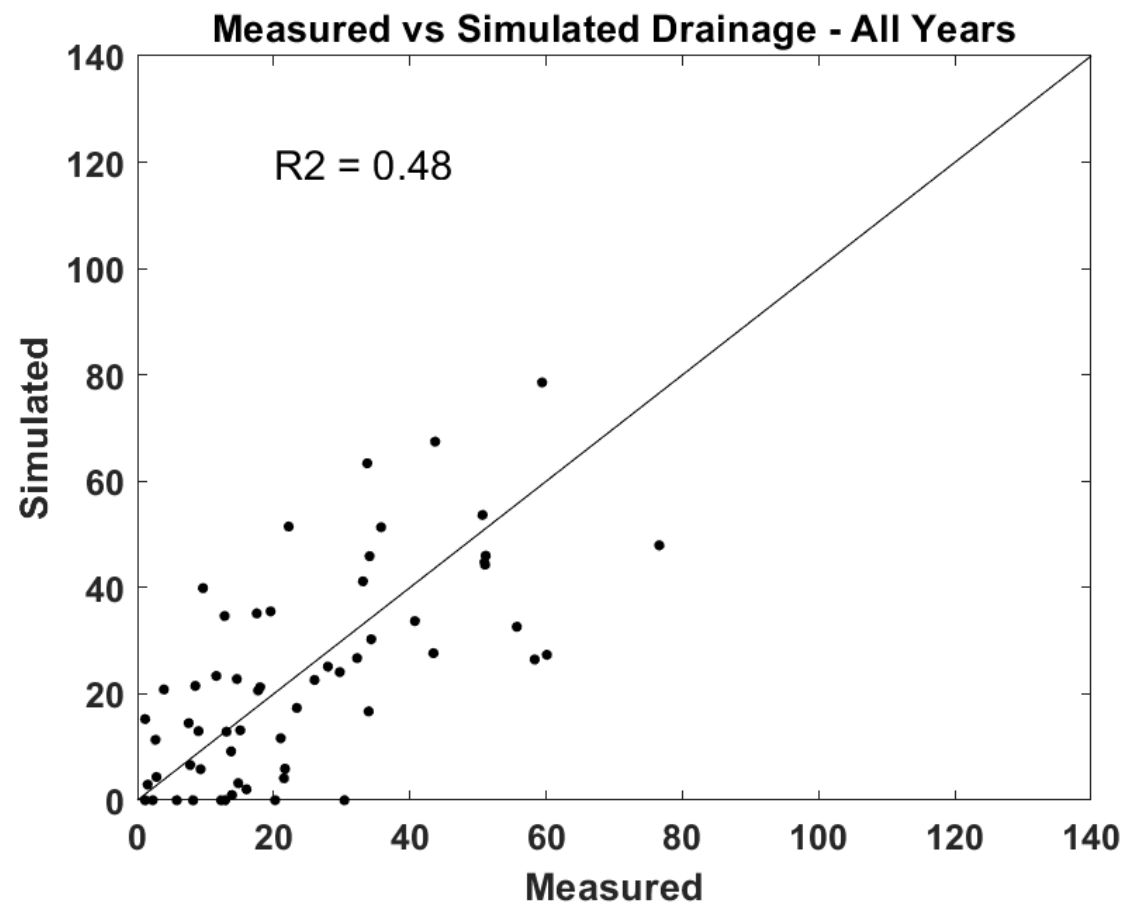
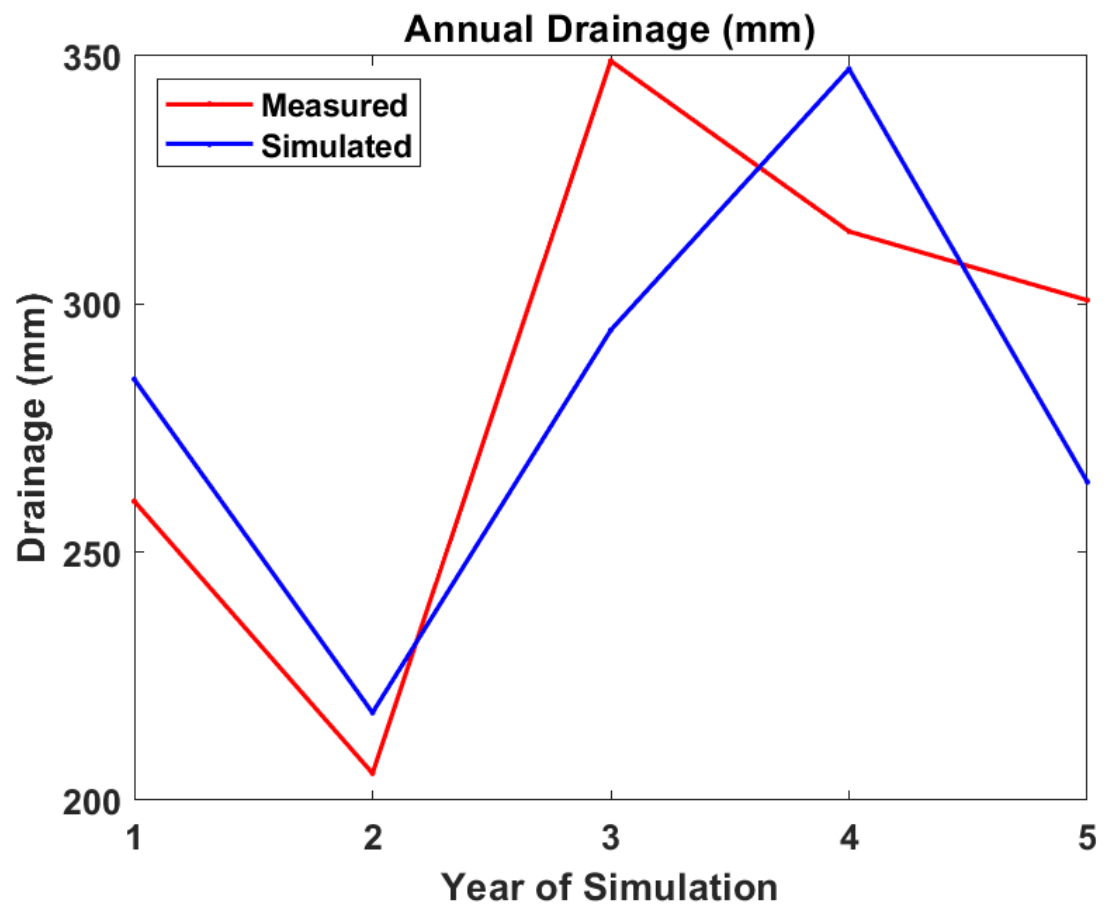
Runoff
(mm)



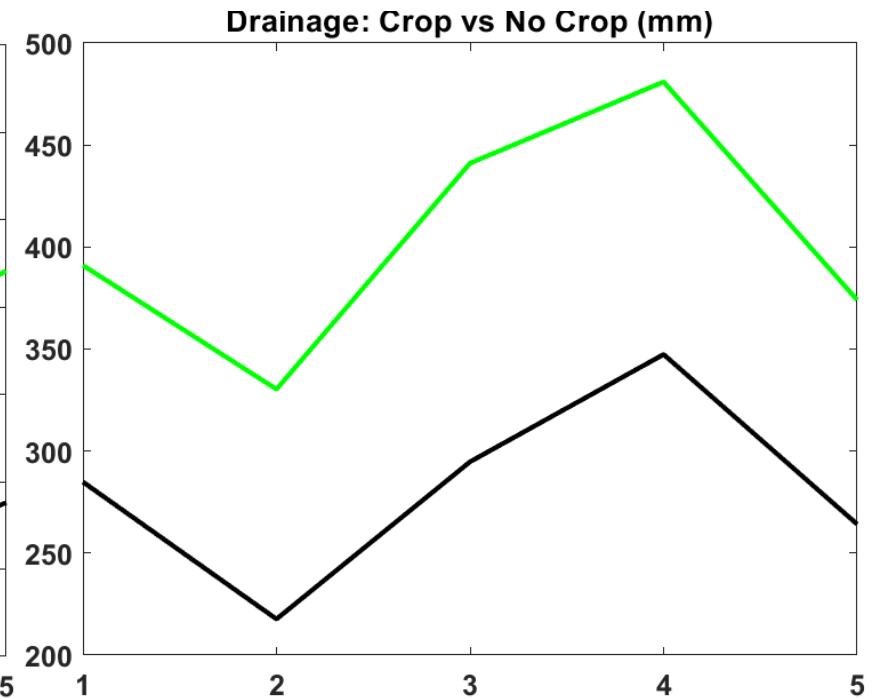
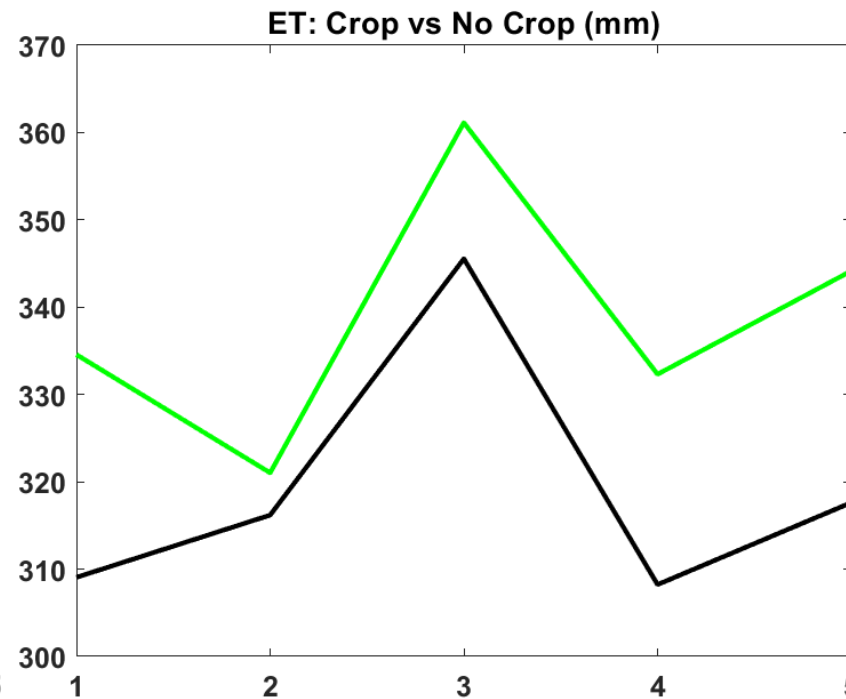
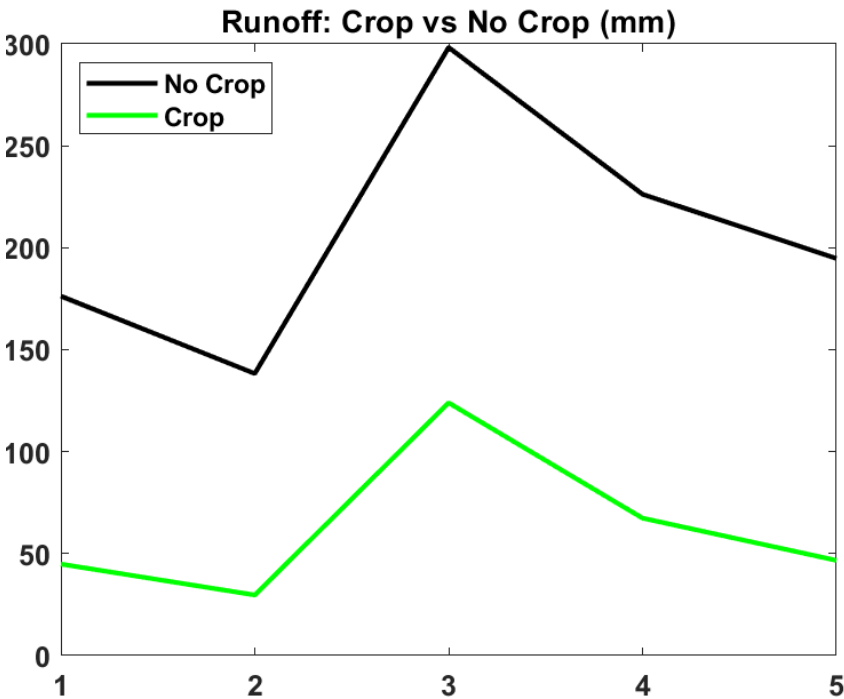
Drainage Comparison Event-Scale







Hydrology: Crop vs No Crop



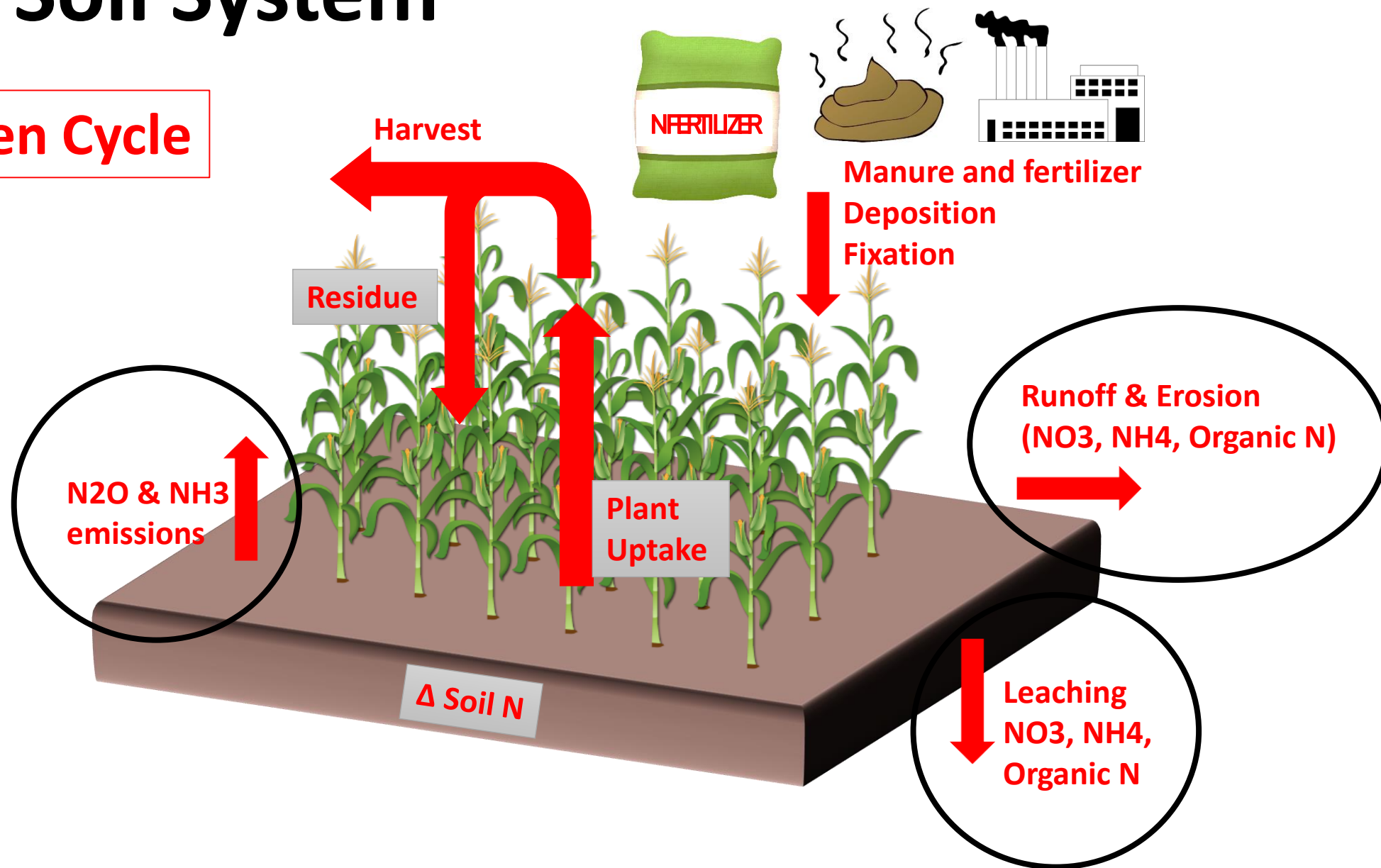
Curve Number changes →
Runoff decreases ~150mm
and infiltration increases

ET increases ~20 mm
with crop present

Drainage increases ~125 mm with
crop present

Crop and Soil System

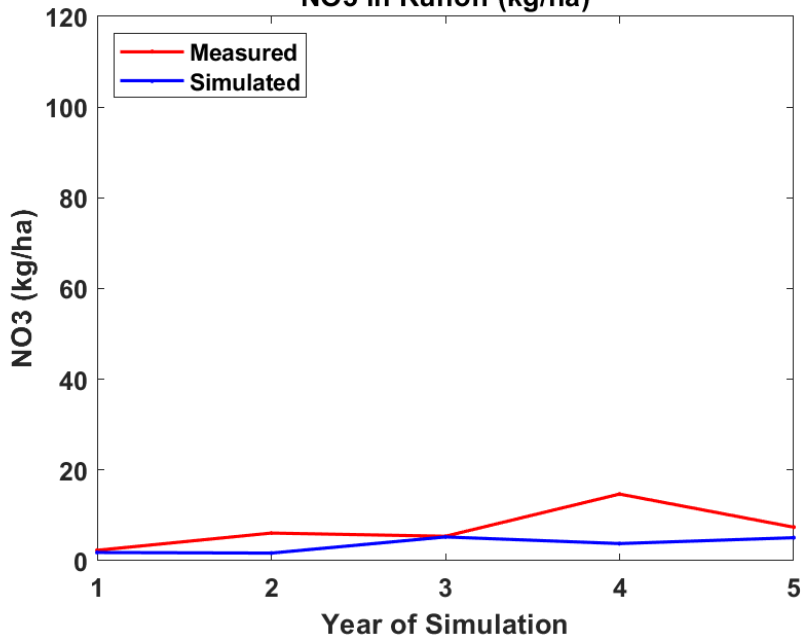
Nitrogen Cycle



Annual Time Series Comparisons – Runoff N

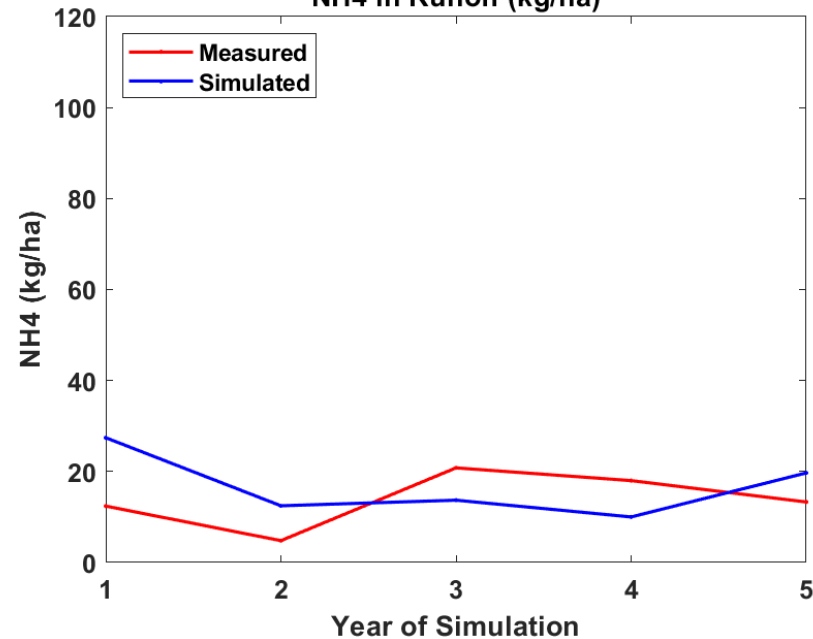
NO₃

NO3 in Runoff (kg/ha)



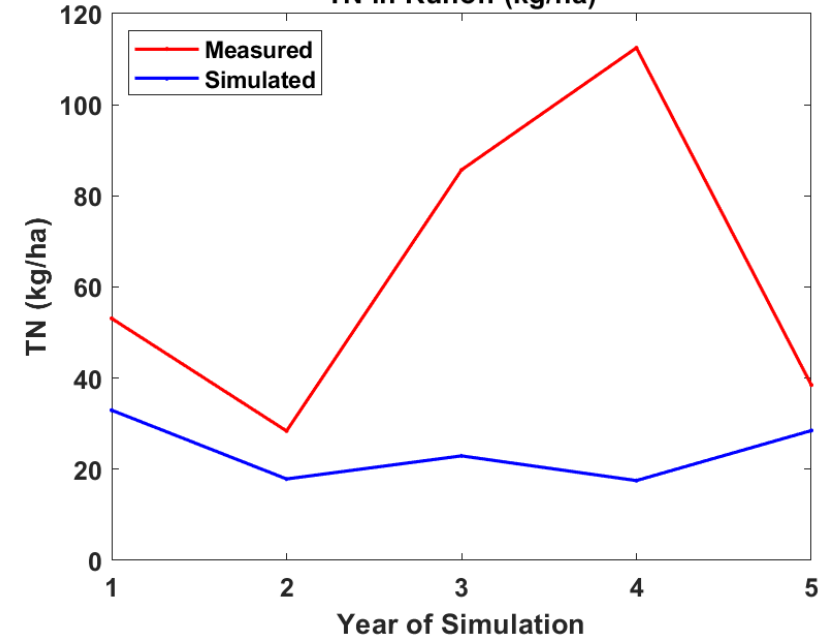
NH₄

NH4 in Runoff (kg/ha)



Total N

TN in Runoff (kg/ha)

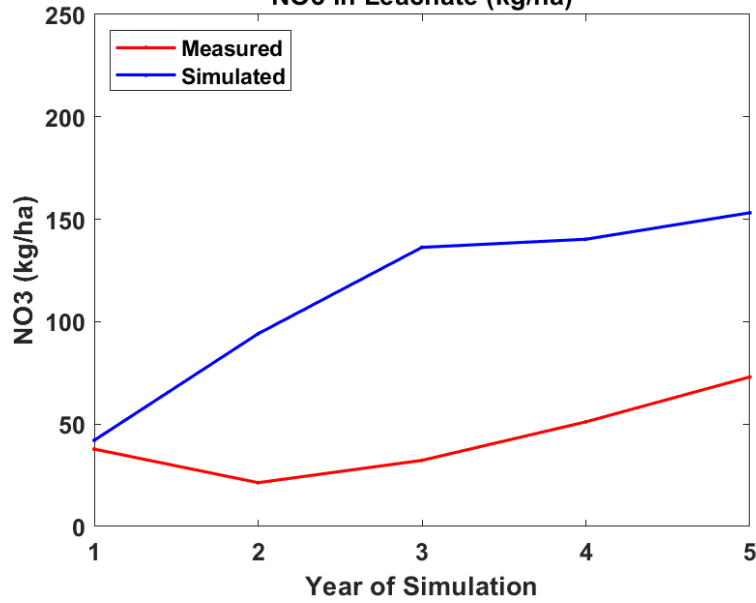


Year

Leachate N

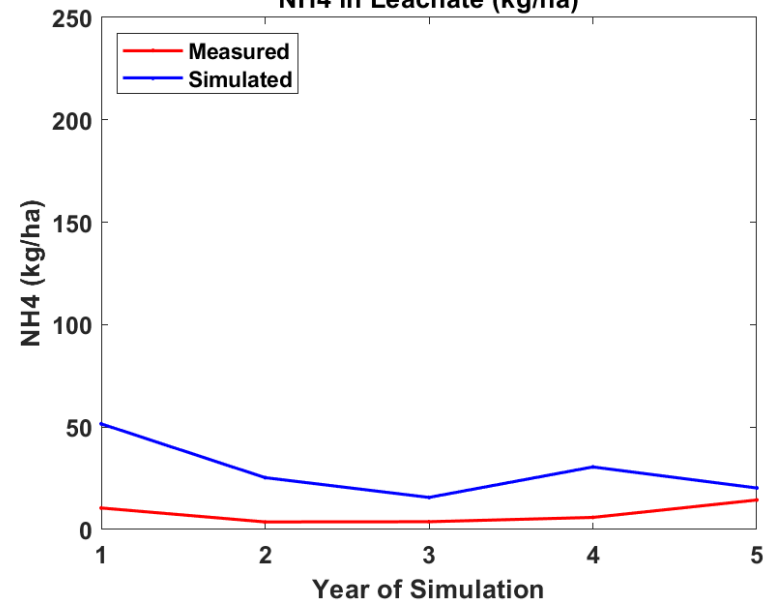
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NO3 in Leachate (kg/ha)



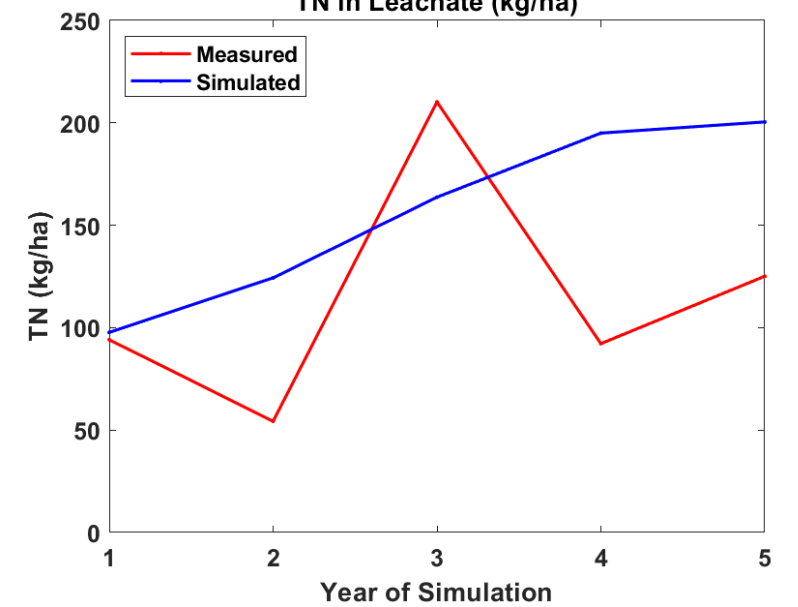
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NH4 in Leachate (kg/ha)



Total N

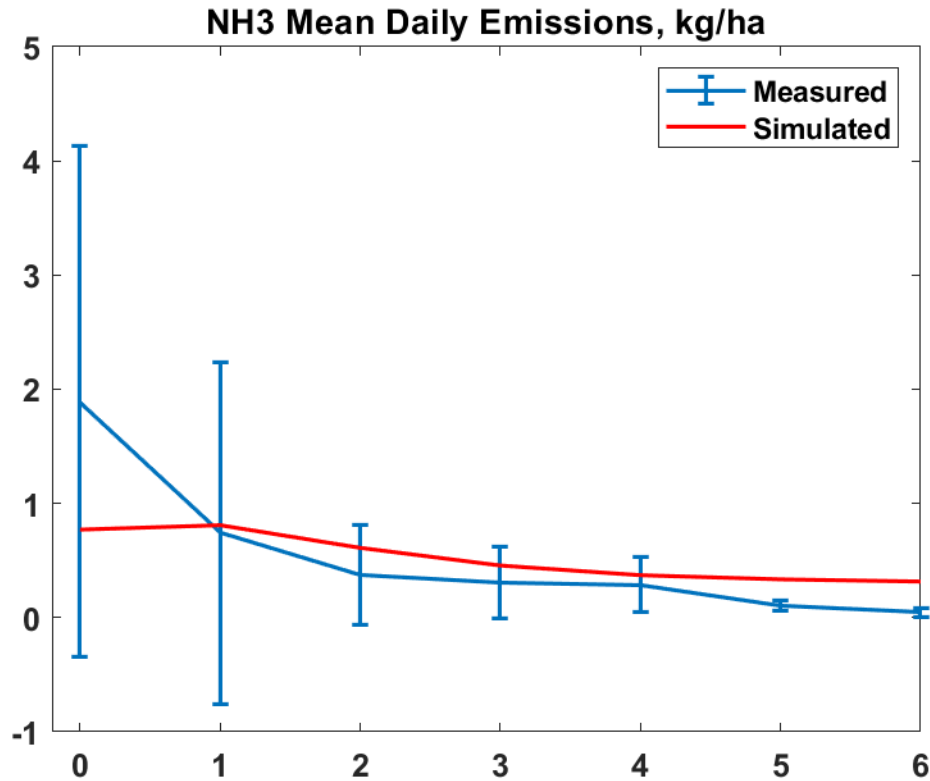
TN in Leachate (kg/ha)



Year

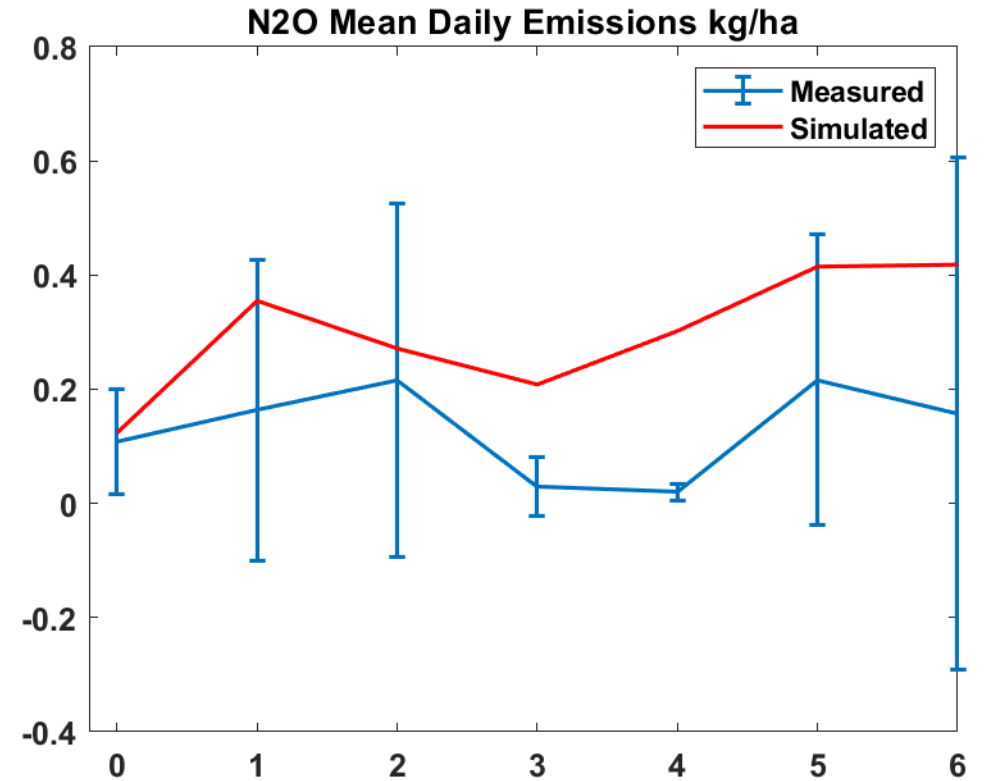
Gas N

NH₃



Days after heifers leave

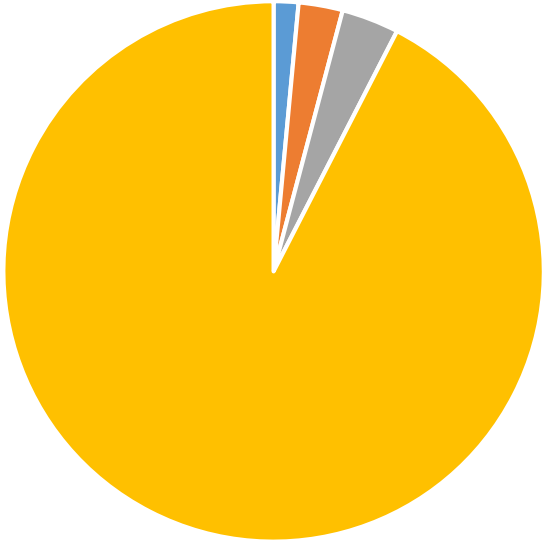
N₂O



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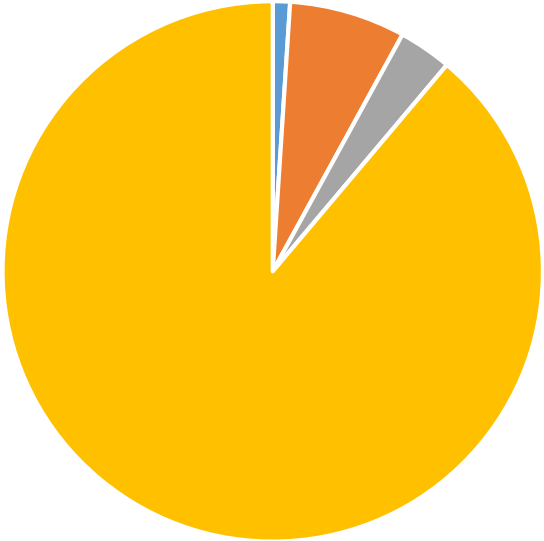
Total N Budget

Measured



Runoff N Leachate N Gas N Soil N Change

Simulated



Runoff N Leachate N Gas N Soil N Change



Phosphorus



(Dissolved P)

**Modified Universal
Soil Loss Equation**

(Sediment P)

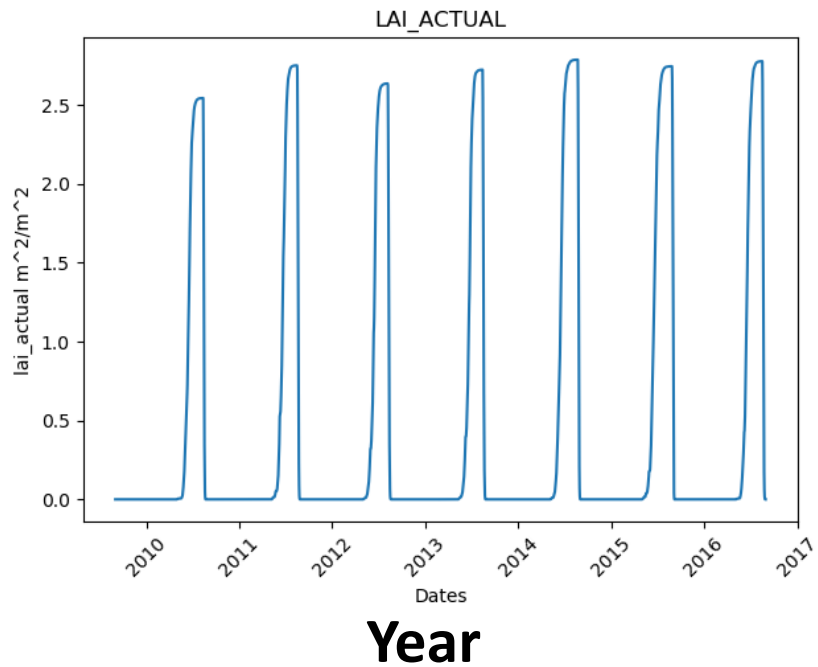
Crops

- In development
- Based on SWAT:
 - LAI → potential heat units
 - Biomass → radiation use efficiency and LAI
 - Water uptake → PET & available soil water
 - Growth limited by water, temp, N & P.
- 3 crops implemented: corn, soy, alfalfa, with variable rotations
- Testing underway
- Pass on harvested tonnage and C, N, & P to Feed Storage

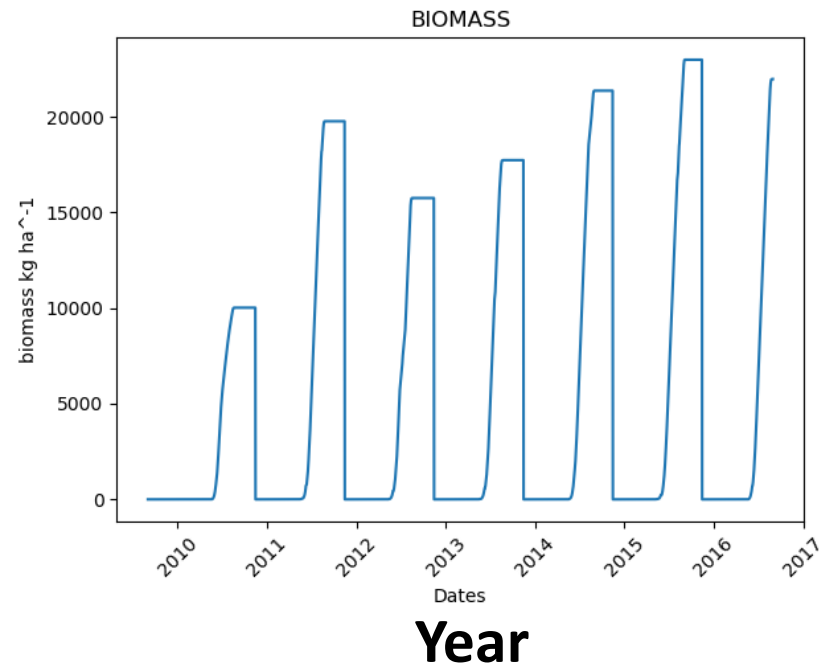
Corn



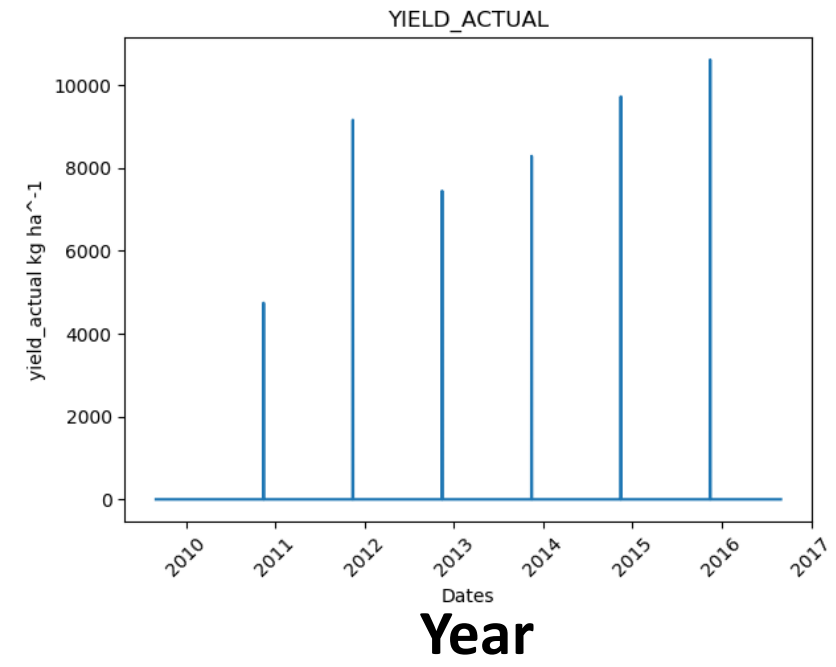
Leaf Area Index



Biomass (kg ha⁻¹)



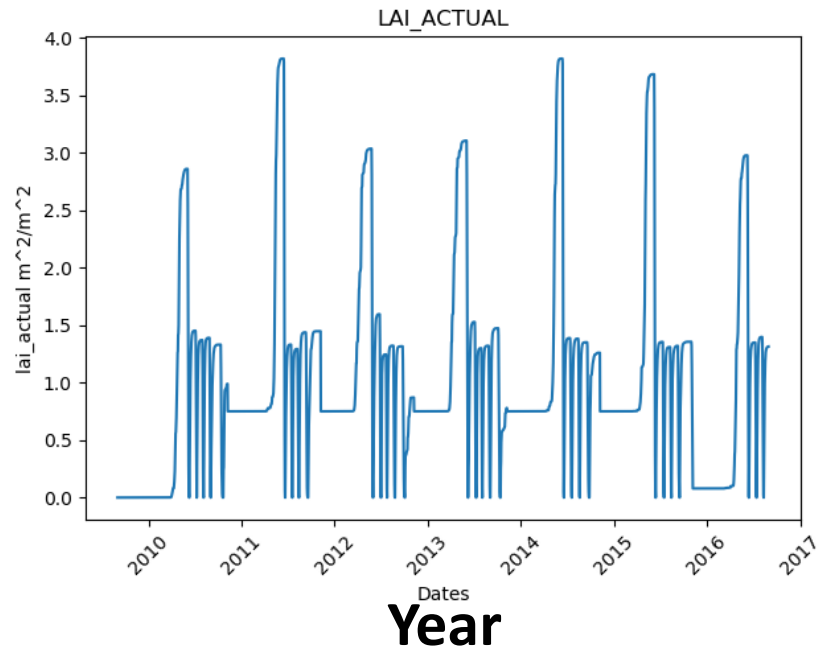
Yield (kg ha⁻¹)



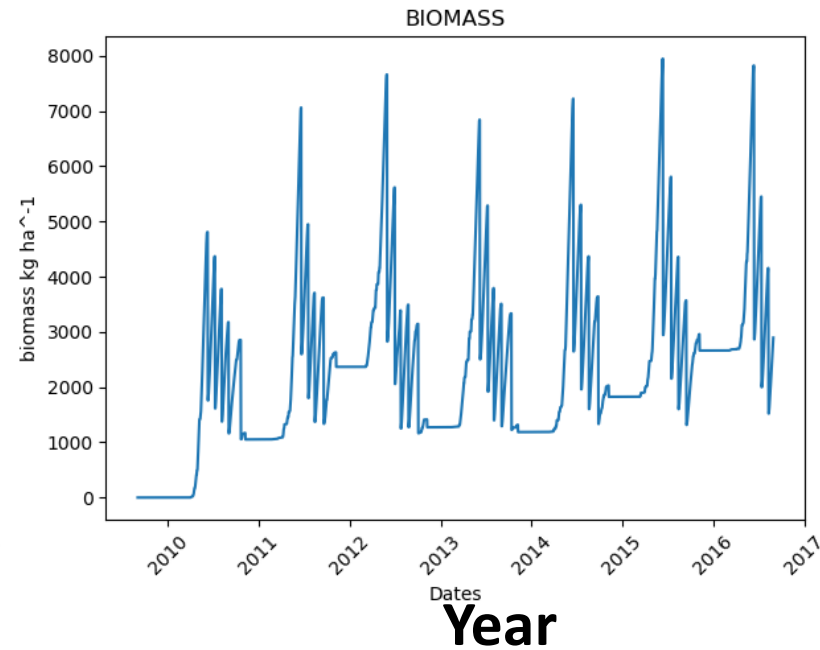
Alfalfa



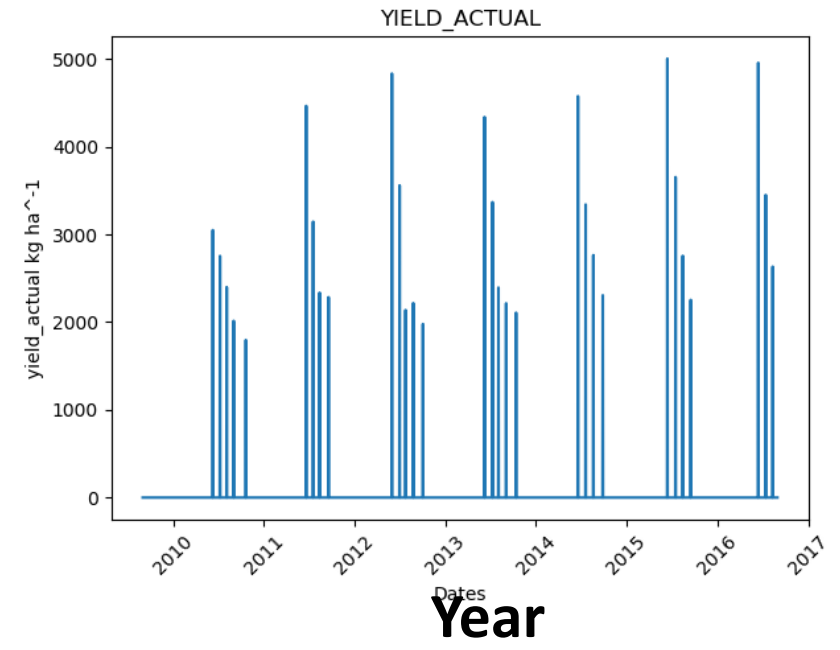
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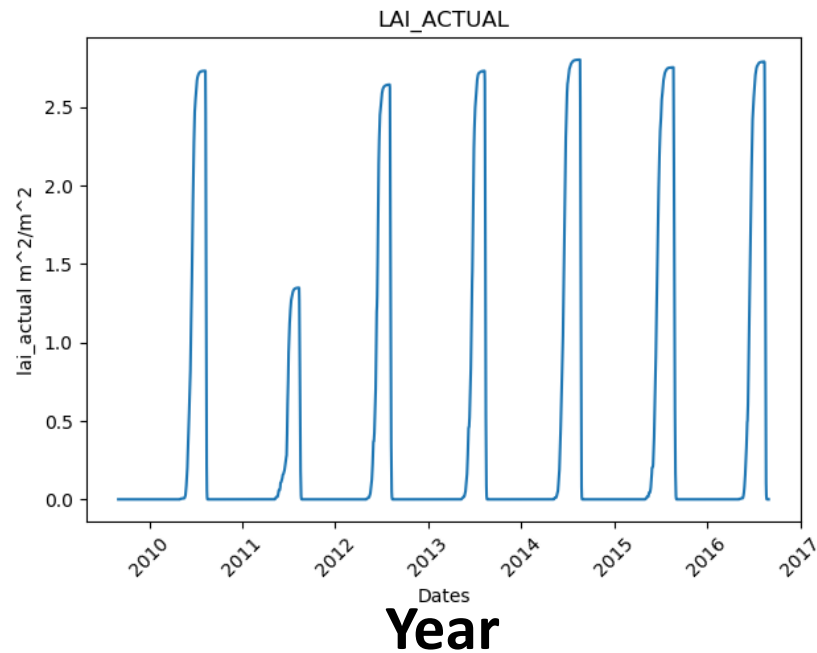
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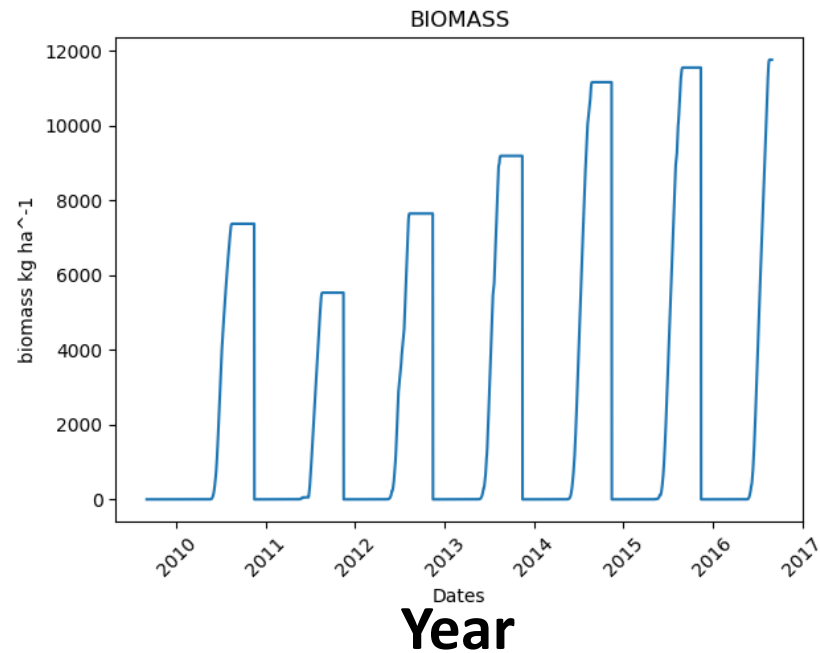
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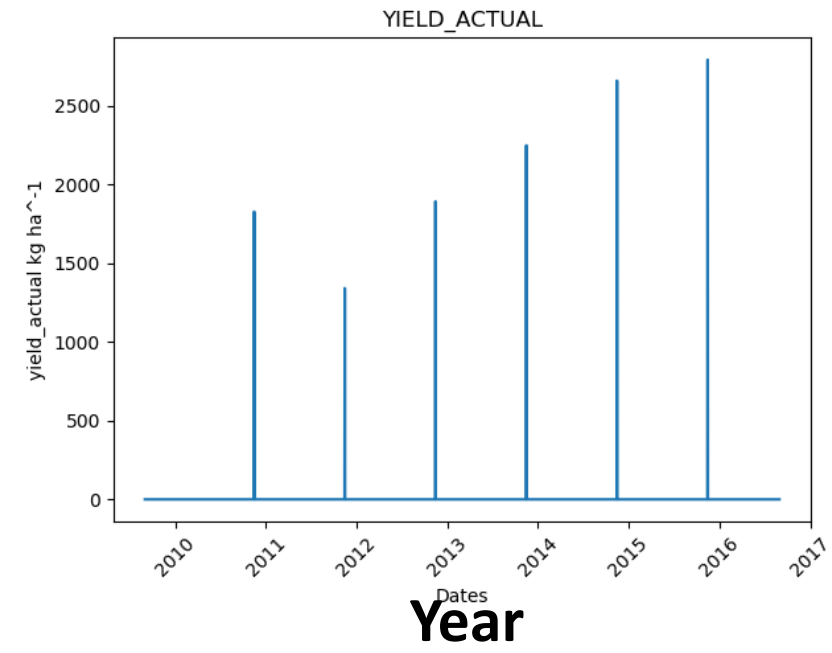
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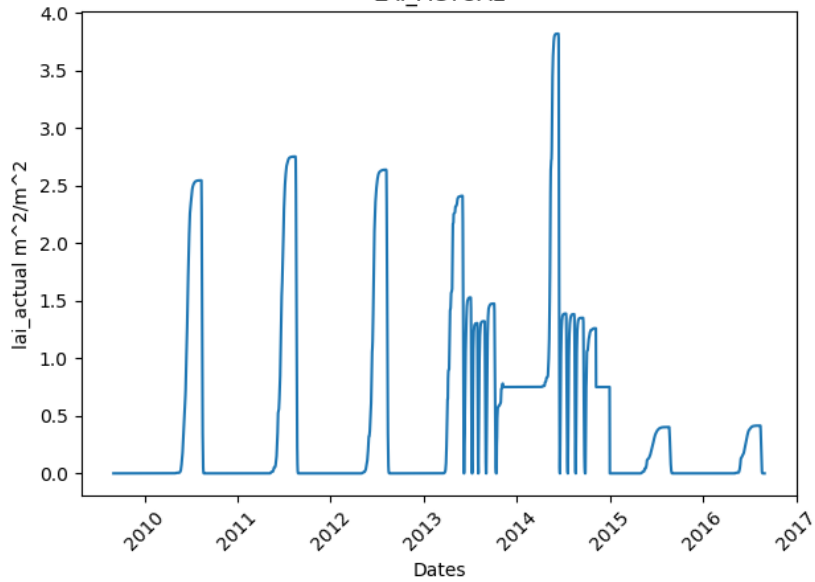
Yield (kg ha⁻¹)



Rotation: CCCAASS

Leaf Area Index

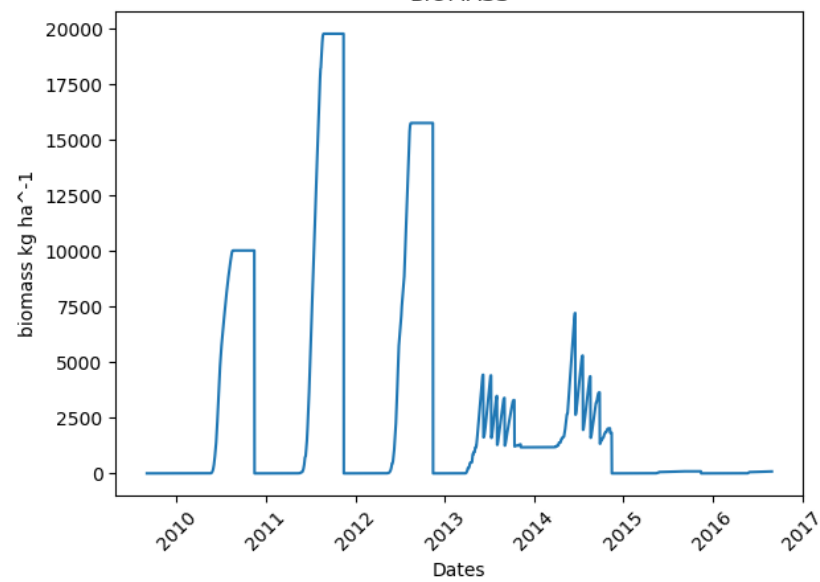
LAI_ACTUAL



Year

Biomass (kg ha⁻¹)

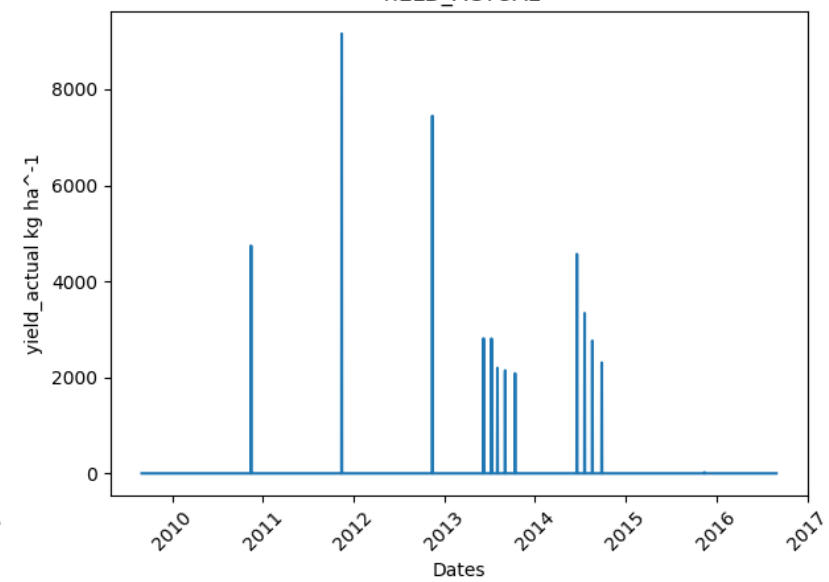
BIOMASS



Year

Yield (kg ha⁻¹)

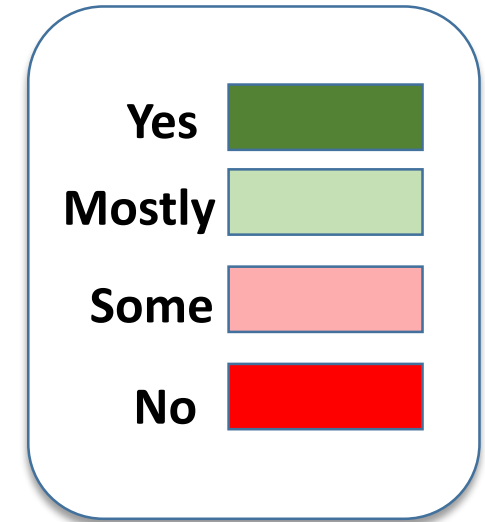
YIELD_ACTUAL



Year

Progress

Component	Implemented?	Tested?
H ₂ O	Yes	Some
N	Yes	Some
P	Mostly	Mostly
Crops / Carbon	Some	No



Management

On Deck:

- Grazing
- Irrigation
- Tillage (affecting hydrology & erosion)?
- Tile drainage?

What are we missing?

Datasets Needed

Cropping System	Measurements
Forage crops (corn silage, alfalfa, soy, pasture, clover, small grains)	Runoff volume, N, P Leachate volume, N, P Forage crop C, N, P content
Field sites w/ manure & fertilizer at agronomic rates	N emissions (N ₂ O, NH ₃) Daily meteorology (Prec, Tmax, Tmin, Radiation)
Climates outside Midwest	Soil C, N, P
Soils outside Midwest	
Irrigated	
Pasture	
Tiled	

****Required model inputs are daily meteorology + application amounts & timing***

Thanks!

Questions?

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N Mass Balance Comparison

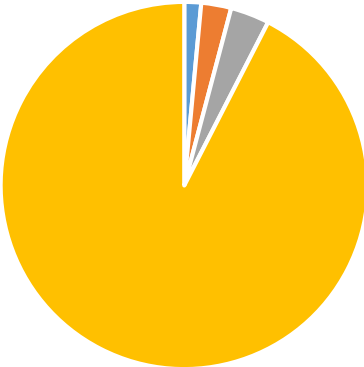
5-year totals (from Table 5, Vadas and Powell 2019)

Estimated N Inputs = 20,087 kg ha⁻¹

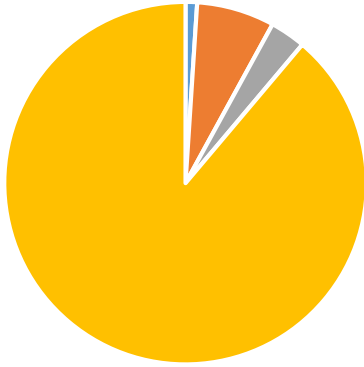
Model N Inputs = 20,762

	N Runoff kg ha ⁻¹ (% of input N)	N Leachate kg ha ⁻¹	N2O Gas kg ha ⁻¹	NH3 Gas kg ha ⁻¹	N Gas kg ha ⁻¹	Change in Soil N (0-45cm) kg ha ⁻¹	Total Measured N kg ha ⁻¹	Budget Closure
Measured	318 (2)	576 (3)	274 (1)	463 (2)	737 (4)	19,849 (92)	21,480	+7%
Simulated	221 (1)	1490 (7)	300 (1)	380 (2)	680 (3)	19,055 (89)	21,446	+3%

Measured



Simulated



Runoff N Leachate N Gas N Soil N Change

Runoff N Leachate N Gas N Soil N Change