

# Annual Phosphorus Loss Estimator (APLE) Model Sensitivity Analysis

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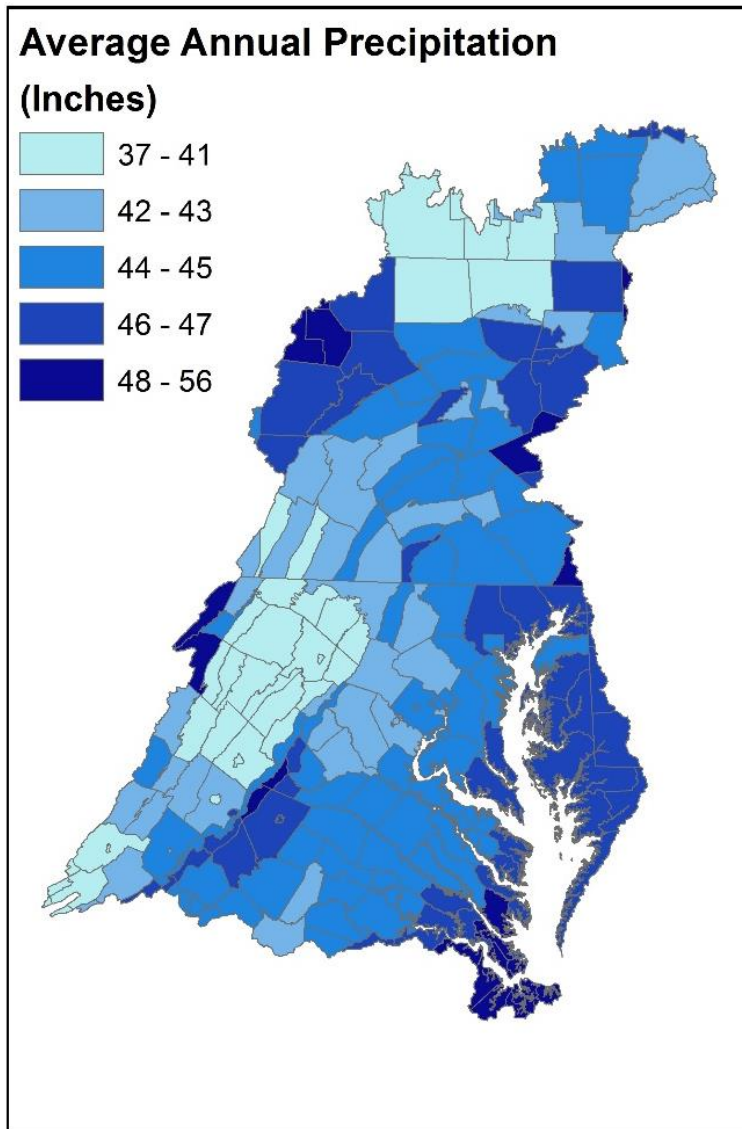
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# Objectives

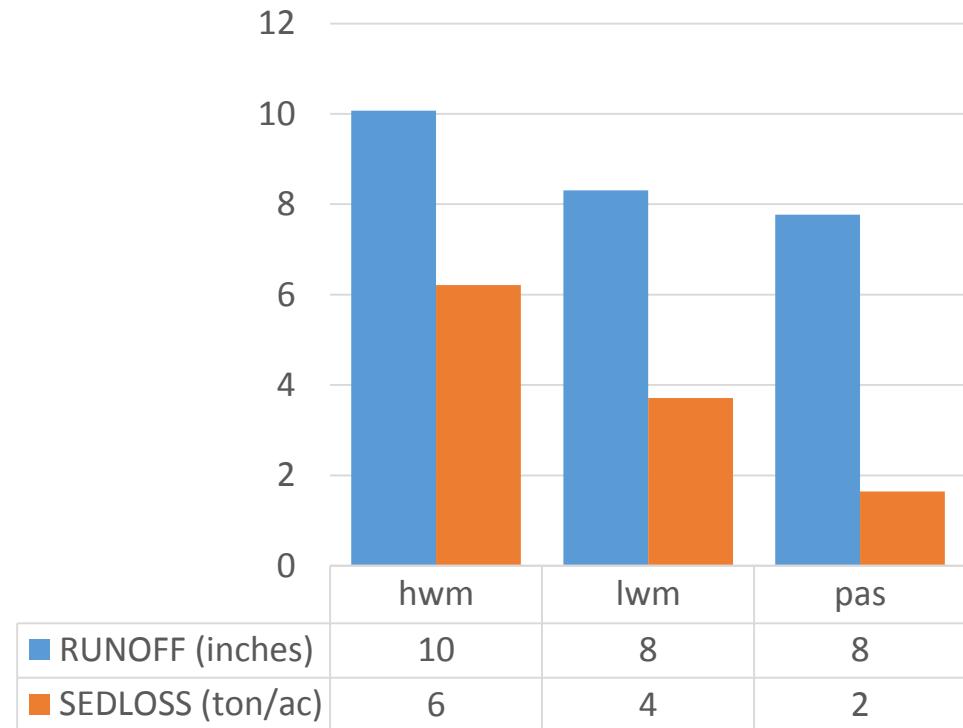
- To implement APLE 2.4 in our suite of models
- To estimate APLE model sensitivity to change in phosphorus inputs in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
- To approve and incorporate phosphorus sensitivities in Phase 6 model

# APLE 2.4 Implementation

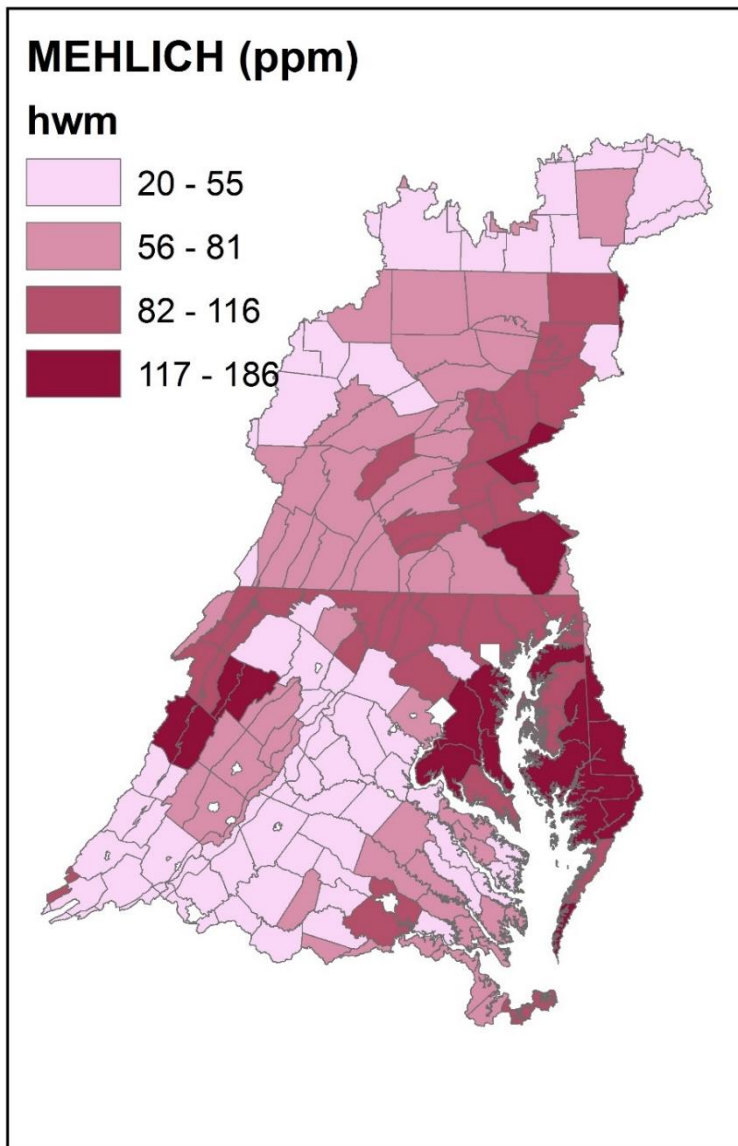
# APLE Average Inputs (1992 - 2005)



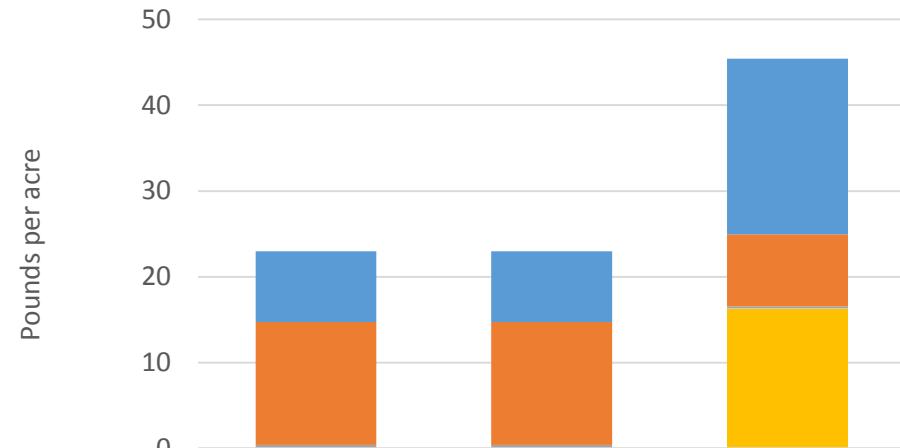
CBW Average Inputs from HSPF



# APLE Average Inputs (1992 - 2005)



Average Phosphorus Nutrient Inputs (1992 - 2005)

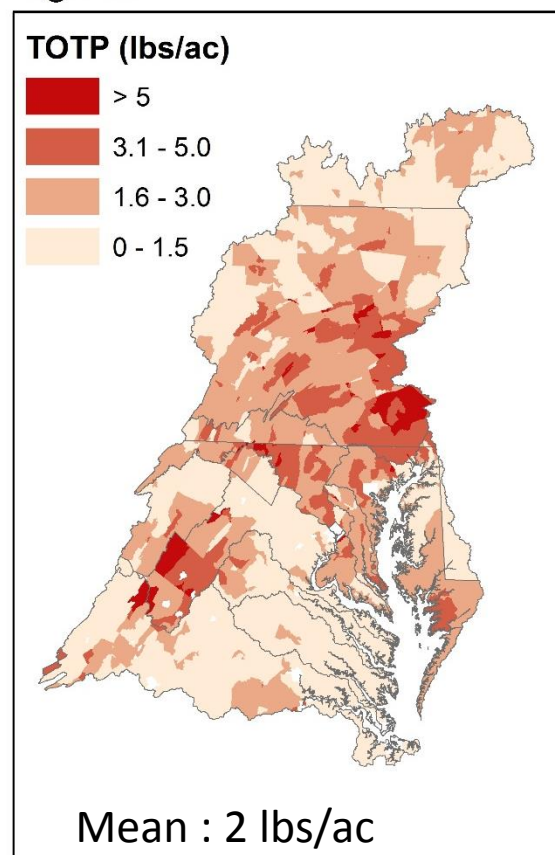


	hwm	lwm	pas
Manure	8	8	20
Fertilizer	14	14	8
Biosolids	0.4	0.4	0.3
Direct Manure			16

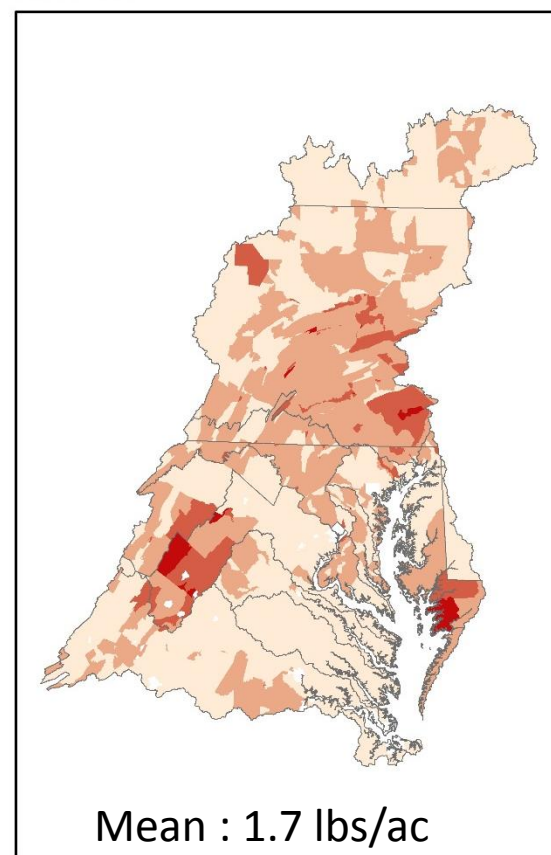
	MEHLICH	CLAY	OM	DEPTH 1	DEPTH 2	% INCORP	% MIXING	DEPTH INCORP
hwm	71	34	2	3	7	75	75	7
lwm	71	34	2	1	7	35	35	4
pas	69	34	2	1	7	0	12	0.5

# APLE Average Annual Total Phosphorus Loss(1992 - 2005)

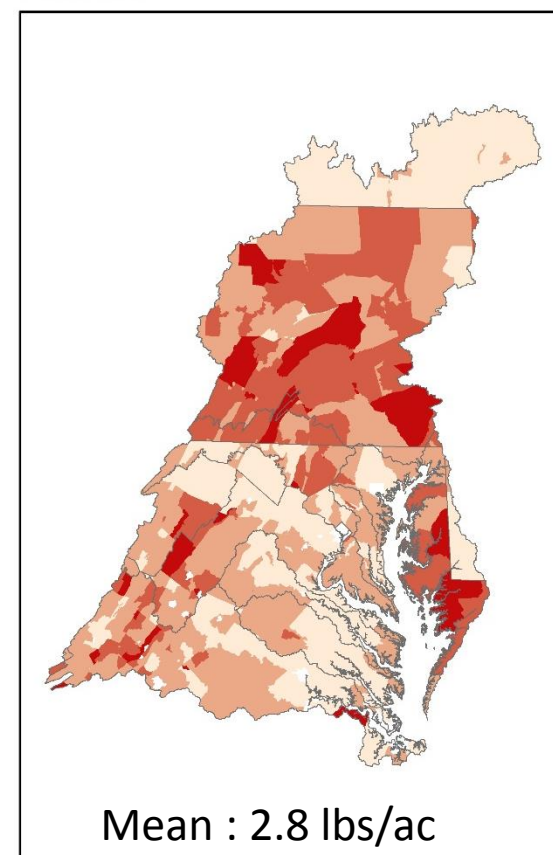
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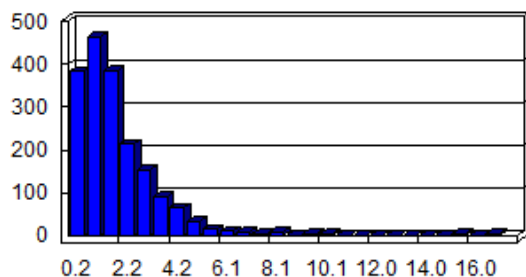
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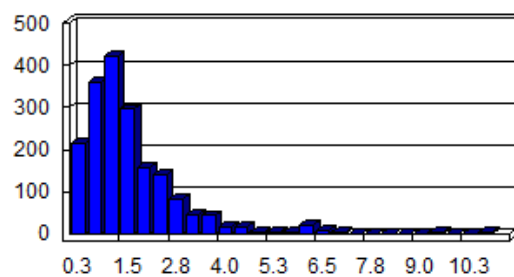
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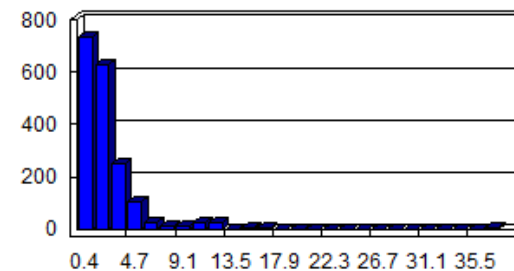
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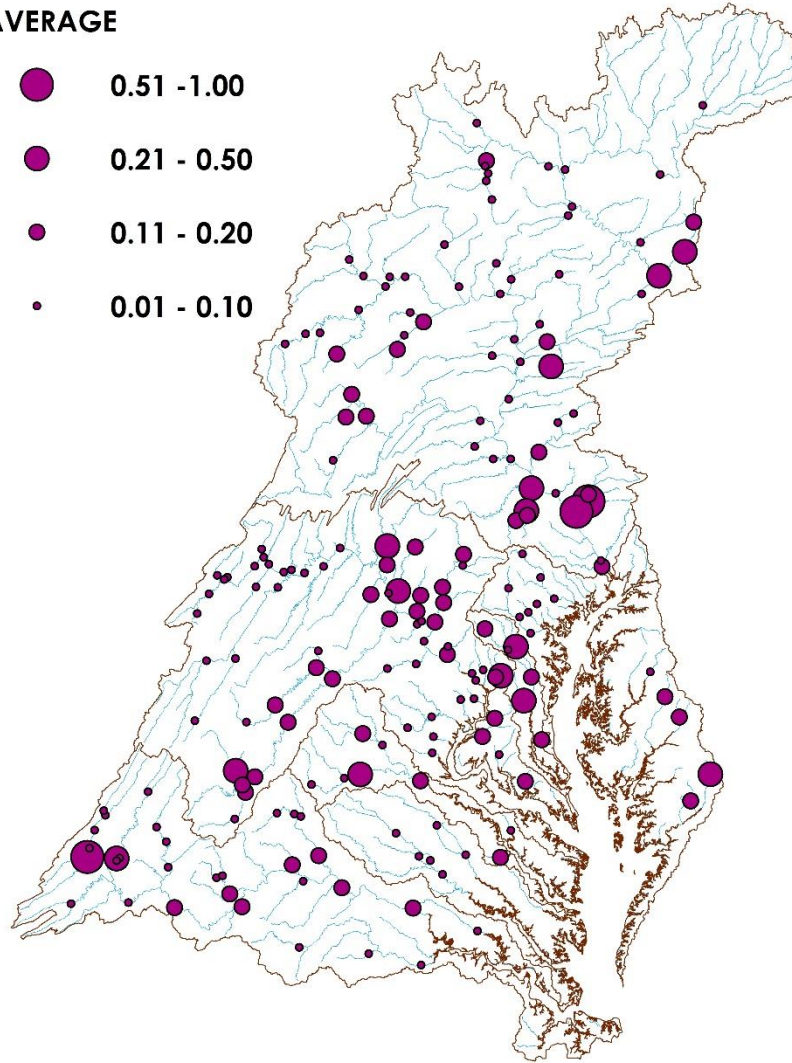
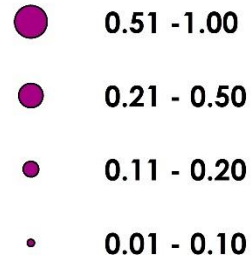




# New Observed Water Quality (1984 - 2013) for the Phase 6 Calibration

Total Phosphorus (mg/l)

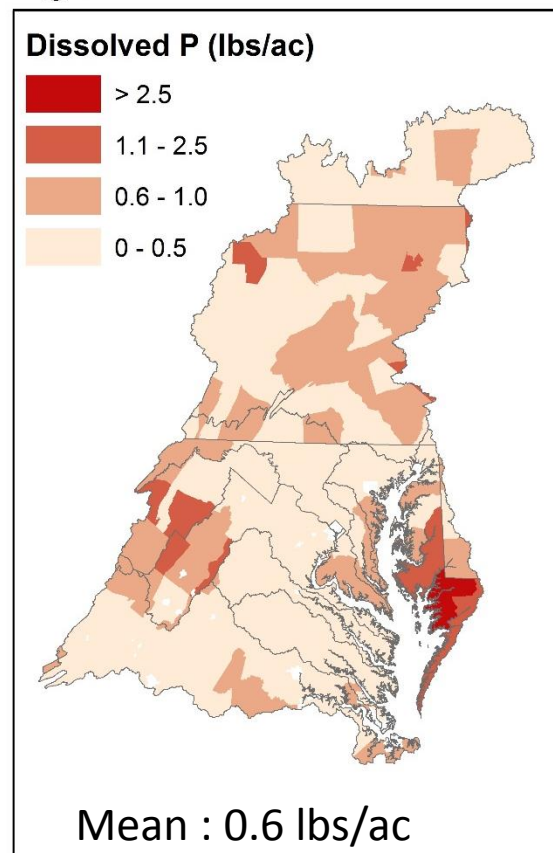
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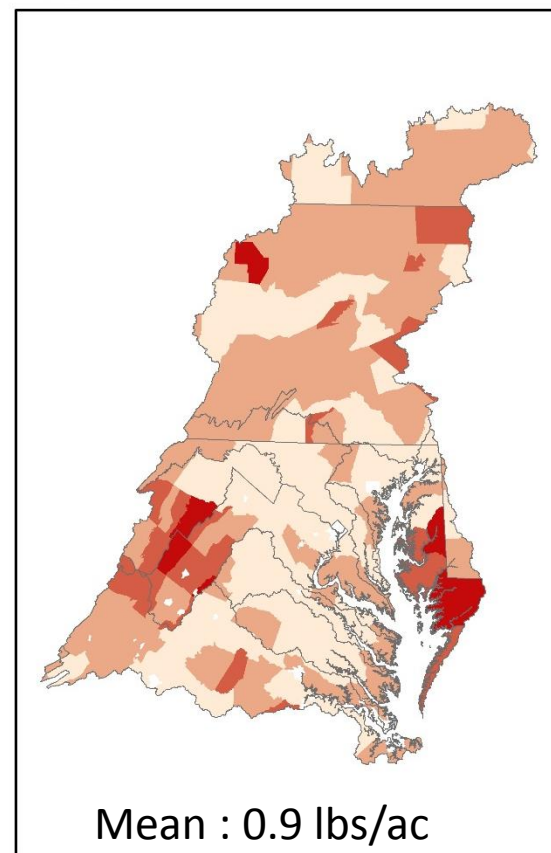


# APLE Average Annual Dissolved Phosphorus (1992 - 2005)

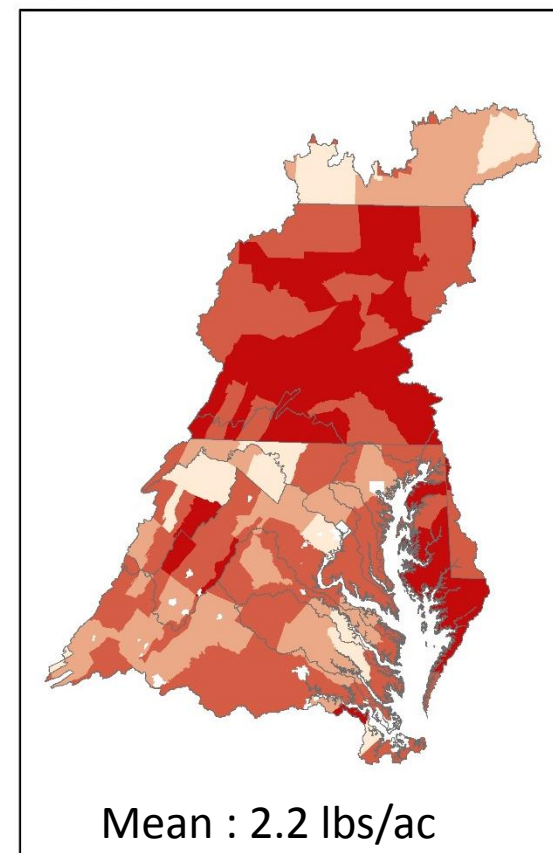
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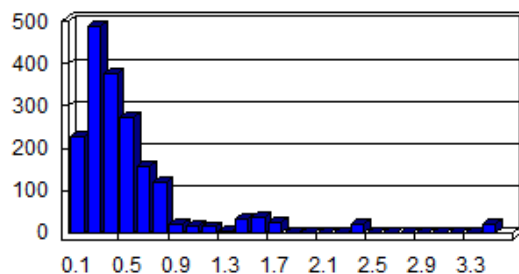
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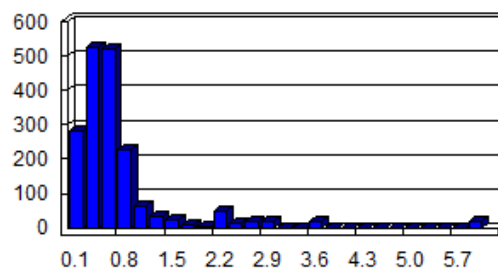
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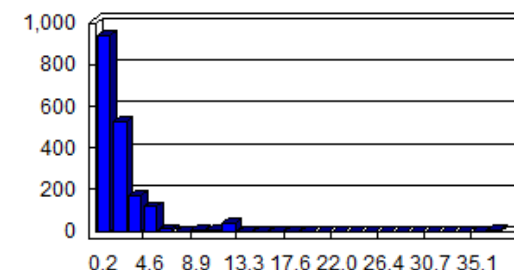
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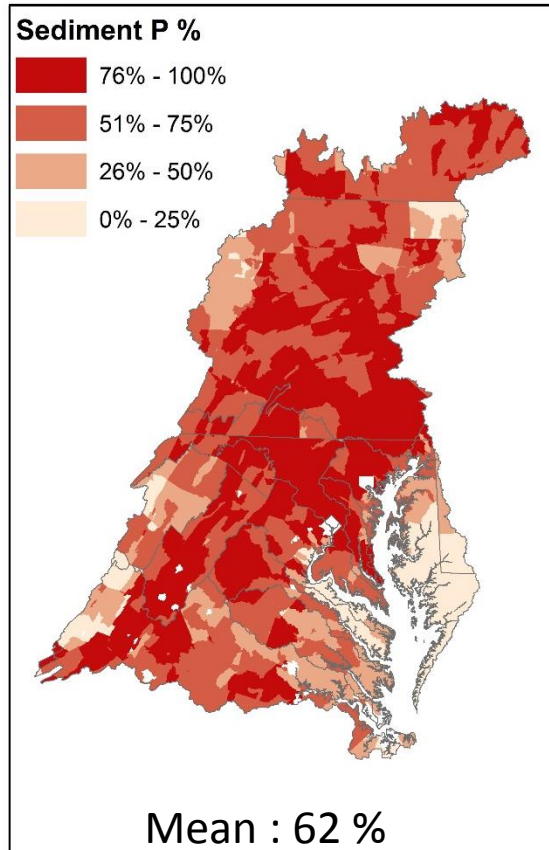


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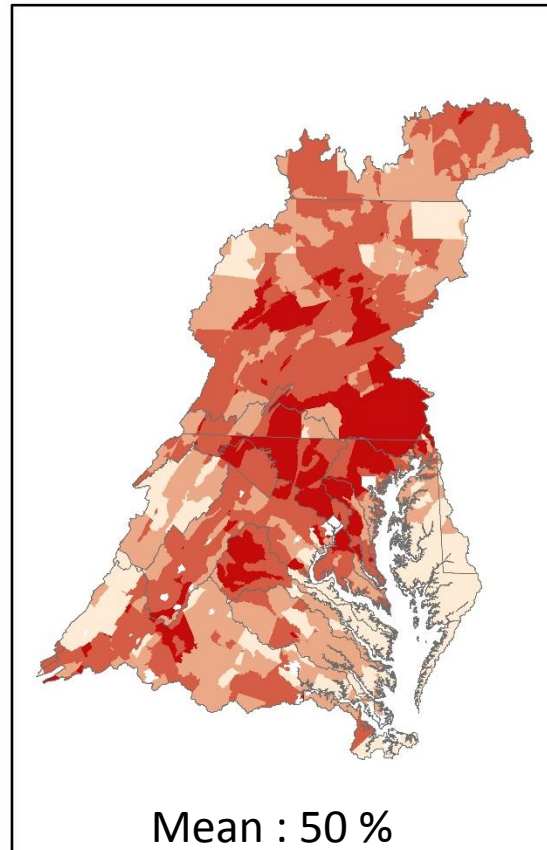


# Sediment P Loss percent of Total Loss

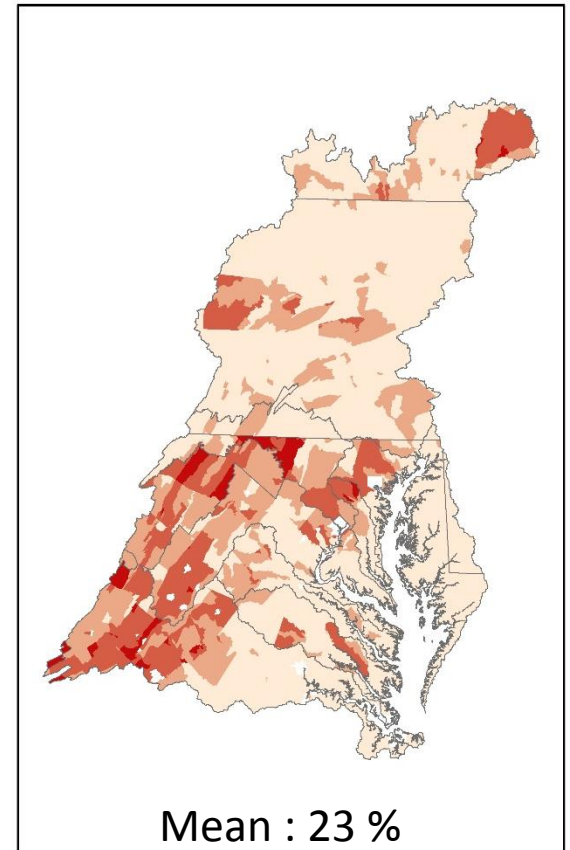
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# APPLE Summary Output

APPLE Output (lbs/ac)	Sediment P Loss	Soil Dissolved P	Manure Dissolved P	Fertilizer Dissolved P	Total Dissolved P	Total P Loss	MEHLICH (ppm)
High till	1.40	0.42	0.13	0.06	0.61	2.02	77
Low till	0.90	0.49	0.28	0.11	0.87	1.77	83
Pasture	0.56	1.26	0.90	0.08	2.26	2.81	128

# APPLE Model Sensitivity Analysis

# APLE Model Sensitivity due to Change in Inputs

- Base scenario 1992-2005
- High till with manure and pasture (2 landuses)
- Fertilizer, Manure, Direct Manure, Uptake, Runoff, Sediment, & Mehlich (7 variables)
- -60%, -30% , +30%, & +60% (4 scenarios)
- All P532 land segments (~300)
- ~15,000 simulations

# Relative Sensitivity

$$S_r = \left( \frac{O - O_b}{I - I_b} \right) \frac{I_b}{O_b}$$

Where:

O = model output

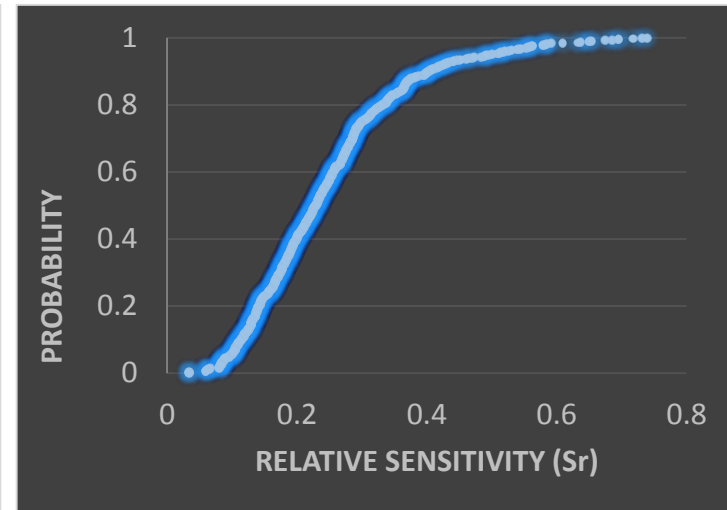
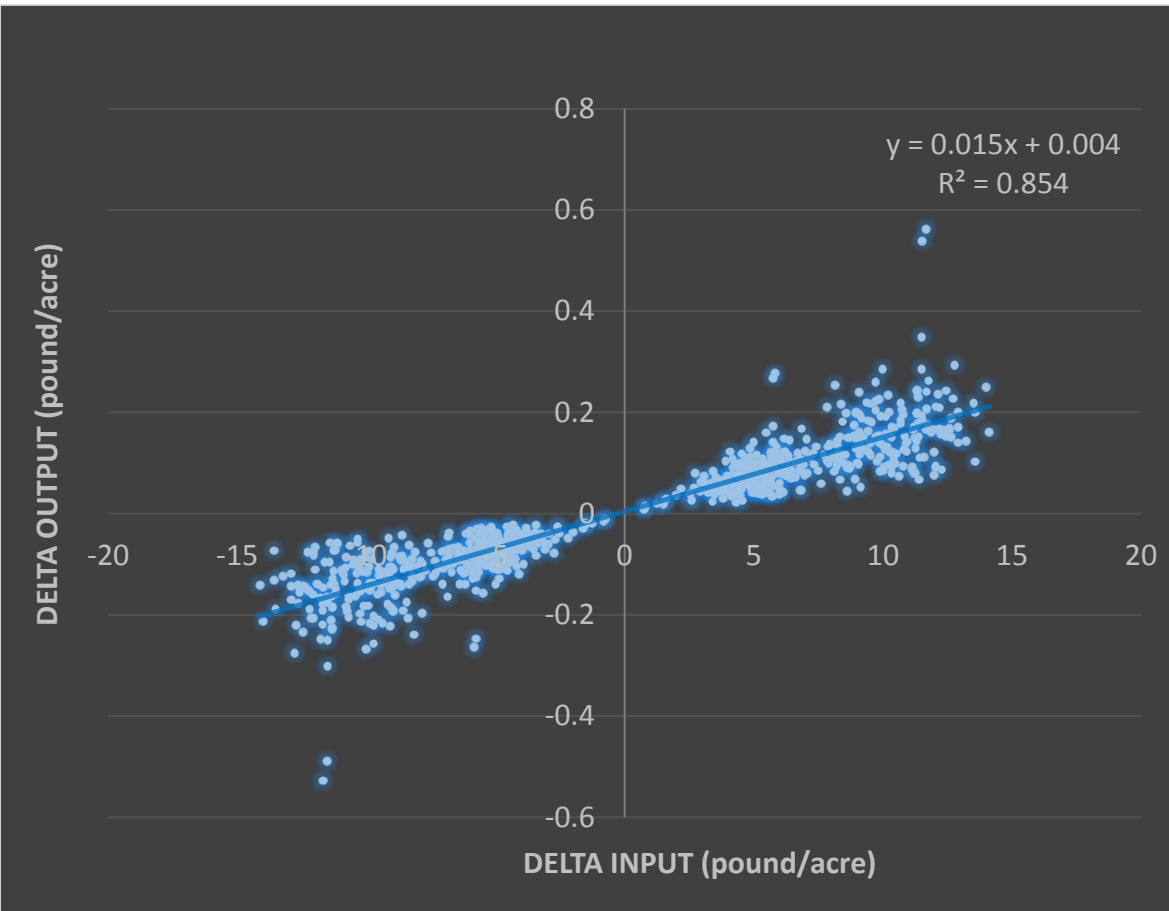
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b = subscript represents the input and output value of the base scenario

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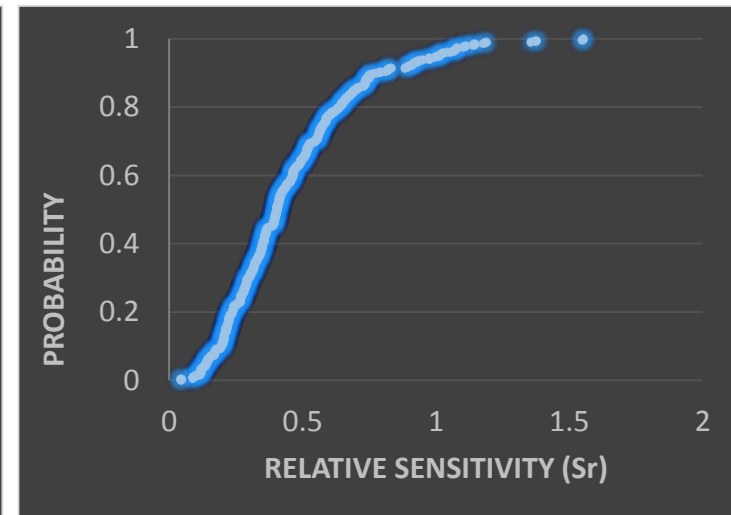
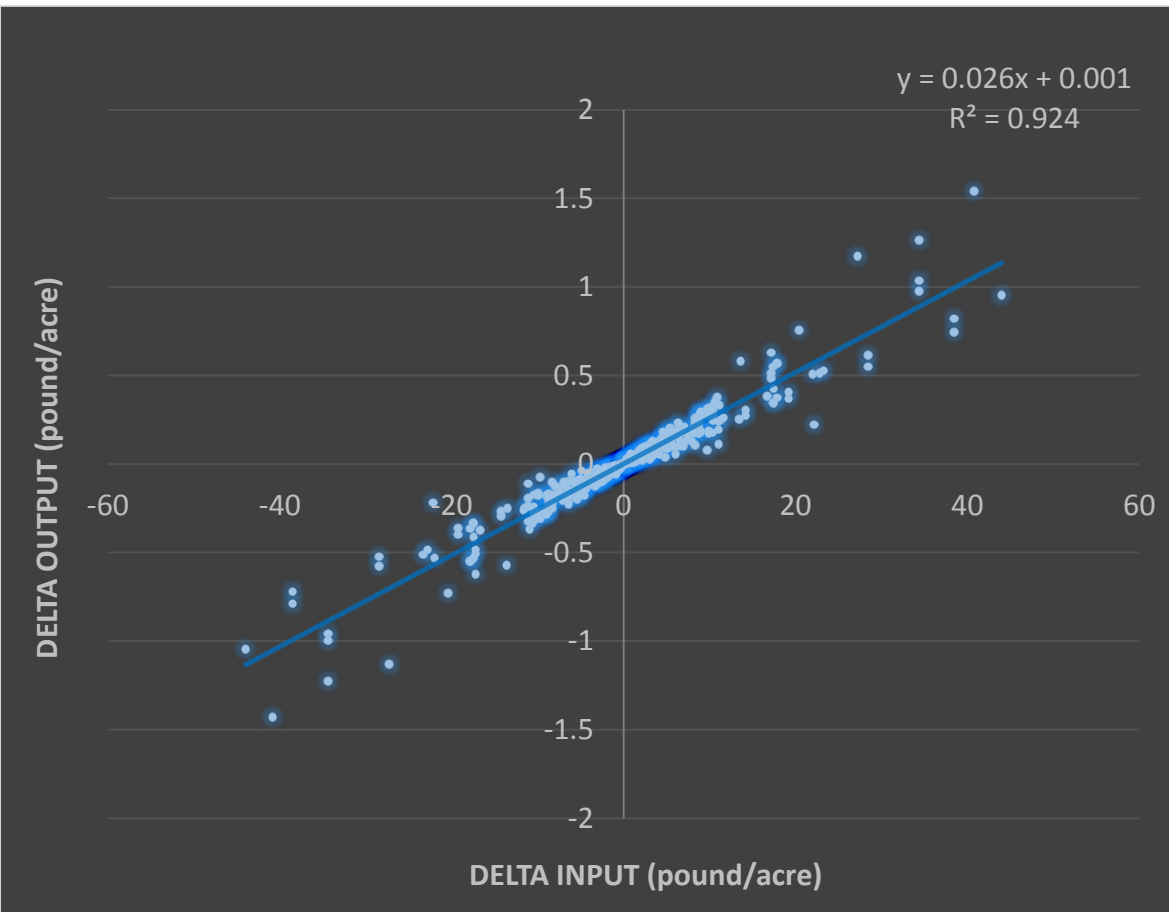
# APPLE Sensitivity due to Change in Fertilizer Input – High Till Landuse



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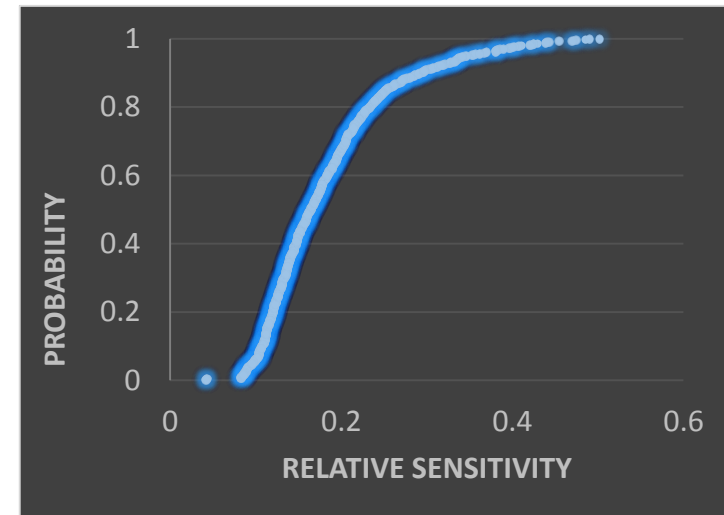
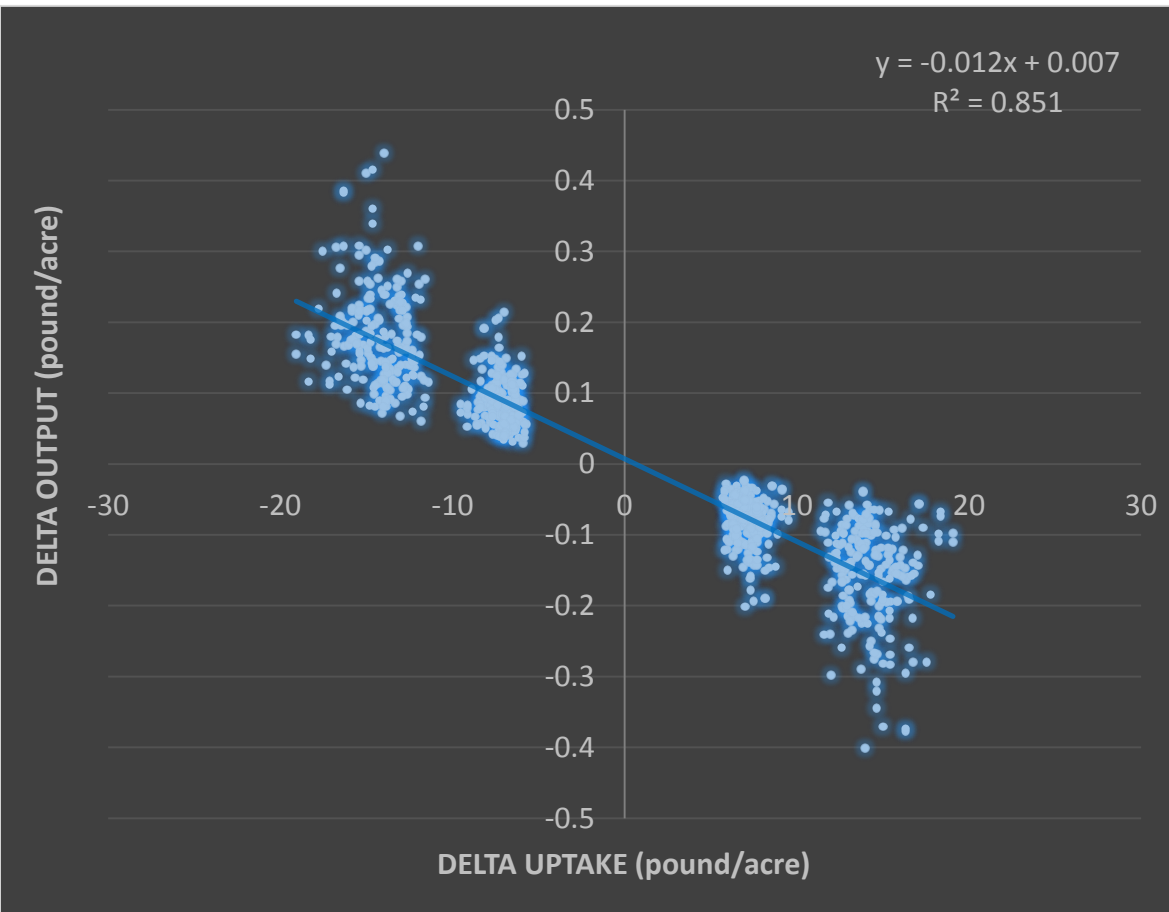


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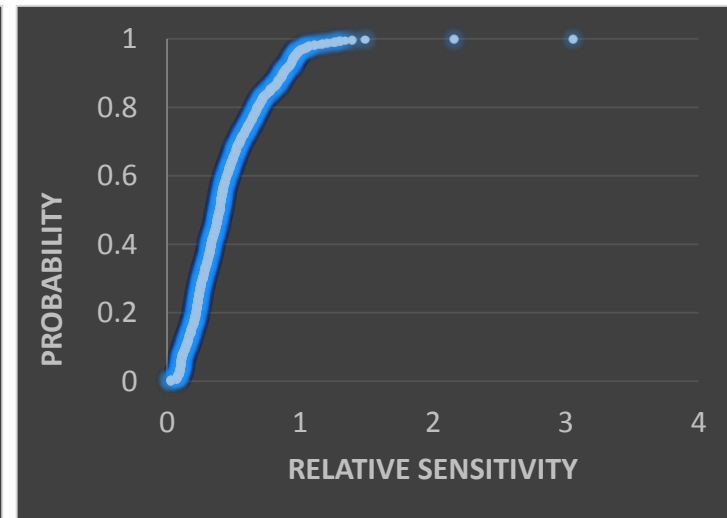
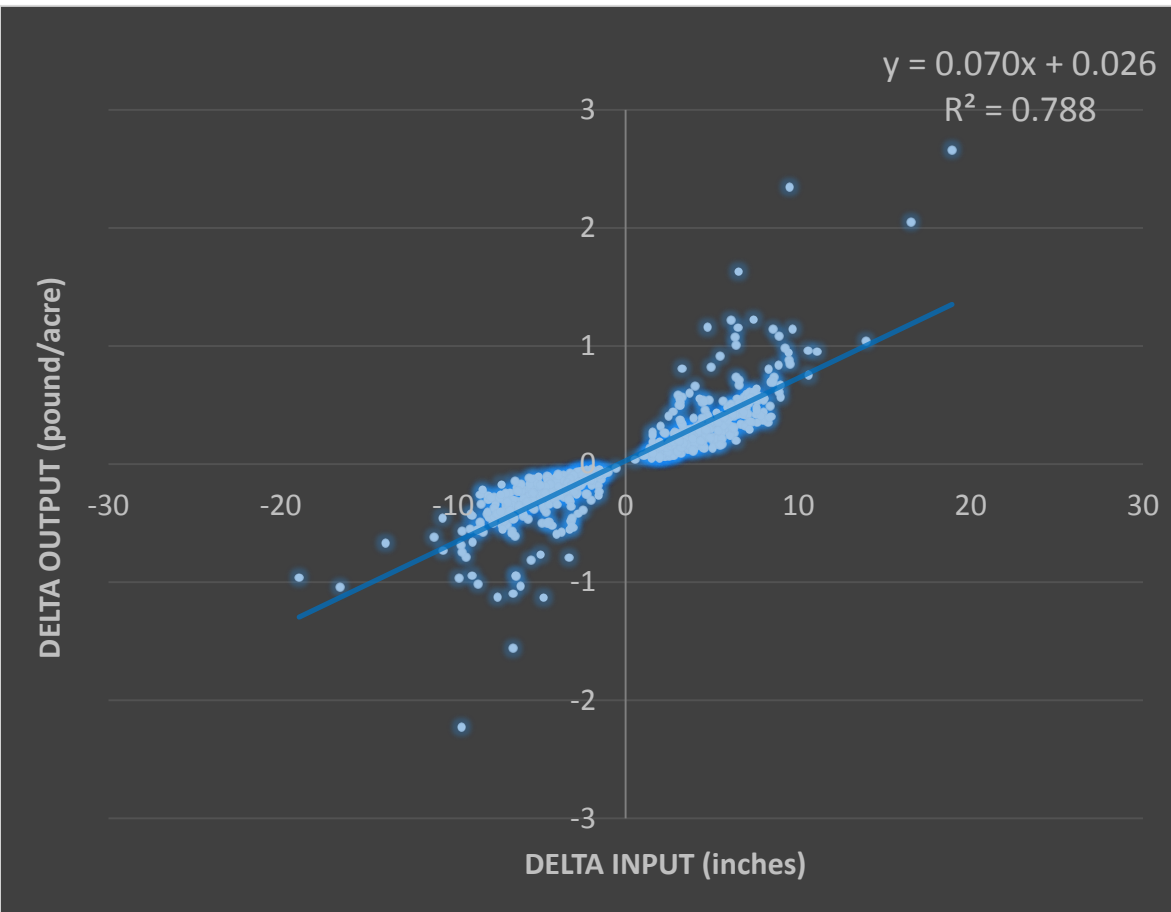
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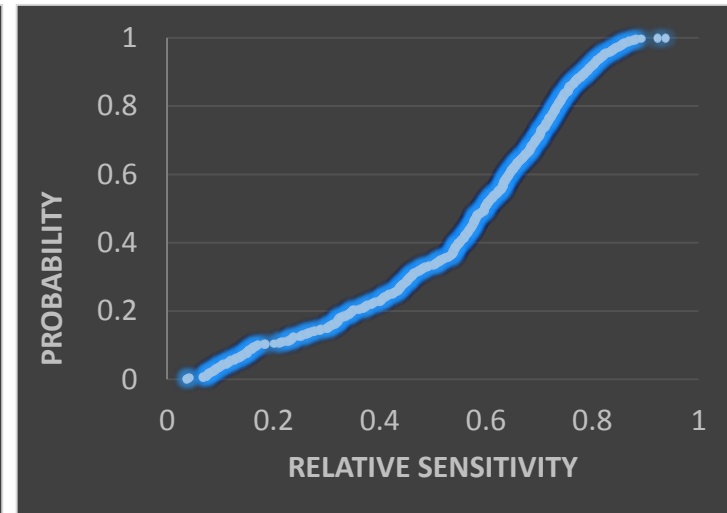
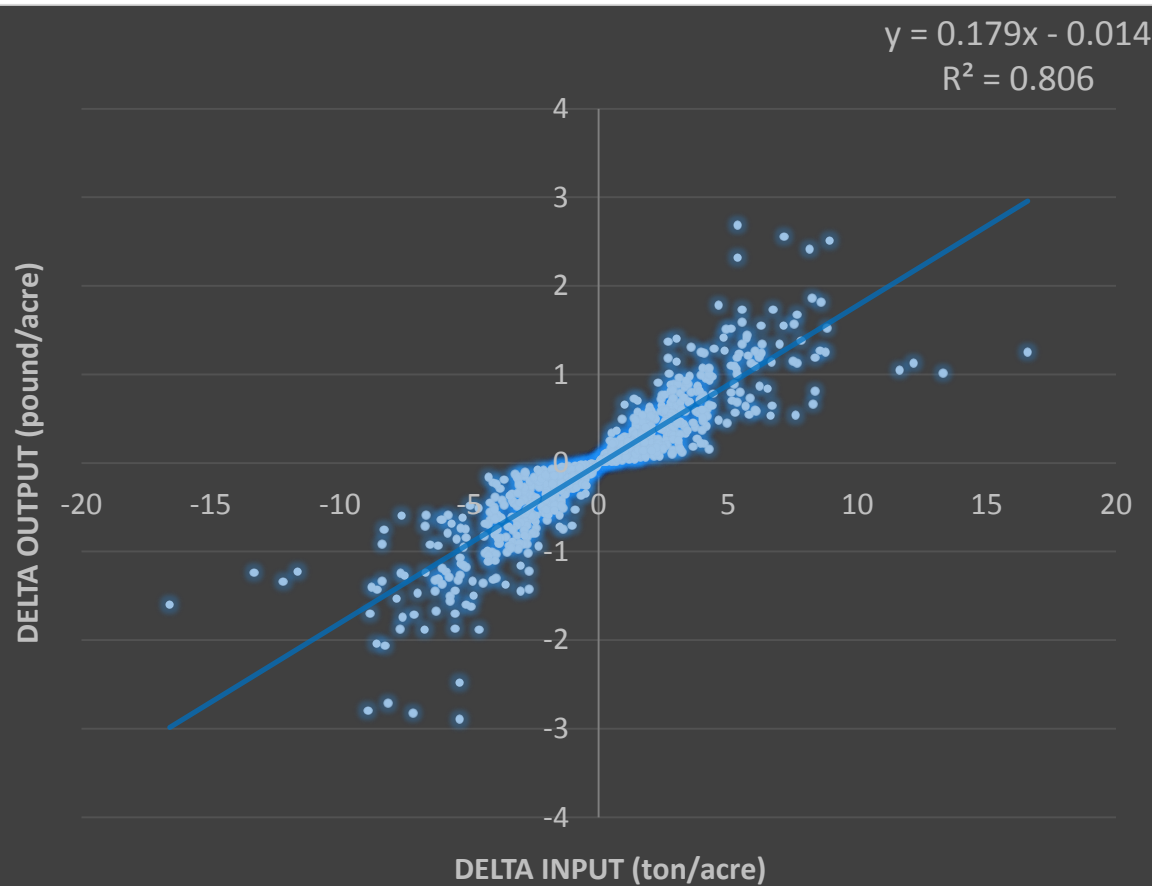
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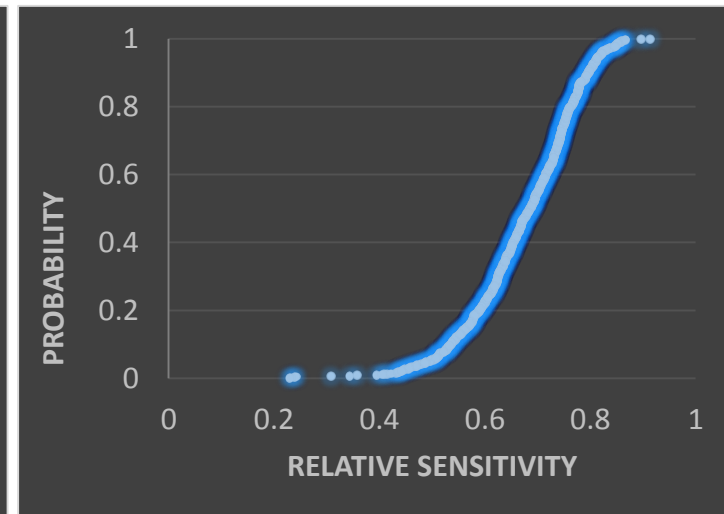
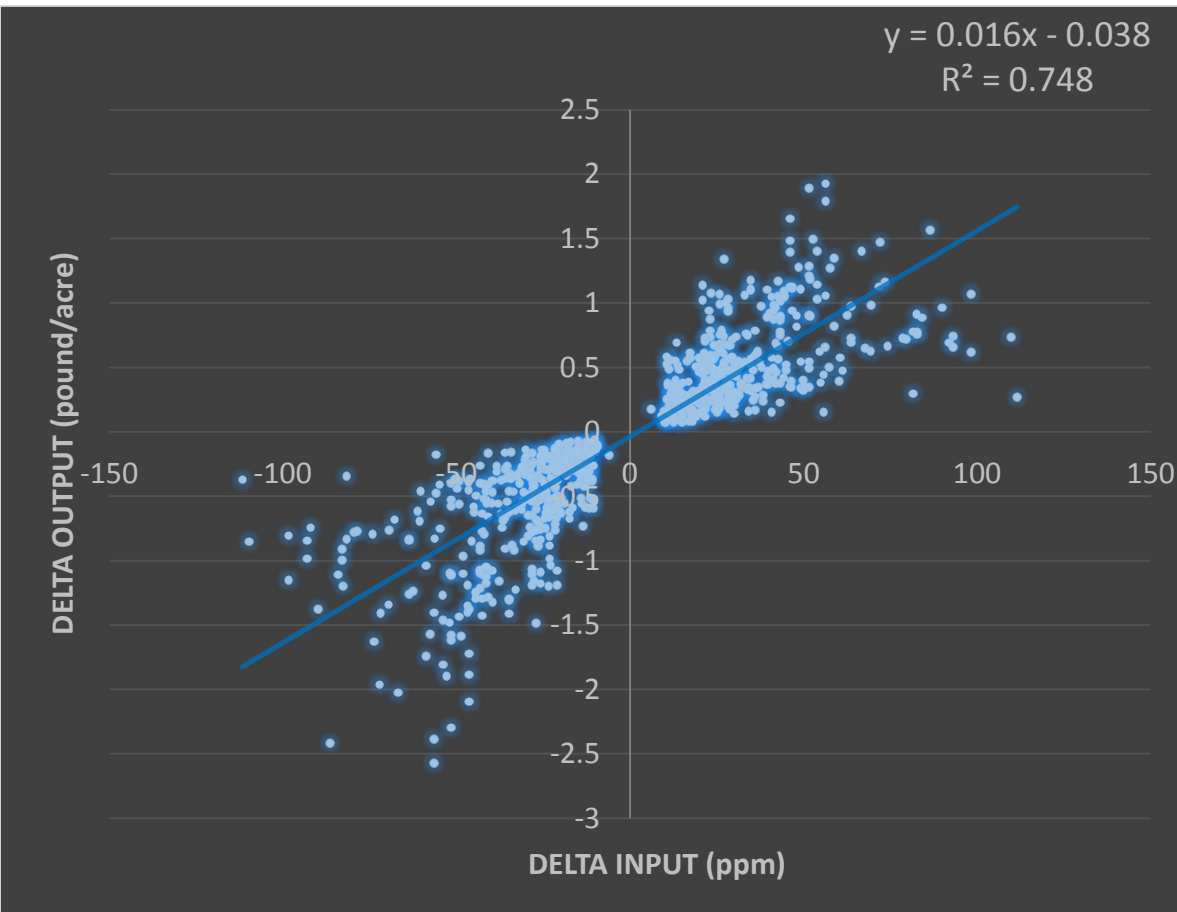
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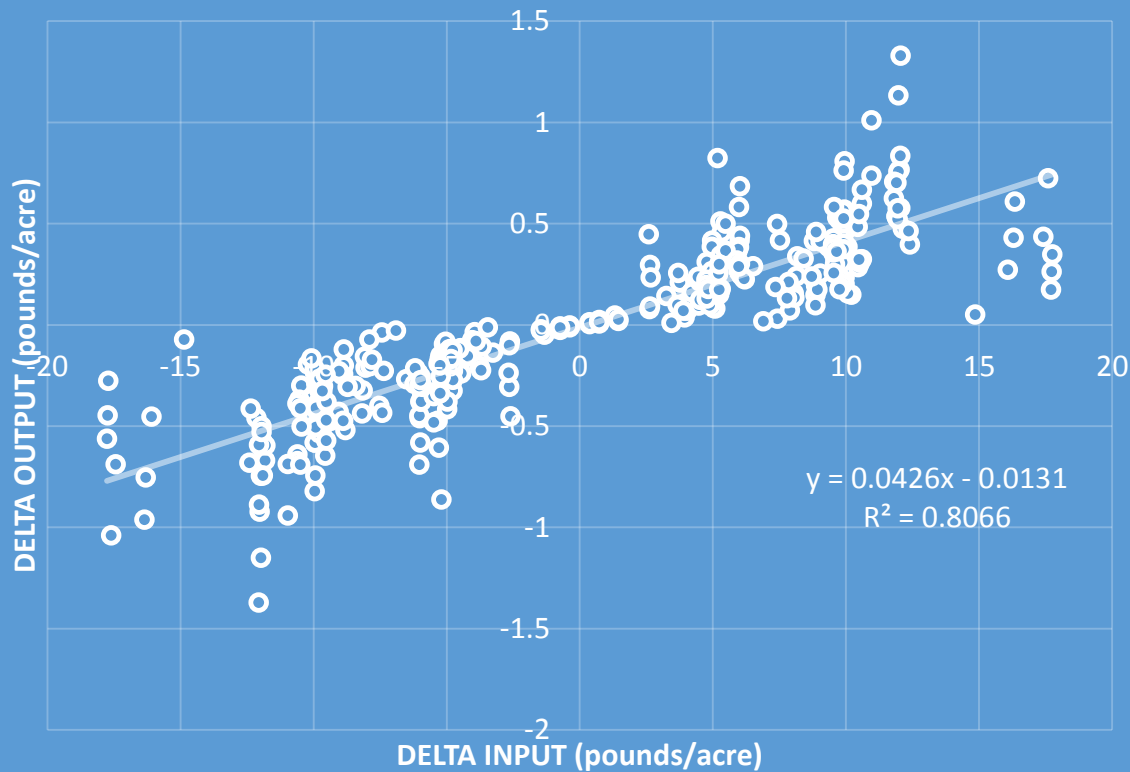


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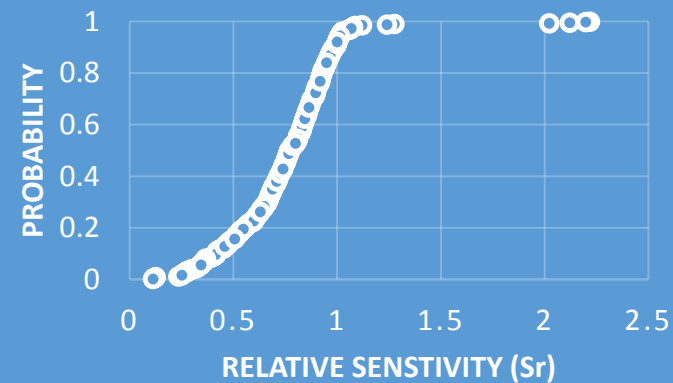
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# APPLE Sensitivity due to Change in Fertilizer Input – Pasture Landuse

APPLE PASTURE SENSITIVITY TO FERTILIZER



RELATIVE SENSITIVITY

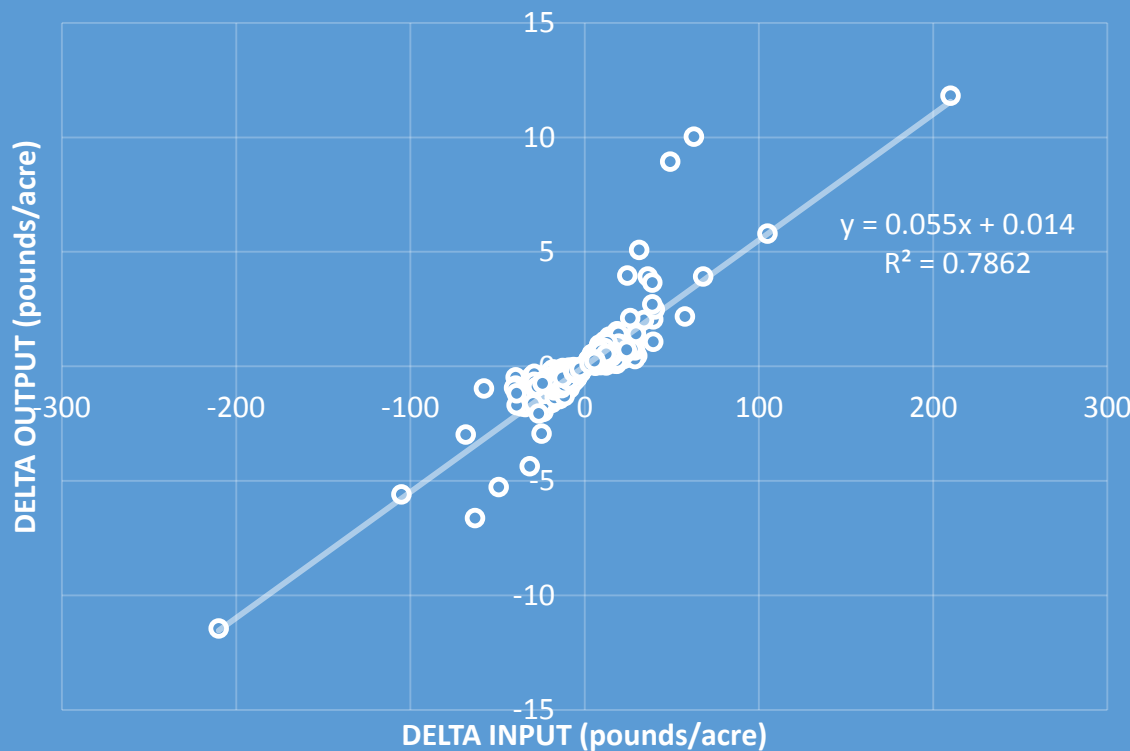


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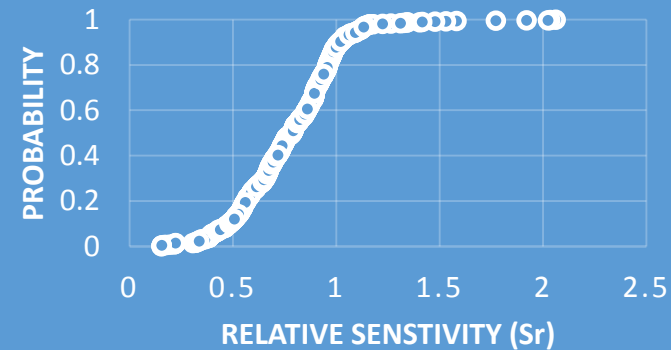
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# APPLE Sensitivity due to Change in Manure Input – Pasture Landuse

APPLE PASTURE SENSITIVITY TO MANURE



RELATIVE SENSITIVITY

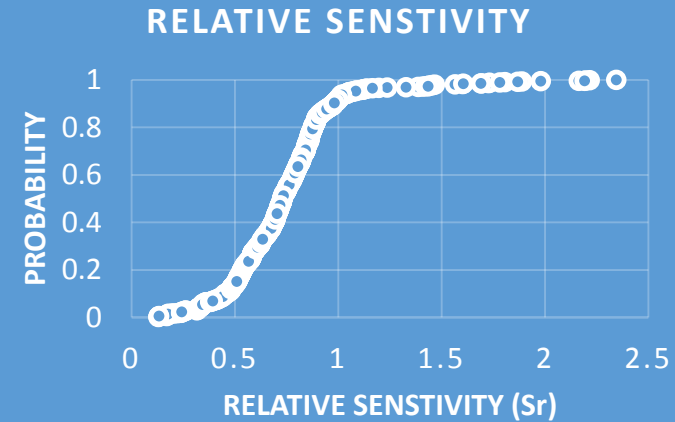
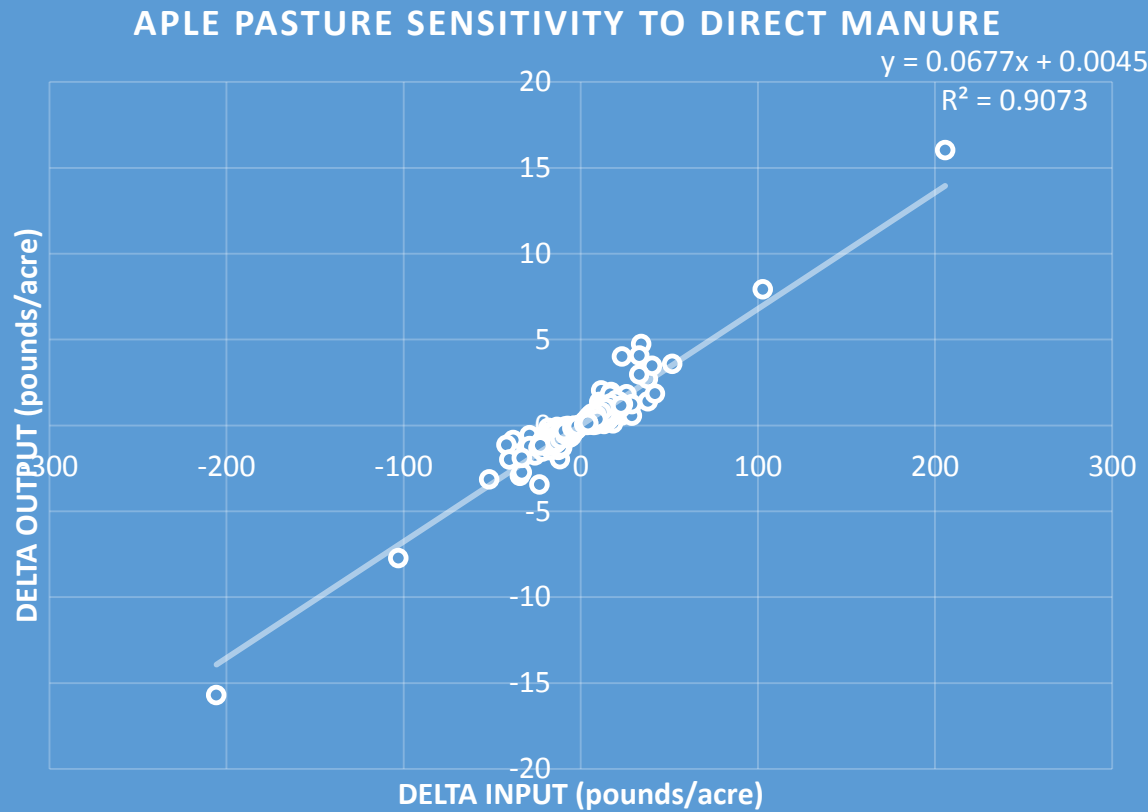


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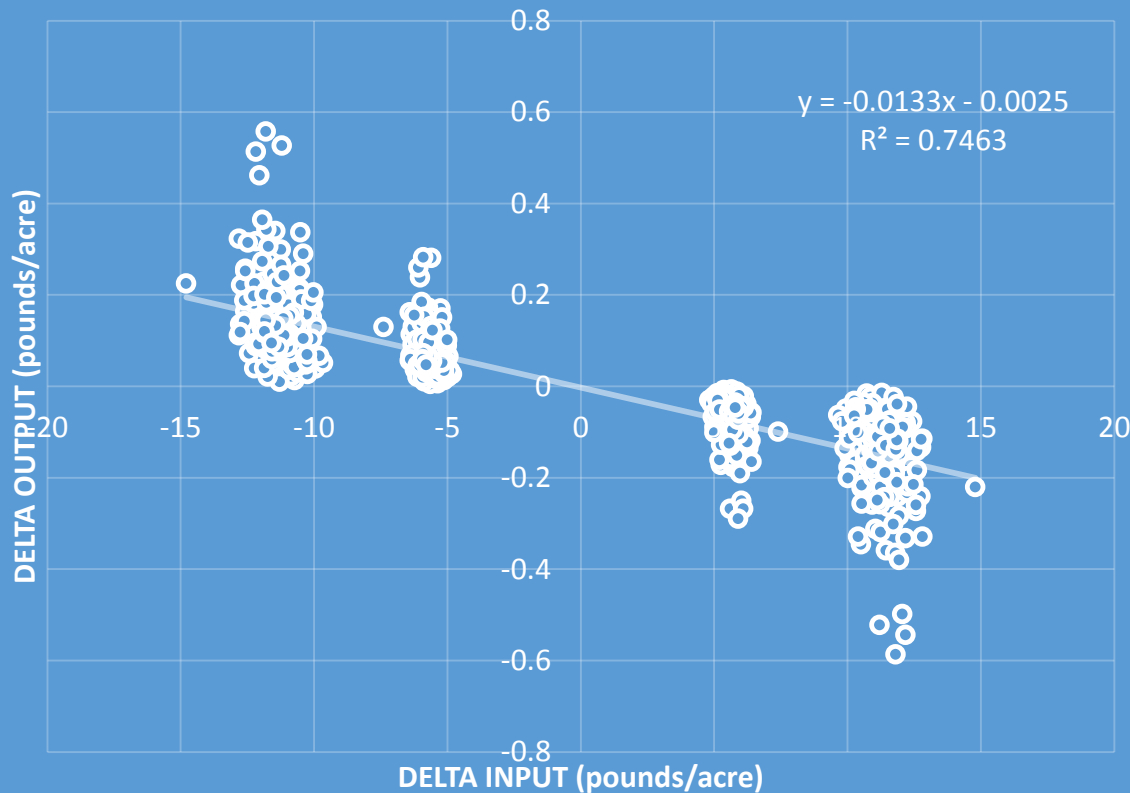
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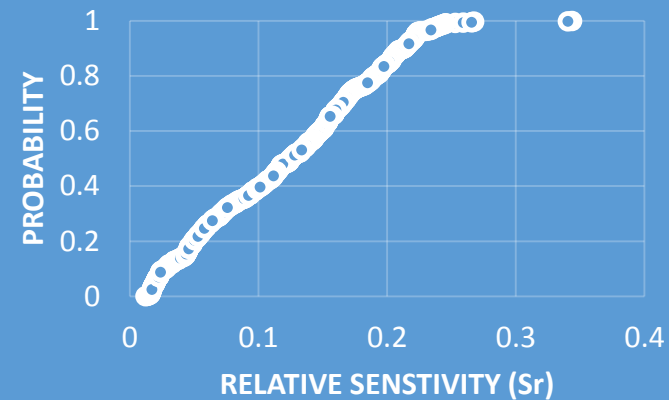
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# APPLE Sensitivity due to Change in Uptake Input – Pasture Landuse

APPLE PASTURE SENSITIVITY TO UPTAKE



RELATIVE SENSITIVITY

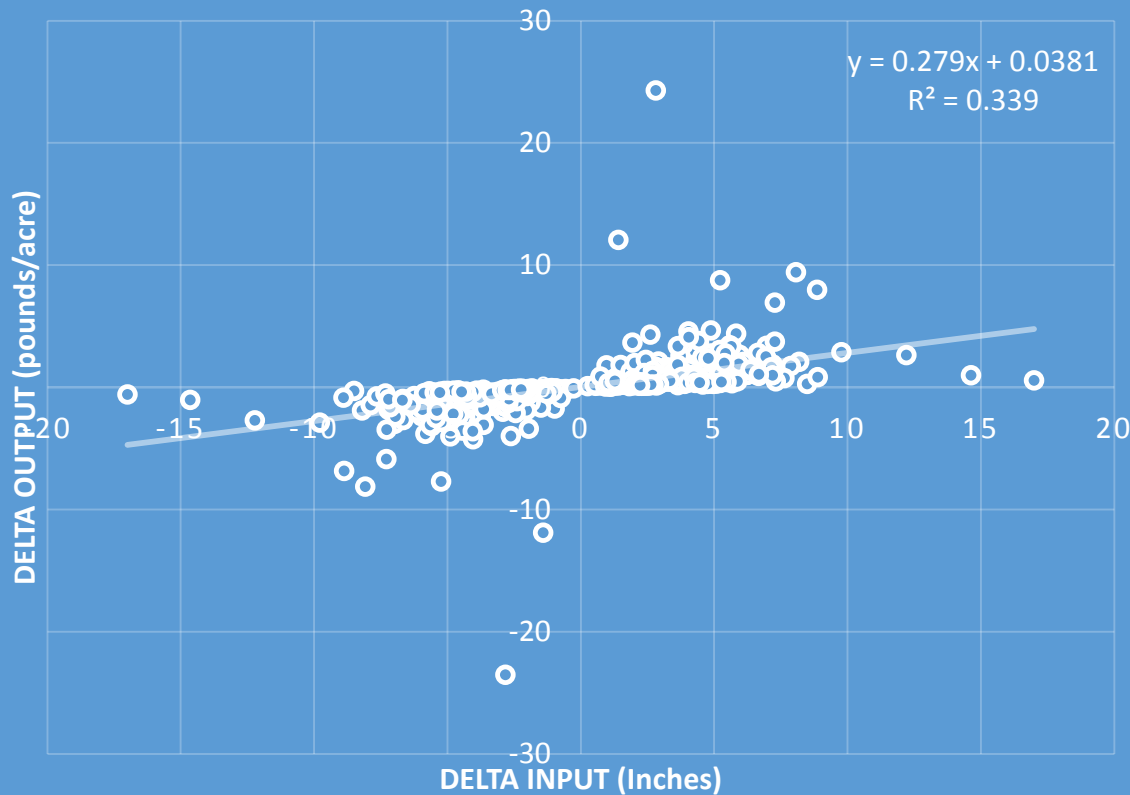


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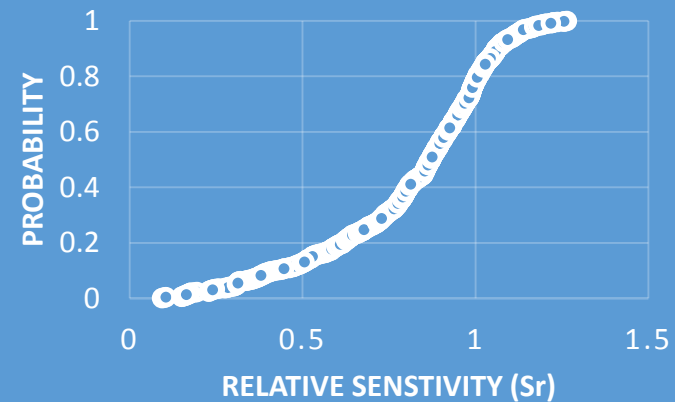
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# APPLE Sensitivity due to Change in Runoff Input – Pasture Landuse

APPLE PASTURE SENSITIVITY TO RUNOFF



RELATIVE SENSITIVITY

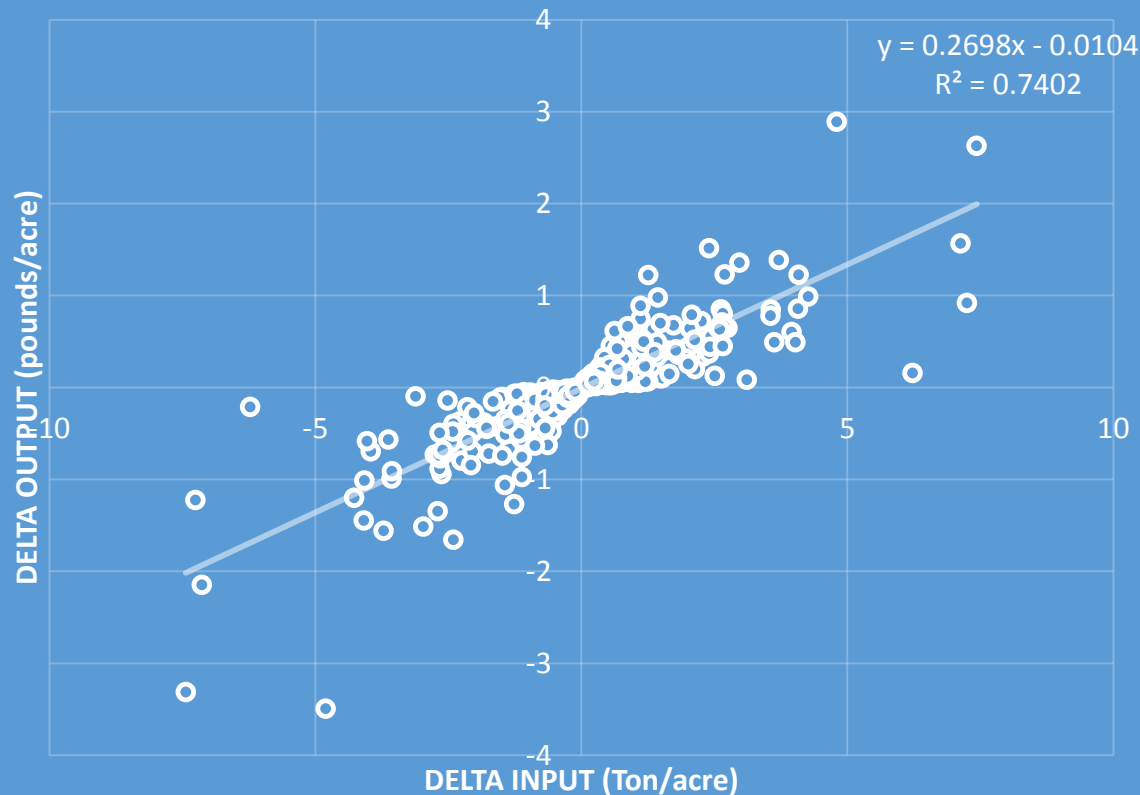


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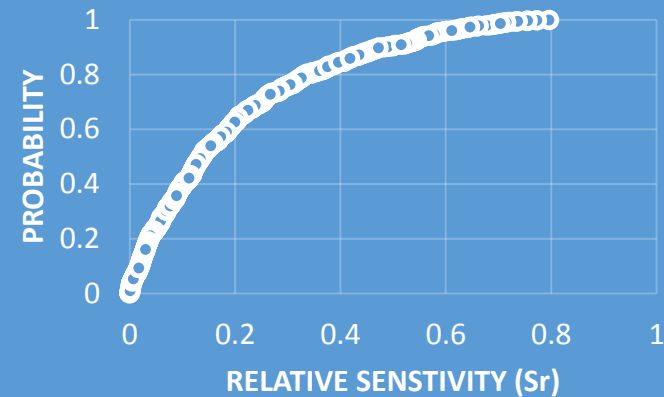
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# APPLE Sensitivity due to Change in Sediment Input – Pasture Landuse

APPLE PASTURE SENSITIVITY TO SEDIMENT



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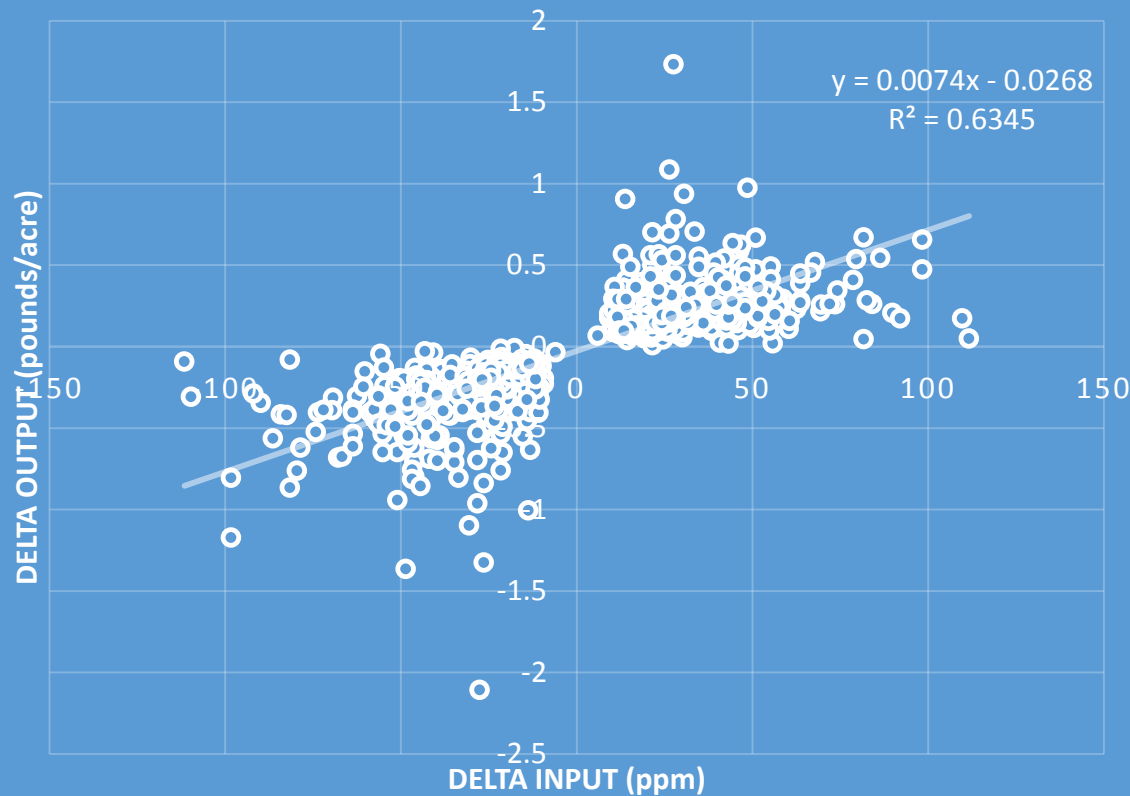


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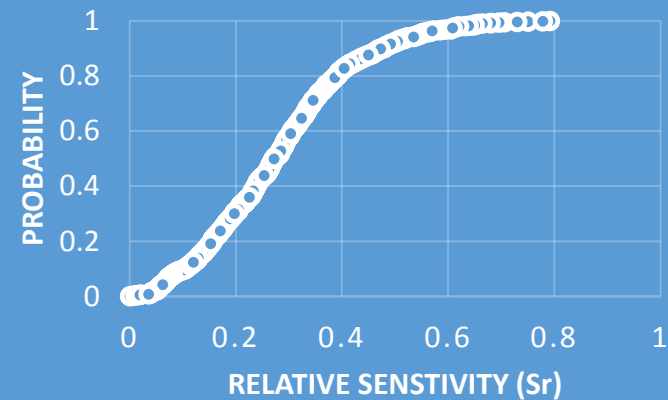
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# APPLE Sensitivity due to Change in Mehlich Input – Pasture Landuse

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RELATIVE SENSITIVITY



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# High Till Landuse

## APLE Model Sensitivity Analysis

LANDUSE	INPUT	UNITS	CBW SLOPE	CBW R2	MEDIAN SLOPE	AVERAGE R2	MEDIAN SR
high till	mehlich	ppm	0.016	0.748	0.017	0.998	0.700
high till	sediment	ton/ac	0.179	0.806	0.179	1.000	0.625
high till	runoff	inches	0.065	0.760	0.053	0.997	0.361
high till	manure	lbs/acre	0.027	0.910	0.019	1.000	0.290
high till	fertilizer	lbs/acre	0.016	0.854	0.016	0.999	0.237
high till	uptake	lbs/acre	-0.012	0.851	-0.011	0.998	0.173

- APLE is more sensitive to mehlich, sediment, and runoff than to fertilizer and uptake.

# Pasture Landuse

## APLE Model Sensitivity Analysis

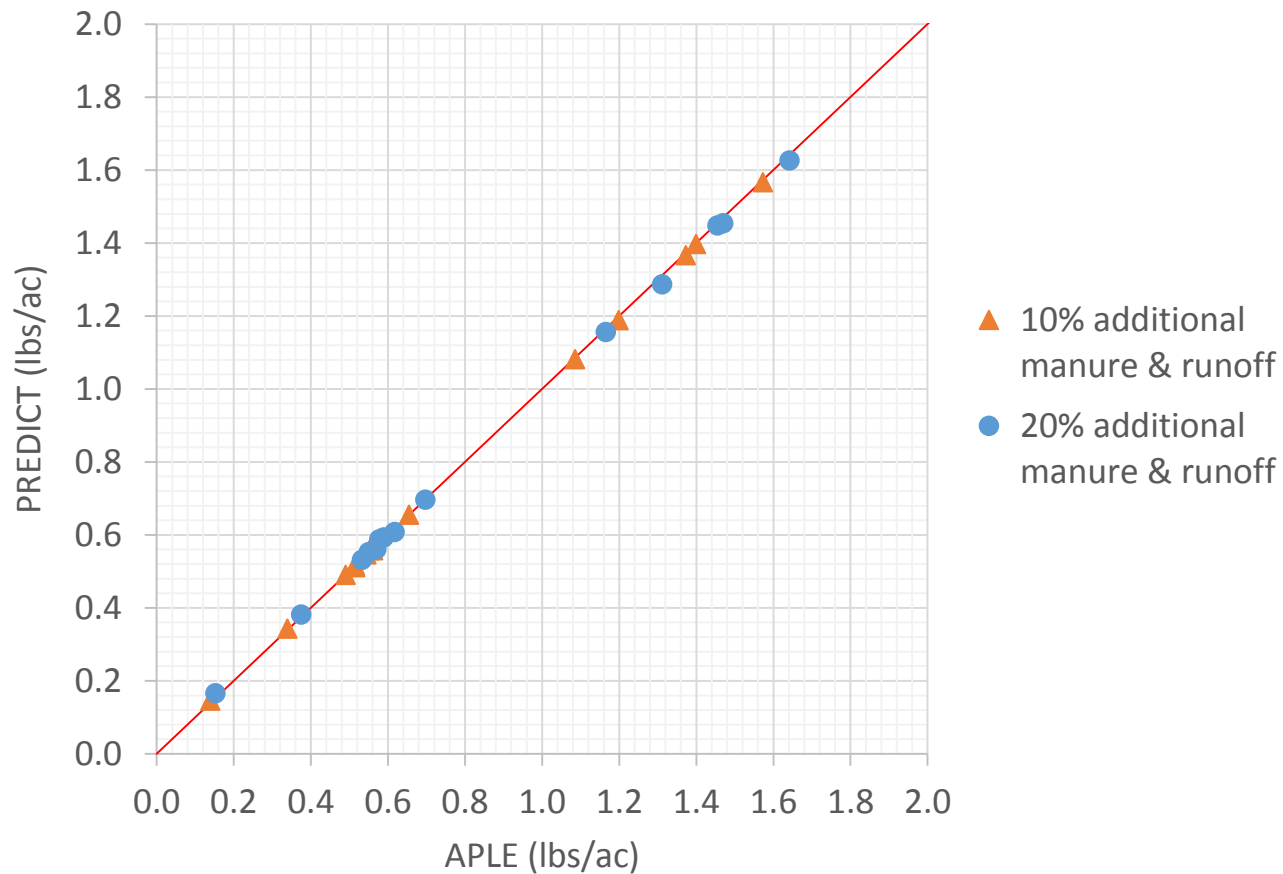
LANDUSE	INPUT	UNITS	CBW SLOPE	CBW R2	MEDIAN SLOPE	AVERAGE R2	MEDIAN SR
pasture	runoff	inches	0.279	0.339	0.214	0.999	0.871
pasture	manure	lbs/acre	0.055	0.786	0.047	0.997	0.787
pasture	fertilizer	lbs/acre	0.043	0.807	0.040	0.998	0.771
	direct						
pasture	manure	lbs/acre	0.068	0.907	0.041	0.999	0.731
pasture	mehlich	ppm	0.007	0.635	0.008	0.996	0.274
pasture	sediment	ton/ac	0.270	0.740	0.302	0.999	0.137
pasture	uptake	lbs/acre	-0.013	0.746	-0.012	0.999	0.125

- APLE is more sensitive to runoff and fertilizer than to mehlich, sediment and uptake.
- Pasture runoff median slope is approximately 4 times the value of the hightill slope.
- Pasture fertilizer median slope is approximately twice the value of the hightill slope.
- Pasture sediment and uptake median slopes are similar to hightill slopes.
- Pasture mehlich median slope is approximately half the value of the hightill slope.



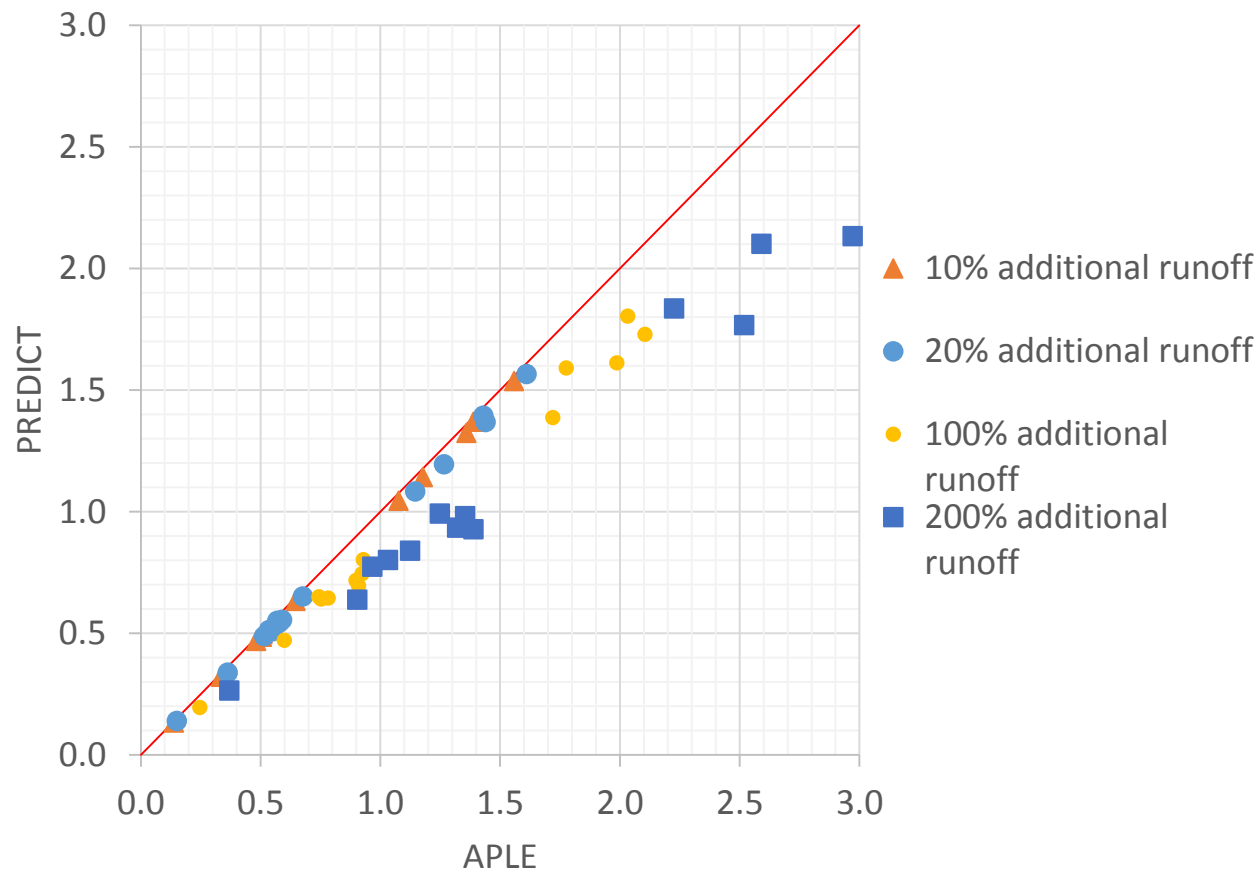
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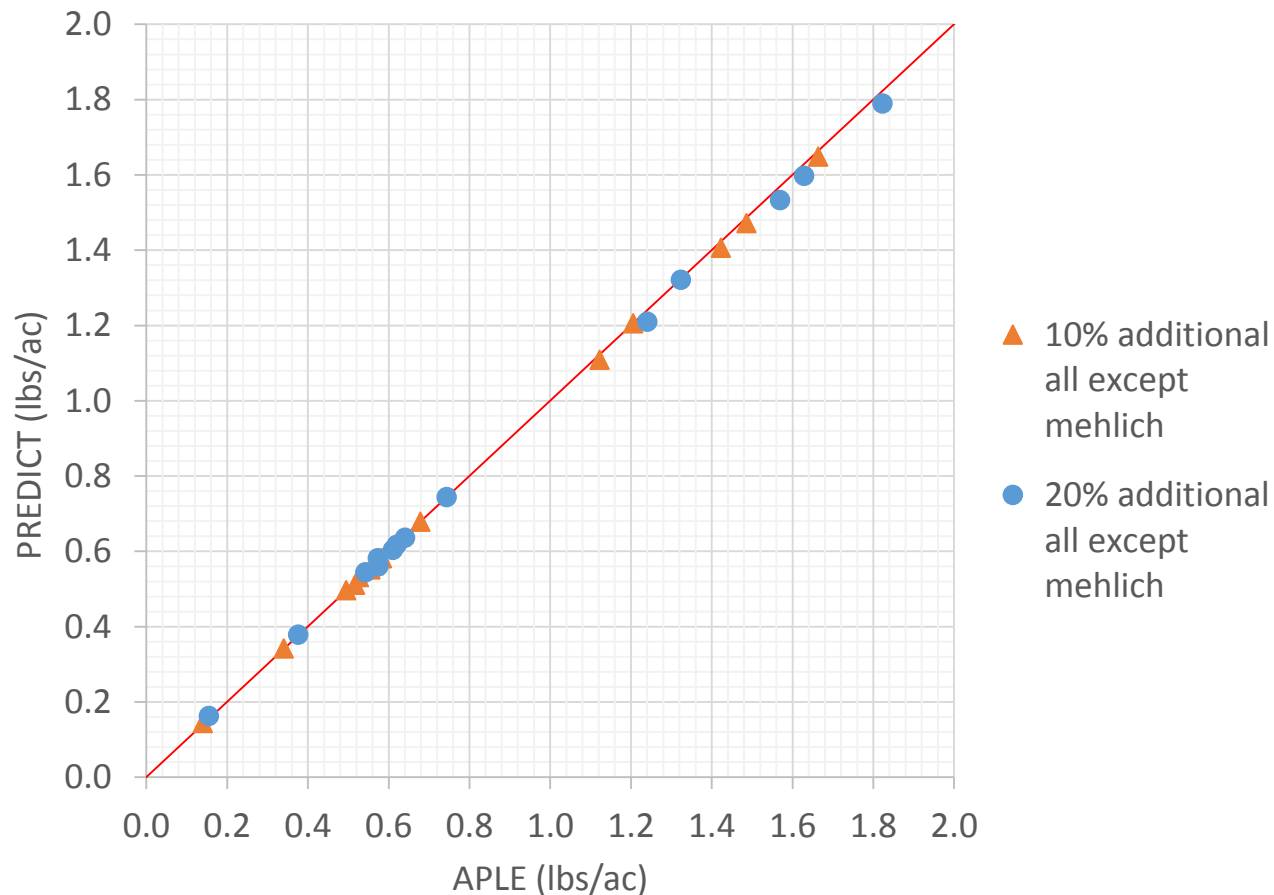
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# Validation

$$TPloss_{scenario} = TPloss_{base} + (\Delta Input_1 \times Sensitivity_1) + (\Delta Input_2 \times Sensitivity_2) + \dots + (\Delta Input_n \times Sensitivity_n)$$



# Next

- Phosphorus sensitivities are provisional.
- Prototype needs approval.
- Extend the simulation period.