AMT progress and timeline

05/09/2025

Decisions as of April 2025:

- October 2024
  - The acres of Grains with Manure should be determined using Plant Available Nitrogen
- February 2025
  - We will alter the Land Uses in CAST to represent Managed and Unmanaged Hay as well as Managed and Unmanaged Pasture.
  - We will modify the manure spread algorithm to create a fourth group and fill these groups as follows;
    - a. Group 1: Grain with manure, Silage with manure, managed Other hay, managed pasture,
    - b. Group 2: Small grains, double cropped, other crops, specialty high, specialty low,
    - c. Group 3: Other Hay, Pasture,
    - d. Group 4: Soybeans, Legume Hay.
  - The AMT approved the provided definitions for managed and unmanaged hay and pasture for Phase 7.
  - The AMT approved the language that acres of managed hay and pasture will be reported by states by November 1st . Decision: The AMT accepts the NM effects with a non nm multiplier of 1.2 for N and 1.5 for P for Phase 7.
- April 2025
  - Both crops; Other haylage; grass silage and greenchop AND Other Dry Hay should have no nitrogen fixation associated with them*.
    - * The mixture of species composing these crops may contain leguminous species, but expert opinion determined that there is no accurate way to parse out the percentage of crops from the mixture as reported by NASS which fix Nitrogen. Furthermore, the percentage of leguminous crops is likely a small proportion. Therefore, the group suggested the Nitrogen fixation rate should be zero since it does not affect N losses from this land use or the application of any other N sources to this land use. Note, not including N fixation makes cropland mass balance calculations inappropriate for these land uses.)

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12	Re-evaluate animal types
13	Agricultural plant categories
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15	Housing and in field volatilization
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Topic has been or is being discussed

Decision related to this topic has been made ★

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Please provide feedback

Do we need to change focus?

- Should we drop anything or pick anything up?
- Can we live with what we have on the docket now?

Do we need to change meeting frequency?

- More often through September?

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