

# AMT Office Hours Manure

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# What we hope to go over

- What is manure in CAST?
- How does it end up applied to the land?

# How do Ag Nutrients cycle through CAST?

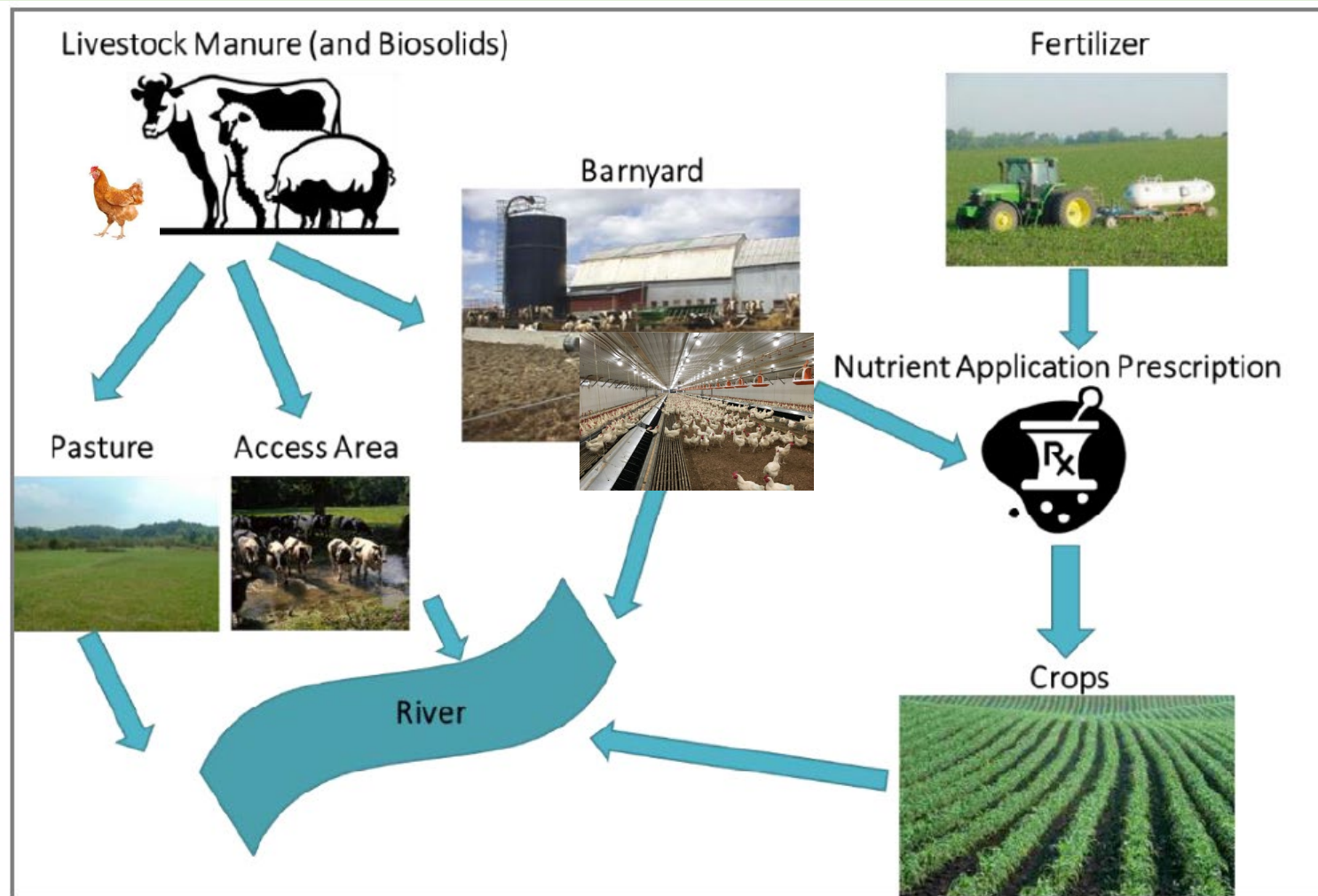


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# Understanding manure and its nutrients

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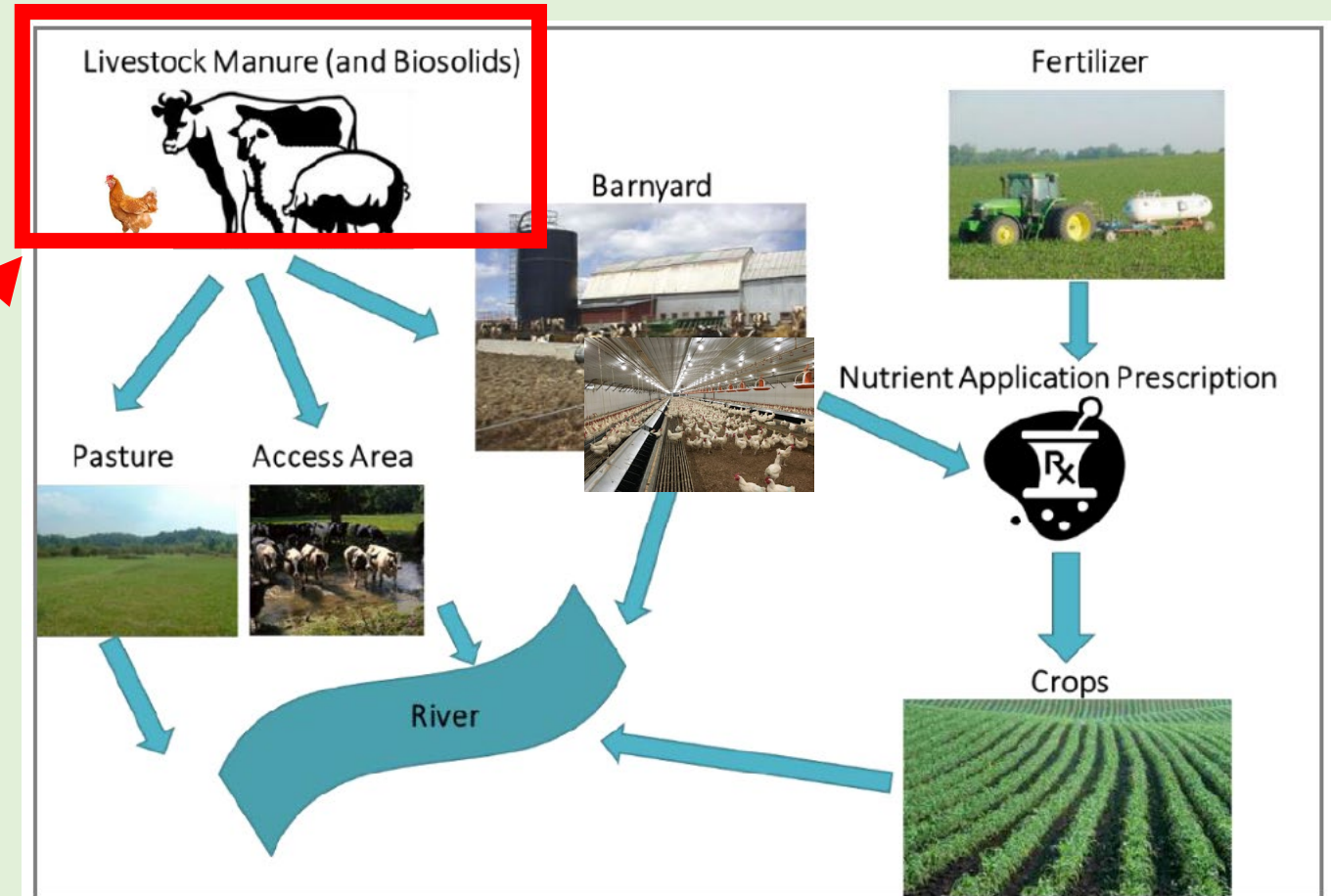
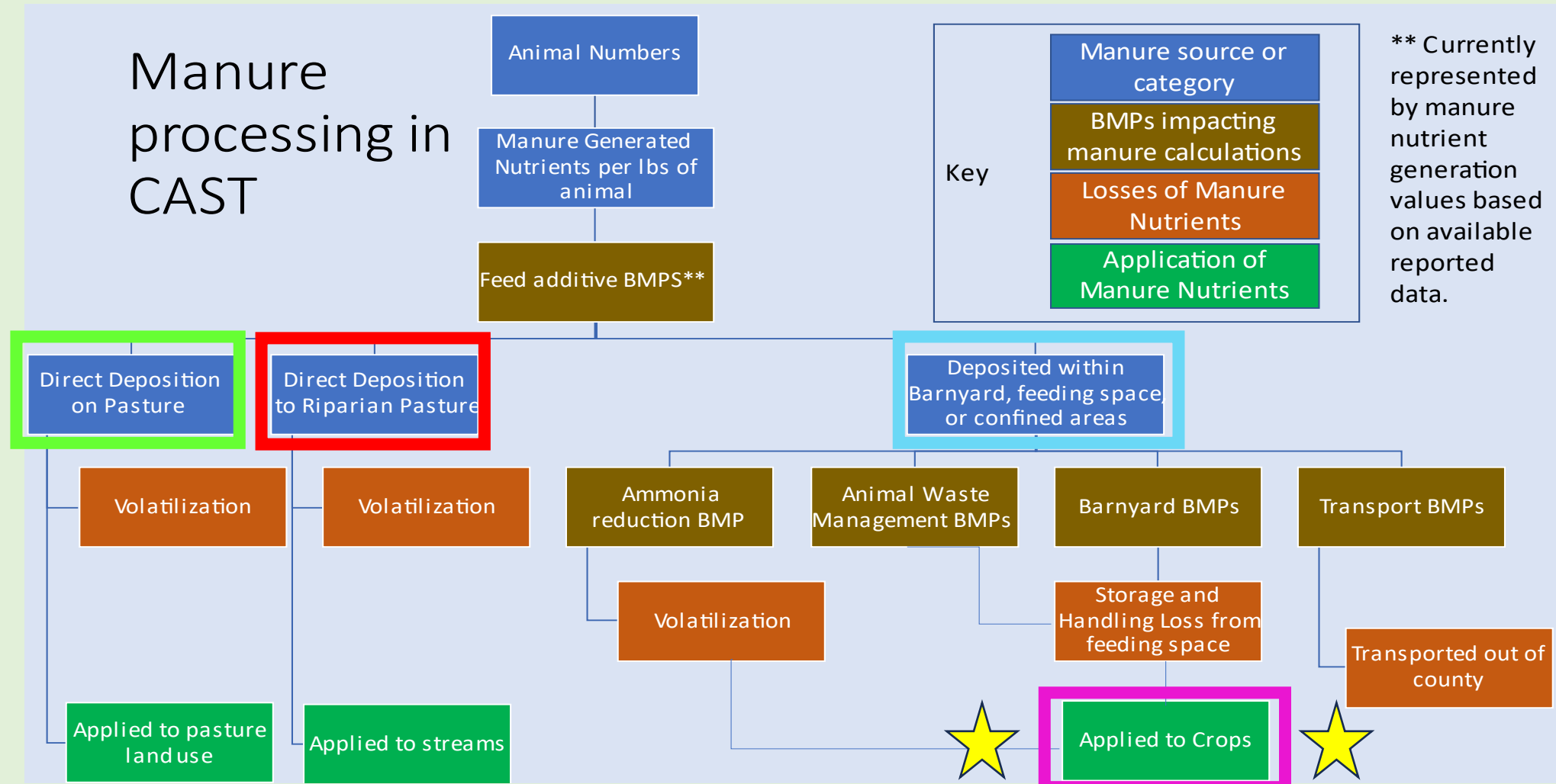


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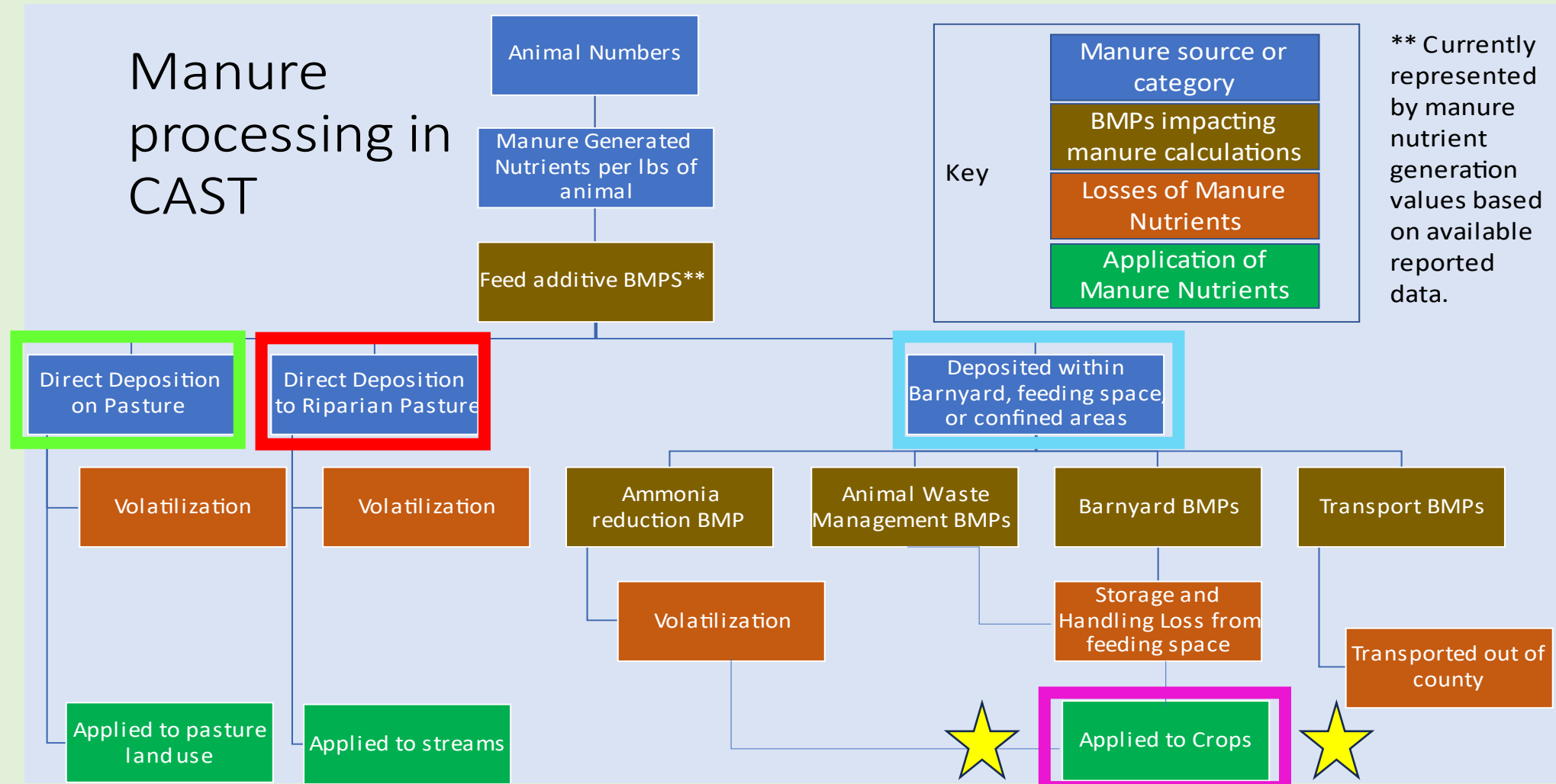
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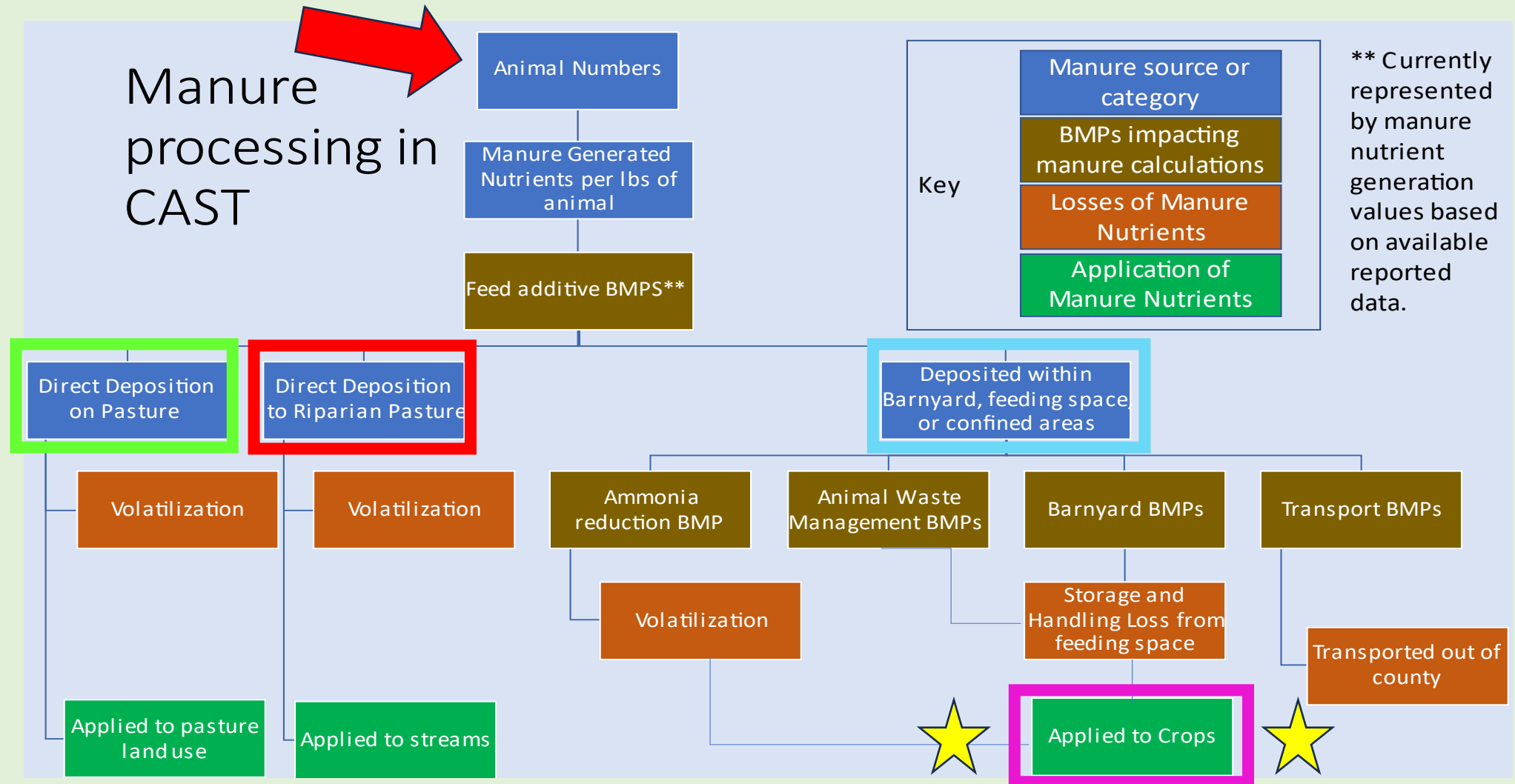
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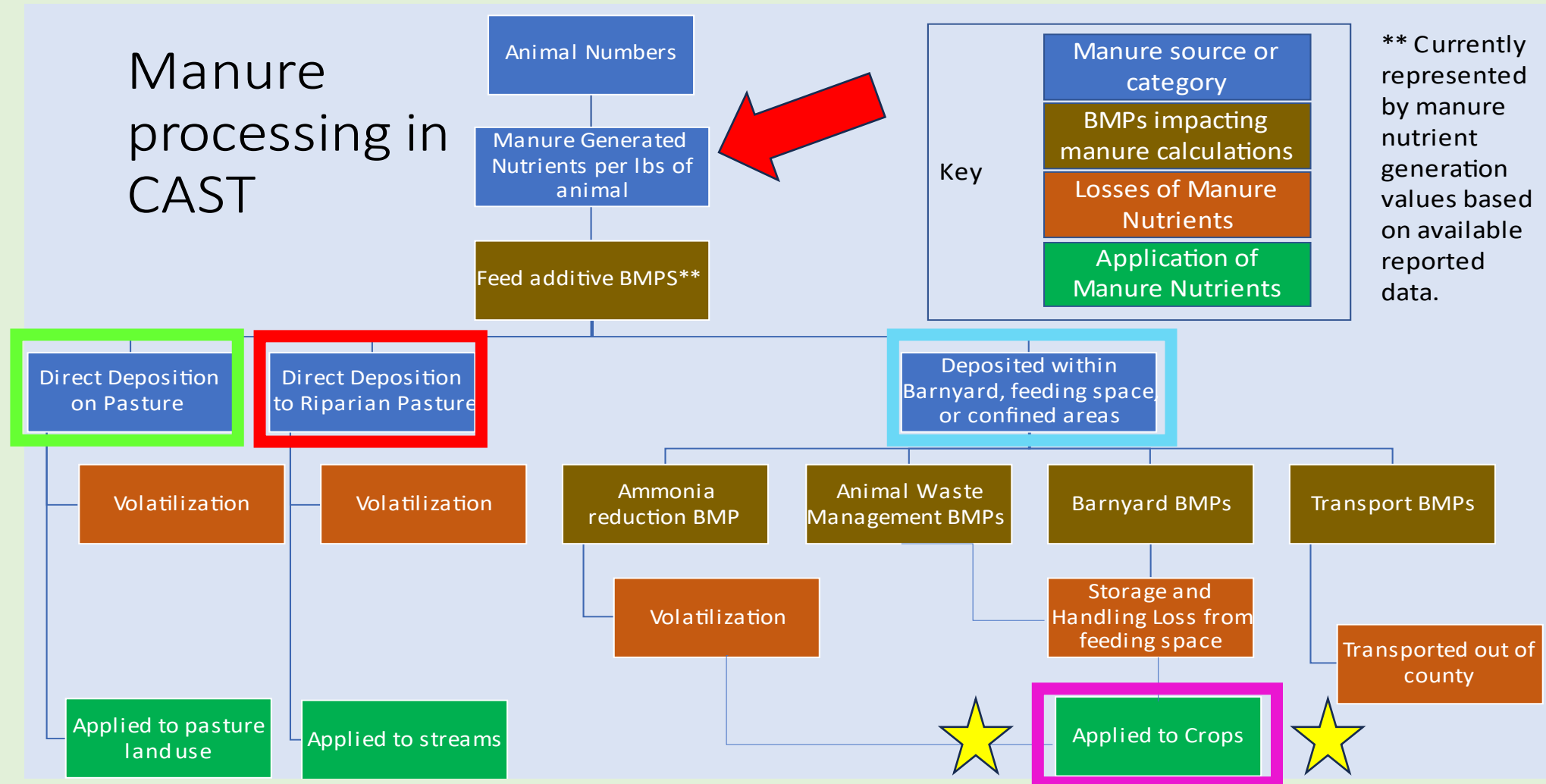


# Animal populations

- County scale

| Animal Type        | Population data source                           |
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| Beef               | Five year Census of Ag                           |
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# Manure dry weight and nutrient calculations

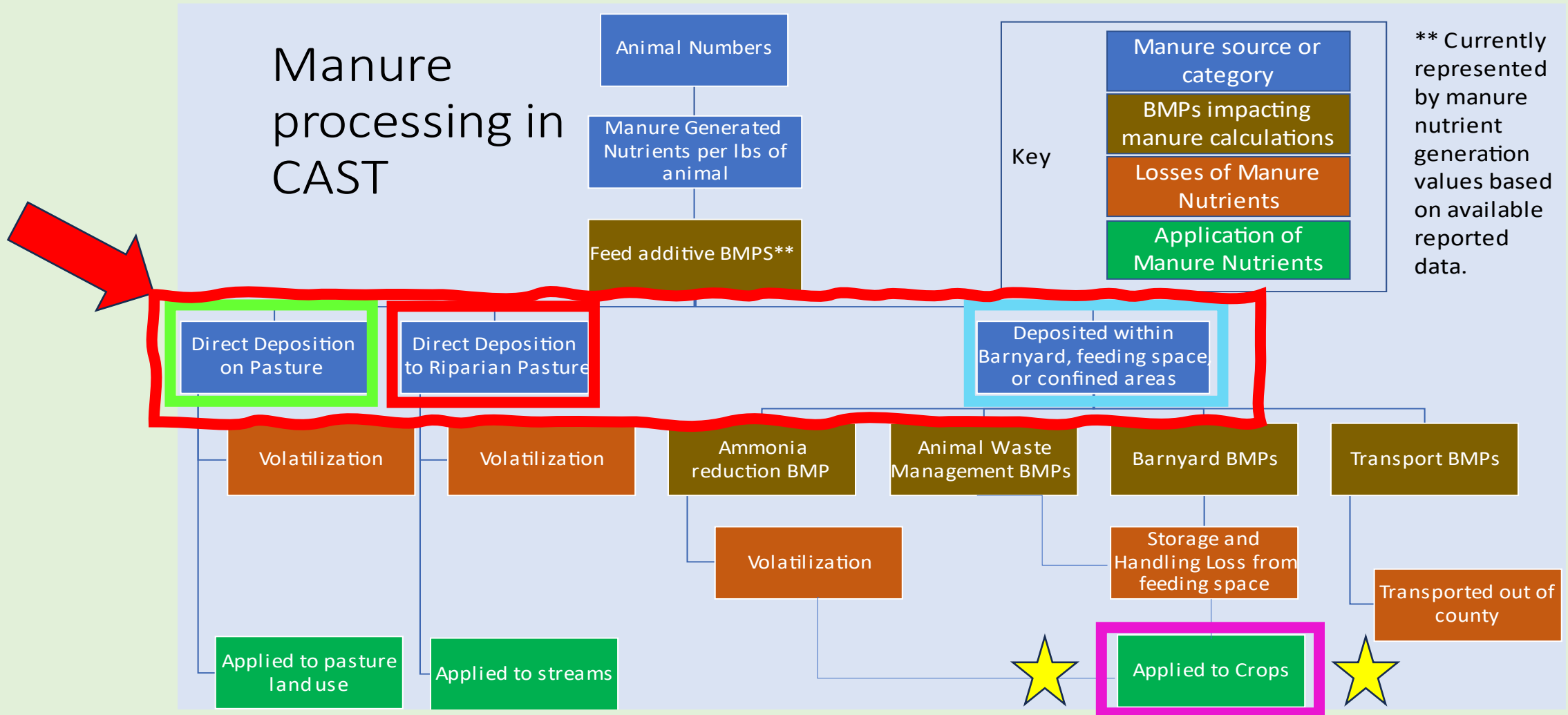
- Standardize manure by moisture
- Provide the total amount of nutrient

Table 3-4: Total nutrient manure characteristics for livestock

| Animal Type        | Manure Source  | Lbs Dry<br>Manure/Animal/Year | Lbs TN/Lb Dry Manure | LbsTP/Lb Dry Manure |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Beef               | Beef - Cow (confinement) from ASAE 2005 for manure values  | 5,475.00                      | 0.028788             | 0.006467            |
| Dairy              | Lactating Cow, Dry Cow and Heifer from ASAE 2005 for manure values   | 4,404.33                      | 0.042221             | 0.006764            |
| Other Cattle       | Estimated based upon weighted average combination of Beef and Dairy from Census of Agriculture; See Appendix D | 1,605.07                      | 0.035504             | 0.006616            |
| Horses             | Average of Horse- Sedentary and Horse - Intense Exercise from ASAE 2005 for manure values                      | 3,102.50                      | 0.031672             | 0.005941            |
| Hogs for Breeding  | Swine Characterization Report; See Appendix E  | 220.62                        | .294653              | Varies              |
| Hogs for Slaughter | Swine Characterization Report; See Appendix E  | 97.09                         | 0.106841             | Varies              |
| Sheep and Lambs    | ASAE 2003 for manure values  | 240.9                         | 0.038182             | 0.007909            |
| Goats              | ASAE 2003 for manure values  | 680.91                        | 0.034615             | 0.008462            |
| Pullets            | PLS Report; See Appendix A   | 12.95                         | Varies               | Varies              |
| Layers             | PLS Report; See Appendix A   | 17.89                         | Varies               | Varies              |
| Broilers           | PLS Report; See Appendix A   | Varies                        | Varies               | Varies              |
| Turkeys            | Turkey Characterization Report; See Appendix F   | 7.62                          | Varies               | Varies              |

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# Manure nutrients are split into categories

- State provided
- Can change for each county

*Table 3-5: Beef percent manure deposited by area in West Virginia growth region 1*

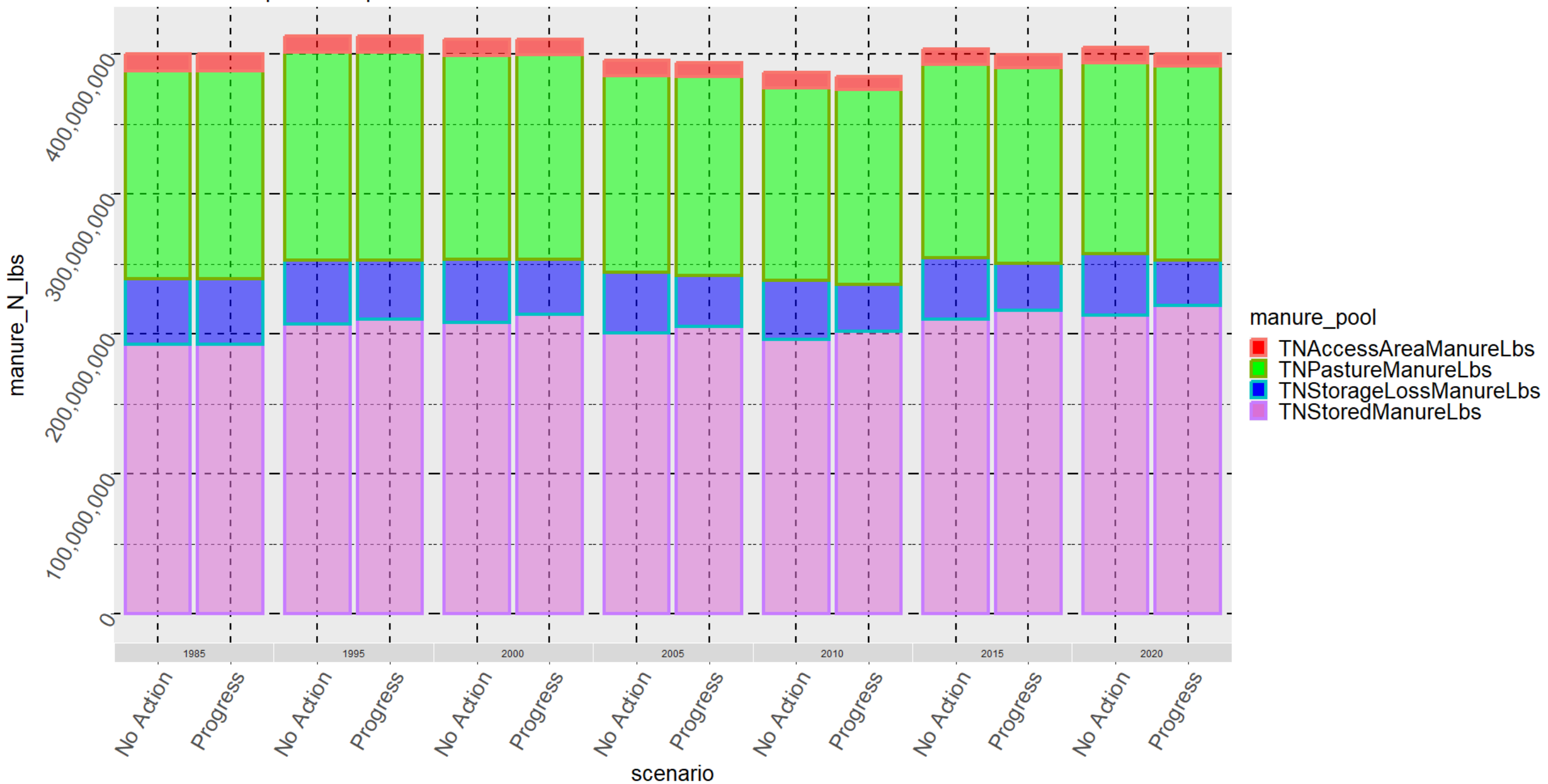
| Growth Region | Animal Type | Month | Barnyard Percent | Pasture Percent | Access Area Percent |
|---------------|-------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| WV_1          | beef        | 1     | 6                | 91              | 3                   |
| WV_1          | beef        | 2     | 6                | 91              | 3                   |
| WV_1          | beef        | 3     | 0                | 96              | 4                   |
| WV_1          | beef        | 4     | 0                | 94              | 6                   |
| WV_1          | beef        | 5     | 0                | 94              | 6                   |
| WV_1          | beef        | 6     | 0                | 90              | 10                  |
| WV_1          | beef        | 7     | 0                | 90              | 10                  |
| WV_1          | beef        | 8     | 0                | 90              | 10                  |
| WV_1          | beef        | 9     | 0                | 94              | 6                   |
| WV_1          | beef        | 10    | 0                | 96              | 4                   |
| WV_1          | beef        | 11    | 0                | 96              | 4                   |
| WV_1          | beef        | 12    | 6                | 91              | 3                   |

# A quick manure sniff test:

- Ran CAST 23 scenarios:
  - Zero BMPs (no action)
  - BMPs implemented to date (2022 progress)
- Compared results for Total Manure Nitrogen:
  1. Direct deposition in riparian zones
  2. Direct deposition in pasture
  3. Losses from stored manure
  4. Remaining portion of stored manure
- NOTE\* ALL results must still apply further losses to determine the Plant Available Nitrogen.

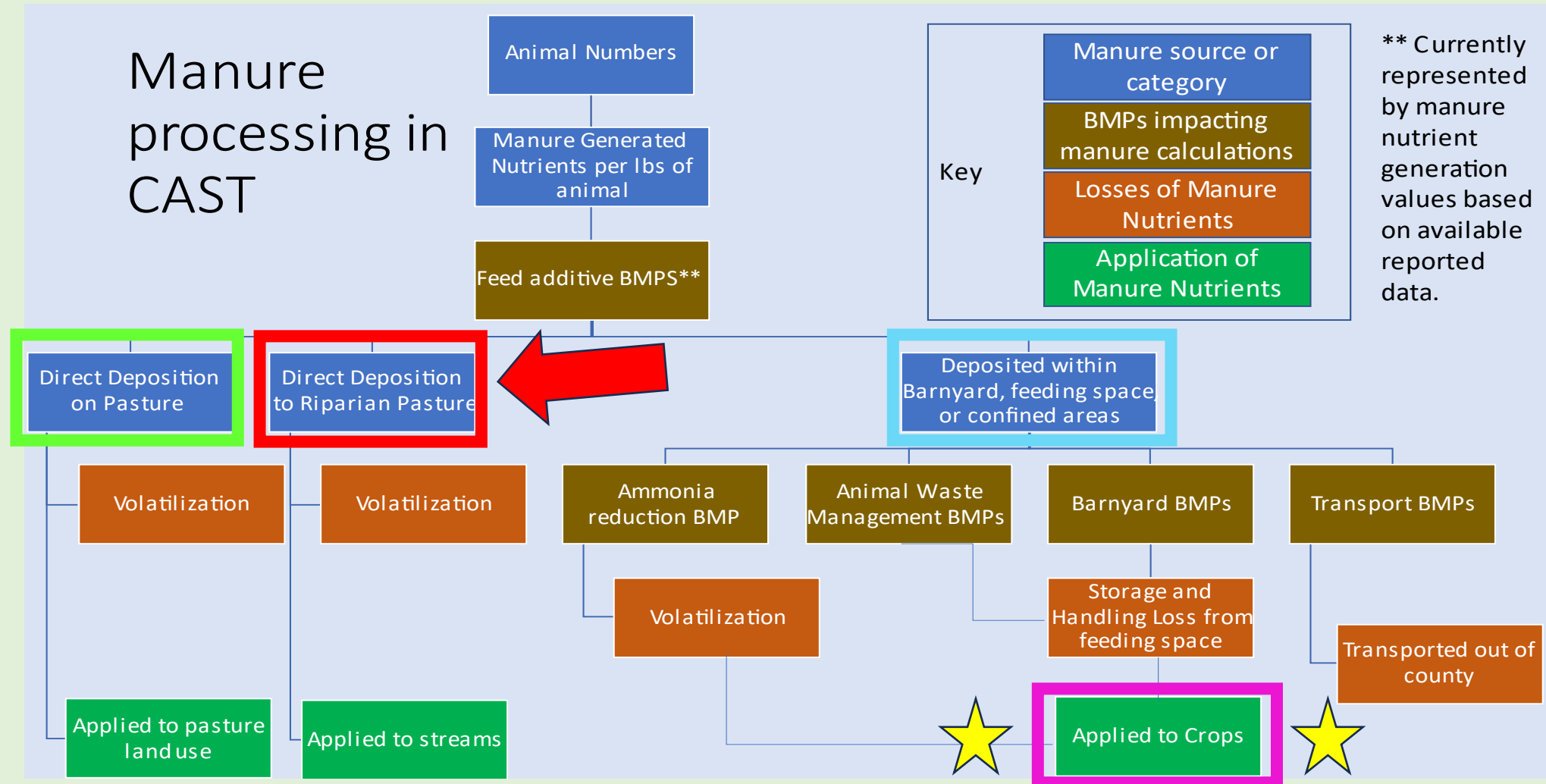


total Manure N pools compared





# Manure generation diagram:



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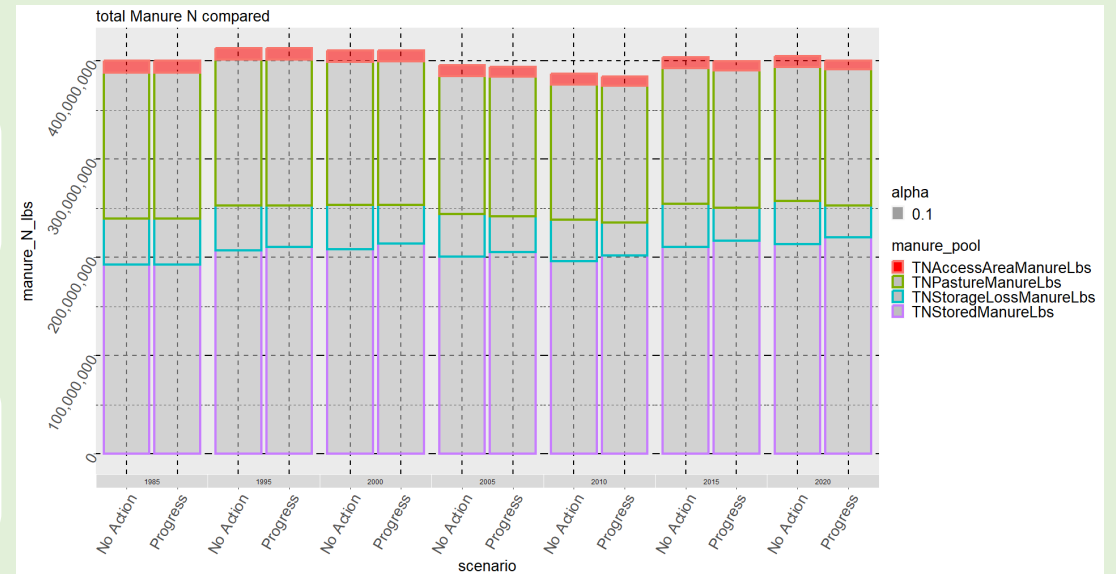
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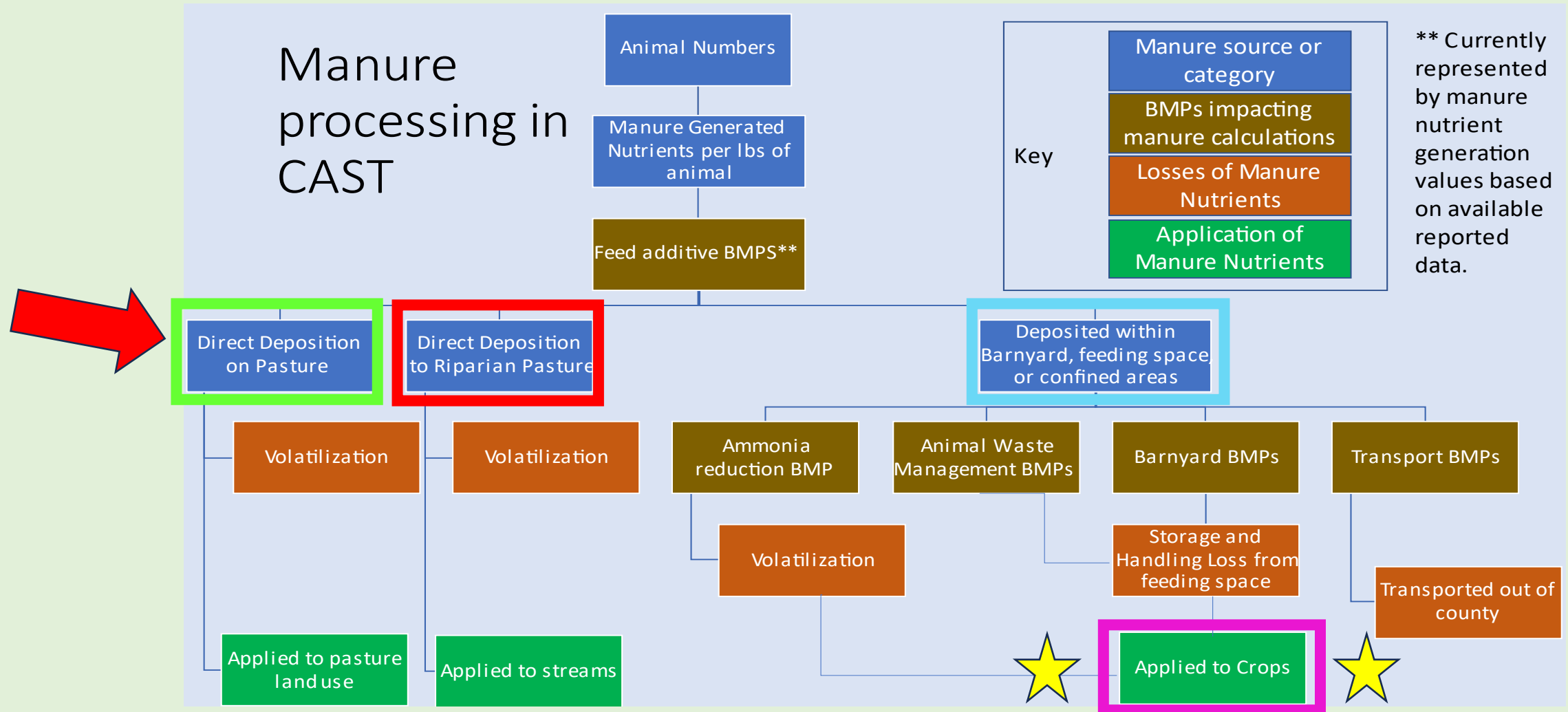
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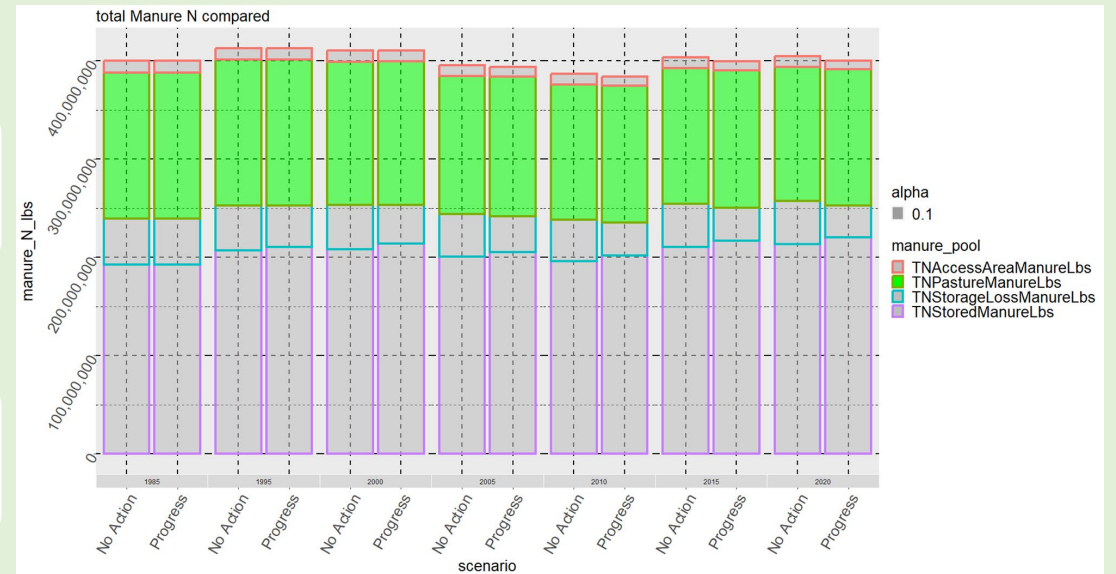
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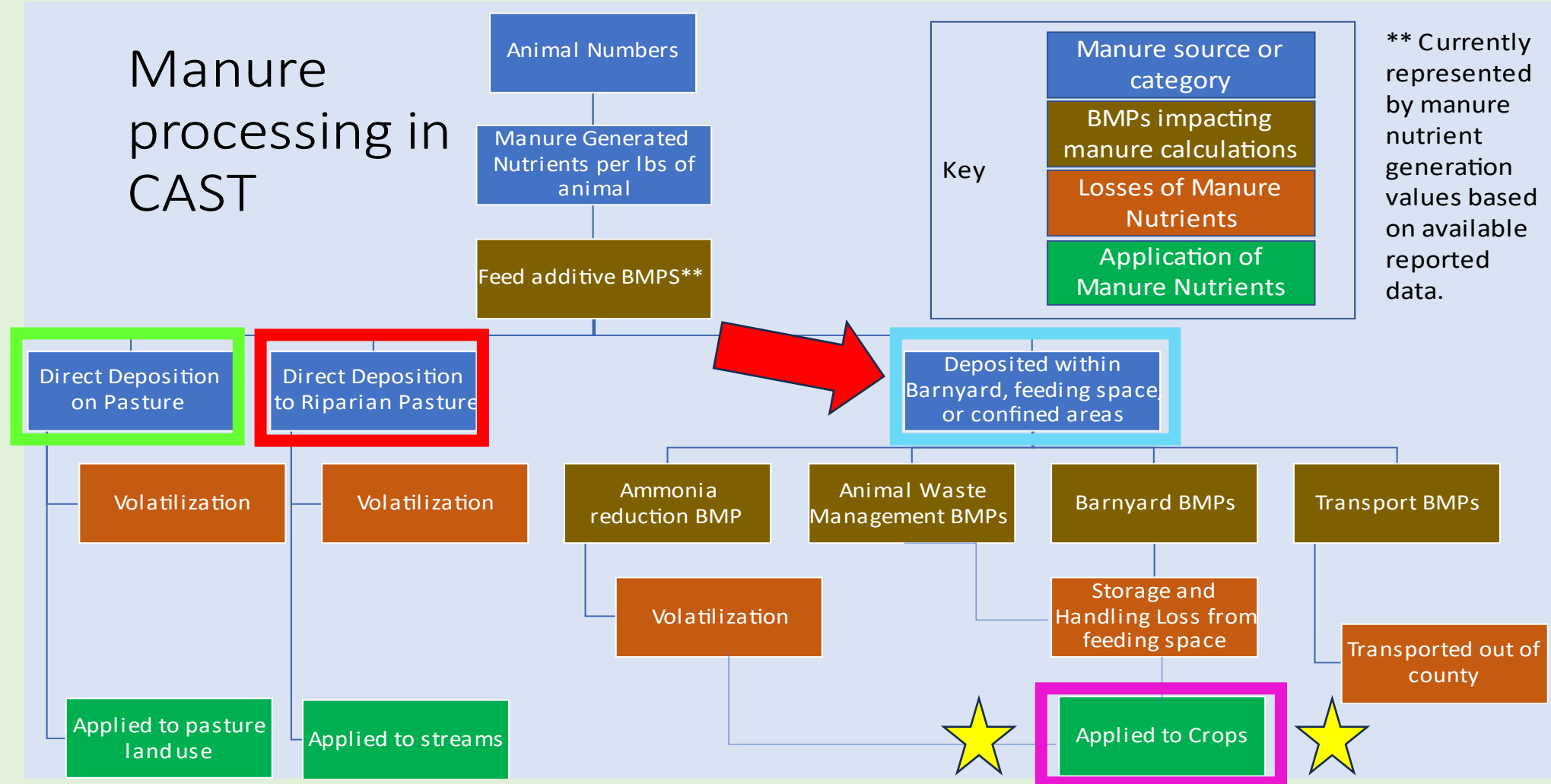
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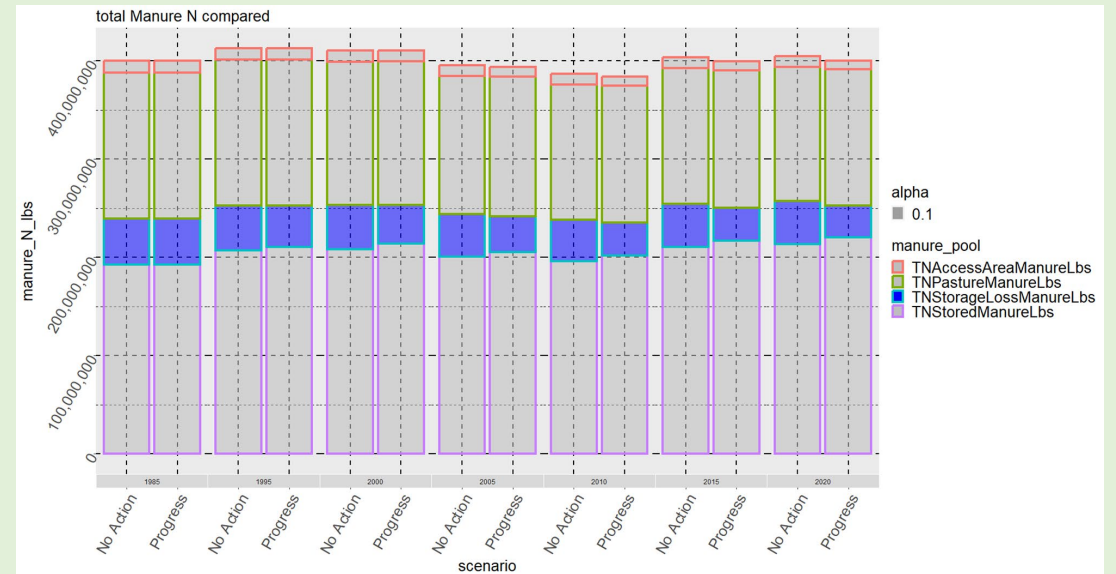


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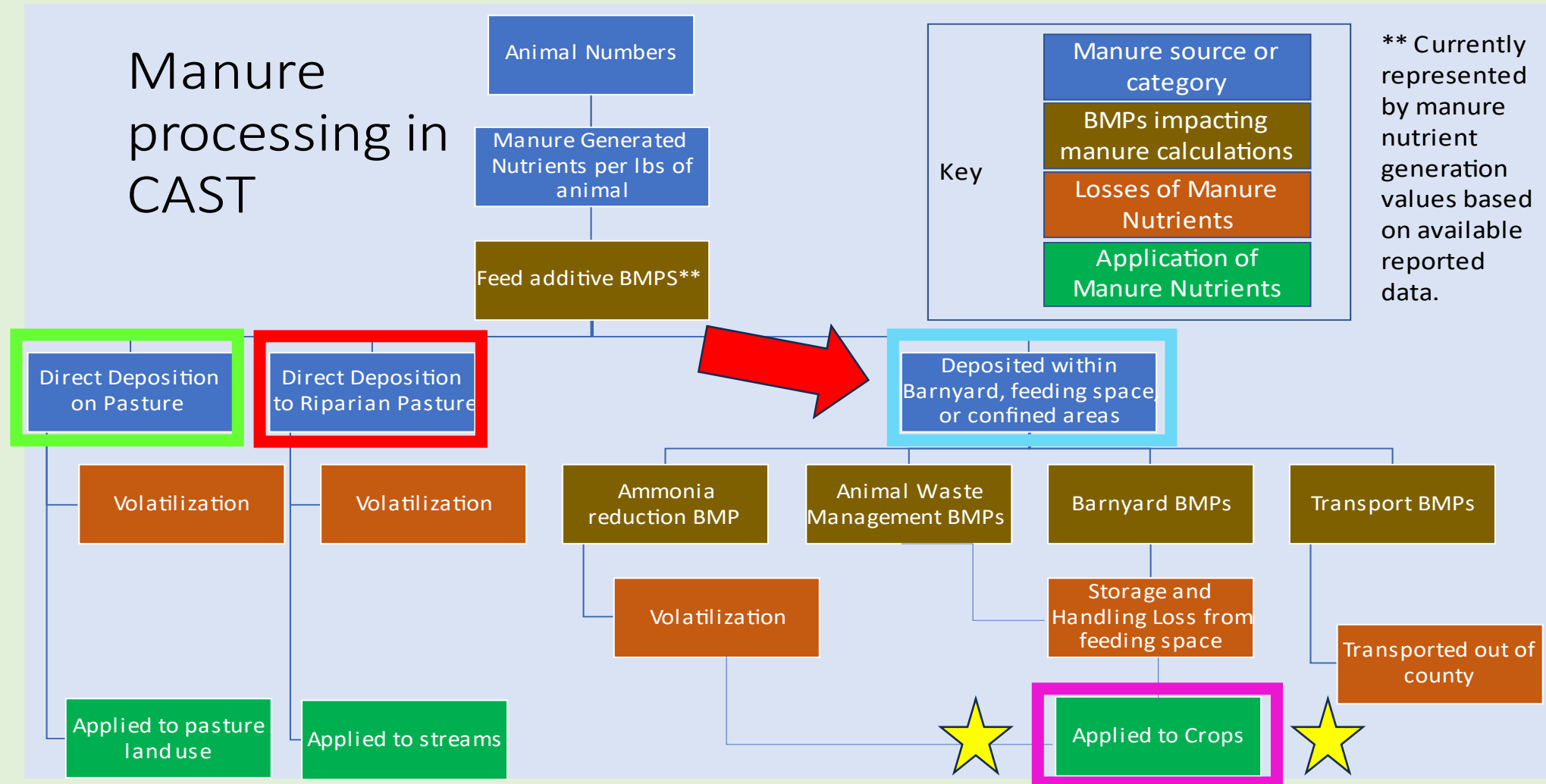
- Animal Waste Management System expert panel report provided values

Table 3-7: Recoverability of Manure with and Without AWMS (Hawkins, et al. 2016)

| Animals            | % Recoverable without AWMS | % Recoverable with AWMS |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Beef               | 60                         | 99                      |
| Dairy              | 75                         | 95                      |
| Other Cattle       | 60                         | 99                      |
| Hogs for Slaughter | 90                         | 99                      |
| Hogs for Breeding  | 90                         | 99                      |
| Broilers           | 90                         | 99                      |
| Layers             | 90                         | 99                      |
| Turkeys            | 90                         | 99                      |
| Pullets            | 90                         | 99                      |
| Sheep              | 95                         | 98                      |
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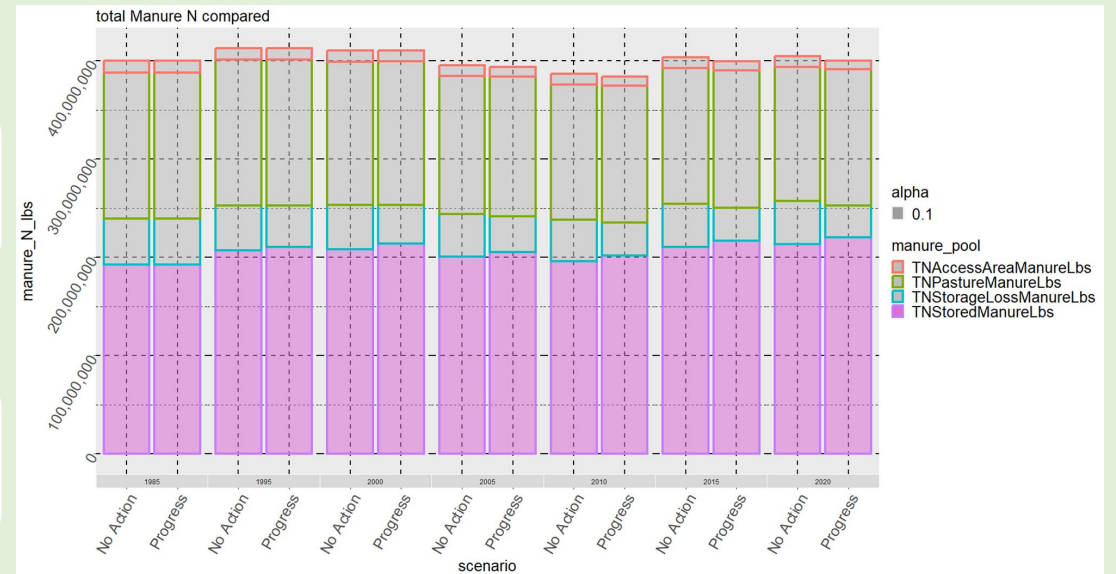
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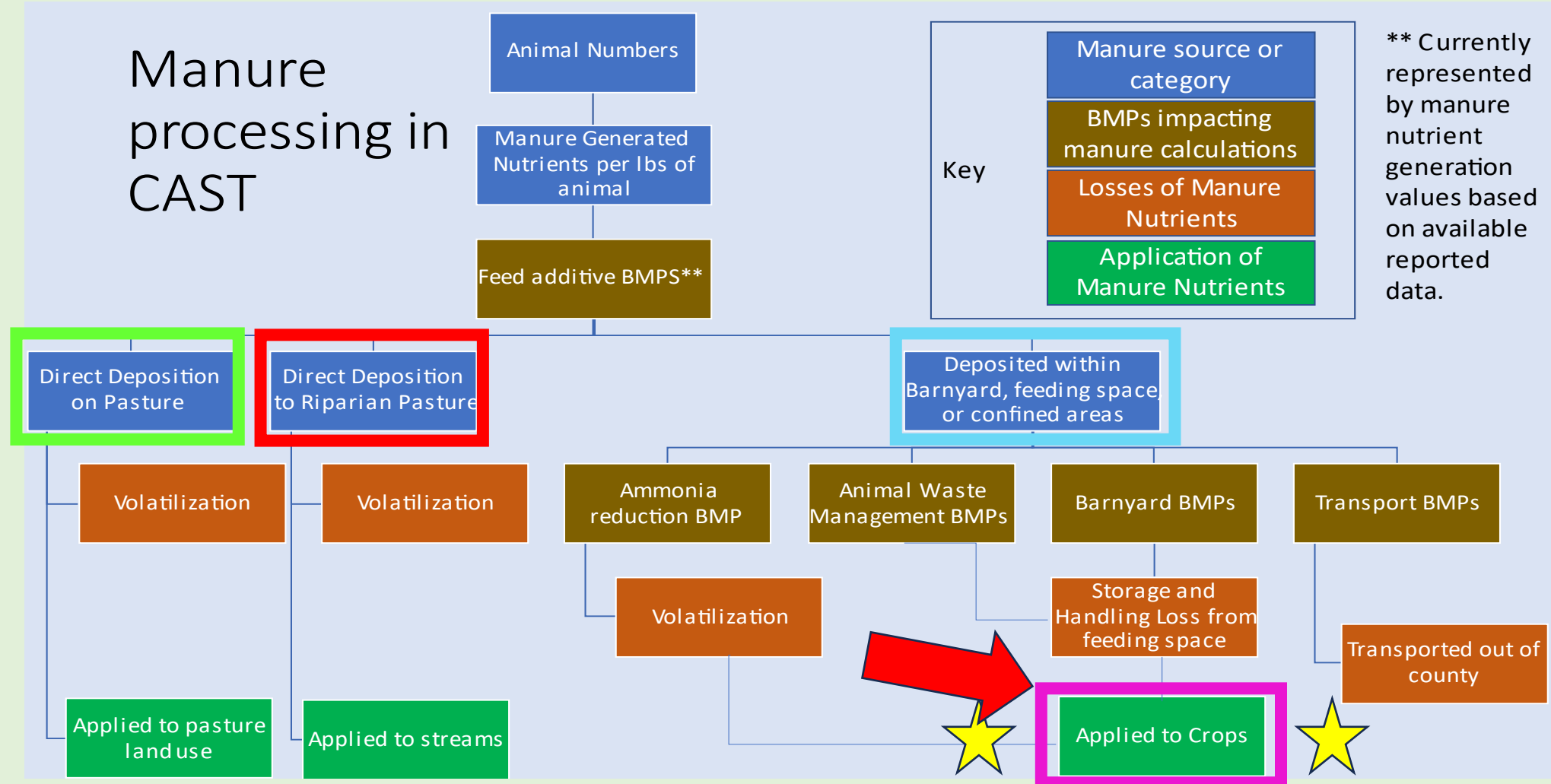
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# How does manure get used?

- 14 total Land Uses
- **11 are ELIGIBLE to receive nutrients from manure**
  - **NOTE\*** not all the crops in each Land Use are manure eligible (e.g. Strawberries in Specialty)

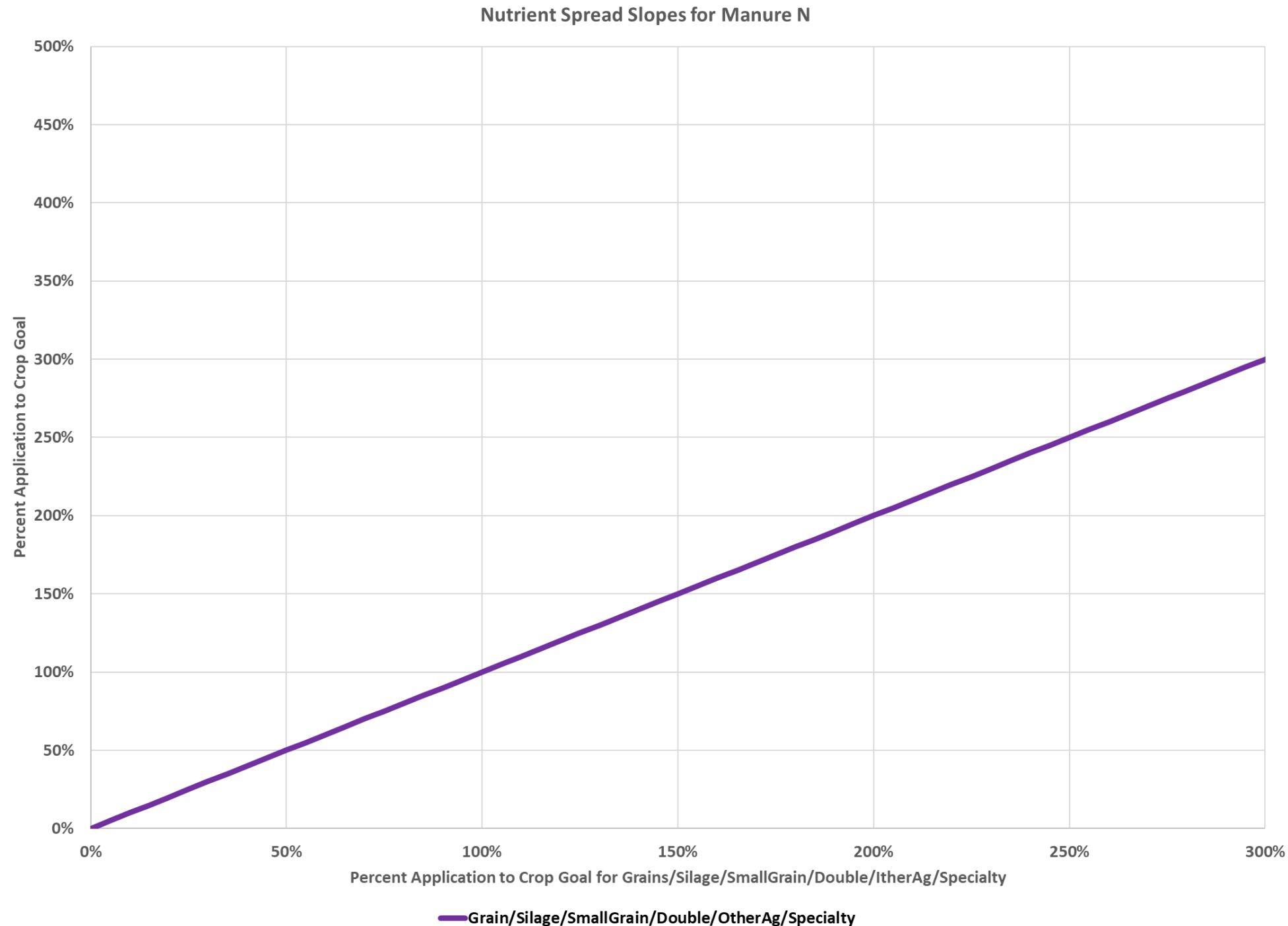
| Chesapeake Bay Average |   |                    |   |
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| Land class             | Land Use  | Loading Rate Ratio | Loading Rate (pounds per acre per year) |
| Cropland               | Double Cropped Land                             | 0.79               | 30.9                                    |
|                        | Full Season Soybeans                            | 0.71               | 27.7                                    |
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|                        | Specialty Crop High                             | 1.34               | 52.4                                    |
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| Pasture                | Ag Open Space                                   | 0.43               | 5.1                                     |
|                        | Legume Hay                                      | 0.74               | 8.7                                     |
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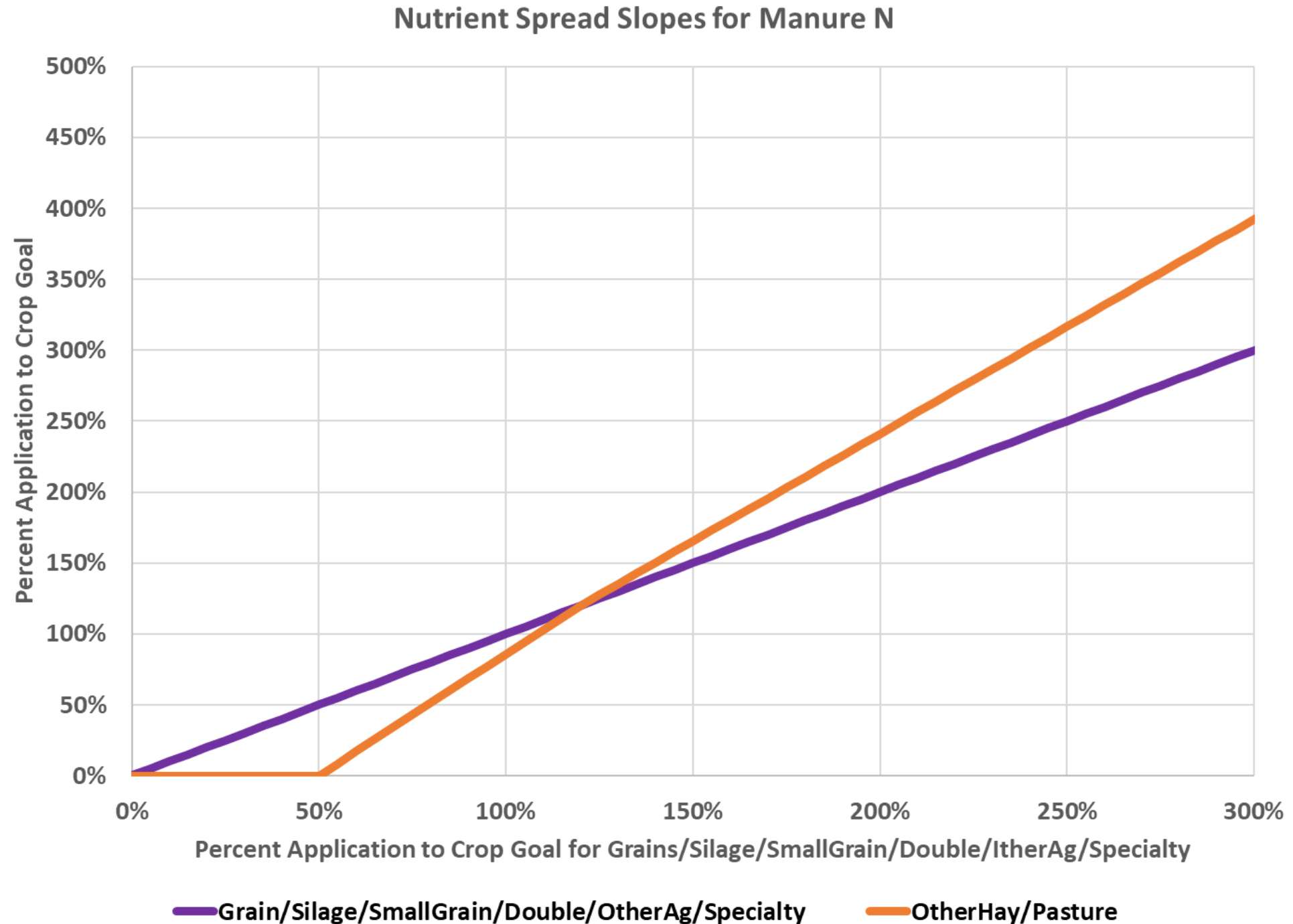
# Group 1

- Start with:
  - Grain
  - Silage
  - Small Grains
  - Double cropped
  - Other crops
  - Specialty (high and low)
- Go until each of these crops has 50% of its need met.



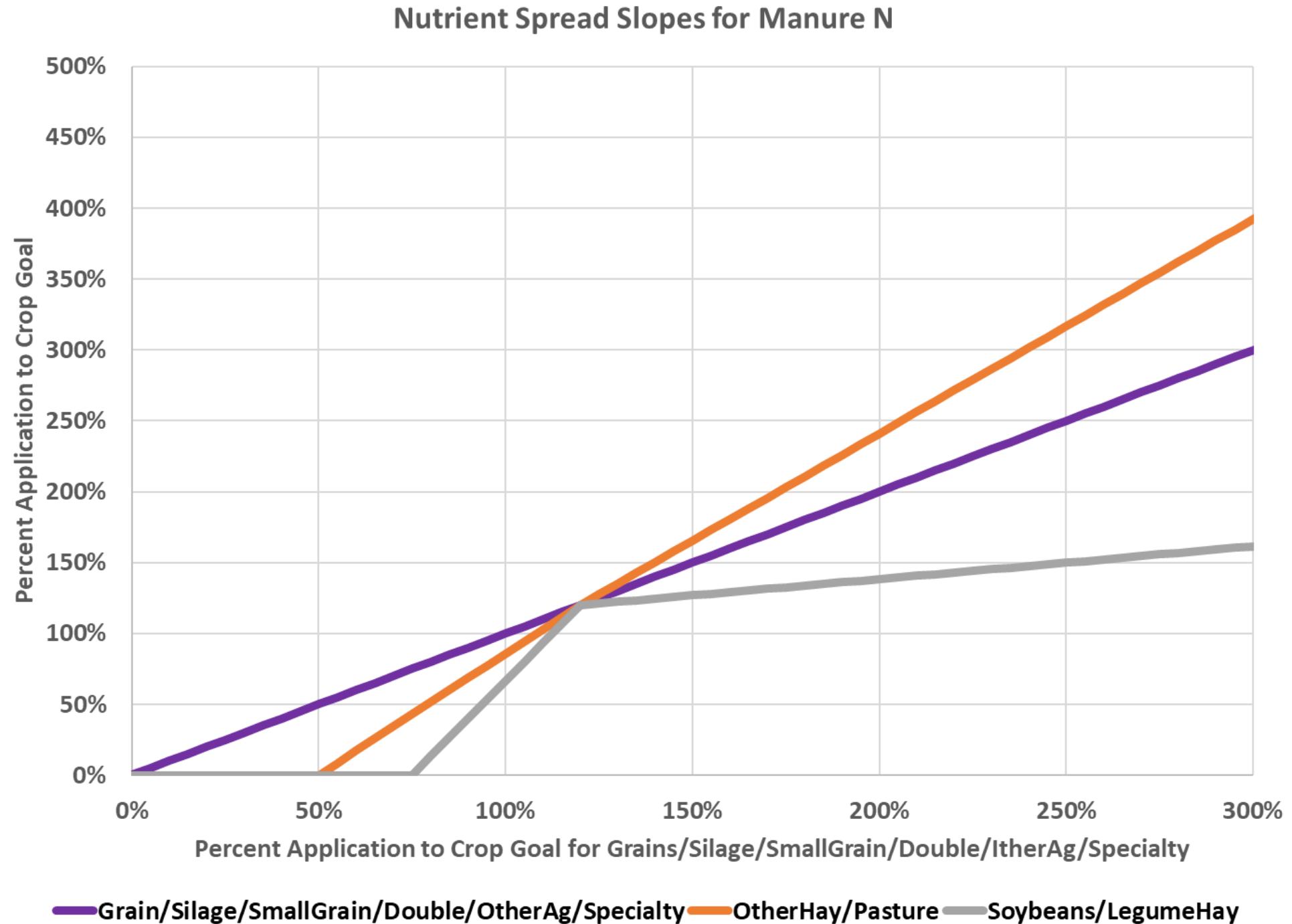
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- We will KEEP applying to Group 1
- Begin applying to:
  - Other Hay
  - Pasture
- Go until we hit 75% of crop need for Group 1



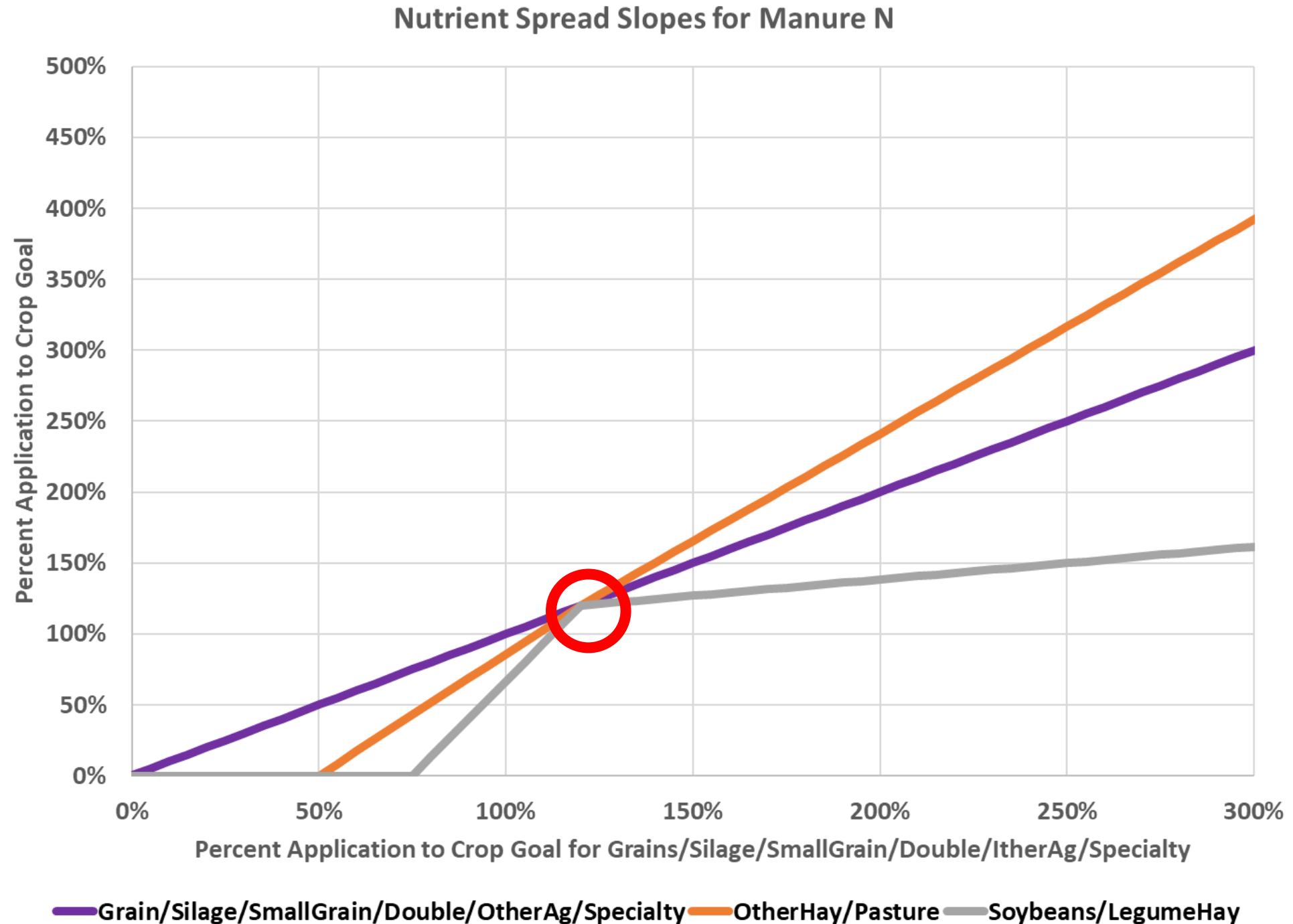
# Group 3

- We will KEEP applying to Groups 1 AND 2
- Begin applying to:
  - Soybeans
  - Legume Hay



# NOTES:

- 120% of crop need is the assumed max for nutrient application
- Volatilization occurs on the field
- Not all manure nutrients are Plant Available



# How can manure influence a Land Use?

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# Calculating manure acres

## Silage

- 85 percent of corn and sorghum for silage acres received manure

## Grain

- Fraction receiving manure is constrained to be between 0.18 and 0.81.

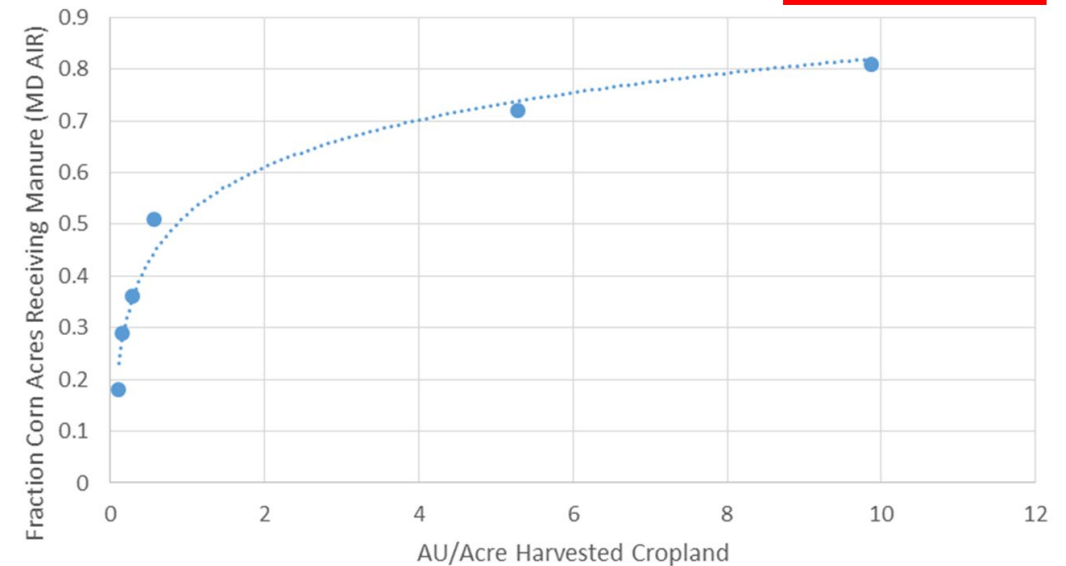
Grain with Manure

Grain without Manure: **Reference land use**



Plotting min, max and quartile midpoints for relationship between AU/Acre and Fraction Manured Acres (MD AIR)

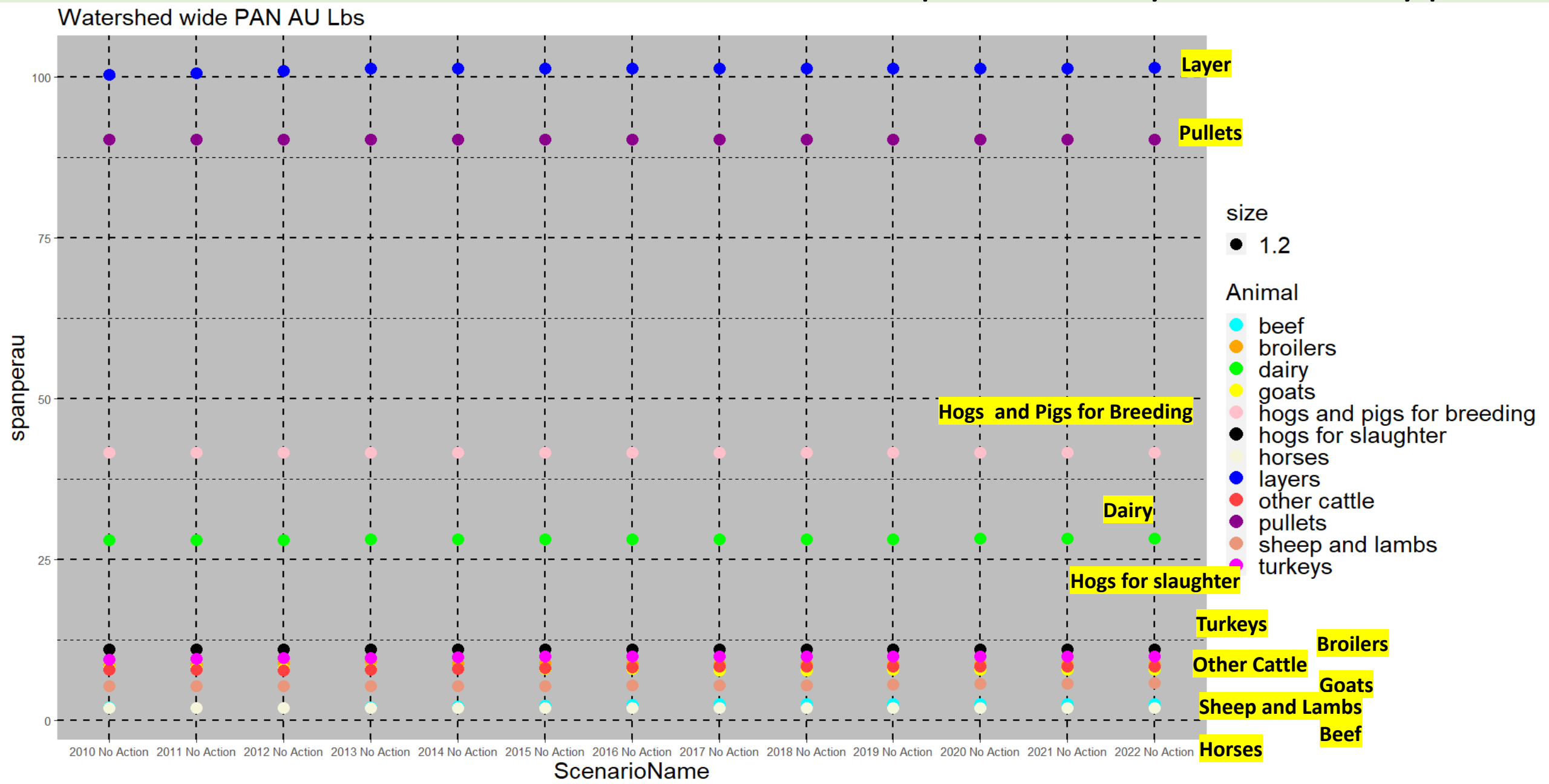
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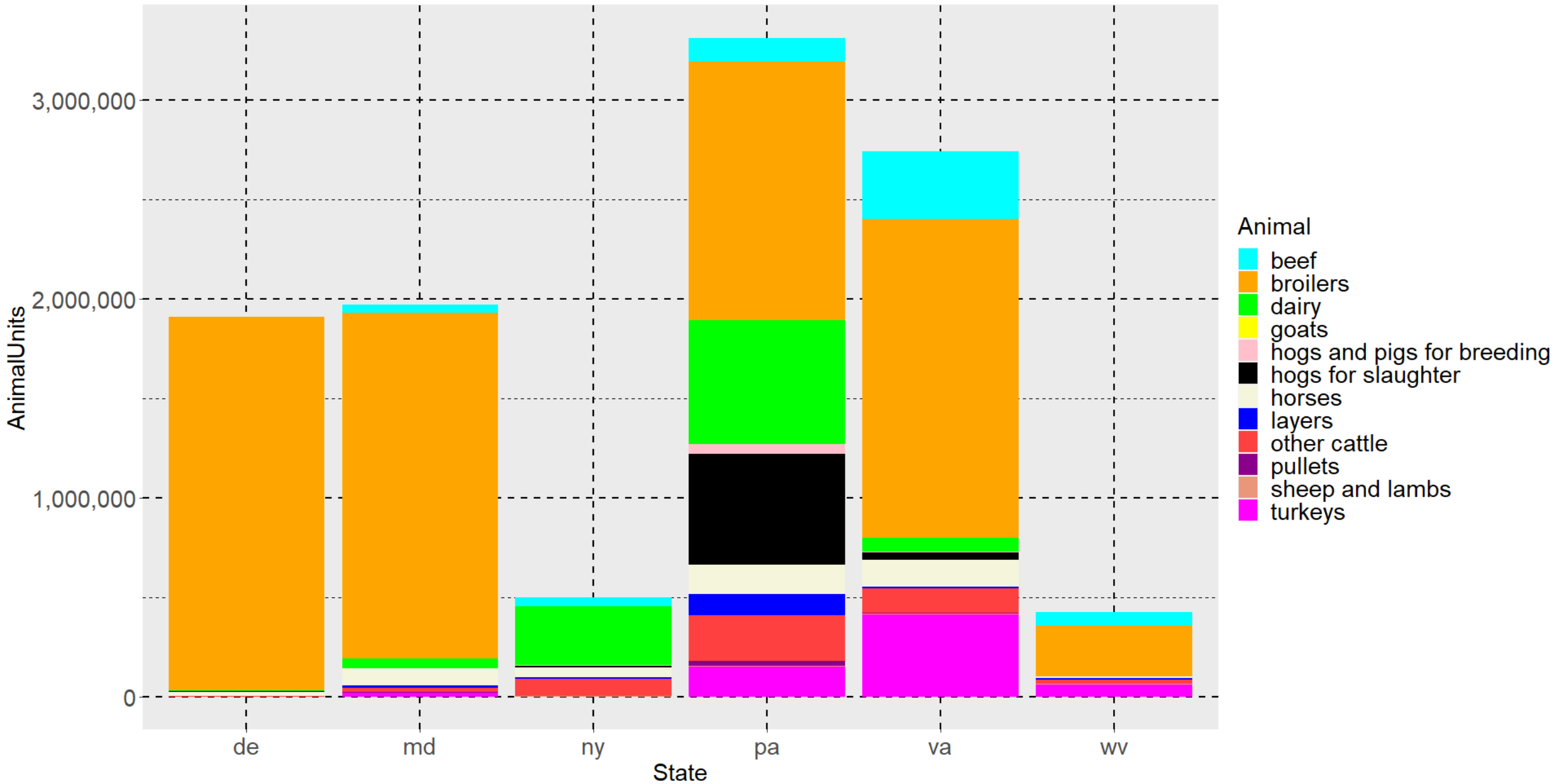
# What this looks like across the watershed

- No action scenario
- 2022
- For each state
  - Animal Units (AU) – 1AU= 1000lbs of animal
  - Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN)
    - Amount of Nitrogen which a plant can use from a fertilizer source
      - Never 100% for manure
    - Differs between species of livestock
      - Beef cattle behave differently than egg laying chickens
    - Time in confinement does matter

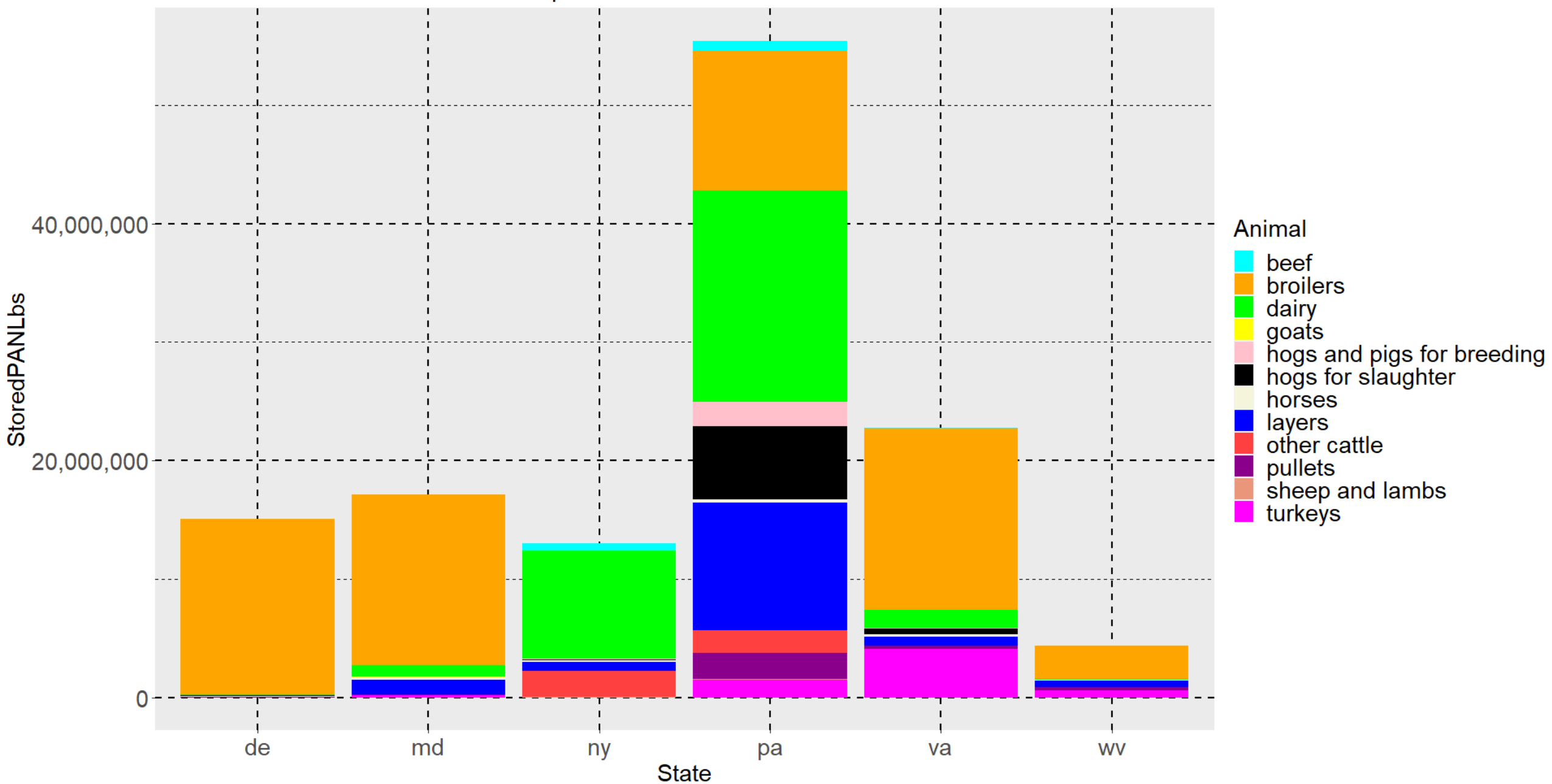
# Plant Available N in stored manure per AU by animal type:



## 2022 Statewide AU's compared



2022 Statewide AU's stored PAN compared



# Summary

- **Manure acres** are necessary for two specific Land Uses
  - Grain
  - Silage
- **Manure nutrient generation** is still necessary for all Land Uses which are eligible to receive manure.
- **Stored manure** is applied to the land where additional losses occur.
- **How it is applied** differs between Land Uses.
- **Each eligible acre** will receive manure based on several factors:
  - The type of crop grown on the acre.
  - The amount of nutrient required to feed the recorded crop yield.
  - The amount of manure nutrients available.

Questions?