# AMT Recap

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### Recap:

### **Last Month**

- Crop yields
- Land Use Loading Ratios

### This Month

- Crop yields sandbox decision
- Manure acres

## Some things to gear up for (NOT exhaustive):

#### Manure Production Factors

- Issue: We have at least one instance in which a layer operation of 5 million birds was not counted. These must be factored in.
  - Improvement: Animal population estimates.
- Issue: The use of Animal Units to represent manure generation excludes variability in species across areas.
  - Improvement: Manure generation estimates.

#### Fertilizer values

- Issue: There are concerns that the current fertilizer data source is inadequate and should be replaced/supplemented with multiple lines of evidence.
  - Improvement: Fertilizer data source.

#### Nitrogen fixation

- Issue: There are concerns that Legume Nitrogen fixation in CAST is too high.
  - Improvement: Nitrogen Fixation.

#### Nutrient Applications

- Issue: Rate of allowable application above the application goal is uncapped.
  - Improvement: Manure and Fertilizer application methodologies.
- Issue: When manure is transported out of a county it is replaced by fertilizer and can increase loads.
  - Improvement: Manure and Fertilizer application methodologies.
- Issue: There are concerns that using a watershed wide fertilizer bucket is not accurately representing each states fertilizer use and splitting this for each state would be more accurate
  - Improvement: Fertilizer application methodology.

## Questions?