

Dairy Nitrogen Fertiliser Advisor

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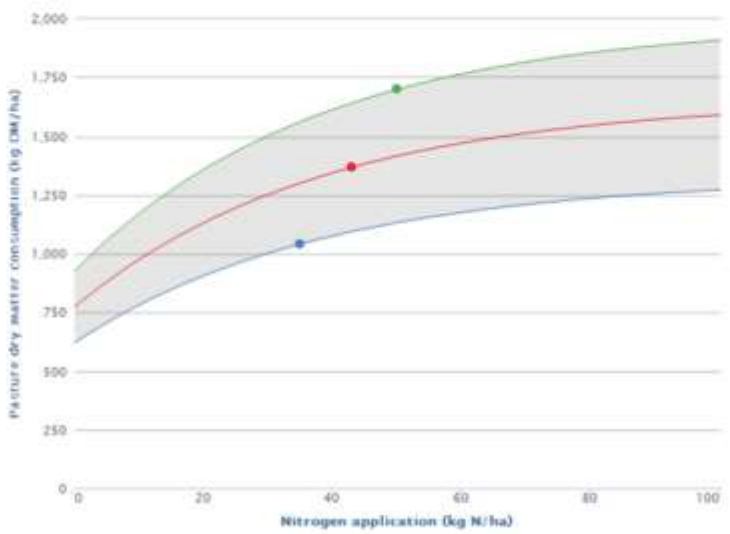


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The Dairy Nitrogen Fertiliser Advisor allows dairy farmers with their advisors to examine the profitability of nitrogen fertiliser applications to pasture. Predicted pasture responses, based on nearly 6,000 nitrogen fertiliser experiments undertaken across Australia, are calibrated to account for prevailing conditions facing individual farms. Profitable nitrogen fertiliser recommendations consider the fertiliser costs and the value of extra pasture consumed for each incremental increase in fertiliser use.

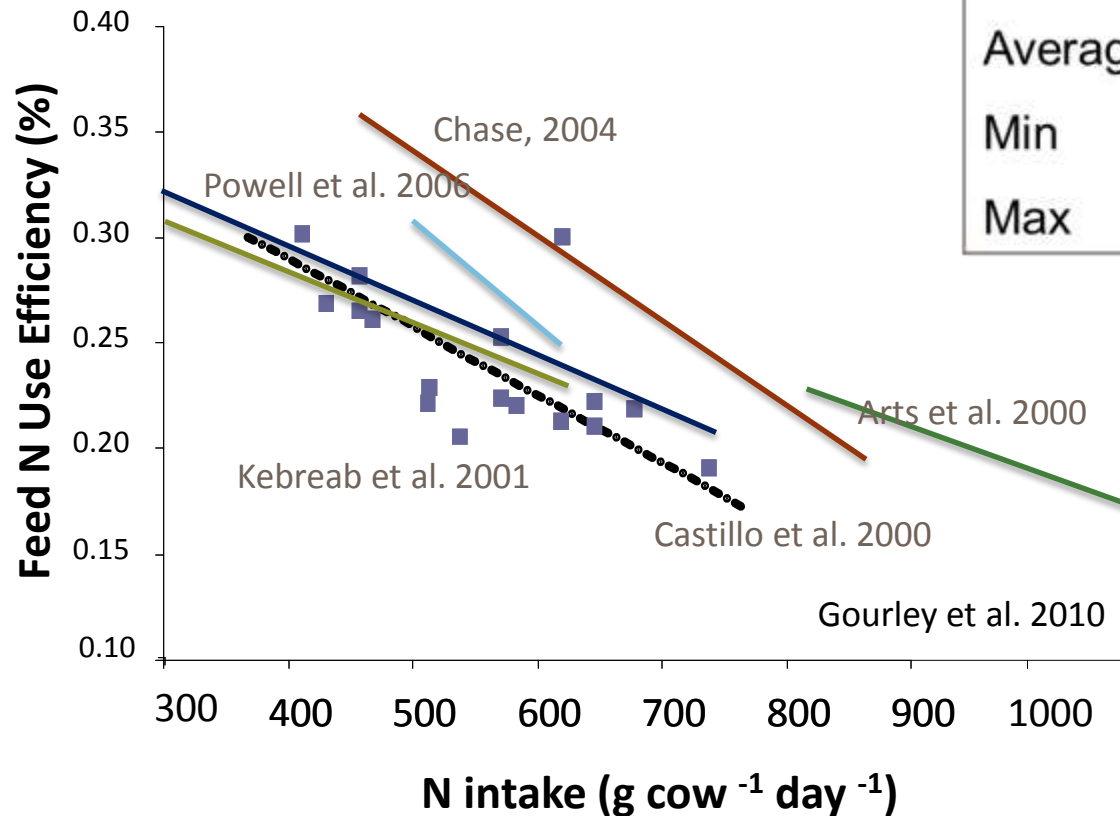


Profit maximizing N with most likely pasture consumption
 Profit maximizing N with 20% better than expected pasture consumption
 Profit maximizing N with 20% worse than expected pasture consumption.

Spring Summer Autumn Winter
 NSW Qld SA Tas Vic WA

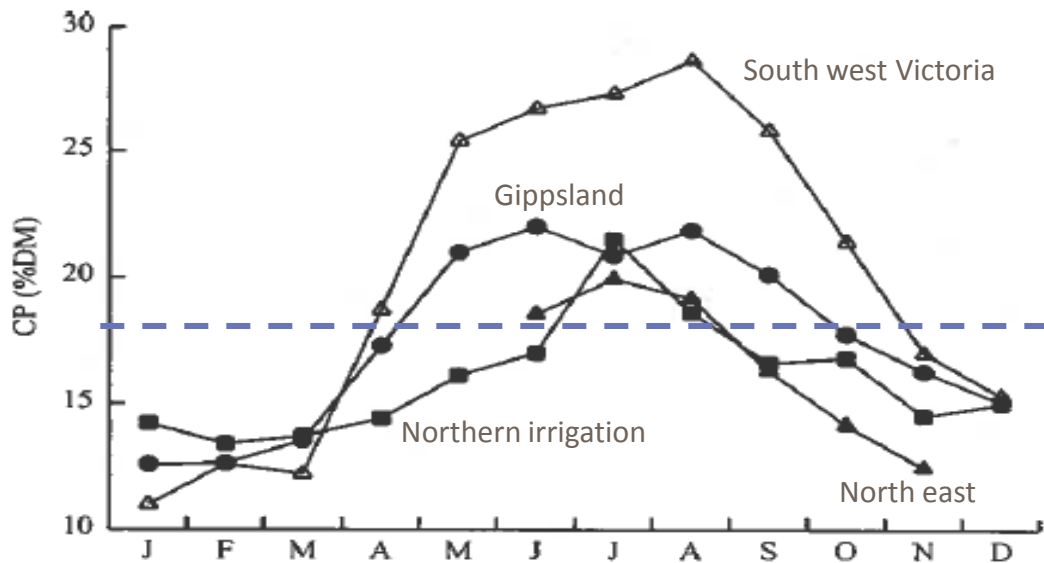
Season:
 Region:
 Most likely post-grazing dry mass: kg DM/ha
 Most likely pre-grazing dry mass: kg DM/ha
 Normal Nitrogen application: kg N/ha
 Nitrogen cost 'as spread': t N
 Market price for pasture consumed: t DM

Feed Nitrogen Use Efficiency



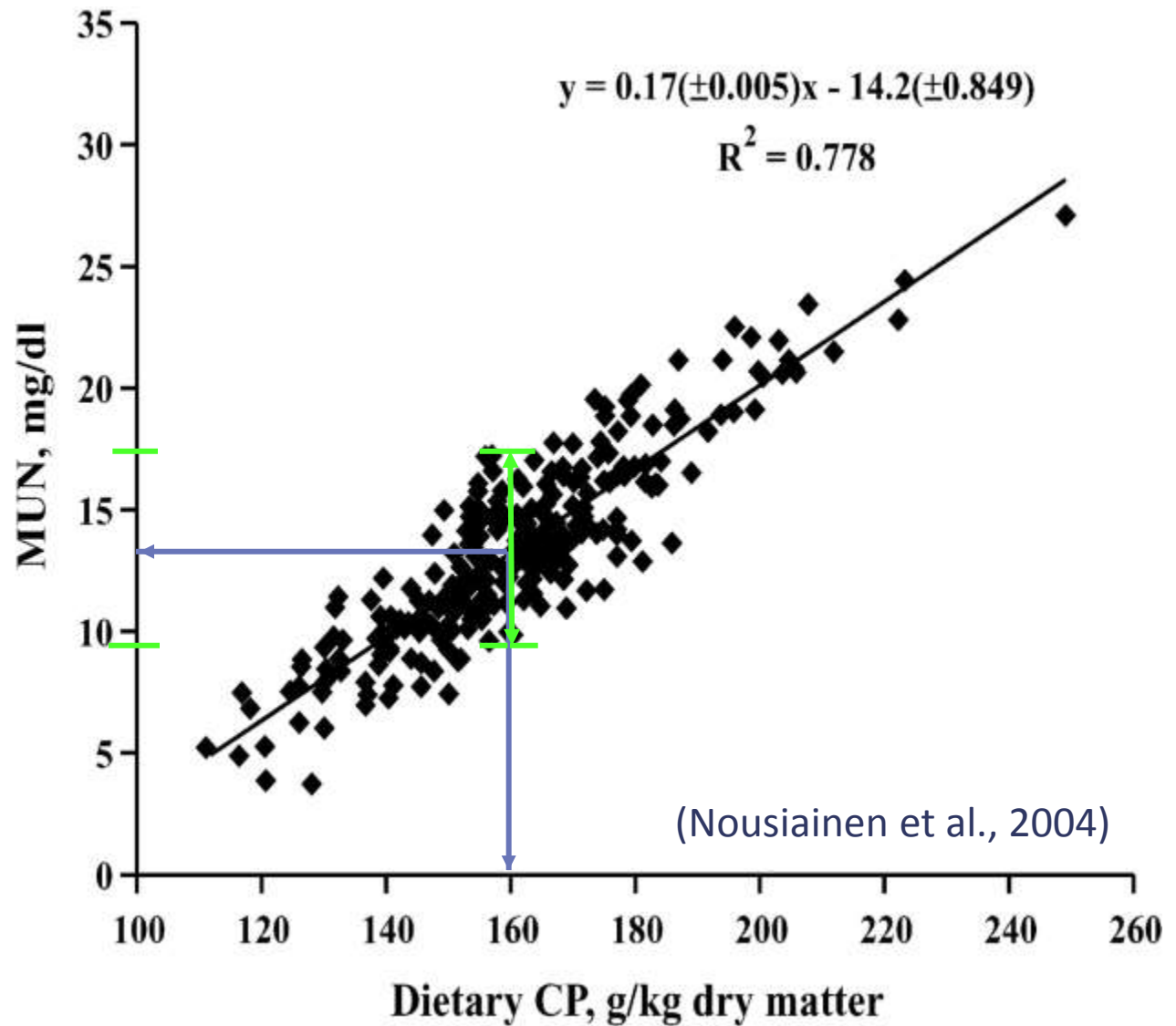
Aarons et al., 2010	<u>N use efficiency (%)</u>	<u>N excreted (g N/cow/day)</u>
Average	20.8	432
Min	10.5	199
Max	35.1	792

Large variation in feed N intakes

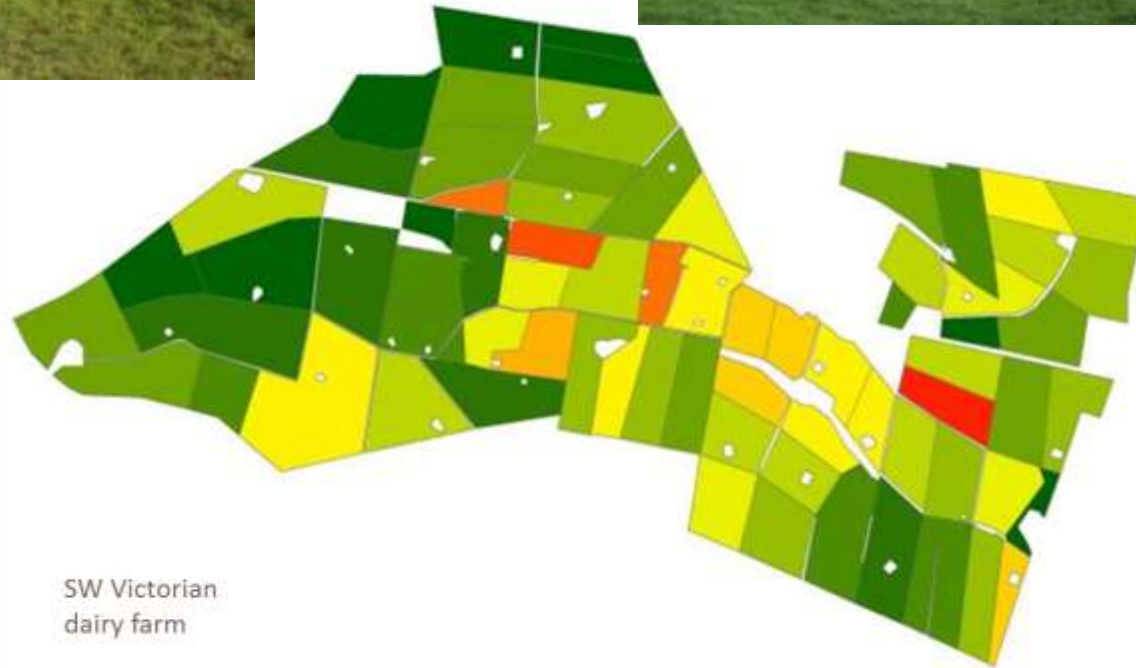


Crude protein content of perennial pastures in Victoria throughout the year. Doyle et al. (2000)

Milk Urea N & Dietary Crude Protein Content

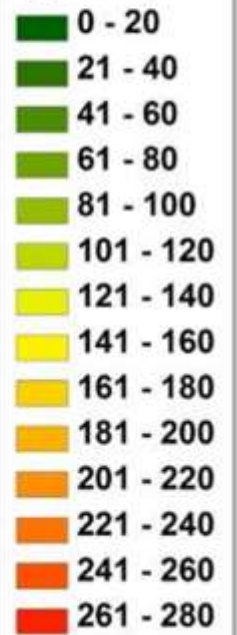


➤ Heterogeneous animal excreted N



**Animal
N Loading
(kg N/ha/yr)**

kg N/ha/yr



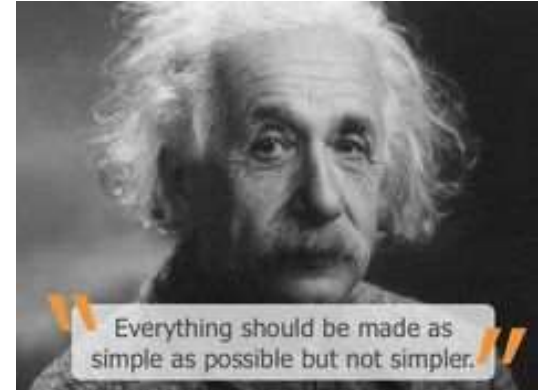
SW Victorian
dairy farm

- 540 cows
- 460 ha
- 1.2 cows/ha
- 42% reliant
imported feed

Nutrient Performance Indicators

Proposed criteria:

1. Describe and simplify the system
2. Scientifically sound and defensible
3. Address multiple goals
 - Productivity (i.e. yield goals)
 - Potential losses to the environment
4. Utilise readily collectable data
5. Scalable
 - Field, farm, industry, regional, national, international
6. Provide guidance for improvement
7. Enable assessment over time

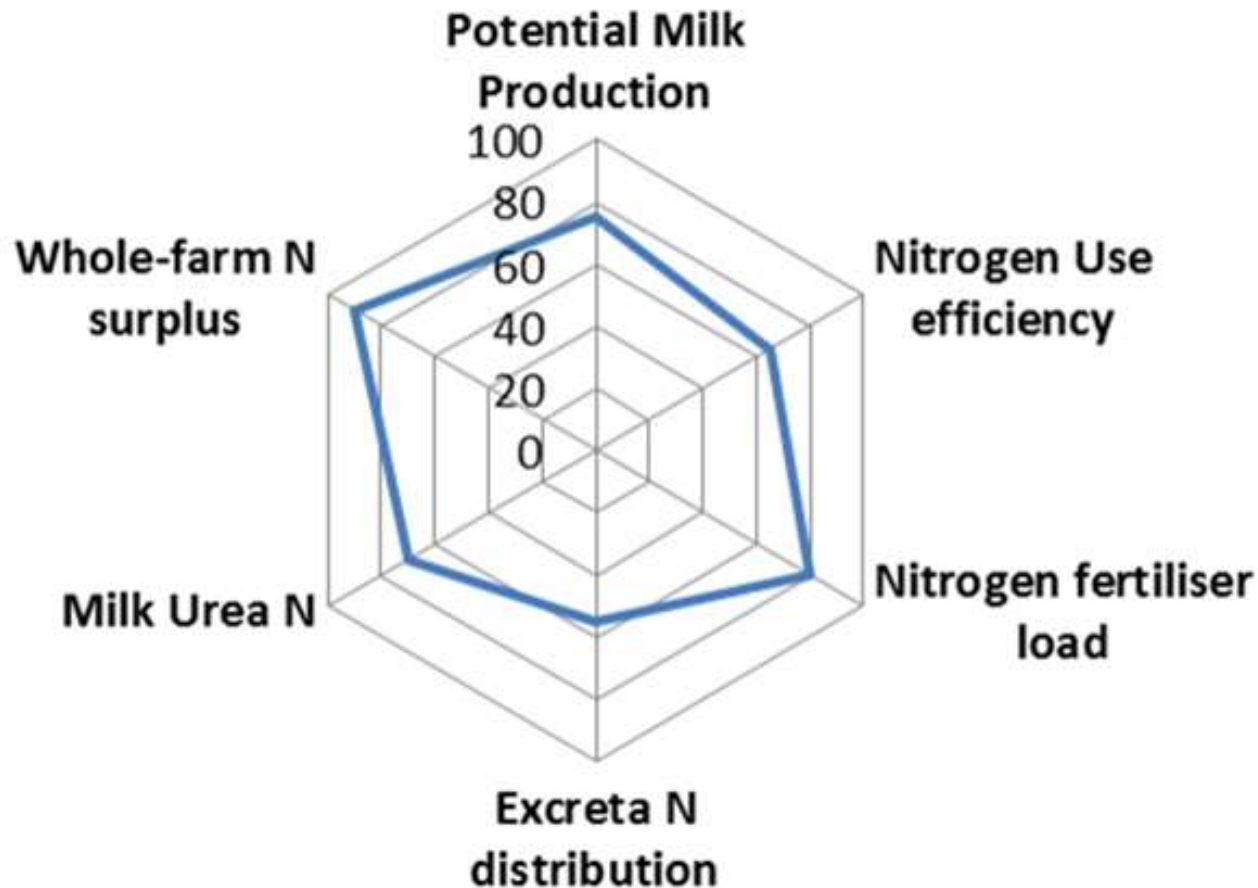


- No one number can convey this complexity.
- Must involve farmers and industry



Useful metrics/indicators

Indicators expressed as % of optimum



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My Soils

My Weather



PaddockId	Paddock Name	Area(ha)	Paddock edit Date	Paddock Type	Comments
6883	Clats 3	9.3288	2014-12-31	Calf Rearing Area	
6884	Clats 2	7.8288	2014-12-31	Persistent Pasture	
6885	Clats 1	8.8288	2014-12-31	Persistent Pasture	

80%

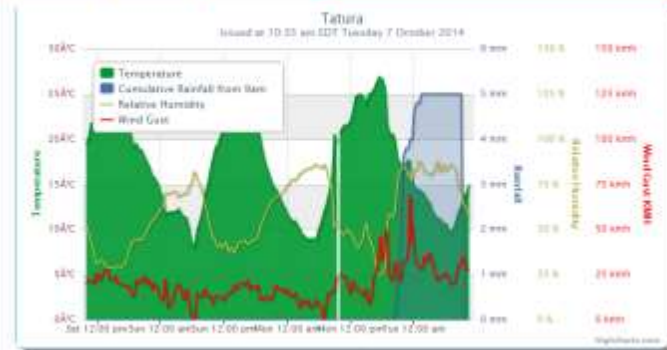
Save Data Reload Data

- ANIMALS PURCHASED
- FORAGE PURCHASED (HAY and SILAGE)
- CONCENTRATES PURCHASED
- FERTILIZER PURCHASED
- CULLED COWS
- MILK SOLD
- LEGUME
- REPORTS

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Paddock Information

Map Legend

Map Tools

Regime based Contribution (in %)

Note: Click on the cell to the left of a row from the below to use the bottom adjustment bar to populate with Default Value

Data Label	Group 0	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Size of Area (ha)	0	6.3	46.3	138.7	62.6
Time Spent (%)	0%				
Grass/Pasture Bought (%)	0%				
Silage Bought in Fed (%)	0%				
Hay Bought in Fed (%)	0%				
By Products Bought in Fed (%)	0%				
Home Grown Silage Fed Back (%)	0%				
Home Grown Hay Fed Back (%)	0%				

Slider Control

Adjust cell width to match % contribution for the selected paddock group (1-4)

Hide Total

0	0	0	0	0	0
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Whole Farm Nutrient Balance

Network Fresh Sample Show NPK Report Select Chart Type: Pie Chart

Farm Details

Farmer:

Phone:

Address:

Location: Year:

Farm area breakdown (ha)

Holdings area:

Non-holding area:

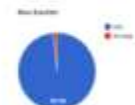
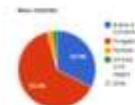
Total farm area:

Nutrient and Efficiency

	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Potassium	Sulphur
Balance (kg/ha)	197	97	193	41
Efficiency (%)	32.8	38.2	25.4	35.2

Stocking rate (cows/ha) Milk:

Stocking rate (cows/ha) Whole Farm:





International Nitrogen Initiative

7th International Nitrogen Conference (INI 2016)

4-8 DECEMBER 2016

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