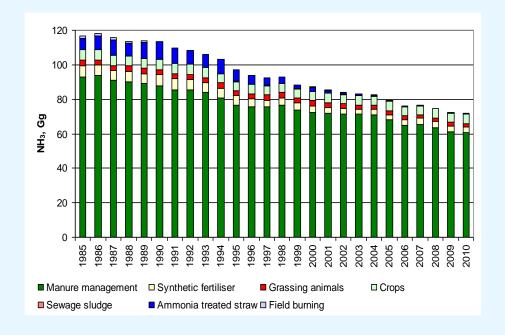
### **Ammonia emission in Denmark**

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### Ammonia emission 1985-2010

- > Emission decreased 39%
  - improved feed efficiency
  - higher utilisation of N from manure
  - lower use of synthetic fertiliser
  - use of NH<sub>3</sub>-reducing techniques



## Ammonia emission in Denmark, 2010

- Highest NH<sub>3</sub> emission in southern and northern
  Jutland
  - > intensive animal production



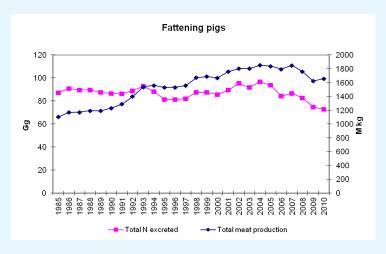
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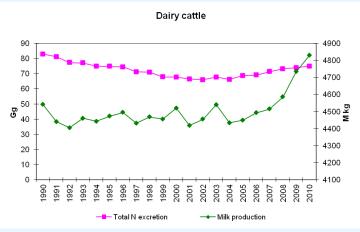
### > Pigs

- > genetic improvements
- y feeding strategies
- > use of synthetic amino acid

#### Dairy cattle

- almost unaltered nitrogen excretion
- higher milk production





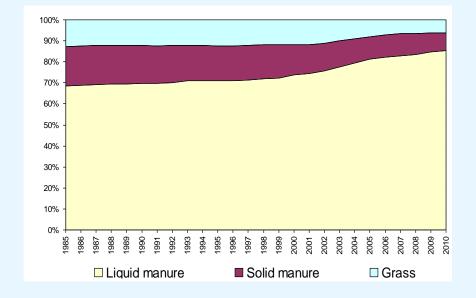
# Housings

- Distribution of housings for dairy cattle and fattening pigs
  - > Similar trends for other groups of cattle and pigs

		1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Dairy Cattle	Tied-up housings	85	79	73	46	20	12
	Loose-holdings with beds	14	18	21	43	70	82
	Deep litter	1	3	6	11	10	6
Fattening pigs	Full slatted floor	29	51	60	58	53	54
	Partly slatted floor	30	23	24	31	38	42
	Solid floor	40	22	11	5	3	2
	Deep litter	1	4	5	6	6	3

### Manure

- Change in housings increase the share of liquid manure to
  85 % in 2010
- Dairy cattle in loose-holdings have less grazing time compared with dairy cattle in tied-up housings



# Manure application

- Tightened regulations for manure application have forced farmers to change manure application techniques
  - autumn application is not allowed
  - broad spread of liquid manure is banned
  - solid manure on black soil shall be incorporated within 4 hours
  - > liquid manure on black soil and close to natural habitats shall be injected

# Manure application

- > Main part of cattle manure is in 2010 injected
  - Crop rotation with grass and fodder crops which give more black soil than pig farmers
  - Rules for injection of manure on black soil forces farmers to inject a big part of the manure
- Main part of pig manure is in 2010 applied with trailing hose
  - More cereals in the crop rotation
  - Demands for having green crops during winter to reduce leaching of nitrogen



### Farm size

- Number of farms in Denmark has decreased with more than 50 % from 1985 to 2010
- Size of the farms has increased from a average size of 29 ha from 1985 to 61 ha in 2010
- The share of cattle farms with more than 100 dairy cattle have increased from 1 % from 1985 to 59 % in 2010
- For pig farms have the share of farms with 1000-5000 pigs increased from 3 % from 1985 to 49 % in 2010

# Current ammonia regulations

- If a farmer want to enlarge or change his animal production, he has to go through an approval
  - He will be met by a demand of 30 % less NH<sub>3</sub> emission than from a average productivity, given in the Danish normative nitrogen system and Best Available Housing Technology (BAT)
  - > To meet the target the farmer can include feeding technique and/or implement NH<sub>3</sub> reducing technologies in the housings to lower the NH<sub>3</sub> emission
- Based on this it is expected that the Danish NH<sub>3</sub> emission can in 2020 be reduced with 15-25 % without any further regulations
  - The turn-rate for livestock buildings in Denmark is around 10 years for pigs and 20 years for dairy cattle

# Thank you for your attention