



Worksheet 4-1

Estimating Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) in Manure

Manure _____

1. **Total nitrogen (N) content**

- Expressed as %.
- Obtain value from the manure analysis.

2. **Ammonium nitrogen (NH₄⁺) content**

- Expressed as %.
- Obtain value from the manure analysis.

3. **Organic nitrogen content**

- Expressed as %.
- Subtract ammonium nitrogen (NH₄⁺) content (#2) from total nitrogen (N) content (#1).

4. **Manure mineralization factor**

- Expressed as a decimal.
- Refer to the *Infocard*.

5. **Available organic nitrogen**

- Expressed as %.
- Multiply organic nitrogen content (#3) by the manure mineralization factor (#4).

6. **Ammonium conservation factor**

- Depends upon incorporation practices.
- Refer to the *Infocard*.

7. **Available ammonium nitrogen**

- Expressed as %.
- Multiply ammonium nitrogen (NH₄⁺) content (#2) by the ammonium conservation factor (#6).

8. **PAN in manure**

- Expressed as lbs/ton or lbs/gallon.
- Add the available ammonium nitrogen (#7) to the available organic nitrogen (#5) and multiply by 20 if manure is solid or semi-solid or multiply by 0.0837 if manure is liquid.

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