Manure Book Values: To Sample or Not To Sample

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A Tri-Provincial Review of Manure Book Values

The three Prairie Provinces, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, have existing book values that producers utilize to meet their manure management planning requirements. Having current manure characterization information is fundamental to manure management in order to provide sound practice solutions. These values are not always consistent among published book values used by the provinces and what the livestock industry and producers claim. A tri-provincial report reviewed historically published information, and where possible, compared the formation to current information gathered from industry. This work provided a collection of values and subjective comparisons identifying further areas of work. This presentation will identify the challenges of obtaining comparable data and the inconsistences with existing data and industry information.