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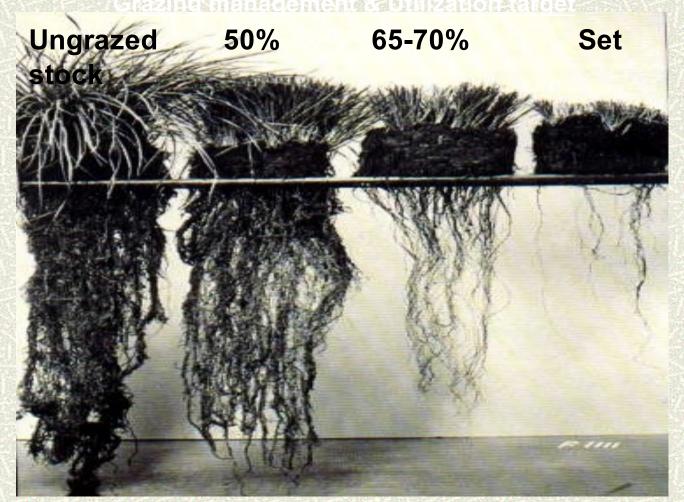






Plant Vigor-Leaves and Roots

Caring for the Green Zone, Riparian Areas and Grazing Management Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Project, "Cows and Fish Project"







Mississippi study — soil carbon data, carbon assessment per acre Carbon Carbon Carbon Farm description (ton CO, equiv.) (kg./m²) (ton/ac.) **AHSD** 12.69 188.13 51.41 Slow rotation 7.09 28.71 105.07 CG 22.16 5.47 81.09

SOURCE: ALLEN WILLIAMS

AHSD = Adaptive High Stocking Density

Management	N lbs.	P lbs. (ppm)	K lbs. (ppm)	WEOC
Organic	2	156 (9)	95 (14)	233
No-till, low diversity	27	244 (14)	136 (19)	239
No-till, MD, high syn.	37	217 (12)	199 (28)	262
No-till, HD, NS, livestock	281	1,006 (56)	1,749 (250)	1,095

Tested by Dr. Rick Haney, ARS, Temple, TX

Note: Gabe Brown, whose ranch is shown in the bottom row of numbers, provided a 2007 soil test from his ranch showing these results: N - 10 lbs. in the top 24 inches; P (Olsen test) - 6 ppm; K - 303 ppm. Gabe says he has not used any fertilizers on his home ranch since 2007. The ppm numbers are a *Graze* conversion (with help from Gene Schriefer, University of Wisconsin-Extension) from the original lbs. listed in this soil test.

Soil Regeneration Principles

- Living plants in soil at all times
- Till as little as possible
- As much plant diversity as possible



Hallmarks of Industrial vs. Ecological Agriculture

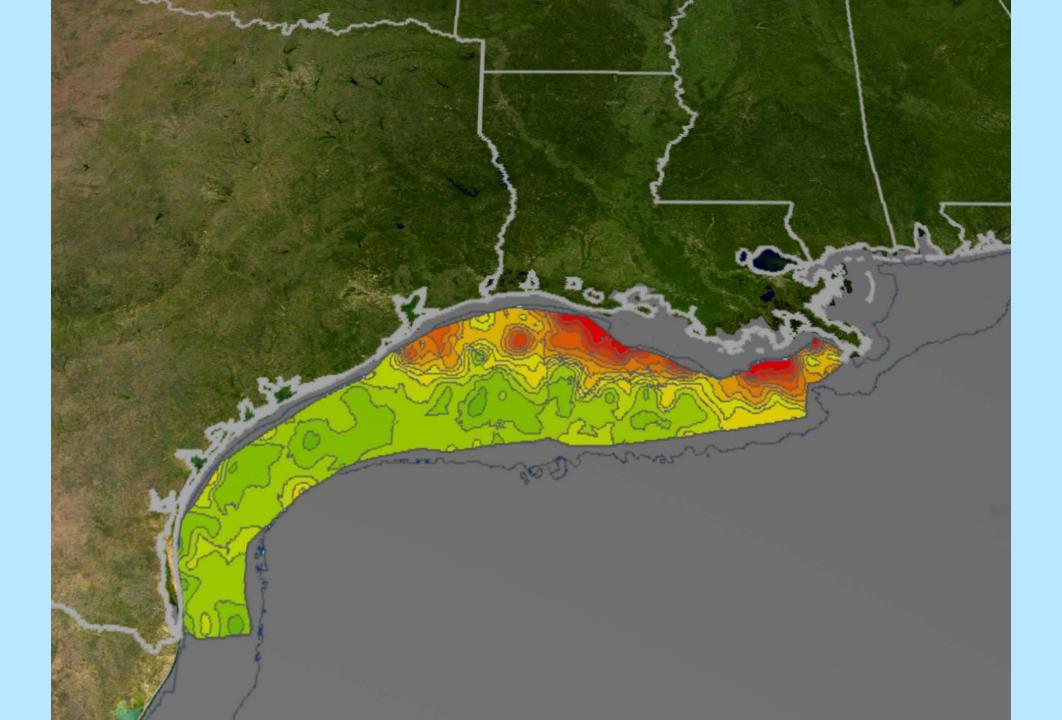
Ecological

- Biodiversity
- Self Sufficient
- Conserves/Recycles

Industrial

- Monoculture
- High Input
- Leaks





Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy

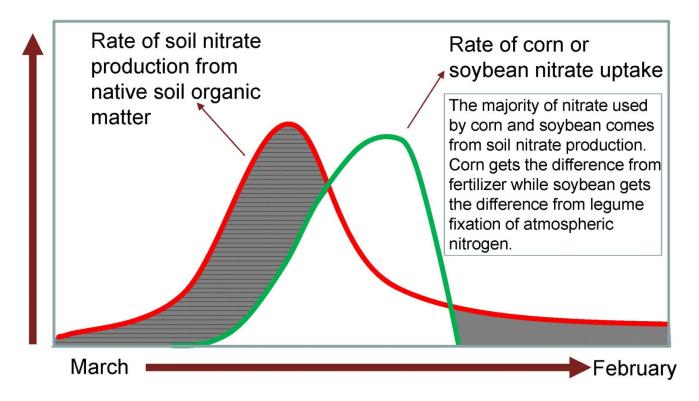
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Effect of CROPPING SYSTEM on drainage volume, NO₃-N concentration, and N loss in subsurface tile drainage during a 4-yr period (1990-93) in MN.

Cropping	Total	Nitrate-N	
System	Disharge	Conc.	Loss
	Inches	ppm	lb/A
Cont. Corn	30.4	28	194
Corn - Soybean	35.5	23	182
Soybean - C	35.4	22	180
Alfalfa	16.4	1.6	6
CRP	25.2	0.7	4

Soil Nitrate Production vs. Crop Nitrate Uptake



In the shaded areas, the soil produces nitrate, but there is no crop to use it.

As a result, <u>some</u> nitrate is lost to waterways.





Сгор	Cum Annual N Loss	
Total 2012-2014		
Organic C-S-O/A-A	35.3	
Conventional C-S	69.7	
Organic Pasture	15.6	

Cambardella et al.

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Crimping Rye

































NRCS Photo







































Bear Creek -- June

