

NH₃ emissions from grazing pasture following urea and urease inhibitor treatments (Poster # 12)

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- **Two sites:**
- Pasture applied with **Urea/urea + urease inhibitor (Green UreaNV™)**
- Emissions calculated with **Inverse-dispersion** model combined with **open-path NH₃ concentration sensor**



Northern site
 Urea ± GreenUrea, 40 kg N ha⁻¹
 Silt loam, pH 5.9,
 2.4% organic carbon

Southern site
 Urea, 50 kg N ha⁻¹
 Clay loam, pH 4.9,
 4.9% organic carbon

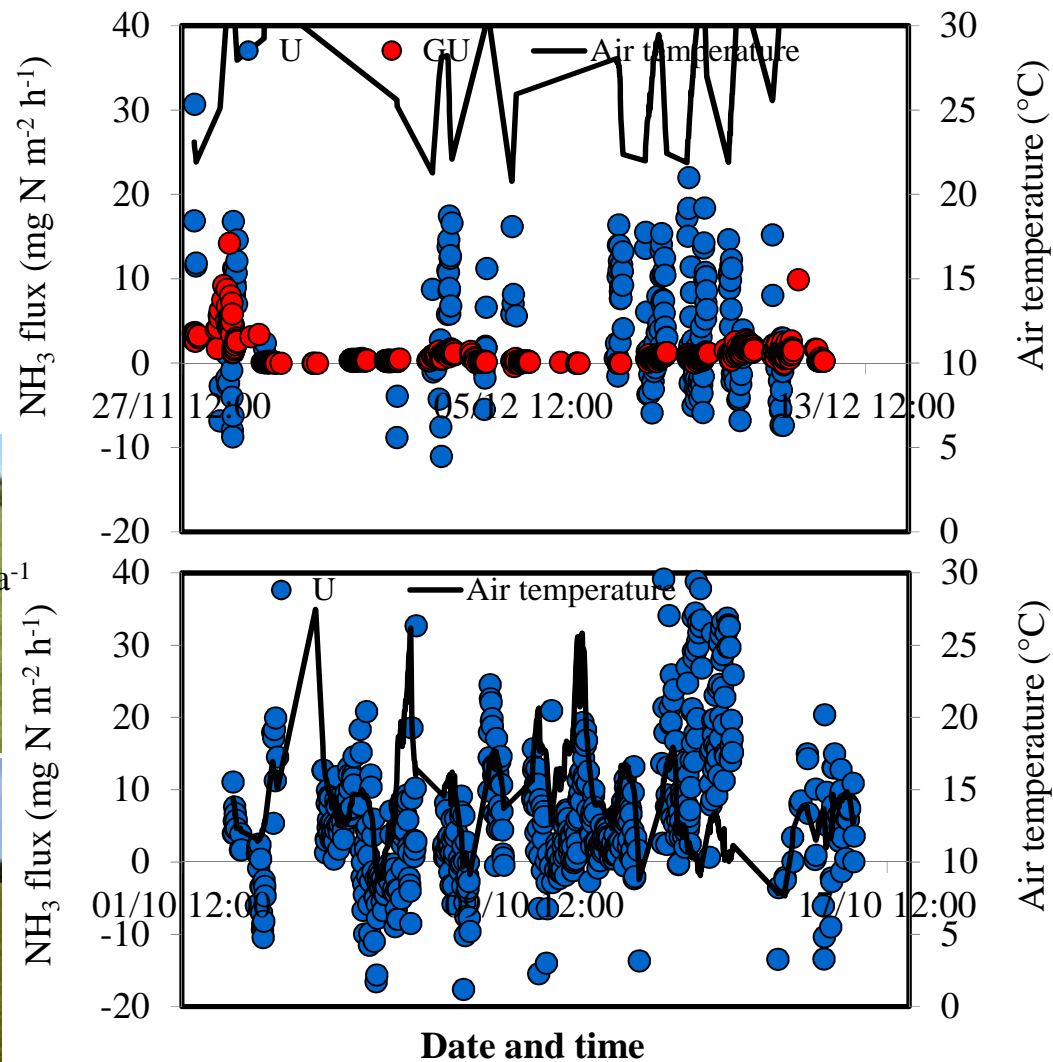


Table 1 Daily average NH₃ fluxes from the northern and southern sites. Total N loss as volatilised NH₃ over the measurement periods (12-15 days) at the northern and southern sites are also calculated

		Daily average NH ₃ (mg N m ⁻² h ⁻¹)	N loss as volatilised NH ₃ (%)
Northern site	Urea	4.39 ± 0.46	39.5
	Green UreaNV TM	1.25 ± 0.15	11.3
Southern site	Urea	6.40 ± 1.23	59.5

Conclusions

1. Inverse-dispersion technique combined with open-path NH₃ laser is able to measure gases loss from fertilizer treated large-scale fields.
2. Nitrogen loss as volatilised NH₃ from the urea application accounted for 40 and 60% of total applied N for the northern and southern sites, respectively.
3. Urease inhibitor effectively reduces NH₃ emissions by ~ 70% compared with urea treatment.