NATIONAL BIOSOLIDS DATA PROJECT

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Kentucky State Biosolids Statistics

Data Quality & Methods	2018	explanations & sources
Quality & Confidence in this state's data:	Moderate Data compiled & analyzed by NBDP from	
Data sources & methods:	extrapolations to fill signficant data gaps experts.	, with input & review by KY biosolids
State biosolids included in 2018 EPA ECHO data	76% % in ECHO vs. the total presented here	https://echo.epa.gov/facilities/facility- search?mediaSelected=bioAnnuaL
Demographics & Wastewater State population:	4,468,402	U.S. Census estimate for July 1, 2018
Total land area in state (acres): Population density (persons/square mile): Total number of WRRFs reported in state survey: total number of WRRFs permitted/reported elsewhere:	25,271,040 113.2 123 258	https://www.census.ouv/newsroom/oress-kits/2018/non- estimates-national-state.html calculated survey response by state expert Seiple et al., 2020; state experts, etc.
number of WRRFs in EPA ECHO reports for 2018: Average population served per WRRF:	10,392	https://echo.epa.gov/facilities/facility- search/media_Selected=bioAnnual calculated
Average wastewater flow statewide (MGD, NBDP):	422	Seiple et al., 2020 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2020.110852
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Number of WRRFs that treat >75% of state flow:	32	Seiple et al., 2020 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2020.110853
% of population served by on-site (septic) systems:	40%	survey response by state expert
Biosolids used or disposed / person in 2018 (lbs):	50	calculated
Biosolids Application		
Agricultural land cropland (acres): % of state area in cropland:	6,630,448 26%	https://guickstats.nass.usda.gov/results/0CBBAD84-6032-3776- ARB-624DB8825822 Calculated
Number of farms with that cropland:	58,864	https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov/results/F56563D1-C9CD-30EF- 9774-2F91CC0640EC
% cropland to which biosolids were applied:	no data	calculated
Application rate if all state biosolids were applied to cropland (dry U.S. tons/ac.): % cropland needed if all state biosolids were applied at typical rate (~3 dt/ac):	0.02 0.6%	calculated calculated
Nutrient Sources - Comparison		
Nitrogen (N) in all this state's biosolids (metric tonnes, 2018):	4,895	calculated assuming avg. 4.8% biosolids N
N in this state's animal manures (metric tonnes):	144,122	https://www.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/estimated-animal- agriculture-nitrogen-and-phosphorus-manure
N in this state's purchased fertilizer (metric tonnes, 2011): If all state's biosolids applied, what % of state's applied N	179,875	https://www.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/commercial-fertilizer- purchased
would come from biosolids?	1.5%	calculated
Phosphorus (P) in this state's biosolids (metric tonnes, 2018):	2,040	calculated assuming avg. 2% biosolids P
P in this state's animal manures (metric tonnes):	43,414	agriculture-nitrogen-and-phosphorus-manure

P in this state's purchased fertilizer (metric tonnes, 2011):	30,736	https://www.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/commercial-fertilizer- purchased
If all state's biosolids applied, what % of state's applied P would come from biosolids?	2.7%	calculated
State Regulatory Involvement		
Biosolids oversight agency / division:	KY Energy & Environmen	t Cabinet - Solid Waste Branc
Permitting of biosolids programs:	solid waste license/permit and/or thru WWTP's NPDES permit issued as separate site-specific permits with plan and site authorization require	
of land application sites:	for Class B biosolids landfarming	
FTEs: state biosolids regulatory program:	1.5	survey response by state expert
Biosolids program FTEs per million population:	0.34	calculated
Enforcement: Inspections of biosolids facilities & field sites in 2018:	27	survey response by state expert
Formal violations issued:	4	survey response by state expert
Amount of state regulations beyond Part 503:	Moderately High	
Amount of state regulation of nutrient management & phosphorus:	Moderate	rankings by survey team based on
Accessibility of biosolids data to public:	Low	information provided in survey (options:
State encouragement of biosolids recycling to soils:	Low	High, Moderate, Low, None)
Voluntary additional protections by land appliers known & reported by state coordinator:	None	
Trends		
New land application activity, 2018 - new permits & acreage, acres applied:	Low	
acres applied in 2018:	no data	rankings by survey team based on information provided in survey (options:
Local regulations & their impacts?:	Some	High, Moderate, Low, None) With quotes of survey responses by state expert(s)
Legislative & state regulatory actions in 2018 & their impacts?:	some counties restrict biosolids None	quotes of survey responses by state experc(s)
details	None	
Biosolids beneficial use increasingin 2018?:	No	survey response by state expert
in 2020?:	Possibly a little	survey response by state expert
details		ears, except from Louisville and a few other WRRFs. In ducing Class A EQ biosolids because landfill costs are
Changes in Biosolids Use & Disposal, 2004 - 2018		
2.14.19.55 2.0501145 050 & 215p0541/ 2007 2016		*Change may be due to population
		increase/decrease, change in treatment at a
Change* in solids reported used or disposed (in units used by state):	18,229 dry U.S. tons	large WWTP, and/or different systems of data tracking and reporting.
Beneficial Use - percentage point increase or decrease (-):	-10%	
Landfill & surface disposal - % point increase or decrease (-):	11%	
Incineration - percentage point increase or decrease (-):	0%	calculated comparing these 2018 data t 2004 data compiled by the same survey
Class A - percentage point increase or decrease (-):	-24%	team (NEBRA, 2007)
Class A - percentage point increase or decrease (-): Class B - percentage point increase or decrease (-): No class or not known - percentage point increase or decrease (-	-24% -10% 34%	team (NEBRA, 2007)