NATIONAL BIOSOLIDS DATA PROJECT

DASHBOARD

Tennessee State Biosolids Statistics

Data Quality & Methods	2018		explanations & sources
Quality & Confidence in this state's data:		derate for 50 WRRFs are from U. S. EPA ECHO	ranking by survey team based on information provided in survey (options: High, Moderate, Low, None)
Data sources & methods:	them in NBDP survey, plus extrapolations for 6 more. More than 82% of TN wastewater flow is represented. Reviewed by a TN biosolids expert and a contact at the TN DEC.		
State biosolids included in 2018 EPA ECHO data	93% % in	ECHO vs. the total presented here	https://echo.epa.gov/facilities/facility- search?mediaSelected=bioAnnual
Demographics & Wastewater			
State population:	6,770,010		U.S. Census estimate for July 1, 2018
Total land area in state (acres):	26,390,400		https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-kits/2018/pop- estimates-national-state.html
Population density (persons/square mile):	164.2		calculated
Total number of WRRFs reported in state survey: total number of WRRFs permitted/reported elsewhere:	56 256		NBDP calculations & extrapolations Seiple et al., 2020; state experts, etc.
number of WRRFs in EPA ECHO reports for 2018:	50		https://echo.epa.gov/facilities/facility-search?mediaSelected=bioAnnual
Average population served per WRRF:	18,512		calculated
Average wastewater flow statewide (MGD, NBDP):		data	no data available
avg.wastewater flow statewide (MGD, Seiple):	742		Seiple et al., 2020 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2020.110852
Number of WRRFs that treat >75% of state flow:	30		Seiple et al., 2020 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2020.110853
% of population served by on-site (septic) systems:	30%		NBDP estimate, based on 2004 estimat
Biosolids used or disposed / person in 2018 (lbs):	32		calculated
Biosolids Application			
Agricultural land cropland (acres):	5,286,321		https://guickstats.nass.usda.gov/results/0CBBAD84-6032-3776 AF8B-624DB8825822
% of state area in cropland:	20%		calculated
Number of farms with that cropland:	51,216		https://guickstats.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.):	0.02		calculated
% cropland needed if all state biosolids were applied at typical rate (~3 dt/ac):	0.7%		calculated
Nutrient Sources - Comparison			
Nitrogen (N) in all this state's biosolids (metric tonnes, 2018):	5,262		calculated assuming avg. 4.8% biosolids N
N in this state's animal manures (metric tonnes):	124,787		https://www.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/estimated-animal- agriculture-nitrogen-and-phosphorus-manure
N in this state's purchased fertilizer (metric tonnes, 2011):	85,883		https://www.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/commercial- fertilizer-purchased
If all state's biosolids applied, what % of state's applied N would	•		
come from biosolids?	2.4%		calculated
Phosphorus (P) in this state's biosolids (metric tonnes, 2018):	2,193		calculated assuming avg. 2% biosolids P

P in this state's animal manures (metric tonnes):	38,148	https://www.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/estimated-animal- agriculture-nitrogen-and-phosphorus-manure
P in this state's purchased fertilizer (metric tonnes, 2011):	16,183	https://www.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/commercial-
If all state's biosolids applied, what % of state's applied P would	10,103	ierunzer-but chaseu
come from biosolids?	3.9%	calculated
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State Regulatory Involvement		
Biosolids oversight agency / division:	Dept. of Environment &	Conservation
Permitting of biosolids programs:	General & individual permits for benef	
remitting or biosonus programs.	Land applier must submit to TN DEC a	
	of Intent and a Land Application Plan	for
of land application sites:	Class B land application. No requirement Class A EQ.	ents for
FTEs: state biosolids regulatory program:	Class A EQ.	NBDP estimate
Biosolids program FTEs per million population:	0.15	calculated
Enforcement: Inspections of biosolids facilities & field sites in 2018:	no data	no data provided
Formal violations issued:	no data	no data provided
Amount of state regulations beyond Part 503:	Low	
Amount of state regulation of nutrient management & phosphorus:	Low	rankings by survey team based on
Accessibility of biosolids data to public:	Low	information provided in survey
State encouragement of biosolids recycling to soils:	Moderate	(options: 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:	None	
acres applied in 2018:	no data	rankings by survey team based on information provided in survey
Local regulations & their impacts?:	None	(options: High, Moderate, Low,
details		None) With quotes of survey responses by
Legislative & state regulatory actions in 2018 & their impacts?:	None	state expert(s)
Biosolids beneficial use increasingin 2018?:	increasing some	NBDP estimate based on TN expert in
in 2020?:	increasing some	NBDP estimate based on TN expert in
	with looming reduced landfill capacity & demos	
details	successes with solids treatments and beneficial interest in beneficial use is growing some.	uses,
Changes in Biosolids Use & Disposal, 2004 - 2018		
		*Change may be due to population increase/decrease, change in treatment at
		large WWTP, and/or different systems of
Change* in solids reported used or disposed (in units used by state):	(109,037) dry metric tons	data tracking and reporting.
Beneficial Use - percentage point increase or decrease (-):	48%	
Landfill & surface disposal - % point increase or decrease (-):	-24%	calculated comparing these 2018 data
Incineration - percentage point increase or decrease (-):	-24%	to 2004 data compiled by the same
Class A - percentage point increase or decrease (-):	17%	survey team (NEBRA, 2007)
Class B - percentage point increase or decrease (-):	37%	
No class or not known - percentage point increase or decrease (-):	-54%	