NATIONAL BIOSOLIDS DATA PROJECT

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Wisconsin State Biosolids Statistics

Data Quality & Methods	2018	explanations & sources
Quality & Confidence in this state's data:	HIGH Data are from the WI DNR database	ranking by survey team based on information provided in survey (options: High, Moderate, Low, None) and the survey team based on information in the survey of the survey o
Data sources & methods:	biosolids reporting from WRRFs. NBDP analyzed & compiled data.	
State biosolids included in 2018 EPA ECHO data	N/A Wisconsin is delegated; no 2018 ECH data exist.	https://echo.epa.gov/facilities/facility- search?mediaSelected=bioAnnual
Demographics & Wastewater		
State population:	5,813,568	U.S. Census estimate for July 1, 2018
Total land area in state (acres):	34,661,120	https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-kits/2018/pop- estimates-national-state.html
Population density (persons/square mile):	107.3	calculated
Total number of WRRFs reported in state survey:	487	NBDP estimate based on WI DNR data
total number of WRRFs permitted/reported elsewhere:	589 Wisconsin is delegated, no 2019 ECI	Seiple et al., 2020; state experts, etc.
number of WRRFs in EPA ECHO reports for 2018:	Wisconsin is delegated; no 2018 ECI 0	search?mediaSelected=bioAnnual
Average population served per WRRF:	6,317	calculated
Average wastewater flow statewide (MGD, NBDP):	613	NBDP estimate based on WI DNR data
avg.wastewater flow statewide (MGD, Seiple):	649	Seiple et al., 2020 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2020.110852
Number of WRRFs that treat >75% of state flow:	27	Seiple et al., 2020 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2020.110853
% of population served by on-site (septic) systems:	36%	NBDP estimate, consistent with 2004 da
Biosolids used or disposed / person in 2018 (lbs):	46	calculated
Biosolids Application		
Agricultural land cropland (acres):	10,085,021	https://guickstats.nass.usda.gov/results/0CBBAD84-6032-3776- AF8B-624DB8825822
% of state area in cropland:	29%	calculated
Number of farms with that cropland:	56,590	https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov/results/F56563D1-C9CD-30FF- 9774-7F91CC0640FC
% cropland to which biosolids were applied:	no data	calculated
Application rate if all state biosolids were applied to cropland (dry U.S. tons/ac.):	0.01	calculated
% cropland needed if all state biosolids were applied at typical rate (~3 dt/ac):	0.4%	calculated
Nutrient Sources - Comparison		
Nitrogen (N) in all this state's biosolids (metric tonnes, 2018):	6,370	calculated assuming avg. 4.8% biosolids N
N in this state's animal manures (metric tonnes):	191,761	https://www.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/estimated-animal- agriculture-nitrogen-and-phosphorus-manure
N in this state's purchased fertilizer (metric tonnes, 2011):	283,808	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?	1.3%	calculated
Phosphorus (P) in this state's biosolids (metric tonnes, 2018):	2,654	calculated assuming avg. 2% biosolids P

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P in this state's animal manures (metric tonnes):	42,098	httos://www.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/estimated-animal- agriculture-nitrogen-and-phosohorus-manure
P in this state's purchased fertilizer (metric tonnes, 2011):	35,052	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?	3.3%	calculated
State Regulatory Involvement		
Biosolids oversight agency / division:	WI Dept. of Natural Resources, Water Quality Program	
Permitting of biosolids programs:	through WWTP's WPDES permit & requirements for treatment processes &	
of land application sites:	land application sites	NBDP estimate based on WI DNR data
FTEs: state biosolids regulatory program: Biosolids program FTEs per million population:	1.03 °	calculated
Enforcement: Inspections of biosolids facilities & field sites in 2018:	no data	no survey response from WI DNR
Formal violations issued:	no data	no survey response from WI DNR
Amount of state regulations beyond Part 503:	Moderate	line salve, response nom mi sim
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
State encouragement of biosolids recycling to soils:	Moderately High	(options: High, Moderate, Low, None)
Voluntary additional protections by land appliers known & reported by state coordinator:	Low	
Trends		
New land application activity, 2018 - new permits & acreage, acres applied:	Moderate	rankings by survey team based on
acres applied in 2018:	no data	information provided in survey
Local regulations & their impacts?:	Some	(options: High, Moderate, Low, None) With guotes of survey responses by
Legislative & state regulatory actions in 2018 & their impacts?:	Some	state expert(s)
details	300	
Biosolids beneficial use increasingin 2018?:	no data	no survey response from WI DNR
in 2020?:	no data	no survey response from WI DNR
details		
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):	(30,404) dry metric tons	data tracking and reporting.
Beneficial Use - percentage point increase or decrease (-):	2%	
Landfill & surface disposal - % point increase or decrease (-):	-1%	calculated comparing these 2018 data
Incineration - percentage point increase or decrease (-):	-1%	to 2004 data compiled by the same
Class A - percentage point increase or decrease (-):	8%	survey team (NEBRA, 2007)
Class B - percentage point increase or decrease (-):	-7%	
No class or not known - percentage point increase or decrease (-)	-2%	