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## Responsible Plant **Nutrition**

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## **Supporting Science**

Plant Nutrition Canada provides science support for the fertilizer industry's efforts to advance nutrient stewardship. We apply, interpret and extend science for sustainable plant nutrition.

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#### **Apply Science**

We lead, shape and mold concepts and intended implementation pathways for nutrient stewardship



#### Interpret Science

We explain implications, strengths and limitations of new scientific reports on issues relevant to nutrient stewardship



#### **Extend Science**

We educate and inform practitioners on sciencebased principles underlying agronomic practices relevant to nutrient stewardship







## Linkages

 Plant Nutrition Canada supports the Nutrient Stewardship programs of Fertilizer Canada, The Fertilizer Institute in the USA and the International Fertilizer Association.







• Its partners include African Plant Nutrition Institute, Scientific Panel on Responsible Plant Nutrition, 4R Solution Project and 4R Research Fund.

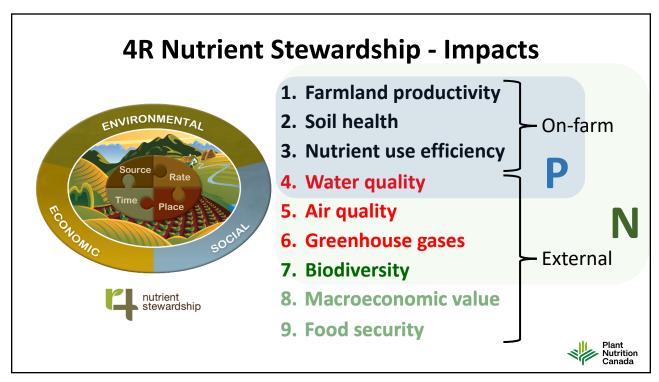


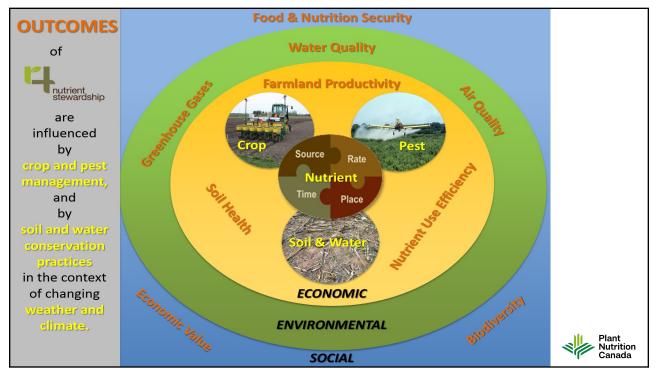


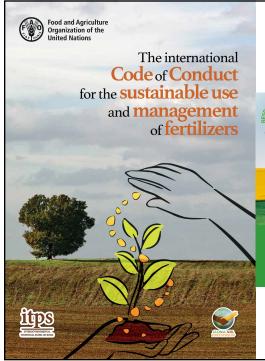












Principles of 4R Nutrient Stewardship are embedded in the FAO Code of Conduct, and in other Codes of Practice.



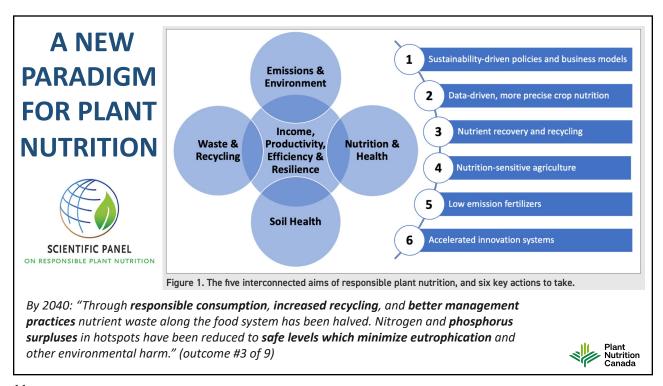
Canadian Grain Farmers Code of Practice

Responsible Grain is a national, voluntary Code of Practice that will allow Canadian grain farmers to demonstrate their care and commitment to the environment.

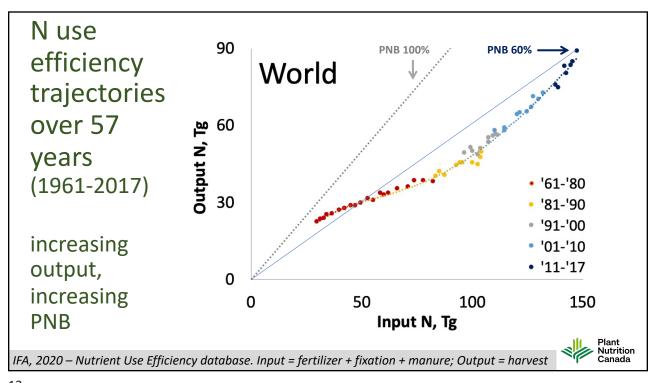


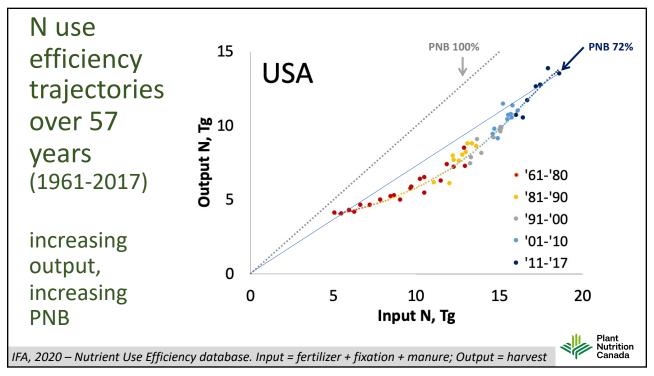
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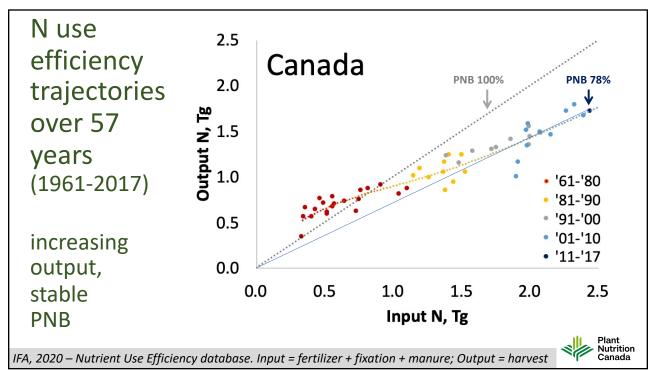


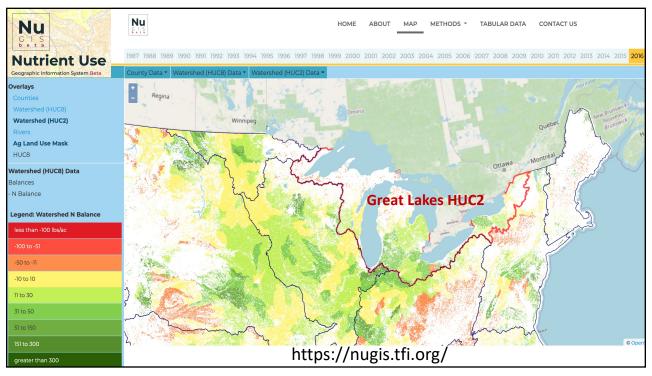


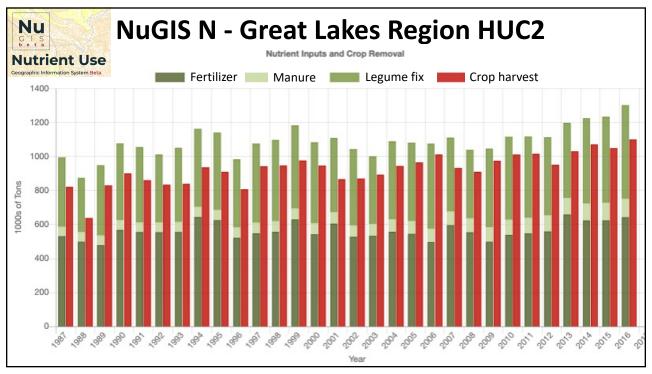


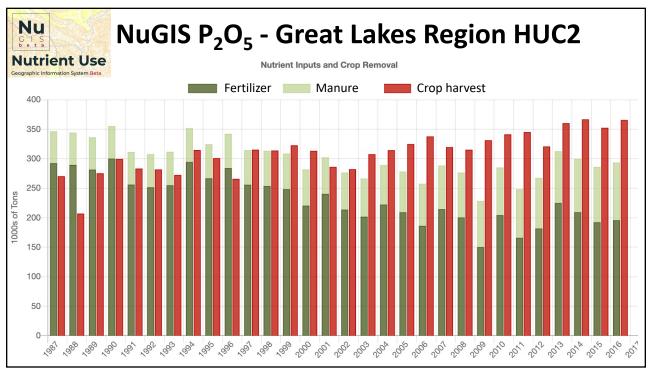


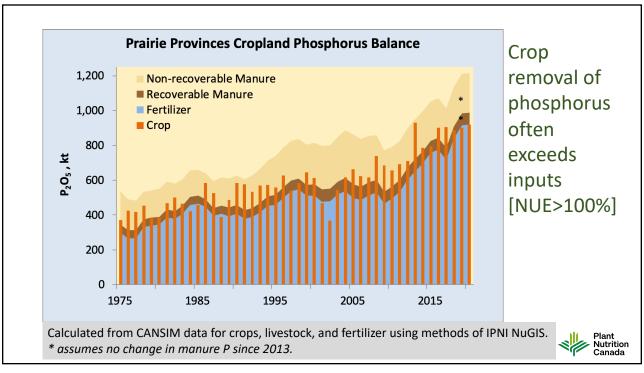


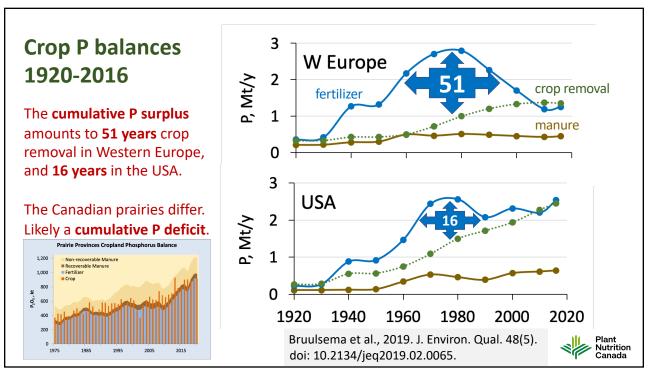


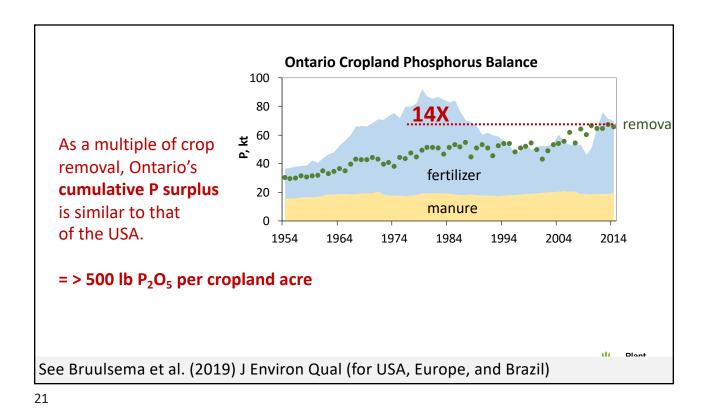












Western Lake Erie Watershed

Cropland PUE almost doubled.

Loss of dissolved P to the lake also doubled.

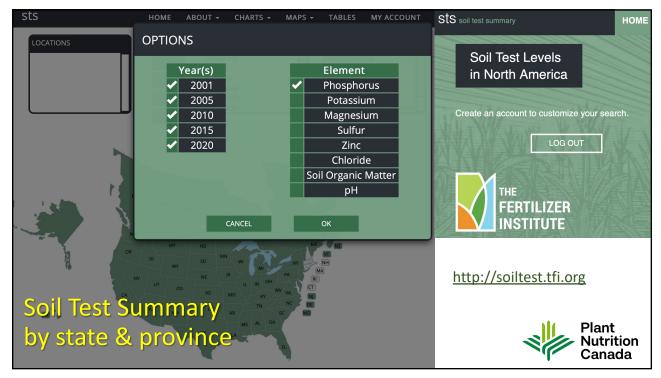
	Year	P outputs, kt P inputs, kt			PLIF
		crop removal	fertilizer	manure	FUL
	1987	30	37	5	72%
	2014	49	31	5	135%

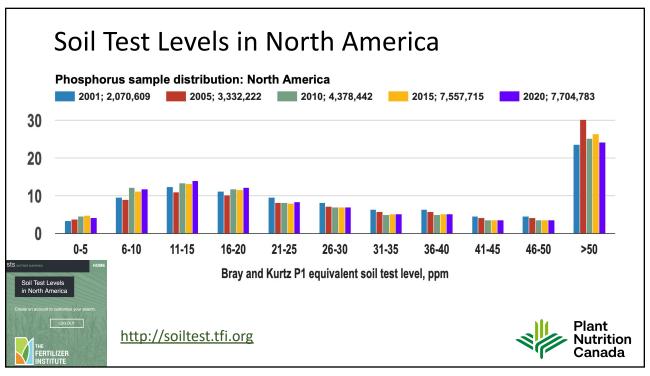
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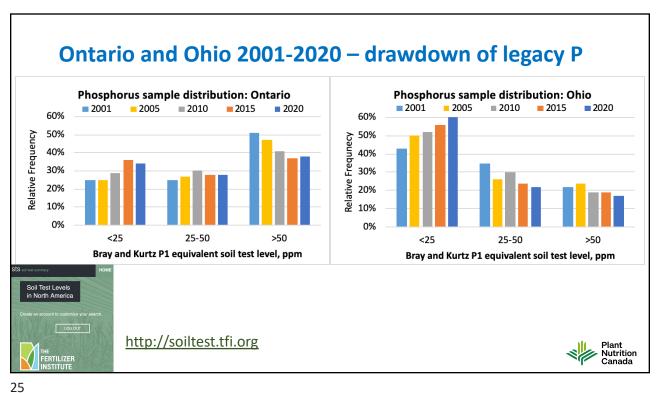


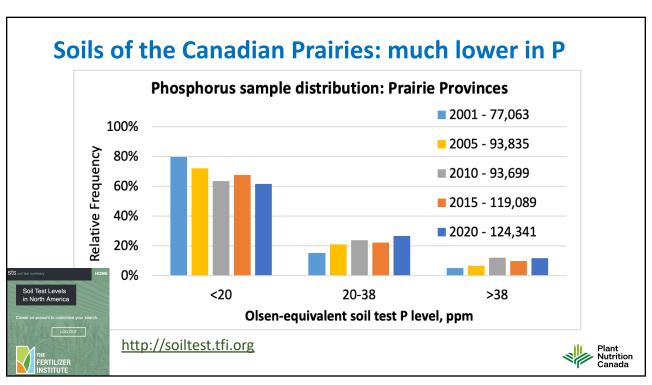


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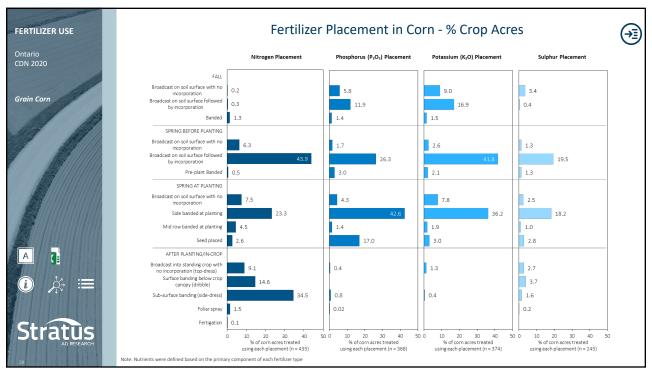


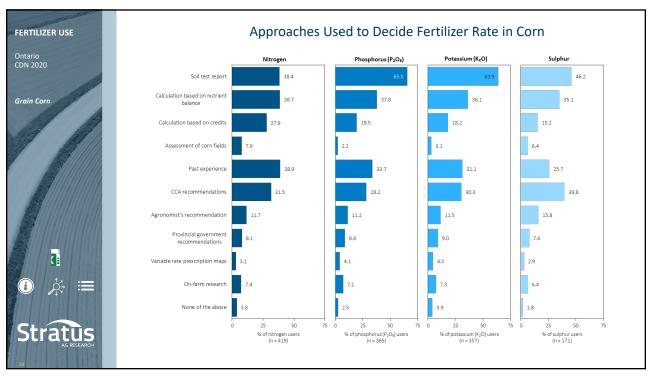


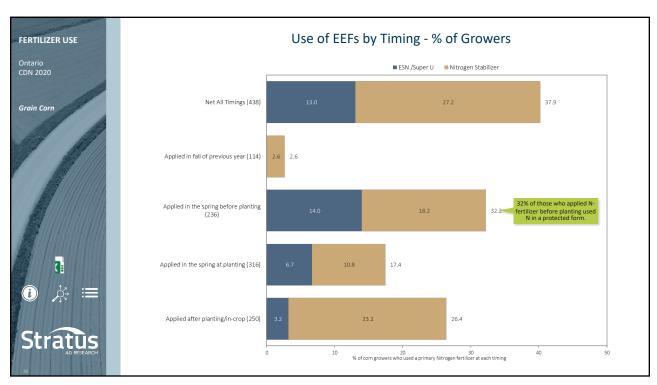




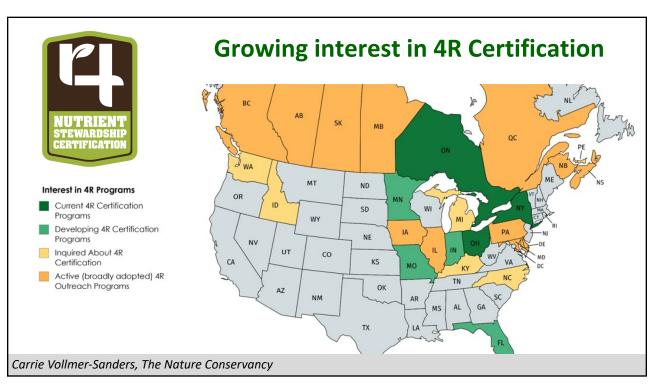














# Support for research underscores industry commitment to linking 4R practice to outcomes



Initiated 2013.

Delivering ~\$1M per year.

2019: \$2.7M for new projects

in AZ, AR, CA, UT, VA.

2020: new projects for Canada

### Summary

- The fertilizer industry seeks to advance nutrient stewardship through support for its institutions:
  - Plant Nutrition Canada, Fertilizer Canada, TFI
  - FAR, 4R Research Fund, 4R Solution
  - IFA & the Scientific Panel on Responsible Plant Nutrition
- Soil test, nutrient balance and 4R practice survey data can help inform policy on changes to management – 4R and beyond – effective in reducing nutrient loads to water.
- Collaboration invited in the continuing evolution of 4R!

