Feeding strategies to reduce air emissions - Swine

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Emission
Nutrient flow

Buildup, leaching, Eutrophication

Nutrient excretion = gas emission

Intake (CHO,N,P,S)

Waste

Nutrients Retained

Fecal

Urinary

Nutrients excreted

Odor Generation

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Estimated nutrient excretion of finishing pigs

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<th>Mineral</th>
<th>Retention, % (Kornegay and Harper, 1997)</th>
<th>Estimated excretion, %</th>
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<td>N</td>
<td>40 - 50</td>
<td>60 – 50</td>
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<td>P</td>
<td>20 - 45</td>
<td>80 – 55</td>
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<td>K</td>
<td>10 - 20</td>
<td>90 - 80</td>
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<td>Fe</td>
<td>5 - 35</td>
<td>95 - 65</td>
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<td>Zn</td>
<td>10 - 20</td>
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<td>Cu</td>
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Origins of Odor emissions

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<th>Odorant</th>
<th>Origin</th>
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<td>Ammonia</td>
<td>Urea, protein intake</td>
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<td>VFA’s</td>
<td>Fiber, protein/AA</td>
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<td>Phenol, cresol, indole, skatole</td>
<td>Aromatic AA</td>
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<td>Sulfur compounds</td>
<td>Sulfur-containing AA</td>
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Strategies to reduce Nutrient Excretion

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<th>Strategy</th>
<th>Reduction</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pelleting</td>
<td>5% for N and P</td>
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<td>Reduce Feed waste</td>
<td>1.5% for every 1% reduction</td>
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<tr>
<td>Matching Nutrient Reqt’s</td>
<td>6 to 15% for all nutrients</td>
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<td>Formulation</td>
<td>10% for N and P</td>
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Each of these strategies may have an effect on gas emissions and odor.

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Specific strategies to reduce Ammonia Emissions

1. Reduce dietary crude protein with AA additions
   - A 1 percentage unit decrease in dietary CP decreases N excretion by ~10%
   - Results in a decrease in ammonium N in slurry
   - Decrease slurry pH
   - Each of these responses lead to a reduction in aerial ammonia concentration or emission

Specific strategies to reduce Ammonia Emissions

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<th>CP reduction</th>
<th>Decrease in ammonia</th>
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<td>19 to 13%</td>
<td>47 to 59% (Hobbs et al, 1996)</td>
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<td>16 to 12%</td>
<td>79% (Turner et al., 1996)</td>
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<td>16.7 to 12.2%</td>
<td>40% (Kendall et al., 1998)</td>
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<td>14.2 to 10.6%</td>
<td>50 – 60% (Hill et al., 2001)</td>
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<td>15 to 9%</td>
<td>80% (Otto et al., 2003)</td>
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<td>18 to 14.2%</td>
<td>52% (Velthof et al., 2005)</td>
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<td>17.6 to 13.8%</td>
<td>57% (Panetta et al., 2006)</td>
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<td>15 to 12%</td>
<td>30% (Le et al., 2008a)</td>
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Most studies performed with individual pigs, short-term, and simulated manure pits

Effects of reduced CP on ammonia emission during a 119-d finishing period

Carter et al., 2008

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2. Addition of fermentable CHO
   - Addition of soybean hulls, wheat midds, sugar beet pulp
   - Increase bacterial protein in feces, decrease urea in urine
   - Decrease pH of slurry
   - Increase VFA concentrations of manure
   - Decrease ammonia concentration or emissions

Specific strategies to reduce Ammonia Emissions

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<th>Fiber addition</th>
<th>Decrease in ammonia</th>
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<td>30% sugar beet pulp</td>
<td>47% (Cahn et al., 1998b)</td>
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<td>Soybean hulls</td>
<td>17 to 36% (Cahn et al., 1998c)</td>
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<td>10% Soybean Hulls</td>
<td>20% (Decamp et al., 2001)</td>
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<td>Potato starch/sugar beet pectin</td>
<td>Each 100g increase in fiber, ammonia emission decreased by 29.4% (Le et al., 2008b)</td>
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<td>15% Soybean hulls</td>
<td>19% (Carter et al., 2008)</td>
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Specific strategies to reduce Ammonia Emissions

3. Addition of acidifying agents, urease inhibitors
   - Addition of Ca salts, adipic acid, yucca
   - Canh et al (1998a) reported 30 to 50% decrease in ammonia emissions with addition of Ca salts
   - Van Kempen (2001) reported a 25% decrease in ammonia emission with 1% dietary adipic acid
   - Responses to yucca addition have been variable

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Specific strategies to reduce Hydrogen Sulfide Emissions

1. Reduce sulfur content of diet
   - Manipulate sulfur-containing amino acid content of diet
     - Reduced protein, AA-supplemented diets
     - Responses have been variable, some reports of a decrease while other reports of no change
   - Change source of trace mineral inclusion
     - Replace sulfate forms with other forms (inorganic or organic)

2. Inclusion of fermentable carbohydrates
   - Decrease in H₂S concentrations have been reported

Specific strategies to reduce Odor Emissions

1. Reduce dietary crude protein with AA additions
   - Inconsistent responses
     - Le et al. (2008a) 15 vs 12% CP
       No effect on odor strength or offensiveness
     - Le et al. (2008b) 18 vs 12% CP
       No effect on odor strength or offensiveness
     - Numerous other reports found no effect of protein level in the diet on odor strength or offensiveness
     - However, other studies report decrease in odor with CP reduction

Effects of dietary ingredients on Emissions

Protein sources
- Feather meal and fish meal increased odor (van Kempen and van Heughten, 2003)

DDGS
- No effect on odor with up to 10% inclusion (Gralapp et al., 2002)
- Potential for increased NH₃ and H₂S emissions
- More research needed for specific feed ingredients
Summary

Diet can impact emissions of specific odorants

1. Low CP, AA supplemented diets
   - Decrease ammonia concentration or emissions
   - Possibly decrease hydrogen sulfide

2. Addition of fermentable CHO
   - Decrease ammonia concentration or emissions
   - Possibly decrease hydrogen sulfide
   - Possibly an additive effect with reduced CP, AA-supplemented diets

3. Feed additives
   - Inconsistent responses
   - More research needed

However, more research is needed to clarify the effects of diet on overall odor strength and offensiveness

Literature cited

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