



Nutrient Removal Values - Nitrogen

	Projected Nitrogen (N) removal, "wet" or "as is" basis			% Moisture, Dry matter			Number of samples in survey *
	lb N per yield unit *	Survey range*	Median*		Survey range*		
			- moisture -	----- dry matter -----			
Grains, oilseeds, fiber, sugar crops							
Barley, grain	0.83 / bu (48 lb)	1	0.76 - 0.89	11.1	88.9	87.2 - 90.0	999
Beans (dry)	3.46 / cwt (100 lb)	2	---	10.0	90.0	---	---
Beans (navy)	3.61 / cwt (100 lb)	3	---	10.0	90.0	---	---
Buckwheat, grain	0.88 / bu (52 lb)	2	---	12.0	88.0	---	---
Canola, grain	1.80 / bu (60 lb)	4	---	8.0	92.0	---	---
Corn, grain (dry shelled)	0.66 / bu (56 lb)	1	0.64 - 0.70	14.2	85.9	84.9 - 86.7	13,506
	1.18 / cwt (100 lb)		1.14 - 1.25	14.2	85.9	84.9 - 86.7	13,506
Corn, grain (high moisture)	0.55 / bu (56 lb)	1	0.53 - 0.58	29.7	70.3	67.4 - 72.9	8,346
	0.98 / cwt (100 lb)		0.94 - 1.03	29.7	70.3	67.4 - 72.9	8,346
Cotton (seed, lint, trash) (≈1300 lb seed cotton yields 480 lb lint)	31.5 / 1300 lb (bale)	5	---	---	---	---	---
Cotton seeds	3.35 / cwt (100 lb)	2		8.0	92.0		
Field pea, seeds	2.06 / bu (60 lb)	1	1.61 - 2.19	11.5	88.5	87.4 - 90.0	142
Flax, grain	2.17 / bu (56 lb)	1	1.95 - 2.90	8.7	91.3	90.2 - 92.2	119
Millet grain	0.90 / bu (50 lb)	2	---	13.0	87.0	---	---
Oats, grain	0.58 / bu (32 lb)	1	0.51 - 0.63	11.0	89.0	87.8 - 90.6	235
Peanuts, whole	3.50 / cwt	6	---	10.0	90.0	---	---
Popcorn	1.03 / bu (56 lb)	3	---	10.1	89.9	---	---
Potato tuber, fresh	0.32 / cwt (100 lb)	6	---	77.0	23.0	---	---
Rice, grain	0.51 / bu (45 lb)	2	---	11.0	89.0	---	---
Rye, grain	1.12 / bu (56 lb)	2	---	11.0	89.0	---	---
Safflower seeds	0.99 / bu (38 lb)	4	---	8.0	92.0	---	---
Sorghum, grain (milo)	0.83 / bu (56 lb)	1	0.72 - 0.91	13.0	87.0	85.8 - 88.2	1,380
	1.48 / cwt (100 lb)		1.29 - 1.63	13.0	87.0	85.8 - 88.2	1,380
Sorghum, grain (high moisture)	0.66 / bu (56 lb)	1	0.57 - 0.73	30.5	69.5	65.2 - 74.5	198
	1.18 / cwt (100 lb)		1.01 - 1.30	30.5	69.5	65.2 - 74.5	198
Soybeans, whole	3.46 / bu (60 lb)	2	---	12.0	88.0	---	---
Spelt, grain	0.73 / bu (40 lb)	2	---	12.0	88.0	---	---
Sugarbeet (root)	3.70 / ton	6	---	80.0	20.0	---	---
Sugarcane	2.00 / ton	6	---	74.0	26.0	---	---
Sunflower seeds	2.50 / cwt (100 lb)	1	2.21 - 2.70	9.8	90.3	88.3 - 92.2	60
Triticale, grain	1.20 / bu (60 lb)	2	---	11.0	89.0	---	---
Wheat, grain	1.34 / bu (60 lb)	1	1.17 - 1.48	11.3	88.7	87.5 - 89.9	1,127
Hays, legume							
Alfalfa hay	55.3 / ton	1	49.2 - 61.5	12.7	87.3	85.0 - 89.1	33,530
Clover hay, mixed	40.5 / ton	1	35.6 - 47.7	14.4	85.6	82.3 - 88.1	61
Clover, hay alsike clover	36.1 / ton	6	---	12.6	87.4	---	---
Clover hay, ladino clover	60.5 / ton	2	---	10.0	90.0	---	---
Clover hay, red clover	39.6 / ton	6	---	12.0	88.0	---	---

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Hays, legume (continued)							
Clover hay, sweetclover	46.6 / ton ²	---	9.0	91.0	---	---	
Cowpea hay	53.6 / ton ³	---	9.6	90.4	---	---	
Lespedeza hay	41.2 / ton ²	---	8.0	92.0	---	---	
Peanut hay	23.7 / ton ¹	20.3 - 27.7	10.8	89.2	86.4 - 90.8	108	
Sanfoin hay	39.4 / ton ²	---	12.0	88.0	---	---	
Soybean hay	37.7 / ton ¹	20.1 - 47.9	13.0	87.1	83.2 - 90.4	314	
Trefoil hay, birdsfoot trefoil	45.6 / ton ²	---	11.0	89.0	---	---	
Vetch hay	51.3 / ton ²	---	11.0	89.0	---	---	
Hays, grass							
Bahiagrass	17.3 / ton ²	---	10.0	90.0	---	---	
Bermudagrass hay	30.7 / ton ¹	24.8 - 37.7	10.0	90.0	87.4 - 91.8	1,349	
Bluegrass hay	26.7 / ton ⁶	---	11.0	89.1	---	---	
Bluestem hay	17.3 / ton ¹	11.8 - 21.0	9.9	90.1	87.0 - 92.4	182	
Bromegrass hay	22.3 / ton ¹	18.9 - 26.5	11.8	88.2	86.3 - 89.9	931	
CRP hay	15.9 / ton ¹	11.9 - 21.0	11.4	88.6	85.7 - 90.6	1,231	
Fescue hay	24.0 / ton ¹	20.9 - 29.4	12.2	87.8	85.1 - 89.3	78	
Meadow hay	22.6 / ton ¹	20.6 - 27.5	10.6	89.4	87.0 - 90.9	297	
Mixed grass hay	23.7 / ton ¹	18.3 - 31.4	10.7	89.3	86.5 - 91.8	8,447	
Native grass hay	18.7 / ton ¹	14.5 - 24.5	12.9	87.1	67.5 - 90.5	411	
Orchardgrass hay	28.2 / ton ²	---	12.0	88.0	---	---	
Prairie hay	18.1 / ton ¹	15.3 - 22.4	11.4	88.6	86.6 - 90.2	1,176	
Reed canarygrass hay	26.2 / ton ²	---	9.0	91.0	---	---	
Ryegrass hay	32.8 / ton ¹	30.5 - 35.4	8.5	91.5	89.6 - 92.7	339	
Switchgrass hay	7.5 / ton ¹	5.8 - 12.2	4.6	95.4	93.7 - 96.0	136	
Teff hay	30.2 / ton ¹	19.6 - 39.7	11.5	88.6	86.0 - 90.9	98	
Timothy hay	22.5 / ton ²	---	12.0	88.0	---	---	
Wheatgrass hay	30.0 / ton ¹	19.8 - 40.1	11.7	88.4	80.4 - 92.0	116	
Hays, small grain							
Barley hay	29.9 / ton ¹	25.0 - 35.3	13.2	86.8	84.1 - 88.7	1,002	
Millet hay	25.6 / ton ¹	19.7 - 32.5	13.1	86.9	83.3 - 89.4	1,299	
Oat hay	30.1 / ton ¹	25.3 - 36.0	12.1	87.9	84.9 - 90.1	2,280	
Pearl millet hay	24.0 / ton ¹	19.4 - 29.2	18.5	81.5	74.8 - 87.1	67	
Rye hay	27.5 / ton ¹	22.1 - 36.4	12.4	87.6	84.6 - 90.2	237	
Triticale hay	32.4 / ton ¹	25.2 - 42.4	10.4	89.6	86.0 - 92.0	737	
Wheat hay	30.9 / ton ¹	24.6 - 38.2	11.5	88.5	84.9 - 90.7	2,038	
Hay, annual sorghums							
Canex hay	21.7 / ton ¹	17.2 - 27.2	22.0	78.0	38.2 - 86.1	77	
Forage sorghum hay	23.4 / ton ¹	18.5 - 30.6	16.1	83.9	76.6 - 90.0	670	
Haygrazer hay	24.4 / ton ¹	17.5 - 31.8	17.2	82.8	54.6 - 88.9	1,706	
Milo (grain sorghum) hay	23.3 / ton ¹	17.7 - 27.8	21.0	79.0	61.3 - 85.9	994	
Sorghum hay	22.0 / ton ¹	16.2 - 28.4	17.1	82.9	74.7 - 87.5	1,810	
Sorghum-sudan hay	24.1 / ton ¹	18.5 - 30.0	16.3	83.7	74.7 - 88.0	793	
Sudan hay	23.3 / ton ¹	18.0 - 30.0	16.2	83.8	77.3 - 87.8	2,285	
Sumac hay	18.6 / ton ¹	13.7 - 23.6	17.0	83.0	76.0 - 87.7	328	

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Hays, miscellaneous							
Cane hay	20.2 / ton ¹	15.4 - 25.8	17.0	83.0	77.4 - 86.8	3,415	
Corn hay	24.7 / ton ¹	18.9 - 30.4	14.3	85.7	77.9 - 89.7	719	
Kochia hay	37.8 / ton ¹	28.8 - 48.1	12.6	87.4	78.0 - 90.5	119	
Johnsongrass hay	19.3 / ton ¹	15.9 - 25.4	13.9	86.1	66.9 - 90.4	64	
Weed hay	30.6 / ton ¹	24.2 - 38.6	12.2	87.9	84.4 - 90.3	252	
Silages, annual crop							
Barley silage	12.4 / ton ¹	10.9 - 13.7	66.3	33.7	30.8 - 38.3	441	
Cane silage	6.7 / ton ¹	5.7 - 8.1	71.4	28.6	24.9 - 33.3	457	
Corn silage	8.7 / ton ¹	7.9 - 9.8	66.3	33.7	30.2 - 37.8	23,321	
Corn silage (sweet corn)	8.4 / ton ²	---	76.0	24.0	---	---	
Forage sorghum silage	7.4 / ton ¹	6.4 - 8.4	70.2	29.8	25.7 - 34.8	78	
Milo silage (grain sorghum)	10.4 / ton ¹	9.1 - 12.2	64.9	35.1	28.9 - 41.4	248	
Oat silage	11.8 / ton ¹	10.3 - 13.8	64.8	35.3	29.1 - 42.8	205	
Oatlage	11.8 / ton ¹	10.1 - 13.7	66.3	33.7	28.9 - 43.0	263	
Rye silage	12.5 / ton ¹	10.3 - 14.7	68.9	31.1	26.0 - 38.6	369	
Small grain silage	12.8 / ton ¹	11.6 - 14.4	65.1	34.9	30.7 - 38.7	609	
Sorghum silage	7.3 / ton ¹	6.1 - 8.6	70.5	29.5	26.2 - 33.1	4,679	
Sorghum-sudan silage	8.7 / ton ¹	6.9 - 10.6	68.5	31.5	28.2 - 40.3	71	
Sudangrass silage	8.5 / ton ¹	6.5 - 11.7	71.0	29.1	24.5 - 36.3	171	
Triticale silage	13.2 / ton ¹	10.8 - 16.2	67.3	32.7	28.1 - 38.8	1,360	
Wheatlage	14.3 / ton ¹	11.8 - 17.3	63.9	36.1	31.5 - 41.7	1,763	
Wheat silage	13.8 / ton ¹	11.8 - 16.1	65.5	34.5	30.3 - 39.9	1,467	
Silages, perennial crop							
Alfalfa haylage	26.6 / ton ¹	24.5 - 28.5	59.1	40.9	34.1 - 48.1	1,604	
Alfalfa silage	22.8 / ton ¹	19.5 - 25.6	64.0	36.0	31.3 - 43.2	254	
Bermudagrass silage	8.3 / ton ²	---	74.0	26.0	---	---	
Bromegrass silage	12.3 / ton ²	---	65.0	35.0	---	---	
Mixed grass silage	10.6 / ton ²	---	70.0	30.0	---	---	
Ryegrass silage	14.3 / ton ²	---	68.0	32.0	---	---	
Timothy silage	10.9 / ton ²	---	66.0	34.0	---	---	
Crop residues							
Barley straw <i>(72 lb straw/bu)</i>	12.5 / ton ³	---	10.0	90.0	---	---	
	0.40 / bu harvested	---	---	---	---	---	
Buckwheat straw	14.0 / ton ³	---	11.3	88.7	---	---	
Canola straw <i>(236 lb straw/cwt)</i>	1.05 / cwt harvested ³	---	20.3	79.7	---	---	
Corn cobs	11.1 / ton ¹	8.0 - 14.7	6.4	93.6	91.1 95.2	356	
Corn stalks	14.7 / ton ¹	11.7 - 19.3	15.0	85.0	79.9 88.1	2,316	
Corn stover <i>(70 lb stover/bu)</i>	15.3 / ton ¹	12.2 - 20.7	11.3	88.7	83.3 92.1	340	
	0.60 / bu harvested	---	---	---	---	---	
Cotton stover <i>(1300 lb seed cotton yields 480 lb lint)</i>	39.5 / bale ³	---	7.7	92.3	---	---	
Flax straw <i>(80 lb straw/bu)</i>	0.83 / bu harvested ³	---	7.7	93.0	---	---	
Grain sorghum (milo) stalks	12.3 / ton ¹	8.9 - 17.1	46.6	53.5	34.8 77.8	626	
Millet straw <i>(84 lb straw/bu)</i>	12.2 / ton ³	---	10.0	90.0	---	---	
	0.51 / bu harvested	---	---	---	---	---	

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Crop residues							
Oat straw <div>(44 lb straw/bu)</div>	11.6 / ton ²	---	9.0	90.3	---	---	
	0.26 / bu harvested	---	---	---	---	---	
Peanut stover	33.0 / ton ⁶	---	---	---	---	---	
Popcorn stover <div>(56 lb stover/bu)</div>	16.9 / ton ³	---	12.7	87.3	---	---	
	0.47 / bu harvested	---	---	---	---	---	
Potato vines	7.2 / ton ²	---	85.0	15.0	---	---	
Rice straw <div>(100 lb straw/cwt)</div>	12.9 / ton ³	---	9.2	90.8	---	---	
	0.64 / cwt harvested	---	---	---	---	---	
Rye straw <div>(87 lb straw/bu)</div>	9.2 / ton ³	---	9.1	90.9	---	---	
	0.40 / bu harvested	---	---	---	---	---	
Sorghum stover <div>(56 lb stover/bu)</div>	12.3 / ton ³	---	8.1	91.9	---	---	
	0.35 / bu harvested	---	---	---	---	---	
Soybean stover <div>(96 lb stover/bu)</div>	14.8 / ton ³	12.4 - 16.8	13.9	86.2	83.1 88.2	69	
	0.71 / bu harvested	---	---	---	---	---	
Sugarbeet top	7.4 / ton ⁶	---	81.0	19.0	---	---	
Sunflower stover <div>(150 lb stover/cwt)</div>	14.9 / ton ³	---	13.3	86.7	---	---	
	1.12 / cwt harvested	---	---	---	---	---	
Wheat straw <div>(92 lb straw/bu)</div>	11.6 / ton ¹	10.1 - 21.6	9.8	90.3	86.5 94.0	378	
	0.53 / bu harvested	---	---	---	---	---	
Fresh forages, pasture - annuals							
Cane plants, fresh	9.4 / ton ¹	7.1 - 11.5	73.7	26.4	21.3 - 34.5	106	
Corn plants, fresh	10.2 / ton ¹	8.4 - 12.2	74.0	26.1	21.3 - 33.8	607	
Forage sorghum plants, fresh	10.2 / ton ¹	7.6 - 13.0	71.5	28.5	22.7 - 35.9	156	
Millet plants, fresh	12.6 / ton ¹	10.0 - 16.1	70.0	30.1	22.2 - 40.2	130	
Milo plants, fresh (grain sorghum)	12.6 / ton ¹	10.3 - 14.9	66.6	33.4	28.7 - 40.3	536	
Oat plants, fresh	14.4 / ton ¹	11.5 - 19.7	70.4	29.6	21.6 - 39.6	79	
Rye plants, fresh	16.2 / ton ¹	14.9 - 18.2	68.9	31.2	24.5 - 35.0	103	
Sorghum plants, fresh	8.9 / ton ¹	6.6 - 11.3	71.9	28.1	23.3 - 34.1	441	
Sorghum-sudan plants, fresh	10.2 / ton ¹	7.6 - 12.7	72.4	27.6	21.2 - 39.2	283	
Sudangrass plants, fresh	9.3 / ton ¹	6.7 - 11.8	75.1	24.9	19.9 - 33.2	267	
Triticale plants, fresh	14.9 / ton ¹	11.7 - 19.3	68.0	32.0	25.1 - 37.9	210	
Weeds, fresh	14.3 / ton ¹	11.4 - 16.9	74.7	25.3	20.7 - 34.9	69	
Wheat plants, fresh	19.3 / ton ¹	15.8 - 22.3	63.2	36.9	27.5 - 47.3	429	
Fresh forages, pasture - grasses							
Bermudagrass, fresh	14.1 / ton ¹	11.0 - 18.8	64.8	35.2	31.8 - 40.3	156	
Bluestem, fresh	11.7 / ton ²	---	60.4	39.6	---	---	
Bromegrass, fresh	14.4 / ton ²	---	70.0	30.0	---	---	
Fescue, fresh	13.9 / ton ²	---	71.0	29.0	---	---	
Mixed grass, fresh	16.7 / ton ¹	12.0 - 24.0	30.5	69.6	46.2 - 86.9	3,408	
Native grass, fresh	12.4 / ton ¹	9.0 - 18.1	58.5	41.6	33.5 - 52.1	178	
Orchardgrass, fresh	10.8 / ton ²	---	76.0	24.0	---	---	
Timothy, fresh	9.2 / ton ²	---	74.0	26.0	---	---	
Wheatgrass (crested), fresh	13.0 / ton ²	---	63.0	37.0	---	---	

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Fresh forages, pasture - legumes							
Alfalfa, fresh	20.0 / ton	¹	18.0 - 22.6	72.4	27.6	20.8 - 39.5	277
Clover (ladino), fresh	15.2 / ton	²	---	81.0	19.0	---	---
Clover (red), fresh	13.8 / ton	²	---	76.0	24.0	---	---
Lespedeza, fresh	12.8 / ton	²	---	75.0	25.0	---	---
Trefoil (birdsfoot) fresh	14.8 / ton	²	---	78.0	22.0	---	---

Removal by animal type⁷

Beef cattle	0.032 lb N per pound of weight gain (based on average 20% protein in meat, bones, offal, etc.)
Poultry	0.134 lb N per 5 lb market-weight broiler
Dairy cows	0.588 lb N per cwt (100 lb) of milk

* References and Resources

(Certain references for feedstuffs list "crude protein" values on a "dry matter" basis. Removal values were calculated as follows: lb N per yield unit = [yield unit weight * % dry matter] * [(% crude protein / 100) / 6.25]. Crop residue weights per unit of yield harvested were derived from NRCS PLANTS database (reference #3).

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