

Modelling and mapping UK emissions of ammonia, methane and nitrous oxide from agriculture, nature, waste disposal and other miscellaneous sources for 2015

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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1. Ammonia emission estimates for 2015 were spatially distributed for agriculture (Sectors 3B and 3D), natural sources (Sector 11), waste disposal (Sector 5), sewage works and sewage sludge spreading (also Sector 5), solvents (Sector 2D) and other miscellaneous sources for the UK (Sector 6). The emission sources listed above were assigned to the classification system used by the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP) and the EMEP/EEA Air Pollutant Emission Inventory Guidebook (2016).
2. Emissions from non-agricultural sources such as waste disposal, sewage, solvents, pets, composting, anaerobic digestion, biomass burning, wild animals and seabirds as well as humans were spatially distributed through a combination of population census data, landcover data, data on waste disposal and recycling facilities, mammal distribution data from the Biological Records Centre (BRC), seabird census data and subsequent population trend updates (Seabird2000 survey and JNCC 2016), locations of composting plants, golf courses, public parks & gardens, etc.
3. Overall, non-agricultural NH₃ emissions from sources estimated by CEH under the current contract (covered by Sectors 2, 5, 6 and 11) amount to 56.1 kt NH₃ year⁻¹ for 2015, with an uncertainty range of 30 - 106 kt NH₃ year⁻¹. (N.B. This includes all equines, i.e. those on agricultural holdings and those present elsewhere). This constitutes an increase of 4.4 kt NH₃ yr⁻¹, compared with the estimate for 2014 (51.7 kt NH₃ yr⁻¹).
4. The main changes in the non-agricultural emission sources covered in this report between 2014 and 2015 are increased emissions from the landspreading of digestates from anaerobic digestion and the application of sewage sludge to farmland and decreased emissions from horses and fugitive emissions from the anaerobic digestion processing plants themselves. The largest change is an increase of emissions from landspreading of digestates from anaerobic digestion, up 5.49 kt NH₃, due to a 37% increase of input materials to AD sites in the UK and a re-analysis of emission factors for the landspreading emissions from digested materials.
5. The estimate of NH₃ emissions from UK agriculture increased by 3.9 kt NH₃ between 2014 and 2015, from 234.3 to 238.2 kt NH₃ yr⁻¹. This includes increases in livestock emissions by 0.8 kt NH₃ and in fertiliser emissions by 2.5 kt NH₃. The changes are mainly due to an increase in population of dairy cattle (3 %) and an increase in total N fertiliser use and in the proportion of fertiliser applied as urea.
6. Emission source strength data for non-agricultural NH₃ sources matching the final inventory version as submitted to Defra by Ricardo-AEA were used throughout this report.
7. Emission source strength data for CH₄ and N₂O were used as reported to Defra under the NAEI/GHGI project for 2015 for all agricultural and non-agricultural sources, and all maps correspond to the totals reported.

8. Agricultural NH_3 , CH_4 and N_2O maps (livestock manures, enteric fermentation, soils, fertilisers) were submitted to the NAEI/GHGI under Defra contract AC0112 (Carnell *et al.* 2017), but are included in this report for completeness. These maps were derived from output of the CEH/University of Edinburgh AENEID model, which incorporates agricultural census data, landcover data, agricultural practice information (e.g., fertiliser application rates, stocking densities) and emission source strength data. The latter are closely coordinated with the UK agricultural emissions inventories for NH_3 , CH_4 and N_2O in 2014 calculated annually at North Wyke Research (Misselbrook *et al.* 2016, Cardenas *et al.* 2016).

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background NH₃

Emissions of ammonia for 2015 were spatially distributed using the AENEID model (Dragosits *et al.* 1998, Hellsten *et al.* 2008) and mapped for the UK for Sector 2D (use of solvents), Sector 5 (waste disposal, excluding incineration), Sector 11 (natural sources) and Sector 6 (other sources and sinks) under this contract. This report briefly describes the methodology used for the sources listed above, including any changes in the methodology and the consequences of these changes.

The spatial distribution of emissions from agriculture (Sector 3) is not part of the current contract between CEH and Ricardo-AEA, but is being carried out under Defra Project SCF0102 in collaboration with Rothamsted Research North Wyke. As part of SCF0102, the final emission maps for ammonia (NH₃) from agricultural sources (livestock, fertilisers) are submitted for inclusion in the National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (NAEI) annually (Carnell *et al.* 2017). A short summary on the methods and results for the agricultural sources is included in this report.

The spatially distributed NH₃ emissions for non-agricultural sources are coordinated with the best estimates produced by CEH and Ricardo-AEA and submitted to Defra (by Ricardo-AEA) under this project in late 2016 (see Table 1). Emission source strength data for non-agricultural NH₃ sources matching the final inventory version as submitted to Defra by Ricardo-AEA were used throughout this report. The agricultural emission estimates from fertilisers and livestock are coordinated with results from Defra project SCF0102 (NH₃ inventory by Misselbrook *et al.* (2016); see also Table 1).

The current contract exploits the expertise of CEH in spatially distributing emissions from agricultural sources, nature and other miscellaneous sources (e.g., Sutton *et al.* 2000), and complements the expertise of Ricardo-AEA on combustion, industry and transport sources.

Table 1: UK ammonia emissions (Sectors 2, 3, 5, 6, 11) as collated by Ricardo-AEA from Rothamsted Research North Wyke (Misselbrook *et al.*, 2016) and CEH data for 2015 (Tomlinson *et al.*, 2016), submitted to Defra.

Source	Sector	Best estimate (kt NH ₃)
Appliances & household products (solvents)	2D	1.2
Landfill	5A	1.5
Sewage works and sewage spreading	5D	5.6
Composting	5B.1	6.4
Anaerobic digestion	5B.2	9.6
Agricultural fertilizers	3D	44.3
Livestock manures (exc. non-agricultural horses)	3B	193.3
Biomass burning	11B	0.2
Pets and non-agricultural horses	6A	18.3
Nature (wild mammals, seabirds, pheasants)	11C	7.7
Human breath & sweat, babies' nappies and smoking	2G, 6A, 11C	1.2
Public parks, gardens and golf courses	6A	0.4

1.2. Background CH₄ and N₂O

Emissions of methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) for 2015 were spatially distributed using the greenhouse gas version of the AENEID model (Dragosits *et al.* 1998, Sutton *et al.* 2004 and 2006) and mapped for the UK for Sector 5 (waste disposal, excluding incineration), 3 (agriculture) and 11 (natural sources).

As for NH₃, emissions from agricultural CH₄ and N₂O sources were modelled under Defra Project SCF0102 in collaboration with Rothamsted Research, North Wyke (i.e., not as part of the current project with Ricardo-AEA), but were submitted to Ricardo-AEA for inclusion in the Greenhouse Gas Inventory (GHGI) and are therefore discussed briefly here. This report describes the methodology used for the sources listed above, presents the results and discusses uncertainties.

Non-agricultural emission estimates are coordinated with the values submitted to Defra under this project for 2015 (see Table 2). The agricultural emission estimates (enteric fermentation, livestock manures and soils) are coordinated with detailed results from the CH₄ and N₂O inventories calculated by Rothamsted Research, North Wyke (Cardenas *et al.* 2016; see Table 2), derived following IPCC methodology.

Table 2: CH₄ and N₂O emission sources as reported to Defra, for 2015.

Source	kt CH ₄	kt N ₂ O
Waste disposal to land (landfill)	484.4	-
Sewage sludge decomposition	29	2.3
Agriculture-soils (including sewage sludge applied to agricultural land)	-	48.2
Agriculture-livestock manures	140.7	4.9
Agriculture-enteric fermentation	962.9	-
Peat & wetlands	126.3	-

1.3. Summary of work schedule/deliverables

- Task 1: To model, map and submit spatially distributed emissions of NH₃, CH₄ and N₂O from selected non-agricultural sources at a 1/5 km grid resolution and to convert results for Northern Ireland to the Ordnance Survey GB grid.
- Task 2: To provide a description of the methodology, highlighting changes and their consequences.
- Spatially distributed emissions from agricultural sources of NH₃, CH₄ and N₂O are produced outside of this contract (by Defra project SCF0102), but are submitted to Ricardo-AEA for inclusion into the NAEI/GHGI.

2. METHODS

2.1. Spatial distribution of emissions from agricultural sources - Sector 3

Agricultural census/survey data for 2015 were acquired at the finest available spatial resolution from the devolved authorities in the UK and aggregated to a common set of categories, referred to as the “NARSES categories”, to ensure compatibility between the different countries’ systems.

The agricultural emission inventory for NH₃, was mapped using output from the NARSES model at Rothamsted Research, North Wyke (Misselbrook *et al.* 2016, Defra project SCF0102).

As in previous years, detailed emission source strength estimates were derived for the main livestock emission components (housing, manure storage, landspreading of manures, grazing) for each NARSES category. Average fertiliser N application rates to different crops were taken from the British Survey of Fertiliser Practice for 2015 (BSFP 2016). For mapping the CH₄ and N₂O inventory (Cardenas *et al.* 2016, Defra project SCF0102), the greenhouse gas version of AENEID was used, which builds on the same input datasets but takes account of the spatial location of CH₄ and N₂O sources.

These detailed data were applied in the AENEID model, and livestock and fertiliser emissions were distributed to different land cover types (e.g. arable land, improved grass, part-improved grass, rough grazing, etc.) derived from the CEH landcover map, using LCM2007.

The resulting spatially distributed emission estimates were then aggregated as follows:

- NH₃: emissions from **livestock manures** and **fertilisers**,
- CH₄: emissions from **enteric fermentation** and **livestock manures**
- N₂O: emissions from **livestock manures** and **soils**

All output data were re-checked for consistency with the NARSES inventory and then aggregated to the categories listed in Tables 1 and 2 (above). It should be noted that N₂O emissions from the application of livestock manures are included in the “soils” category, rather than with livestock manure emissions, as is usual for NH₃.

2.2. Spatial distribution of emissions from non-agricultural sources (Sectors 2, 5, 6 and 11)

2.2.1. EMISSIONS OF NH₃ FROM HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS (SOLVENTS) – SECTOR 2D

The most suitable spatial distribution for these sources is to scale by population (UK Population Census 2001, adjusted to account for mid-2015 population estimates, considering that emissions occur from normal household activities such as cleaning with products containing ammonia, hair perming, levelling floors using latex screed, refrigerants, etc.

2.2.2. EMISSIONS OF NH₃ AND CH₄ FROM LANDFILL – SECTOR 5A

For the spatial distribution of ammonia emissions from **landfill** sites in the UK, locations and size of landfill sites were obtained from the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency for 2015 (SEPA 2016), the Environment Agency (EA, 2016), Natural Resources Wales (Marc Campbell 2016, pers. comm.) and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (Eugene Kelly 2017, pers. comm.). Emissions were mapped to a 1km resolution for the whole of the UK in 2015 (compared to 5km in 2014) due to the availability of more detailed and reliable recent landfill data. Emissions of CH₄ were calculated by scaling the 2015 NH₃ emission map to the CH₄ emission total reported by Ricardo-AEA for 2015.

2.2.3. EMISSIONS OF NH₃, CH₄ AND N₂O FROM SEWAGE – SECTOR 5D

For the spatial distribution of emissions from **sewage works**, locations and population served by sewage treatment works for England and Wales were made available from the Lowflows2000 database (Williams *et al.* 2009). The database was collected during 2005/06 and covers a population of 31.4 M, equivalent to 54.3% of the current 58 M residents in England and Wales in 2015. A large proportion of the remaining population is assumed to be using septic tanks instead of being connected to sewage treatment works. Currently, there are no estimates of NH₃ emissions from septic tanks, which is an area needing further investigation in the future. For Scotland and Northern Ireland, emissions from sewage works were spatially distributed by population, excluding densely populated inner-city areas and areas with very low population density.

Landspreading of sewage sludge has increased since the ban on dumping of sewage sludge in the sea in 1999. Only treated sewage is permitted to be spread, and is used on grass, forage crops (excluding crops grown for human consumption such as vegetables), for land reclamation

and nutrient supply in areas of afforestation. However, only a small part of the agricultural area of the UK receives sewage sludge at present. It is not possible to spatially-distribute emissions from the landspreading of sewage sludge to exactly where they occur, due to the lack of data. Thus, as an approximation, emissions were distributed over all grassland, arable land and areas of coniferous woodland, using a combination of agricultural census and landcover data. Emissions of CH₄ and N₂O from landspreading of sewage sludge were spatially distributed by scaling with NH₃ emissions.

2.2.4. EMISSIONS OF NH₃ FROM COMPOSTING – SECTOR 5B.1

The latest available comprehensive survey of organics recycling facilities in the UK was carried out by WRAP for 2012 (Horne *et al.* 2013), and data from a large number of composting sites in the UK, including amounts and types of materials composted, processes used, etc. are available on their website for 2013, for compost producers under different certification schemes. Information regarding composting sites for 2015 was provided by Quality Compost (Georgia Phetmanh 2016, pers. comm.). The Quality Compost data were updated with the latest municipal waste figures for composted materials for 2015 for all of the UK (which are expected to be available for future years). Postcodes for all sites were converted to OS grid coordinates for the 2015 inventory, and the UK total of 6.3 kt NH₃ for 2015 was distributed among the sites, depending on amounts of materials processed. Furthermore, household composting, totalling 0.1 kt NH₃ for 2015, was spatially distributed in 2015 by updated population statistics (except for densely populated urban areas) and added to the main composting emissions for a total of 6.4 kt NH₃ for 2015.

2.2.5. EMISSIONS OF NH₃ FROM ANAEROBIC DIGESTION (AD) – SECTOR 5B.2

This source was identified for the first time for the 2010 inventory of non-agricultural ammonia sources (Dragosits *et al.* 2012). Locations and capacities for 356 plants were identified in a comprehensive search (Tomlinson *et al.* 2016) – an increase of 91 plants from 2014 - and these were used to map emissions from storage and processing at AD plants (0.6 kt NH₃) across the UK. Emissions from landspreading of AD digestate (9.1 kt NH₃) were distributed across agricultural land in areas close to AD sites. This approach was taken in consultation with John Williams (ADAS) and Tom Misselbrook (Rothamsted Research), who were on a WRAP project regarding AD. Due to the relatively low value of AD digestate, it is in most cases not transported further than 20-30 km from AD sites, for reasons of limited economic viability and practicality. This is the case even in areas with substantial availability of locally produced livestock manures. The areas where landspreading of AD digestate is likely to occur were adapted to the capacity of local AD plants, with materials from smaller plants assumed to be spread closer to the plants than for larger plants.

2.2.6. EMISSIONS OF NH₃ FROM DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND NATURE – SECTORS 6 & 11

Separate emission maps were produced for non-agricultural horses and pets (cats & dogs) (Sector 6A) and nature (wild mammals, seabirds and game birds) (Sector 11C).

Emissions from **non-agricultural horses** (i.e., horses that are not already counted with the annual agricultural census) were distributed using a combination of landcover data (LCM2000) and population census data. Emissions from **pets (cats and dogs)** were scaled by population, assuming an even distribution of pets over the UK population, except for densely populated urban areas, where it was assumed that fewer pets were present per human population. It should be noted that populations of wild or semi-wild horses and ponies in areas such as Dartmoor, Exmoor or the New Forest are not mapped specifically, and that the methodology used is a statistical approximation from secondary proxy data (human populations and landcover) at a UK scale.

Emissions from **wild animals** (deer, seals, rabbits and hares, foxes, badgers and feral cats) were distributed for Great Britain using 10 km presence/absence maps from the Biological Records Centre (BRC) based at CEH Wallingford, landcover data (LCM2000) and data for Scottish populations of wild deer (Hunt 2003).

Emissions from **game birds** (broadened from the category pheasants to include the UK population of red-legged partridge) were included in the “nature” category. The spatial distribution was derived from a combination of landcover data (feeding of pheasants occurring in woodlands) and a county map of numbers of pheasants shot, provided by the Game Conservancy Trust.

Emissions from **seabirds** were spatially distributed according to the approach of Wilson *et al.* (2004a, 2004b). There was no change to these data, compared with the 2007-2009 inventories, so the 2007 map was carried forward unchanged.

Emissions from **wild geese** were distributed over suitable landcover categories from the CEH Landcover Map (LCM2000), representing suitable geese habitats, such as “fen, marsh, swamp”, some grassland categories etc.

Emissions from the sources described above were aggregated to a) non-agricultural horses and pets and b) natural sources for inclusion in the NAEI.

2.2.7. EMISSIONS OF NH₃ FROM BIOMASS BURNING (MUIRBURN) – SECTOR 11B

Emissions from biomass burning in 2014 were carried forward for the 2015 inventory, based on a recent remote sensing study. Douglas *et al.* (2015) suggest that burning occurred across 8,551 1-km squares in the UK. Based on typical vegetation regeneration rates, they assume that burning in these squares took place within the last 25 years. The area detected as burnt is estimated to be 1,428 km² with, on average, 16.7 % of the area of each grid square burnt. The area burned varies from year to year, depending on weather conditions and burning frequency, and is estimated between 57 km² – 142 km² for an average burning frequency of 15 years (uncertainty range 10-20 years). Previous equivalent biomass burning estimates of between 205 – 411 km² yr⁻¹ were based on data from the Moorland Working Group (2002) and Yallop *et al.* (2006). An average of these two estimates was used, giving an estimated 131 – 276 km² yr⁻¹ (assuming a burning frequency of 10 – 20 years).

2.2.8. Emissions of CH₄ from peat and wetlands – Sector 11C

The most suitable simple spatial distribution for this source is to scale by the distribution of relevant landcover categories according to the CEH landcover map (LCM2007), and to assume an equal distribution of emissions per unit area of peatland and wetland. Emissions from this source were aggregated to a 5 km grid resolution for inclusion in the GHGI, and checked against the total derived using calculations derived from Hargreaves and Fowler (1998).

2.2.9. EMISSIONS OF NH₃ FROM PUBLIC PARKS, GARDENS AND GOLF COURSES – SECTOR 6A

Emissions from nitrogen fertilisers applied to public parks, gardens and golf courses were included in the NAEI for the first time in 2008 (Dragosits *et al.* 2010). Revised emission factors and updated fertiliser application practices from Tomlinson *et al.* (2016) were applied to 2012 information regarding the location of parks, gardens and golf courses. Data from Kearns and Prior (2013), on the average size for golf course components (e.g. greens, roughs etc.) and related N fertiliser application rates, were used.

2.2.10. EMISSIONS OF NH₃ FROM OTHER SOURCES (HUMANS) – SECTORS 2G, 6A & 11C

Emissions from humans (breath and sweat, cigarette smoking, babies’ nappies) were scaled by population, assuming an equal distribution of these sources within the UK population. Emissions from these sources are provided at a 1 km grid resolution for inclusion in the NAEI.

3. RESULTS –EMISSION MAPS OF NH₃, CH₄ AND N₂O FOR 2015

3.1. Spatial resolution of the inventory maps

An additional task under this project during the inventory year 2009 was to investigate the possibility to improve the spatial resolution from a 5 km by 5 km grid resolution to a 1 km by

1 km grid resolution, where feasible. There were several issues to consider, with the three main constraints being:

- resolution of input data used for spatial distribution of emissions
- data licensing and permissions/disclosivity of underlying data sources
- uncertainty due to methodology of spatial distribution and input data quality

This approach has been followed again for the 2015 inventory submission. For sources where detailed spatial data are freely available and no major uncertainties need to be considered, emissions were mapped at a 1 km grid resolution for 2015.

Emission sources that are mapped by scaling with the 1 km population census map, such as human breath, sweat, pets, or household products, were mapped at a 1 km grid resolution, as there are no restrictions on use of the data or concerns about significant uncertainties associated with the spatially distributed emissions. Domestic composting, a new sub-source that was spatially distributed in 2013 for the first time, was mapped by the 1 km population census map modified for densely built-up areas.

The combined dataset from the sources under the heading “Nature” (wild mammals, seabirds, etc.) is provided at a nominal 1 km resolution, with the different contributing components combined at their respective best possible spatial resolution. Some datasets are provided at a coarse resolution, e.g., mammal distributions from the Biological Record Centre, where a 10 km by 10 km grid is the best available resolution. By contrast, for other sources mapped with auxiliary landcover data, an improved resolution of the NH₃ emission map to a 1 km grid resolution was feasible.

Other sources, such as biomass burning (muirburn), or land spreading of sewage sludge, are mapped by using landcover data as a proxy, with muirburn practice (a very small source of emissions in the UK context) being evenly distributed over suitable landcover types. However, this is not representative of real year-on-year burning events, as individual patches are, on average, only managed by controlled burning periodically, every 10-20 years. Land spreading of sewage sludge is limited to certain types of land cover/land use (see Section 2.2.3 above), but as there are no UK-wide data on precise locations, the emissions had to be apportioned over all potentially suitable land. The resulting maps provide the best possible distribution, without expending substantial additional effort that would be disproportionate to the amount of NH₃ emitted from these sources. Due to the uncertainty associated with the maps, any increase in spatial resolution would provide a merely cosmetic improvement, without any scientific justification. Instead, it could potentially be counterproductive, as users of the data may take the spatial resolution at face value.

Emissions from composting are currently distributed using incomplete sets of spatially located sources. For instance, total inputs to compost sites taken from spatial data is roughly half of the total inputs as used in the emissions inventory (from waste statistics). At present, the spatial distribution is considered too uncertain to increase the spatial resolution beyond the current 5 km by 5 km grid, as this may create unrealistic hot spots when scaling total NH₃ emissions by inputs. However, the aim is to improve data access and subsequently to decrease the uncertainty in this map.

Emissions from landfill are modelled on a 1km by 1km grid for 2015, a substantial improvement on the 5km by 5km grid resolution used in previous inventory years. This is due to the acquisition of landfill site data (location and total materials input) for all four DAs. This allows for greater accuracy in the spatial distribution of emissions from landfill. It should be noted that the resulting map shows emissions in fewer grid cells than previous inventory years, due to the use of locational data rather than the previous partial use of proxy data.

Emissions from processing and storage of materials at anaerobic digestion (AD) plants were mapped at a 1 km grid resolution, due to the availability of accessible data for the majority of AD sites allowing mapping at this resolution with relatively high confidence. Similarly,

information on emission sources from landspreading of AD sludge to agricultural land was deemed to be sufficiently well documented to provide the data at a 1 km grid resolution. Furthermore, emissions from landfill are now mapped at a 1 km resolution in 2015 as spatial data was obtained for all four Devolved Authorities of the UK.

In conclusion, there were no scientific or data permission obstacles for emissions from humans, solvents, parks & golf courses, landfill, anaerobic digestion and nature to be provided at a true 1 km grid resolution (depending on resolution of available input data for individual sub-sources). For other datasets, such as centralised composting sites, work is underway to improve the underlying datasets. Once this is completed satisfactorily, it should be possible to provide these maps at a 1 km grid resolution. For sources such as biomass burning or land spreading of sewage sludge, the spatial location of sources is very difficult to derive, even indirectly by using proxy datasets, and for these an increase in resolution is not recommended, due to the inherent uncertainty.

The datasets of agricultural emissions of NH_3 , CH_4 and N_2O are modelled independently under a separate project (Defra SCF0102), but are submitted for inclusion in the NAEI & GHGI here. These data are reliant upon access to detailed disclosive agricultural census/survey data from the devolved authorities of the UK, with strict rules agreed for the level of detail of any output under the Data Protection Act. For this reason, the current 5 km by 5 km grid resolution is the best resolution possible for the foreseeable future.

3.2. Ammonia emission maps for 2015

All datasets were produced at a 1 km grid resolution for 2015 (in the same way as for 2014). It should be noted that this is a nominal 1 km resolution for some sources, as detailed in Section 3.1 above. The following maps are shown below (units: $\text{kg NH}_3 \text{ ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$):

- Figure 1. livestock manures – Sector 3D
- Figure 2. agricultural and non-agricultural fertilisers – Sector 3B
- Figure 3. biomass burning – Sector 11B
- Figure 4. household products (solvents) – Sector 2D
- Figure 5. landfill – Sector 5A
- Figure 6. sewage works and landspreading of sewage sludge – Sector 5D
- Figure 7. composting – Sector 5B.1
- Figure 8. anaerobic digestion – Sector 5B.2
- Figure 9. human breath and sweat, smoking and babies' nappies – Sectors 2G, 6A & 11
- Figure 10. nature (wild mammals, seabirds, pheasants) – Sector 11C
- Figure 11. non-agricultural horses and pets (cats, dogs) – Sector 6A
- Figure 12. parks, gardens and golf courses – Sector 6A

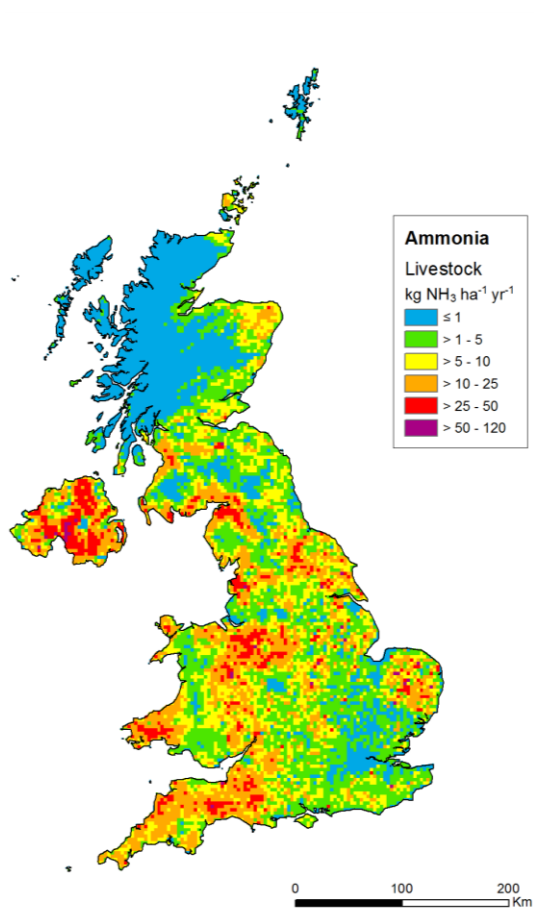


Figure 1. Ammonia emissions from livestock manure

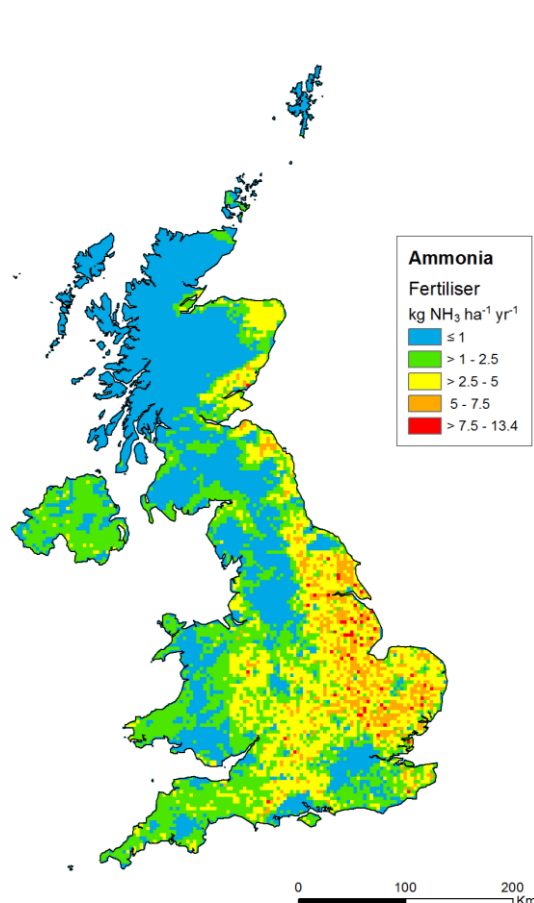


Figure 2. Ammonia emissions from fertilisers

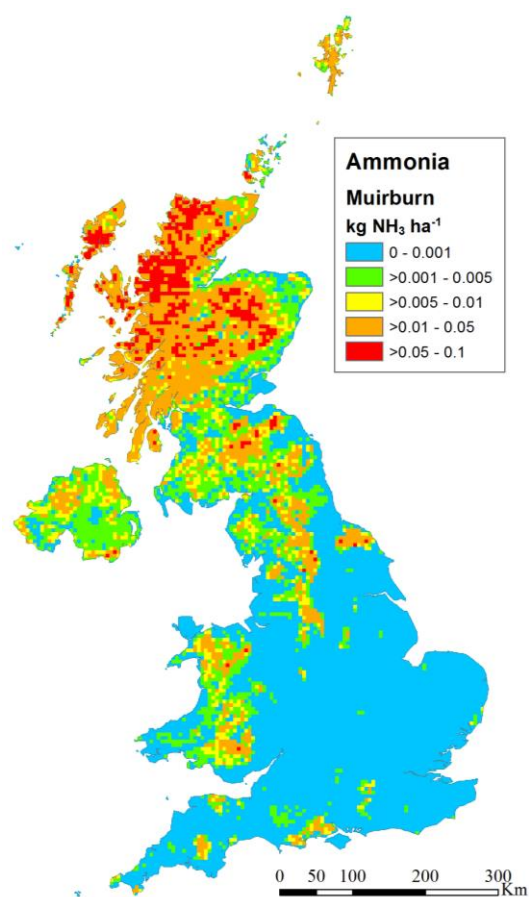


Figure 3. Ammonia emissions from biomass burning

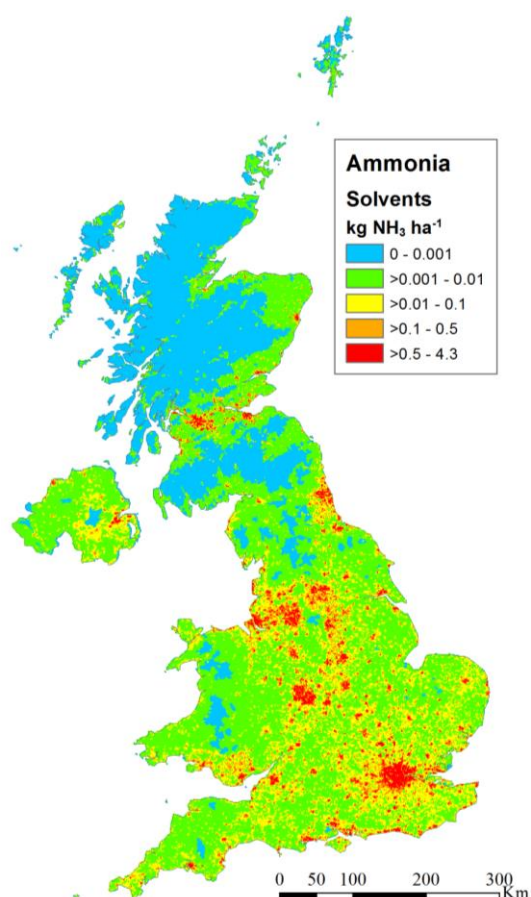


Figure 4. Ammonia emissions from solvents

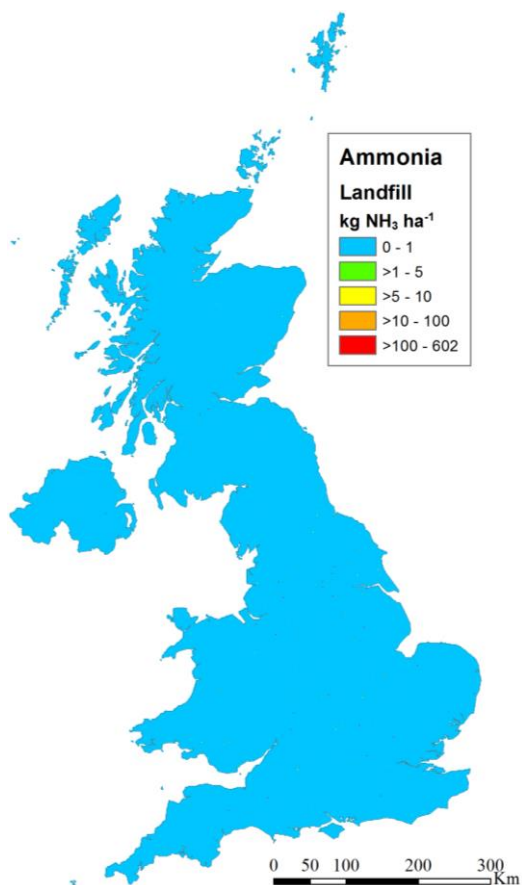


Figure 5. Ammonia emissions from landfill

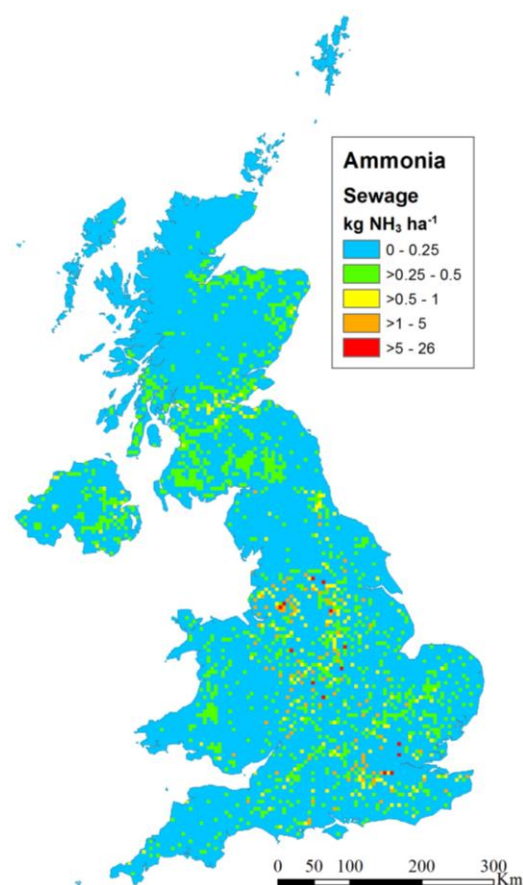


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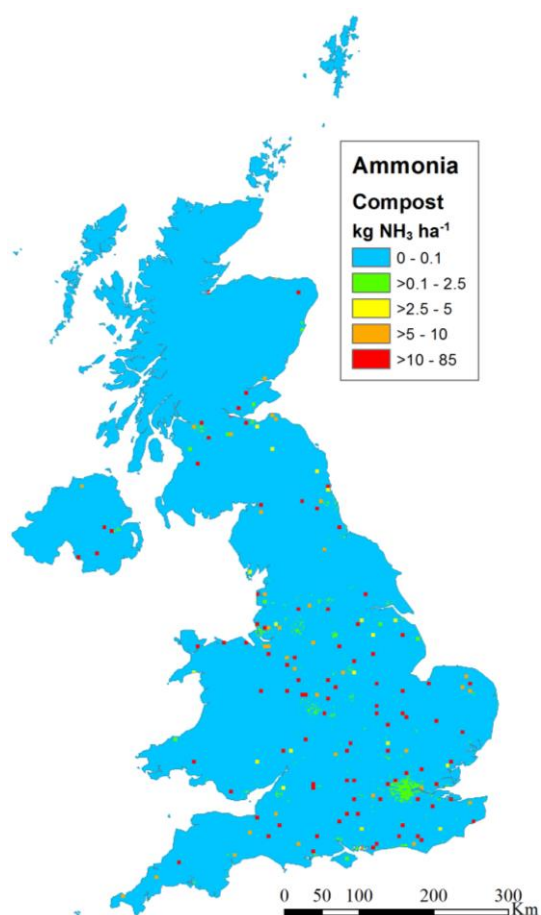


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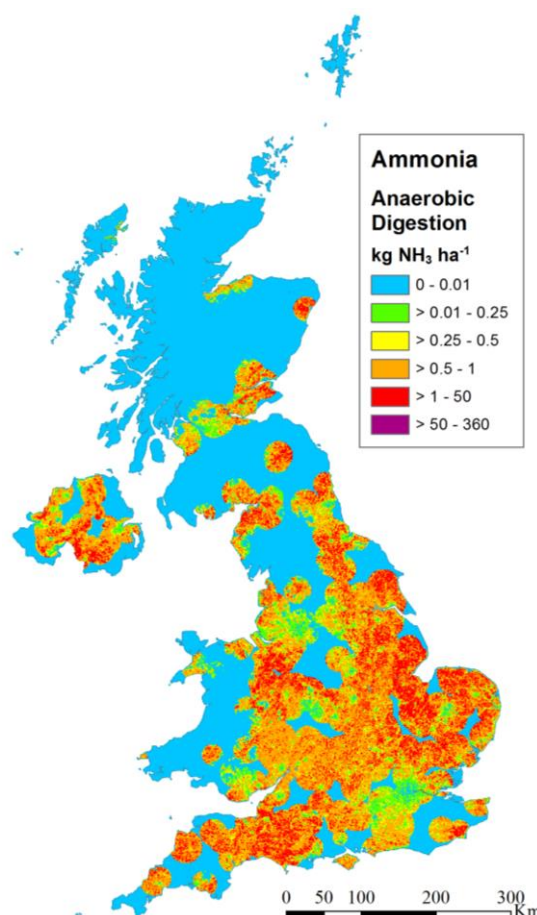


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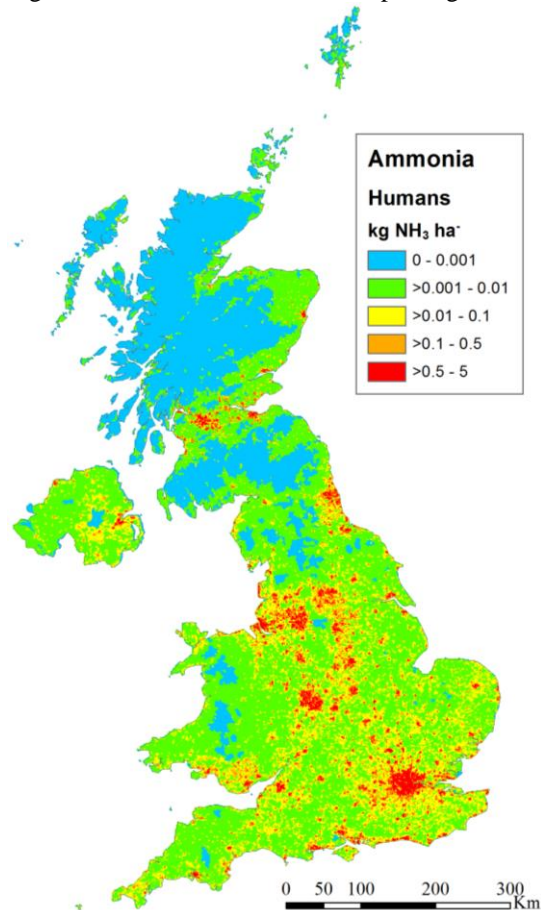


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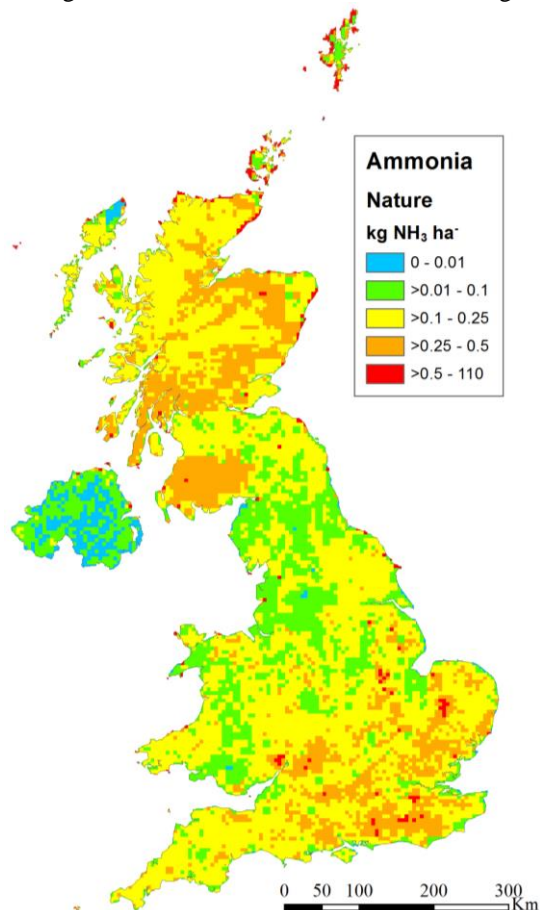


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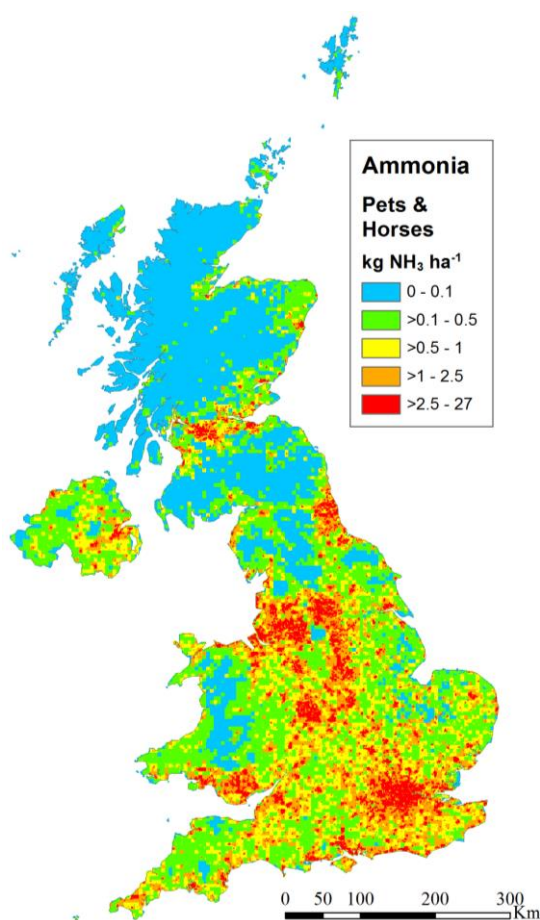


Figure 11. Ammonia emissions from pets (cats and dogs) and non-agricultural horses

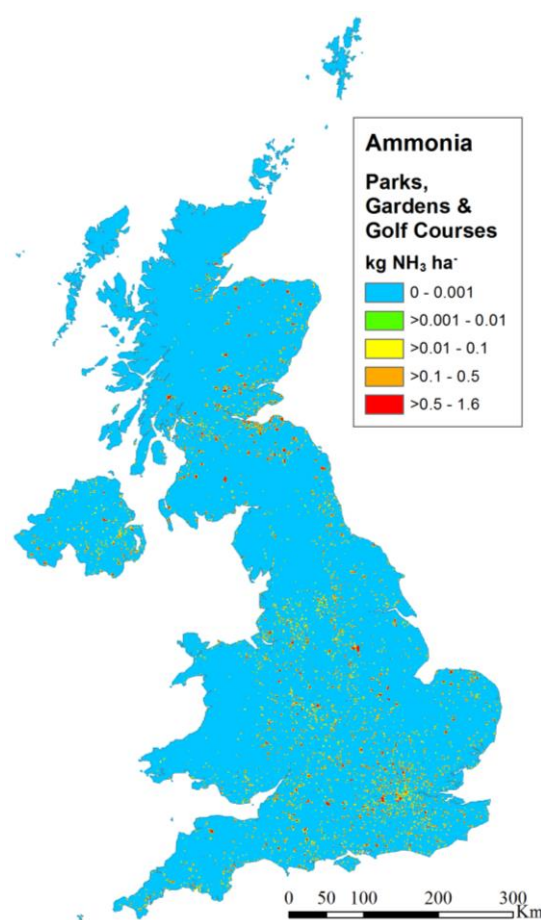


Figure 12. Ammonia emissions from parks, gardens and golf courses

3.2. Methane and nitrous oxide emission maps for 2015

The following spatial datasets were produced for the UK for 2015 and are mapped below (Figures 13-20); units: kg CH₄ and N₂O ha⁻¹ year⁻¹, respectively):

- livestock manures (CH₄, N₂O)
- enteric fermentation (CH₄ only)
- agricultural soils (crops/grasslands etc.) (N₂O)
- nature (peat & wetlands, (CH₄ only))
- landfill (CH₄ only)
- land spreading of sewage sludge (CH₄, N₂O)

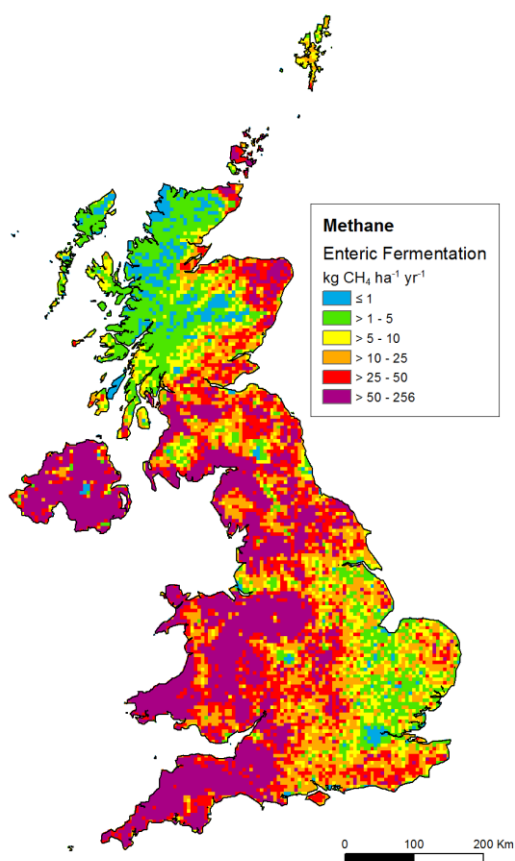


Figure 13. Methane emissions from enteric fermentation

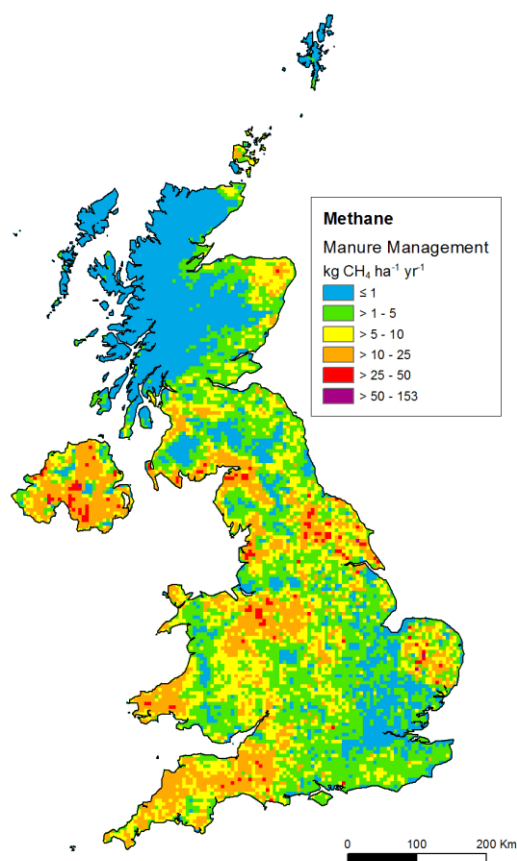


Figure 14. Methane emissions from livestock manure

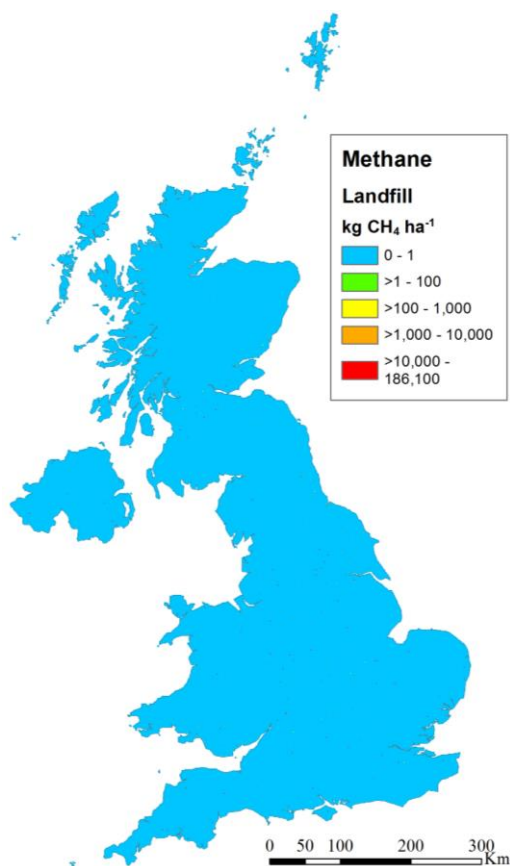


Figure 15. Methane emissions from landfill

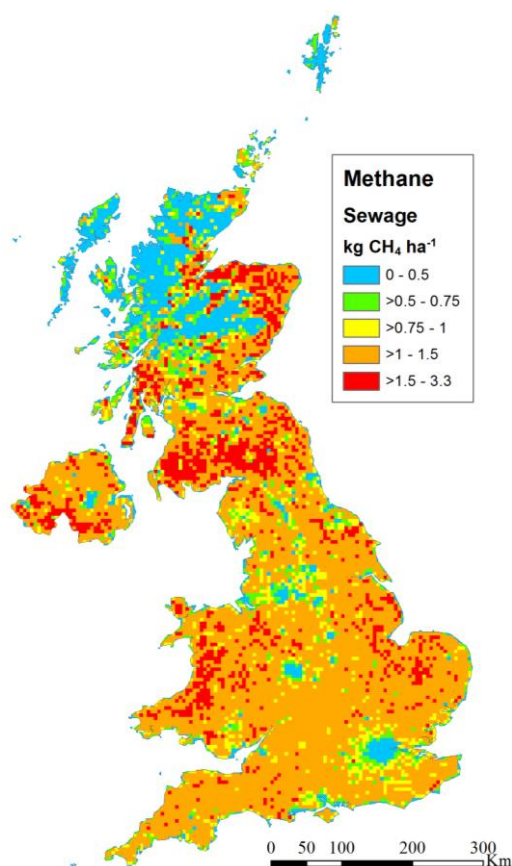


Figure 16. Methane emissions sewage spreading

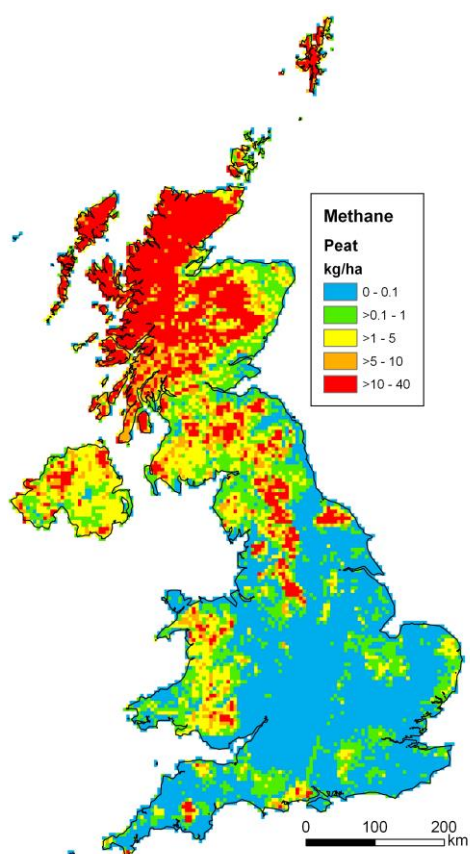


Figure 17. Methane emissions from peatland

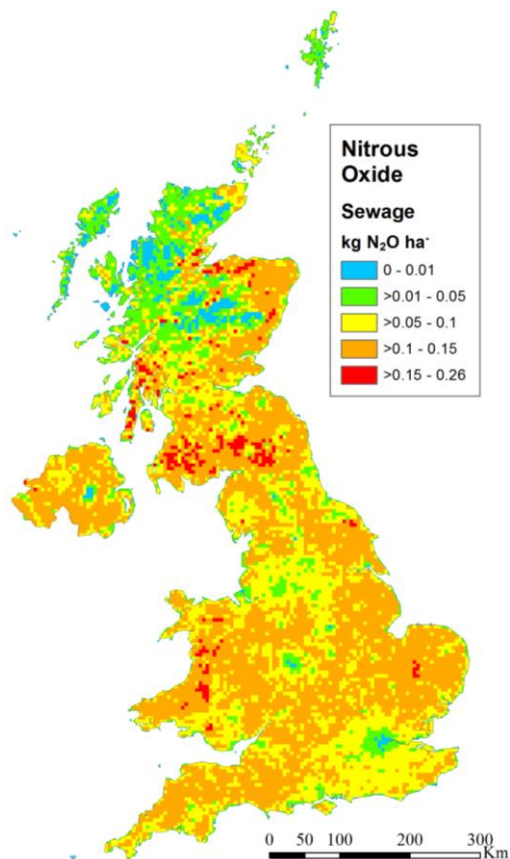


Figure 18. Nitrous oxide emissions sewage spreading

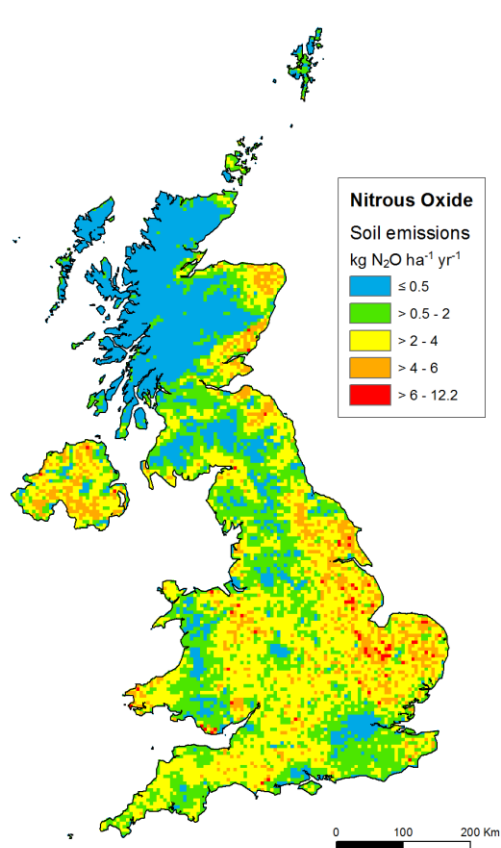


Figure 19. Nitrous oxide emissions from soil

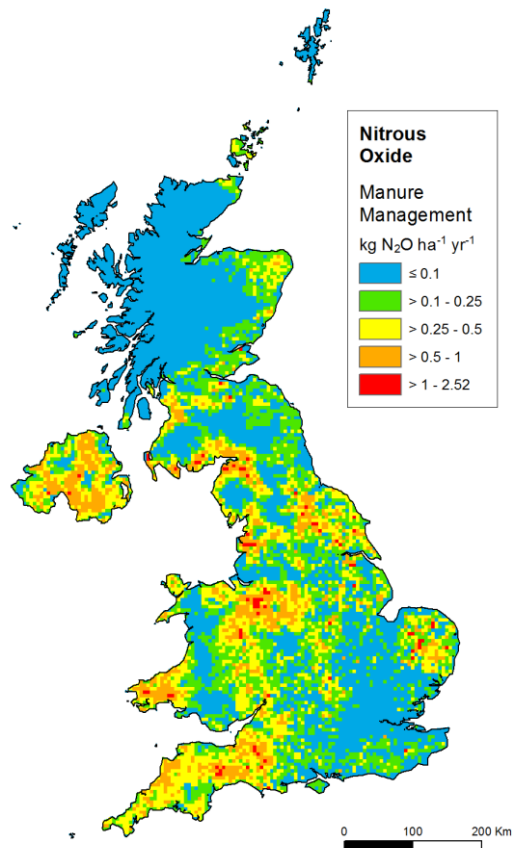


Figure 20. Nitrous oxide emissions manure management

3.3. Spatial datasets for submission to the NAEI/GHGI

The units for all spatial datasets submitted are kg ammonia (NH₃), methane (CH₄) or nitrous oxide (N₂O) per grid square, respectively. The datasets were produced on the Ordnance Survey GB Grid at a resolution of 1 km x 1 km and were delivered to Ricardo-AEA (see Section 3.1. for details on spatial resolution).

4. MAJOR CHANGES AND CONSEQUENCES IN EMISSIONS

4.1. Changes in emissions from non-agricultural sources

Overall, non-agricultural NH₃ emissions from sources estimated by CEH under the current contract (covered by Sectors 2, 5, 6 and 11) amount to 56.1 kt NH₃ (or 46.2 NH₃-N) year⁻¹ for 2015, as reported by Tomlinson et al. (2016). This constitutes an increase of 4.4 kt NH₃ yr⁻¹, compared with the estimate for 2014.

The main changes to the inventory for 2015 are increased emissions from the landspreading of digestates from anaerobic digestion and the application of sewage sludge to farmland, and decreased emissions from horses and fugitive emissions from the anaerobic digestion processing plants themselves. In terms of changes to the methodology for spatial distribution of non-agricultural emissions, the principal improvement for the 2015 inventory was the obtainment of landfill site location data for all of the UK.

The 2015 inventory includes, as per 2014, CH₄ and N₂O emissions from non-agricultural horses, which had been part of the NH₃ inventory for the last decade already, and have been added to the CH₄ and N₂O emission maps, for consistency. As of 2012, the GHG emissions from all horses (i.e. agricultural and non-agricultural) are calculated under the agricultural inventory by Rothamsted Research, and spatially distributed by CEH using the same methodology as previously applied under the NH₃ inventory. However, the total horse emissions are split between agricultural and non-agricultural horses in the detailed NAEI data tables by NFR code, to allow differentiation between horses kept on agricultural holdings and other horses, for the allocation to different emission sectors, as well as for estimating mitigation potential by sector. This approach keeps the different components of UK horse emissions separate and avoids the potential allocation of the majority of horses (that are not kept on farms) to agricultural emission ceilings or mitigation targets.

4.2. Changes in emissions from agricultural sources

Spatially distributed emissions from agricultural sources, while submitted for inclusion in the NAEI/GHGI here, are not part of the current contract between AEA and CEH, but are modelled as part of Defra Contract SCF0102. Any changes in emissions between years are described in detail by Misselbrook *et al.* (2016) as part of reporting of that project. The main changes are summarized here:

For NH₃, the overall increase in livestock emissions by 3.9 kt NH₃ between 2014 and 2015 includes increases in livestock emissions by 0.8 kt NH₃, but is primarily due to increased fertiliser emissions of 2.5 kt NH₃.

Taking into account methodological differences, the minor estimated increase in livestock emissions between 2014 and 2015 is primarily due to increased populations of dairy cattle (3 %), which has been offset to some extent by decreases total pig, poultry and sheep populations of 1.6 %, 1.2 and 1.2 % respectively.

Total fertiliser NH₃ emissions have increased by 2.5 % between 2014 and 2015 (Misselbrook et al., 2016), caused by increased total fertiliser N use and proportion applied as urea (BSFP, 2016). The proportion applied as urea-based fertiliser increased from 23% in 2014 to 28% in 2015.

Total agricultural CH₄ emissions are estimated to have increased (+2.2 %) between the 2014 and 2015 inventories. Taking into account the methodological differences between the inventories, CH₄ emissions are estimated to have increased by 0.4 %. These increases, as with ammonia emissions are a result of increased dairy cattle populations, which have been somewhat offset by decreased pig, poultry and sheep populations (Cardenas *et al.* 2016).

Overall, emissions of N₂O increased marginally (0.6 %) between 2014 and 2015, according to the inventories of Cardenas *et al.* (2015, 2016). Taking into account the methodological differences between the inventories, N₂O emissions are actually estimated to have decreased by 0.8 kt (1.5%). N₂O emission estimates from livestock manure are in line with those made for 2014, with only a minor increase in emissions associated with increased dairy cattle. Emissions from agricultural soils have decreased marginally, primarily associated with decreased emissions from fertiliser application.

5. CONCLUSIONS

5.1. Ammonia

Ammonia emission maps were derived for the UK, for inclusion in the 2015 version of the NAEI for agriculture (Sectors 3B and 3D), natural sources (Sector 11), waste disposal (Sector 5), sewage works and sewage sludge spreading (also Sector 5), solvents (Sector 2D) and other miscellaneous sources for the UK (Sector 6)..

The non-agricultural sources listed above were spatially distributed using a combination of population census data, landcover data, information on landfill sites and sewage works from the Environment Agency, SEPA, NRW and NIEA, composting sites, anaerobic digestion sites, mammal distribution data from the Biological Records Centre (BRC) etc.

Agricultural emission sources (livestock manures, fertilisers) were distributed using the CEH/University of Edinburgh AENEID model, which incorporates agricultural census data, landcover data, agricultural practice information (e.g., fertiliser application rates, stocking densities) and emission source strength data from the NARSES UK NH₃ Emissions Inventory (Misselbrook *et al.* 2016).

5.2. Methane and nitrous oxide

New CH₄ and N₂O emission maps were derived for the UK, for inclusion in the GHGI for 2015 for agriculture (Sectors 3B and 3D), natural sources (Sector 11), waste disposal (Sector 5), sewage works and sewage sludge spreading (also Sector 5) for the UK. Emissions from non-agricultural horses (i.e. horses not based on agricultural holdings) were again included in the CH₄ and N₂O emission inventory as per the methodology used for the 2012 inventory.

Agricultural emission sources (livestock manures and enteric fermentation, soils) were distributed using the greenhouse gas version of the CEH/University of Edinburgh AENEID model, with emission source strength data taken from the detailed CH₄ and N₂O emission inventories for the UK calculated at Rothamsted Research, North Wyke (Cardenas *et al.* 2016). The non-agricultural sources listed above were spatially distributed using a combination of population census data, landcover data, and data from the Environment Agency, SEPA and others on landfill sites.

5.3. Spatial resolution

All 2015 maps were submitted for inclusion into the NAEI and GHGI at a 1 km grid resolution, in the same way as for the recent inventory years. For emission sources with strict data licensing agreements of input data (i.e., all agricultural emissions) and those with large uncertainties in the input data (e.g., sewage sludge, biomass burning, composting), the 1 km grid is a nominal resolution (explained in detail in Section 3.1). For all other sources without such restrictions, emission maps were provided at a true 1 km grid resolution.

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