# Outcomes Estimation Tools Training Webinar Series



# Agenda



- Welcome, Poll (10 min)
- COMET-Farm presentation (20 min)
- COMET-Farm demonstration (25 min)
- Q&A (10 min)
- COMET-Planner presentation (10 min)
- COMET-Planner demonstration (5 min)
- Q&A (10 min)









### **Zoom Webinar Reminders**

- Use Q&A Box last 15 minutes (Vote up!)
- Use Zoom Direct Message feature to Aysha if having technical difficulties
- Email with resources to follow each webinar
- Recordings posted on the webinar series site the following Monday
- Evaluation survey in the Chat Box
  - Complete to be entered to win a \$25 gift card!!





# Time for 3 polls!

### Tools in 2023 Trainings\*

May 3: Webinar Launch & PCOC (recording)

June 7: Model My Watershed (recording)

<u>July 12: Nutrient Tracking Tool (NTT)</u> (recording)

<u>August 2: NRCS Cover Crop Economics Tool</u>
(<u>economic</u>) (recording)

<u>September 6: FieldPrint Platform</u> (recording)

October 4: EPA PLET (water quality) (recording)

November 1: PTMApp Web Tool (water quality) (recording)

<u>December 6: AFT Retrospective-Soil Health</u>
<u>Economic Calculator (R-SHEC) Tool</u> (recording)

### Tools in 2024 Trainings\*

January 10: SIPES Method/SIDMA Tool (recording)

<u>February 7: Fast-GHG (climate)</u> (recording)

March 6: Cool Farm Tool (climate) (recording)

<u>April 3: Critical Source Area Identification and Management</u> (recording)



June 5: CAST Tool (water quality)

July 10: NEW!! Agriculture Conservation Planning Framework (ACPF)

August 7: TBD

September 4: AFT Predictive-Soil Health Economic Calculator (P-SHEC) Tool





# COMET-Flanner

# Tools for Conservation Planning and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation in Agriculture and Forestry

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# Agenda

- Introductions
- COMET-Tools Overview
- COMET-Tools and project outcomes
- Methods, system boundaries, and limitations
- COMET-Farm Demo + Q&A
- COMET-Planner Demo +Q&A







VOLUNTARY GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTING ACT OF 1992

FROM SEEDS TO FLOWER

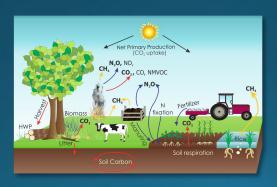






# A brief history of the COMET-Tools

The COMET- Tools were developed at the Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory located at Colorado State University. The COMET-Tools were developed in collaboration and funding support from the NRCS and the Climate Change Program Office at USDA.















# COMET-Tools Feature Snapshot

	COMET-Farm	COMET-Planner
Scale & Specificity	Field-level with potential for project scale (depending on project size, this can be done in- or out of tool)	Regional/county-level
Outcomes	Soil carbon and greenhouse gas emissions (carbon dioxide, methane <sup>1</sup> , and nitrous oxide) in tonnes of CO2e per year) per scenario per field.  Outcomes can be summed on project level.	Soil carbon and greenhouse gas emission reductions (tonnes of CO2e per year) relative to a <i>fixed</i> baseline over given acreage of practice application.  Outcomes summed on project level.
Conservation Practices	Changes in management related to planting, harvest, tillage, fertilizer application, manure application, irrigation, liming, and burning  Quick add practices: Tillage and/or fertilizer reduction, and conversion to herbaceous cover(s)	Up to 34 NRCS Conservation Practice Standards with varying implementation methods, regionally dependent.

<sup>1-</sup> Methane estimated in cropland, pasture, rangeland, orchard/vineyard accounting is only relative to biomass burning; methane estimates for rice will be included in the new interface summer 2024







# COMET-Tools Feature Snapshot Continued...

	COMET-Farm	COMET-Planner
Land uses & production systems	Cropland, pasture, rangeland, orchard/vineyard; animal agriculture; agroforestry; forestry	Croplands, grazing lands, herbaceous cover (i.e. field border), disturbed lands, riparian, agroforestry
States & Territories	Contiguous US (No HI, AK, US territories due to interest, funding, and/or soil data) <sup>2</sup>	All US States (limited in HI & AK) <sup>3</sup>
Time, Data, & Skills required for outcomes	Time investment: High <sup>4</sup> Dependent on project size and complexity  Data requirements: High <sup>4</sup> Specific field/site locations; general historic management, detailed baseline/current land management; detailed scenario management	Time investment: Low 4 quick steps  Data requirements: Low location (county/state), conservation practice standard and implementation, acres to apply practice
	Skill requirements: Low to Medium	Skill requirements: Low

<sup>2-</sup> Select US Territories coming soon to COMET-Farm. These will not be available until after the 2024 new interface redesign is complete.

<sup>3-</sup> COMET-Planner Global is available for select conservation practices applied outside of CONUS + HI

<sup>4-</sup>The new COMET-Farm interface (summer 2024) will reduce the data and time requirements

<sup>5-</sup>The new COMET-Farm interface (summer 2024) will not require the addition of scenarios to generate a report.







# Who is using the COMET Tools?

**COMET-Farm:** 

6,000+ registered users (since 2015)

**COMET-Planner:** 

53,000+ sessions (since 2017)



learning hub it is today. From a rugged, back-to-nature summer camp with a handful of children, to a center for teachers,

has grown to inspire and cultivate learning for a sustainable



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COMET-FARM TEAM SPOTLIGHT



merican Farmland Trust used the COMET-Farm Tool to analyze the greenhouse gas eduction benefits associated with nine "soil Illinois, Ohio, and New York, AFT produced two-page, easy-to-read, and compelling Case Studies featuring farmers who are monstrating that soil health practices are reat for the environment and the botton ne! To be considered a 'soil health

with four or more years of successful implementation of one or more soil health practices. For the seven row-crop farmers AFT worked with, most had adopted a combination of no-till or strip till, cover crops, and nutrient management. For the two almond growers, the soil health practices were conservation cover, nutrient management, mulching, and composting. AFT used COMET-Farm to compare each farmer's annual management activities on a representative field before implementation of the practices with the changes they made during adoption and use of the soil health practices. Since AFT was conducting a retrospective analysis, the COMET-Farm staff offered AFT the use of a relatively new feature—to export the data and GHG analysis into a spreadsheet. In Excel, AFT did further analysis to estimate the percent change in GHG emissions due to the implemented practices. AFT could not have completed these GHG

ance, and review services provided by the

#### **COMET QUARTERLY**



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#### What's Inside







# Who is using the COMET-Tools & How?



















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# COMET-Tools Strengths & Limitations...

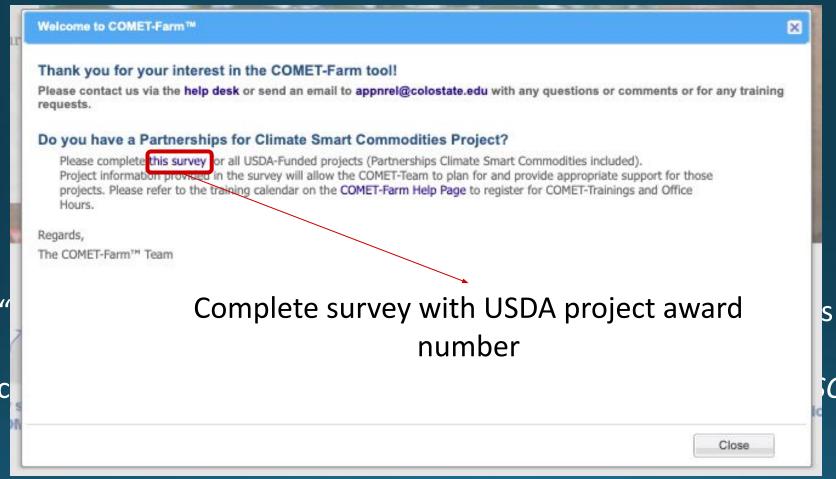
Strengths	Limitations	
Underlying peer reviewed methods: Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Fluxes: Methods for Entity-Scale Inventory	Process for adding NRCS Conservation Practice Standards (COMET-Planner)	
Official GHG Accounting tool of the USDA	Crops available for assessment require DayCent parameterizations (COMET-Farm)	
Coverage in most of the United States (both tools)		
User-friendly interface (soon to be even better)	Current data requirements of ~23 years of baseline management (COMET-Farm)	
Saving projects (COMET-Farm) & Downloadable reports (both tools)		
Flexibility in scale & management: Users can create multiple projects with 1-50 fields (COMET-Farm)	Updating the COMET-Farm UI to reflect the practice and methods takes time	
Time & required data: 4 clicks to generate report (COMET-Planner)		
Trainings & support (both tools)		







### **COMET-Tools & Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities**









### Current Calculation Methods

- Implements the peer-reviewed, USDA-sanctioned entity-level inventory methods.
  - Soil-related GHG emissions: DayCent dynamic model, also used in the U.S. National Greenhouse Gas Inventory.
  - <u>Livestock-related GHG emissions:</u> statistical models based on USDA and university research, largely consistent with models used in the U.S. National Inventory. (COMET-Farm, only)
  - Energy-related GHG emissions: based on the models used in the USDA/NRCS Energy Tool along with supplemental peer-reviewed research results.



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Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Fluxes in Agriculture and Forestry : Methods for Entity-Scale Inventory



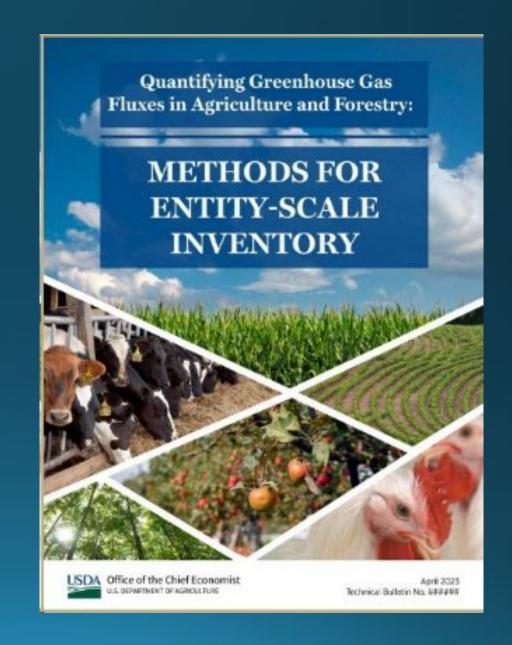






# 2024 Methods Update and Interface Change

- Cropland- *Biochar, Flooded-Rice, Tillage, Flexible/Reduced Baseline requirements*
- Animal Agriculture- Most methods updated, New categories (ex: horses)
- Agroforestry- Updated method for estimating biomass C from dbh
- Forestry- Updated interface
- COMET-Energy- Updated eGrid data

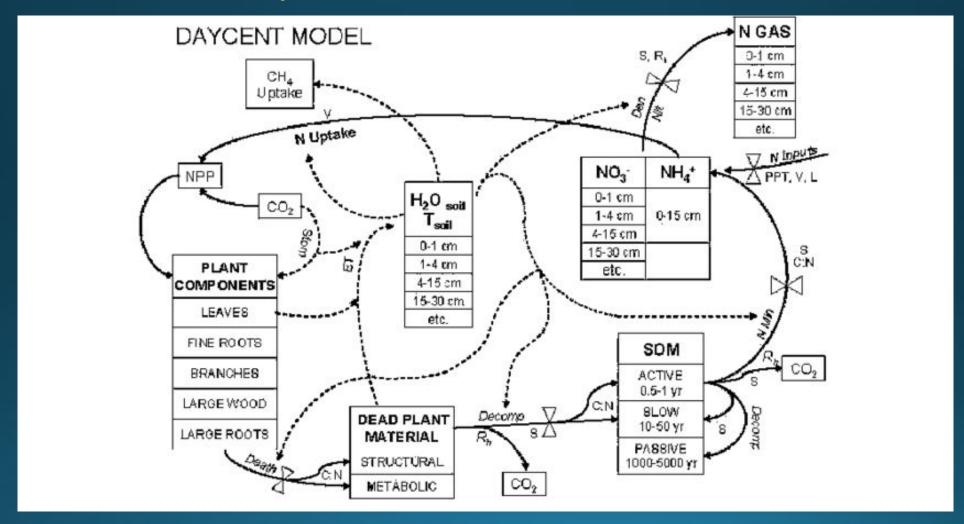




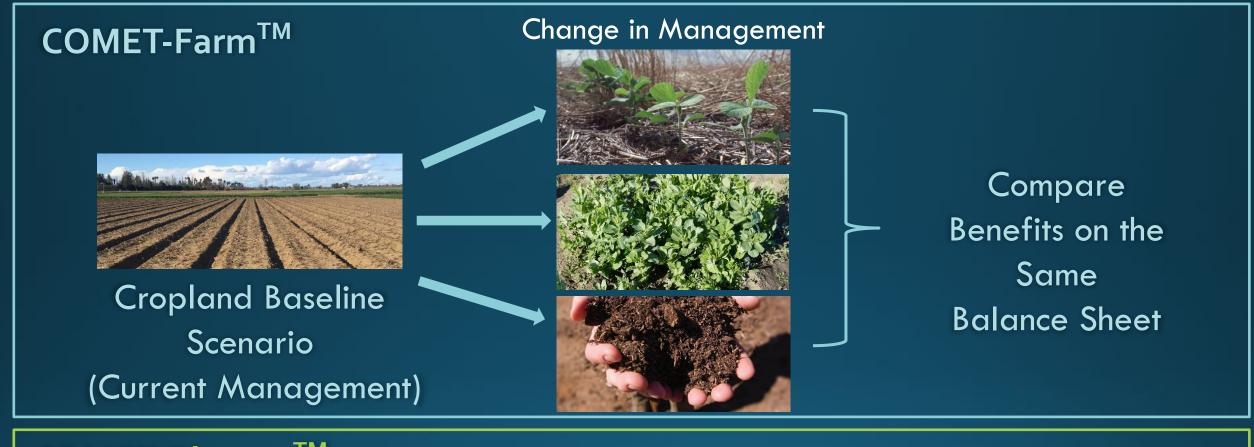




# COMET-Farm - DayCent Model



### **COMET-Farm and COMET-Planner Overview:**







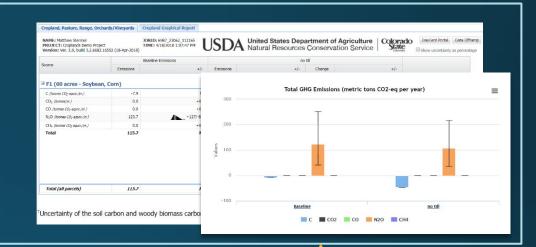




### COMET-Farm - How it works



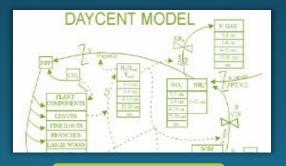
Specific Activities



Historic Rotations, Typical Cropping Practices Climate & Soil

Emission Factors, USDA Methods Analysis Platform

User Interface



**Empirical Models** 

Outputs

# Current COMET-Farm – Data Requirements (GUI/API)

### Required:

- Exact field boundaries
- General historic management (pre-2000)
- Baseline management (2000-2023)<sup>6</sup>
  - Crop type
  - Planting date
- Scenario management (10 years after baseline)

### **Recommended** <sup>7</sup>:

- Grazing events
- Tillage Implements
- Fertilizer (N content)
- Organic amendments (C:N Ratio)
- Irrigation
- Liming events
- Burning events

- 6- COMET allows change in baseline end year only
- 7- These managements are recommended, where applicable

# SUMMER 2024 COMET-Farm – Data Requirements (GUI/API)

### Required:

- Exact field boundaries
- General historic management (pre-baseline)
- Baseline management 5
   year minimum <sup>8</sup>
  - Crop type
  - Planting date

### Recommended 7:

- Grazing events
- Tillage Implements (more options and calculator)
- Fertilizer (N content)
- Organic amendments (C:N Ratio)
- Biochar
- Irrigation
- Liming events
- Burning events
- 7- These managements are recommended, where applicable
- 8- COMET will allow for up to 20 year baseline period

# COMET-Farm System Boundaries

- Each accounting activity is independent of each other
- Include the GHG emissions and carbon sequestration occurring onsite for the source category and management practice(s)
- Physical boundaries: within the bounds of an entity
  - Field boundaries, head of livestock, etc.
  - Should be subdivided if using different category of land use
- Not a life cycle analysis tool













### COMET-Farm - Home Page





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Whole Farm and Ranch Carbon and Greenhouse Gas Accounting System.

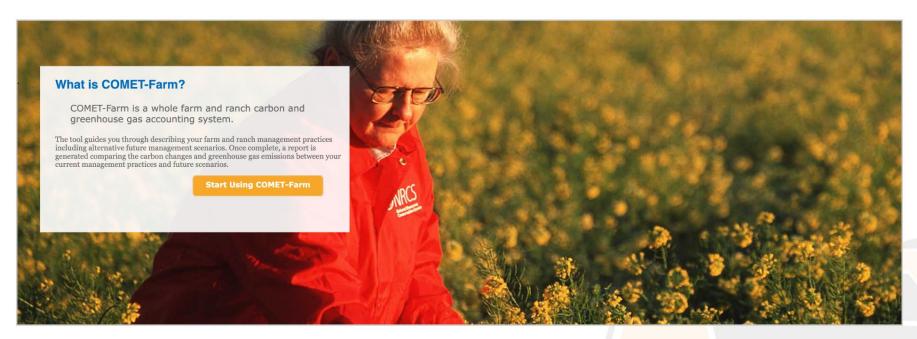
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HOME TOOL INFO HELP









**COMET-Farm?** 





methods



What information do I need?



How are my is my information results calculated? safe?



Overview video



How do I use **COMET-Farm?** 











## COMET-Farm - Registering/signing in







Whole Farm and Ranch Carbon and Greenhouse Gas Accounting System.

( Sign in or Register )



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#### or Continue without Registration...

Although registering allows you to conveniently store and later retrieve your management information, we realize that not all users feel comfortable with this. You may continue without registering and the information you enter during this session will not be stored permanently on the server. If you change your mind at any time during your session, simply click on the Register link at the top right of the application and we will store any information previously entered.









## COMET-Farm - Project Repository







Whole Farm and Ranch Carbon and Greenhouse Gas Accounting System



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Activities

isting Projects Agroforestry Demo Project Accessed; January 18 2024
Agustin Anaerobic Lagoon Accessed: January 16 2024 Report: October 13 2022
Allee Curriculum Demo Accessed: September 6 2023 Report: September 6 2023
Allee Demo CFP Accessed: May 9 2023 Report: February 8 202
Anaerobic lagoon size Accessed: October 18 2022
Anaerobic lagoon test Accessed: December 8 2022 Report: June 8 2022
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#### **Selected Activities for the Current Project:**

Cropland, Pasture, Range, Orchards/Vineyards

☐ All Categories - Full Accounting

☐ Animal Agriculture 📥 Agroforestry

☐ Water Quality ☐

Forestry

#### What activities do I select?

Choose the management activities you want to investigate. Click on the help box (2) next to the activity names to learn more about the

#### What is a Project?

A project is a set of cropland, livestock, forestry, agroforestry and energy management practices that are unique to a single user. A user may have up to five hundred projects at a time.

#### What is a Demo Project?

Create a project that has existing data already. This is designed to help you navigate through

- 500 project max per account
- Project in COMET-Farm is a collection of separate accounting activities or a single accounting activity









# COMET-Farm - Adding/creating a new project





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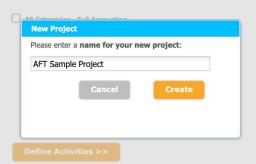


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Step 1 Activities •

### Select a Project [Create Demo Project] **Existing Projects** Swine 2 Accessed: May 8 2023 Swine 3 Accessed: March 23 2023 Team ag inc Accessed: November 1 2022 Tony Animal Accessed: June 14 2023 Trevor animal test Accessed: December 14 2023 trevor test Accessed: November 27 2023 Washington Sample Accessed: April 18 2023 Report: April 18 2023 Wisconsin CFP Accessed: January 25 2022 WORK Accessed: May 31 2023 Zach OV Test Accessed: June 27 2023

#### **Selected Activities for the Current Project:** Animal Ag Demo Project



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# COMET-Farm - Selecting an accounting activity





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#### **Selected Activities for the Current Project: AFT Sample Project**

☐ All Categories - Full Accounting	
Cropland, Pasture, Range, Orchards/Vineyards	?
Animal Agriculture	?
Agroforestry	?
☐ Forestry	?
☐ Water Quality OEV	?

Define Activities >>

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- Return to projects later
- **Export COMET** projects to others OR import other **COMET** projects

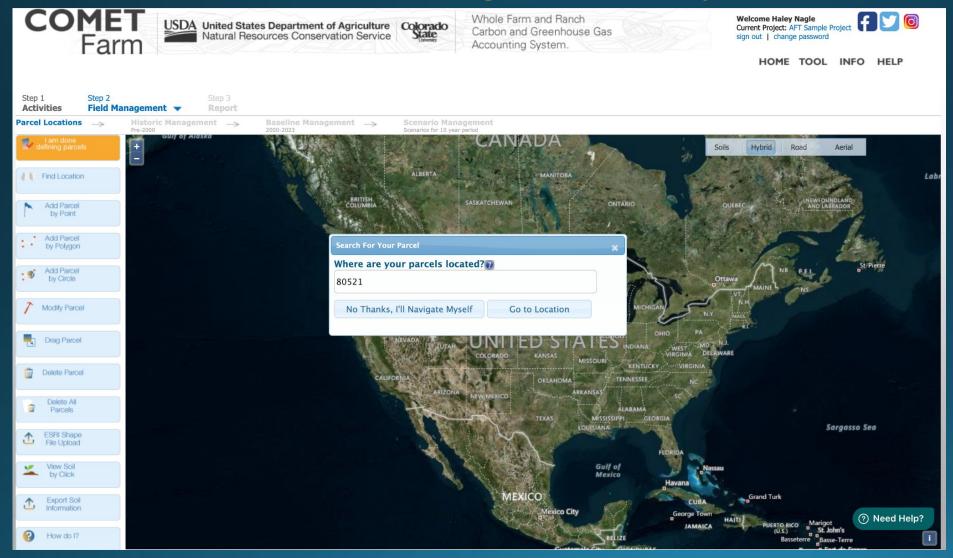








## COMET-Farm - Locating field/project location



Current
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 can assess most
 areas within
 contiguous US.

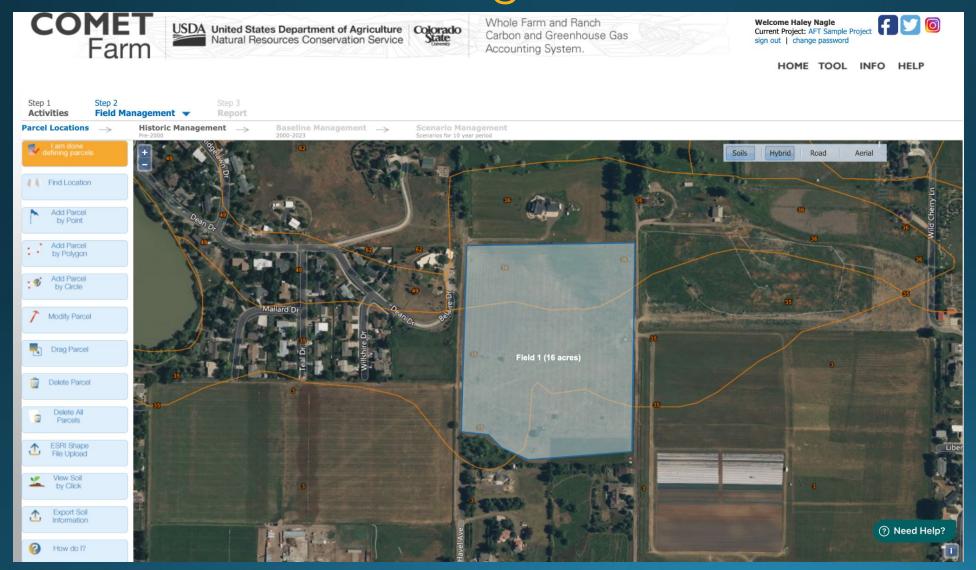
Limitations based on soil data availability and soil type







## COMET-Farm - Defining field boundaries



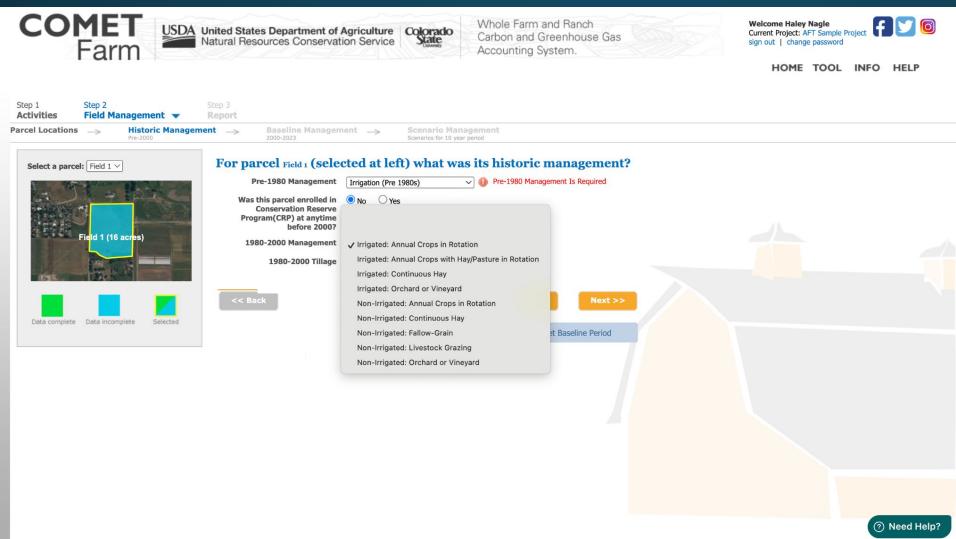
- Define fields by drawing polygon, circle, drop a point, or upload .shp field
- Max ~50 fields per project\*
- Max 1200 acres per field\*
- Export soil data







# COMET-Farm - Entering historic management per field



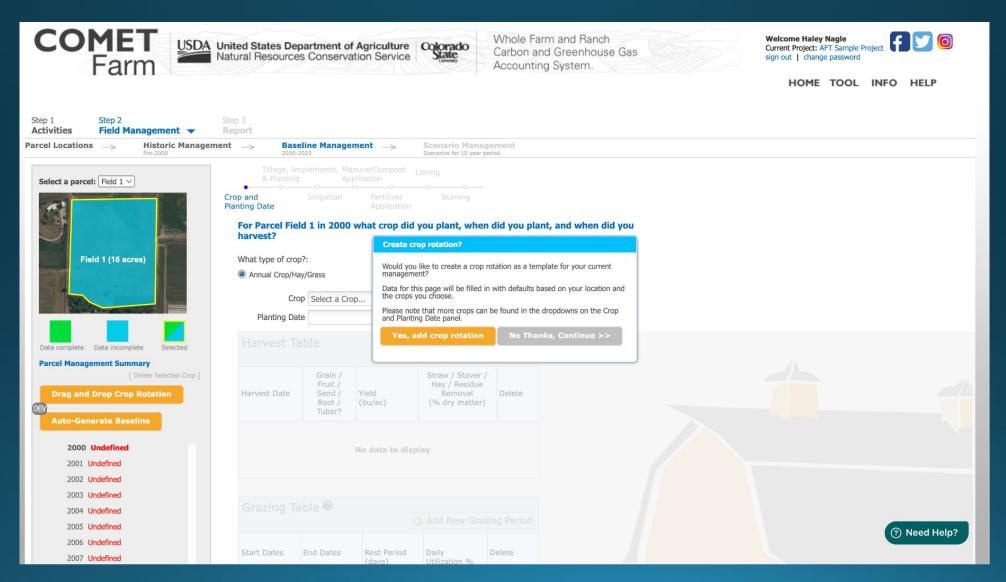
- Copy historic management to other fields
- Modify baseline end year







### COMET-Farm - Entering baseline management via "Drag & Drop"

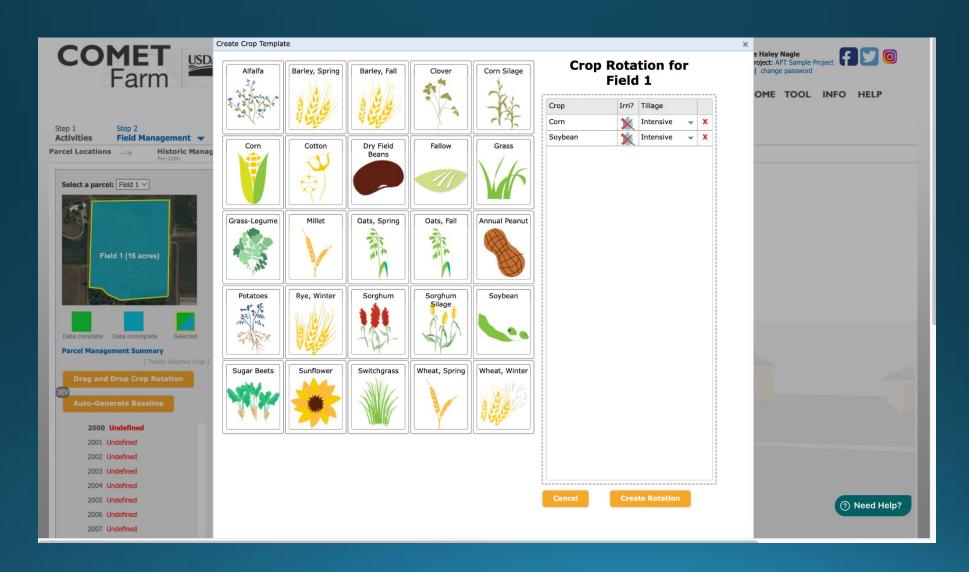








### COMET-Farm - Entering baseline management via "Drag & Drop"









### COMET-Farm - Entering & editing baseline management manually

Crop type\*

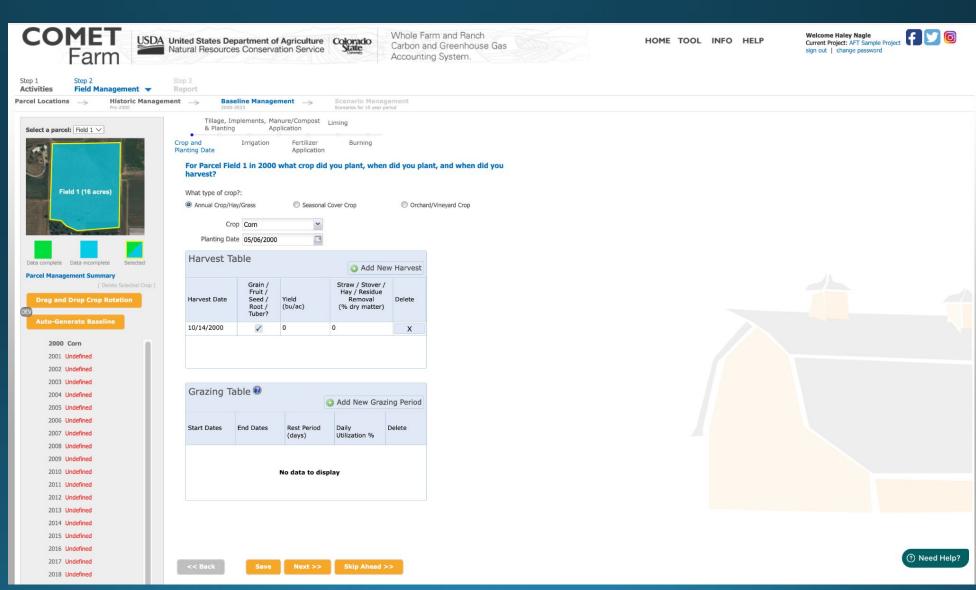
Planting date\*\*

Harvest details

Grazing details

\*Required (fallow is an option; grass is a "crop")

\*\*Required depending on crop type









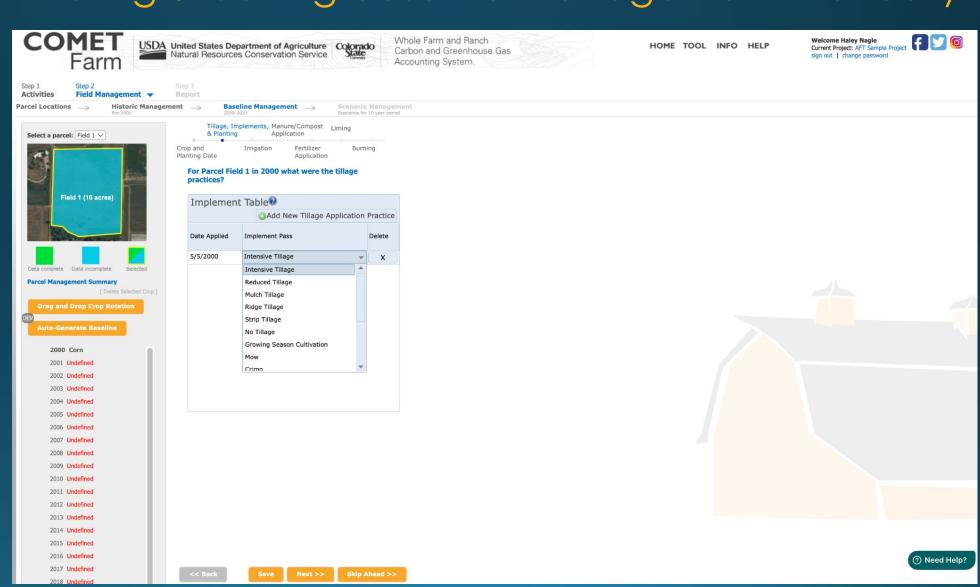
### COMET-Farm - Entering & editing baseline management manually

Tillage

Planting implements

Herbicides\*

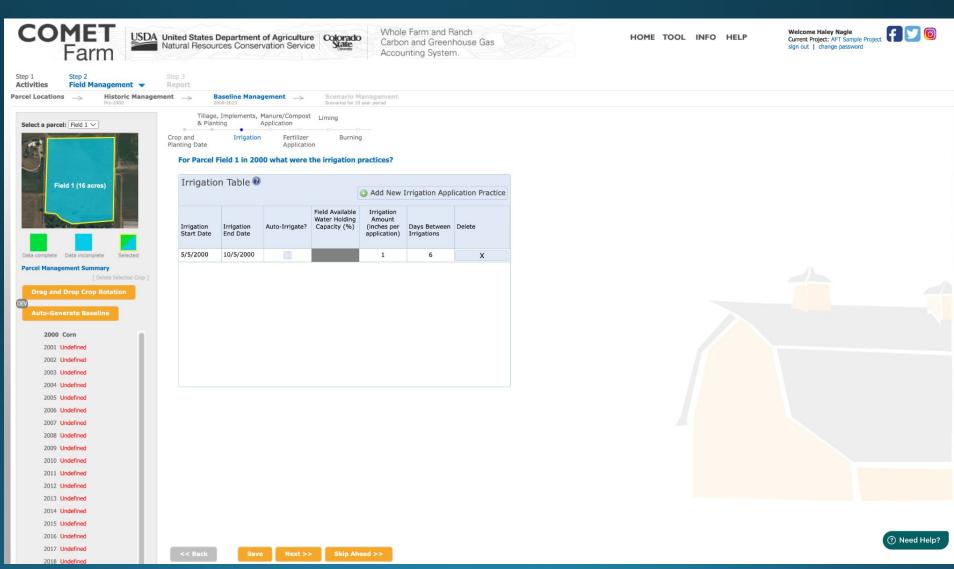
\*Herbicides *only* entered if used for a kill off event. An herbicide event will result in all above ground biomass death within the defined field boundary.





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Irrigation details



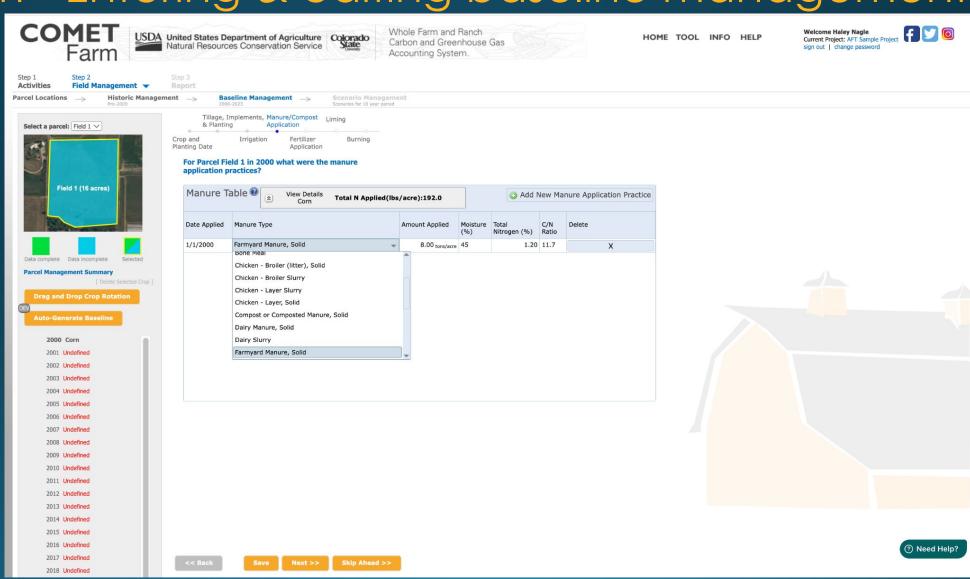






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Manure and/ or compost details

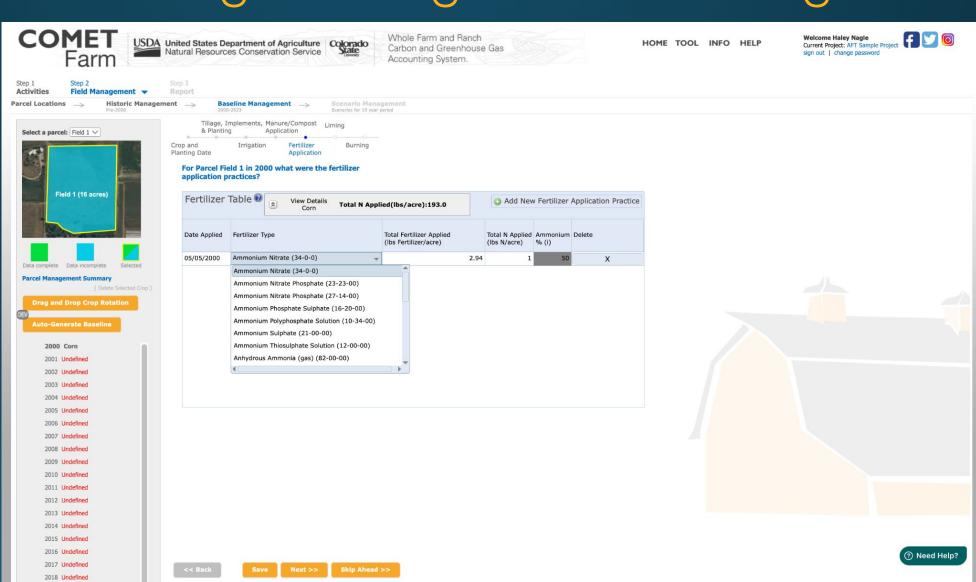






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Fertilizer details



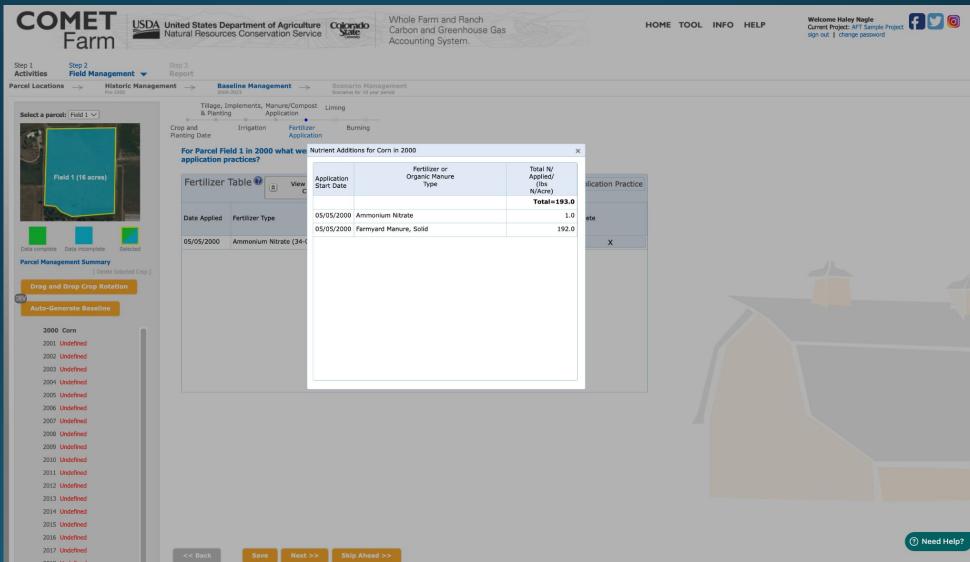






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Total
Nutrient
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Calculator



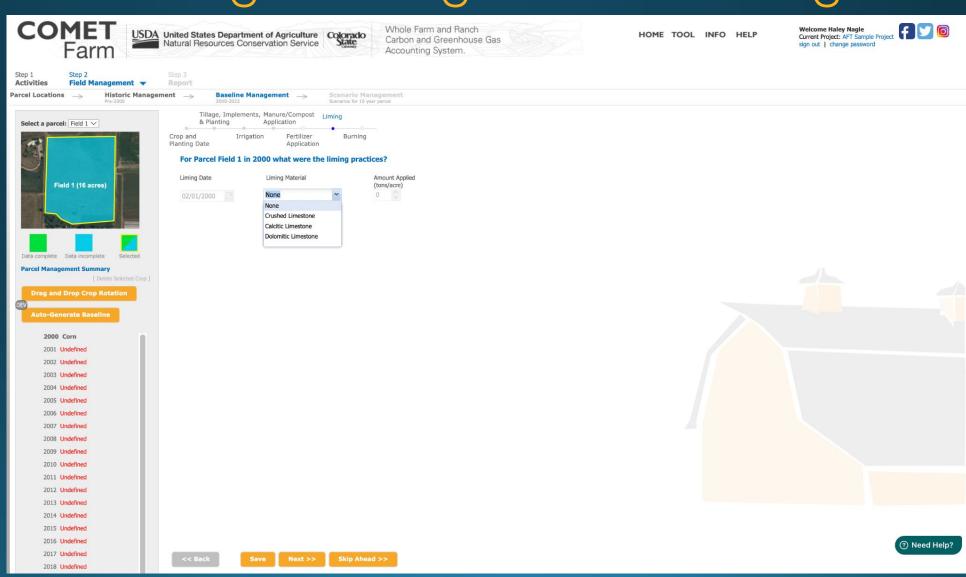






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Liming Details



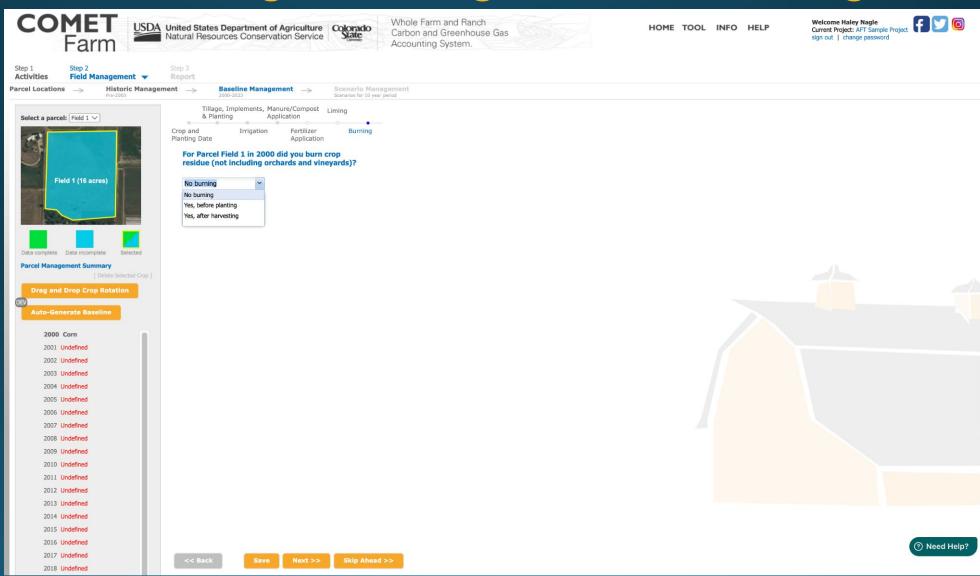






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Burn event Details



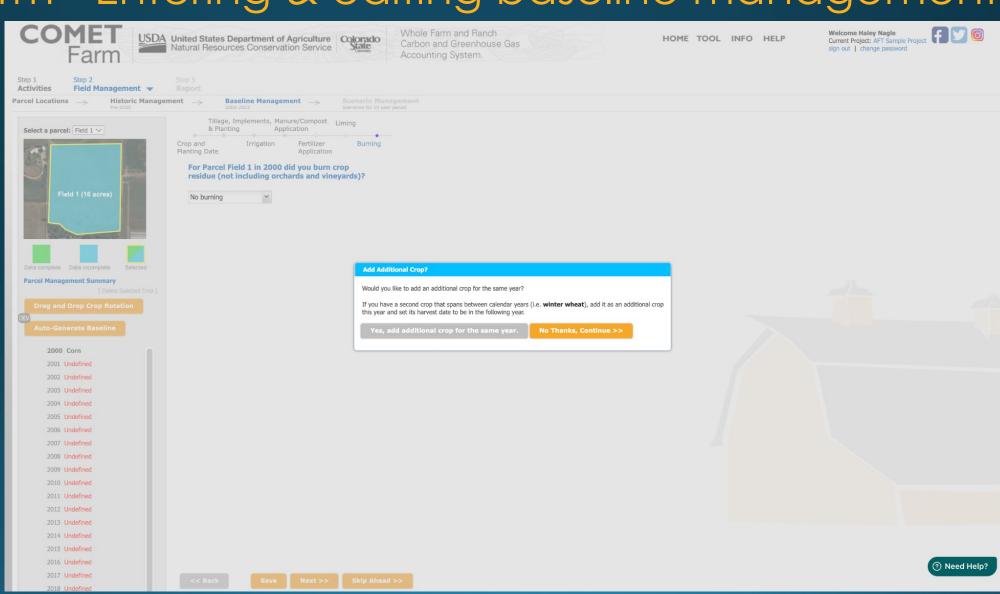






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Adding more crops (max 3/yr)



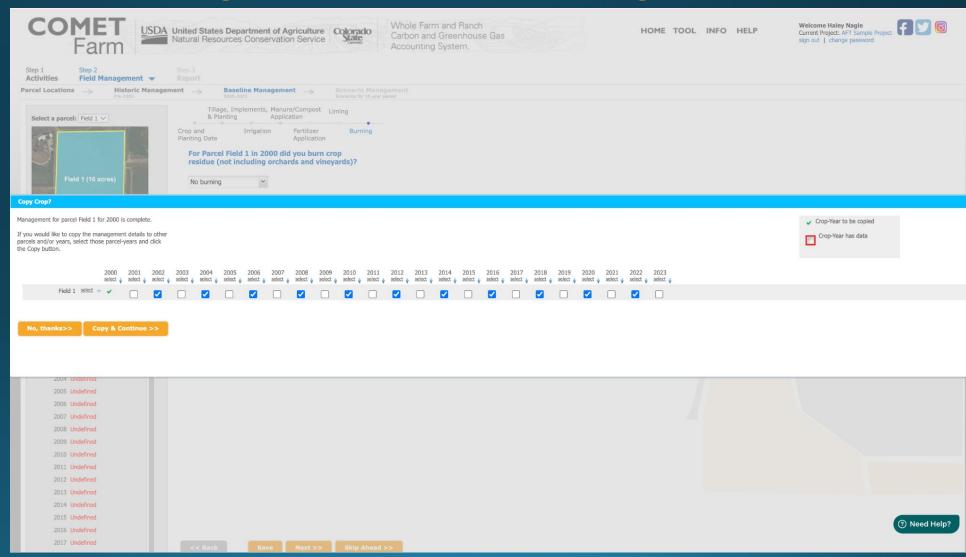






## COMET-Farm - Copying Crop/year management

Copying crop/year management from one field to another



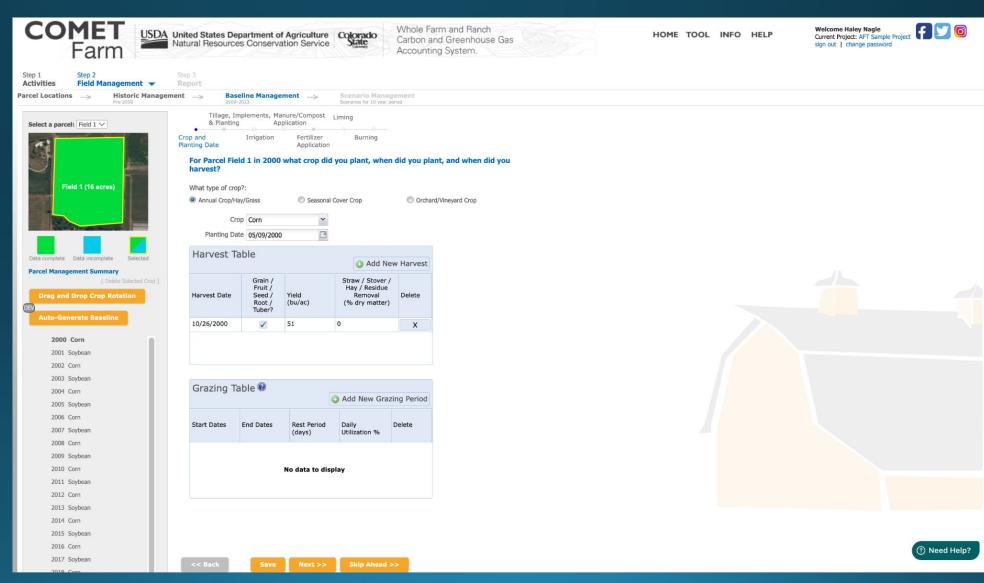






## COMET-Farm - Completing full baseline management

All years and fields must have at least one crop in every year before moving to scenario management.

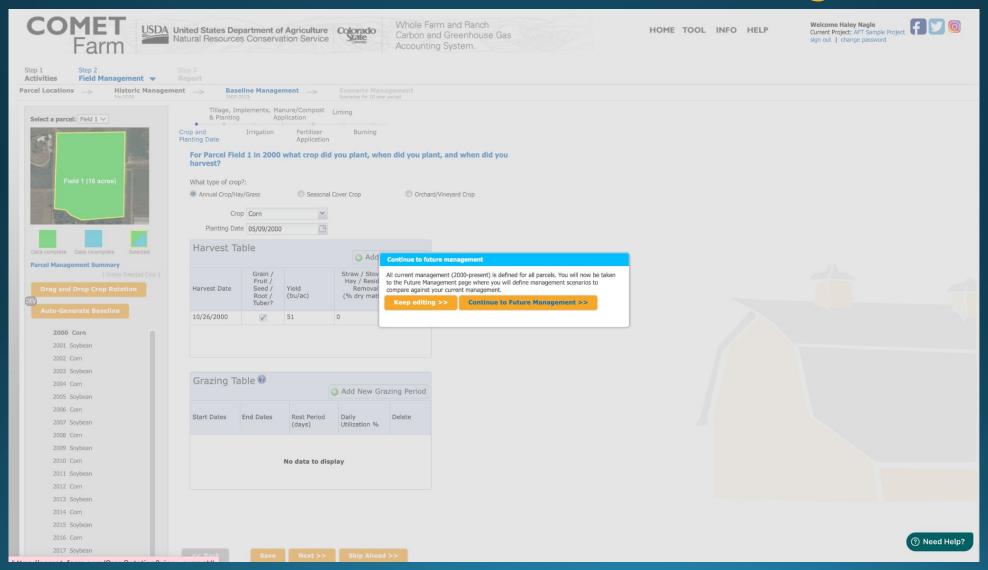








## COMET-Farm - Continue to scenario management





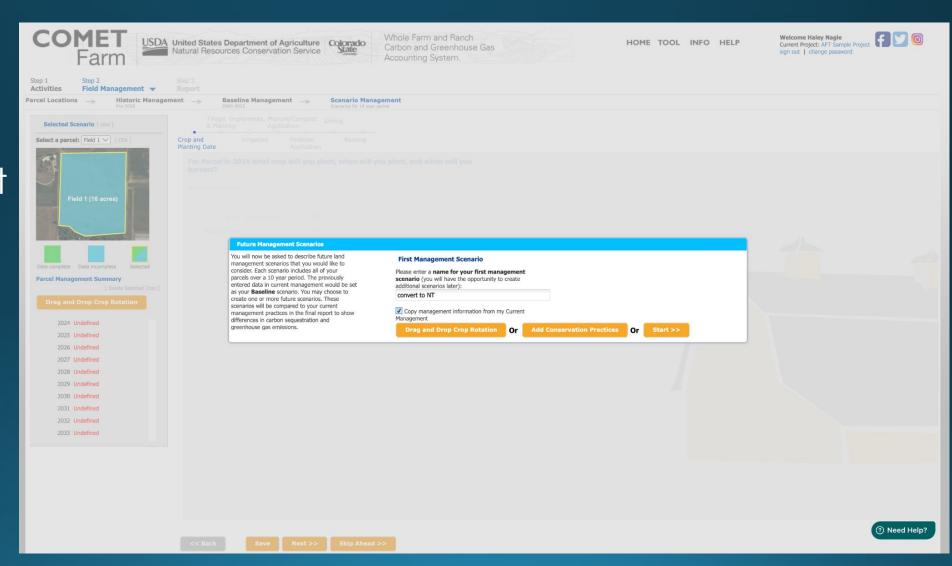




## COMET-Farm - Start management scenarios

Use the "copy" option to save time and copy all management from selected scenario to new scenario.

Any copied management can be modified.





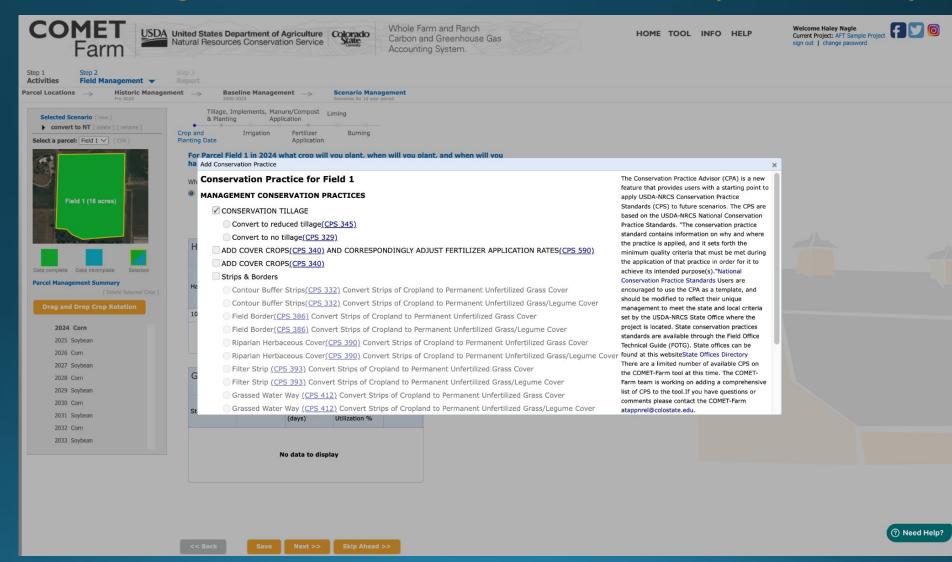




## COMET-Farm - Adding conservation scenario (optional)

Select **one** conservation scenario to automatically apply to scenario management.

Any changed management can be modified.



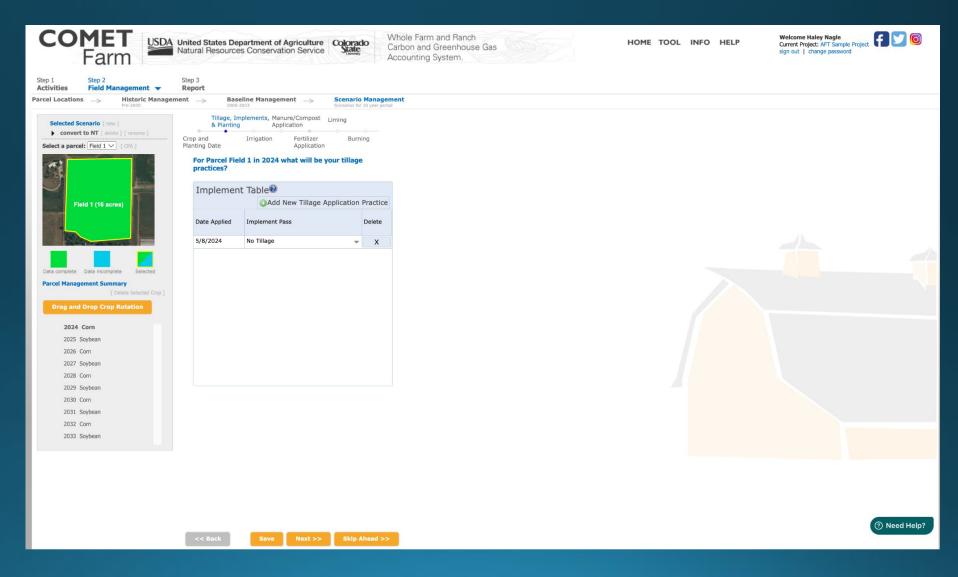




COMET-Farm - Modify any scenario management

(optional)

Any scenario management can be modified or second/third crops added like in the baseline management scenario



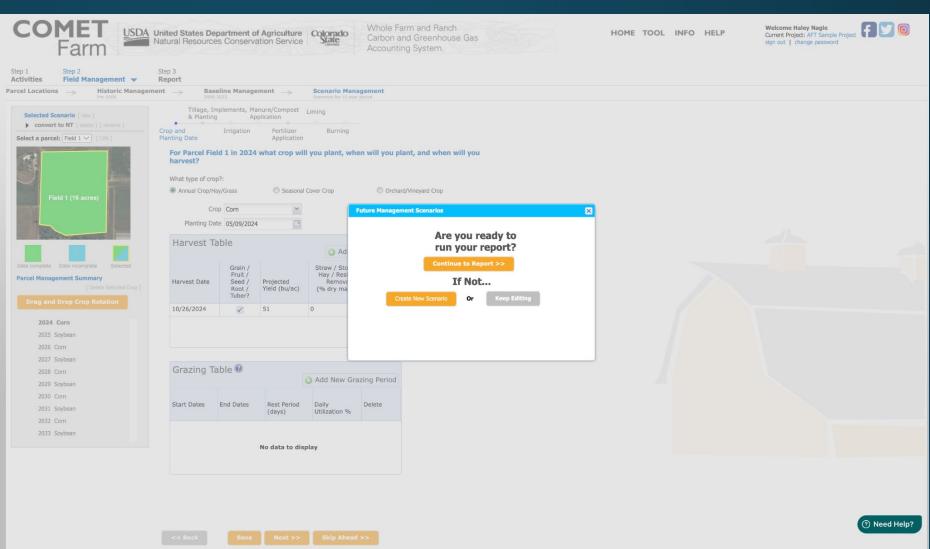






## COMET-Farm - Add more scenarios or go to report

Users may add up to 10 scenarios or go to the report.



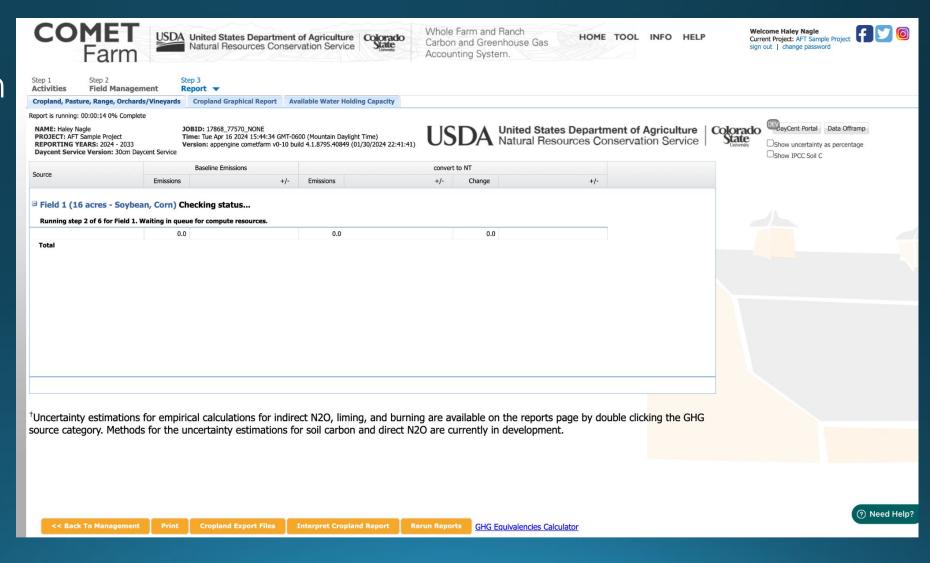






## COMET-Farm - Report Generation

Time to generate report depends on number of fields and scenarios.

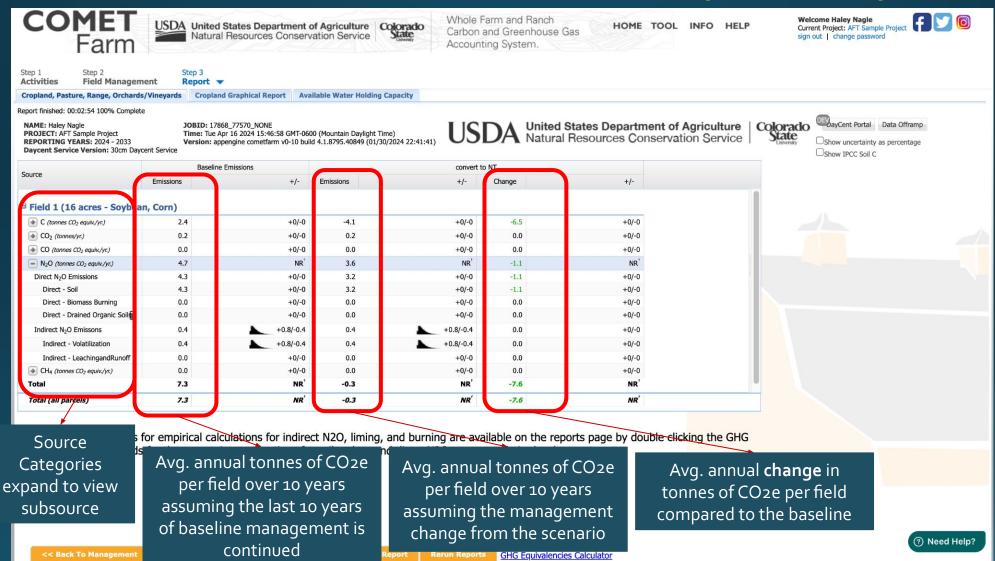








## COMET-Farm - Report Interpretation (Tabular)

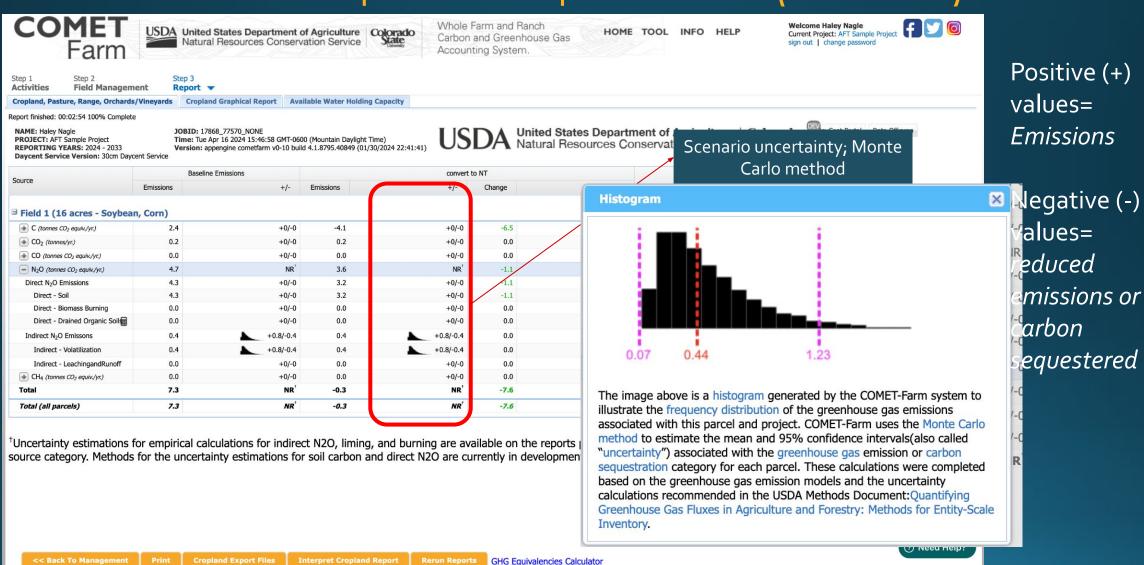








## COMET-Farm - Report Interpretation (Tabular)









## COMET-Farm - Report Interpretation (Tabular)

Source	Baseline E	missions	convert to NT						
ource	Emissions	+/-	Emissions	+/-	Change	+/-			
Field 1 (16 acres - Soybea	n, Corn)								
C (tonnes CO2 equiv./yr.)	2.4	+0/-0	-4.1	+0/-0	-6.5	+0/-0			
CO <sub>2</sub> (tonnes/yr.)	0.2	+0/-0	0.2	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0			
CO (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0			
N <sub>2</sub> O (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	4.7	NR <sup>†</sup>	3.6	NR <sup>†</sup>	-1.1	NR <sup>†</sup>			
Direct N <sub>2</sub> O Emissions	4.3	+0/-0	3.2	+0/-0	-1.1	+0/-0			
Direct - Soil	4.3	+0/-0	3.2	+0/-0	-1.1	+0/-0			
Direct - Biomass Burning	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0			
Direct - Drained Organic Soil	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0			
Indirect N <sub>2</sub> O Emissons	0.4	+0.8/-0.4	0.4	+0.8/-0.4	0.0	+0/-0			
Indirect - Volatilization	0.4	+0.8/-0.4	0.4	+0.8/-0.4	0.0	+0/-0			
Indirect - LeachingandRunoff	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0			
◆ CH <sub>4</sub> (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0			
Total	7.3	NR <sup>†</sup>	-0.3	NR'	-7.6	NR <sup>†</sup>			
Total (all parcels)	7.3	NR <sup>†</sup>	-0.3	NR <sup>†</sup>	-7.6	NR <sup>†</sup>			

By switching from *intensive tillage* (corn) and *reduced tillage* (soybeans) to *no tillage* for both crops in Fort Collins, Colorado, there is an estimated 7.6 tonnes of CO2e reduction per year (10 year scenario period) for the 16 acre field.







### COMET-Farm - Report Interpretation, multiple fields (Tabular)

	Baseline Emis	ssions		convert t	O NT		convert to RT				
Source	Emissions	+/-	Emissions	+/-	Change	+/-	Emissions	+/-	Change	+/-	
☐ Field 1 (16 acres - Soybe	ean, Corn)										
C (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	2.4	+0/-0	-4.1	+0/-0	-6.5	+0/-0	-0.5	+0/-0	-2.9	+0/-0	
CO <sub>2</sub> (tonnes/yr.)	0.2	+0/-0	0.2	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.2	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	
CO (tonnes CO2 equiv./yr.)	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	
N <sub>2</sub> O (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	4.7	$NR^{^{\dagger}}$	3.6	$NR^{^{\dagger}}$	-1.1	$NR^{\dagger}$	4.2	$NR^{\dagger}$	-0.6	$NR^{^{\dagger}}$	
◆ CH <sub>4</sub> (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	
Total	7.3	NR <sup>†</sup>	-0.3	NR <sup>†</sup>	-7.6	NR <sup>†</sup>	3.8	NR <sup>†</sup>	-3.5	NR <sup>↑</sup>	
Field 2 (19 acres - Corn,		2012		1272				272		20120	
◆ C (tonnes CO₂ equiv./yr.)	3.7	+0/-0	-3.8	+0/-0	-7.5	+0/-0	0.4	+0/-0	-3.3	+0/-0	
CO <sub>2</sub> (tonnes/yr.)	0.2	+0/-0	0.2	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.2	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	
CO (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	
N <sub>2</sub> O (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	5.5	NR <sup>↑</sup>	4.3	NR <sup>†</sup>	-1.1	$NR^{\dagger}$	4.9	$NR^{\dagger}$	-0.6	$NR^{^{\dagger}}$	
→ CH <sub>4</sub> (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	
Total	9.4	NR <sup>†</sup>	0.7	NR <sup>†</sup>	-8.6	NR <sup>†</sup>	5.4	NR <sup>†</sup>	-3.9	NR <sup>†</sup>	
Total (all parcels)	16.6	NR'	0.4	NR <sup>†</sup>	-16.2	NR <sup>'</sup>	9.3	NR <sup>†</sup>	-7.4	NR <sup>†</sup>	

Estimates provided at a *field* level

Total (all fields) = project/farm level accounting







### COMET-Farm - Report Interpretation, multiple fields (Tabular)

	Baseline Emiss	sions		convert to	NT			convert to I	RT	
Source	Emissions	+/-	Emissions	+/-	Change	+/- E	Emissions	+/-	Change	+/-
☐ Field 1 (16 acres - Soybe	ean, Corn)									
C (tonnes CO₂ equiv./yr.)	2.4	+0/-0	-4.1	+0/-0	-6.5	+0/-0	-0.5	+0/-0	-2.9	+0/-0
O <sub>2</sub> (tonnes/yr.)	0.2	+0/-0	0.2	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.2	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0
CO (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0
N <sub>2</sub> O (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	4.7	NR <sup>†</sup>	3.6	$NR^{^{\dagger}}$	-1.1	NR⁺	4.2	NR <sup>†</sup>	-0.6	$NR^{^{\dagger}}$
→ CH <sub>4</sub> (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0
Total	7.3	NR <sup>†</sup>	-0.3	NR <sup>†</sup>	-7.6	NR <sup>†</sup>	3.8	NR⁺	-3.5	NR <sup>↑</sup>
☐ Field 2 (19 acres - Corn,	Soybean)									
C (tonnes CO₂ equiv./yr.)	3.7	+0/-0	-3.8	+0/-0	-7.5	+0/-0	0.4	+0/-0	-3.3	+0/-0
CO <sub>2</sub> (tonnes/yr.)	0.2	+0/-0	0.2	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.2	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0
CO (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0
N <sub>2</sub> O (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	5.5	NR <sup>†</sup>	4.3	NR <sup>†</sup>	-1.1	NR⁺	4.9	NR <sup>†</sup>	-0.6	$NR^{^{\dagger}}$
CH <sub>4</sub> (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv./yr.)	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0	0.0	+0/-0
Total	9.4	NR <sup>†</sup>	0.7	NR <sup>†</sup>	-8.6	NR <sup>†</sup>	5.4	NR <sup>†</sup>	-3.9	NR <sup>†</sup>
Total (all parcels)	16.6	NR'	0.4	NR <sup>†</sup>	-16.2	NR'	9.3	NR'	-7.4	NR <sup>†</sup>

*Converting all to NoTill*→ Reduced emissions by 16.2 tonnes of CO2e for *both* fields

*Converting all to Reduced Till*→ Reduced emissions by 7.4 tonnes of CO2e for *both* fields







## COMET-Farm - Report Interpretation (Graphical)



Emissions/reductions
estimates per source
category displayed by **field** 

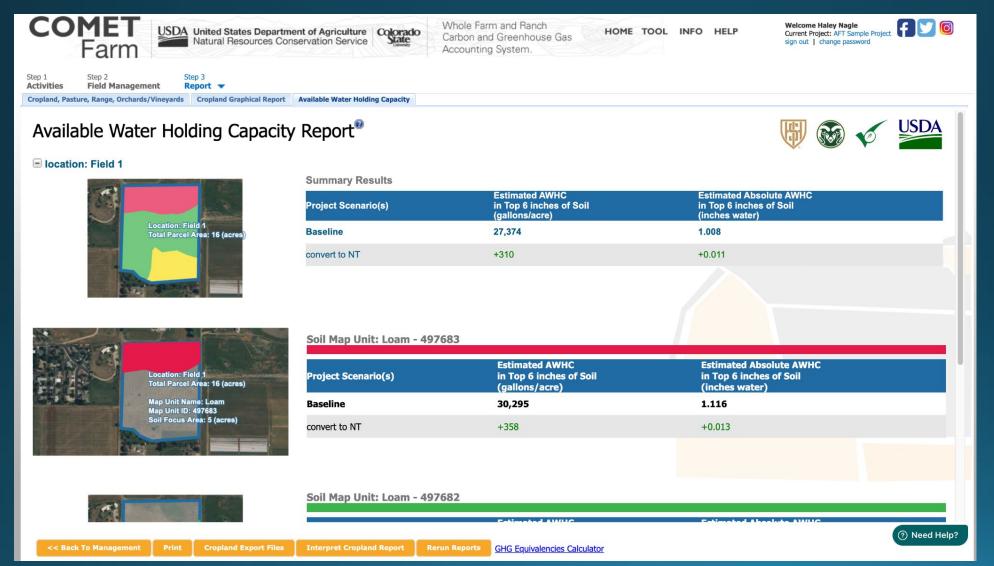
Hover over columns to view estimate







## COMET-Farm - Report Interpretation (AWHC)



Changes in Available
Water Holding
Capacity (AWHC) of
the top 6" of soil.

Provided at a field OR soil map unit level

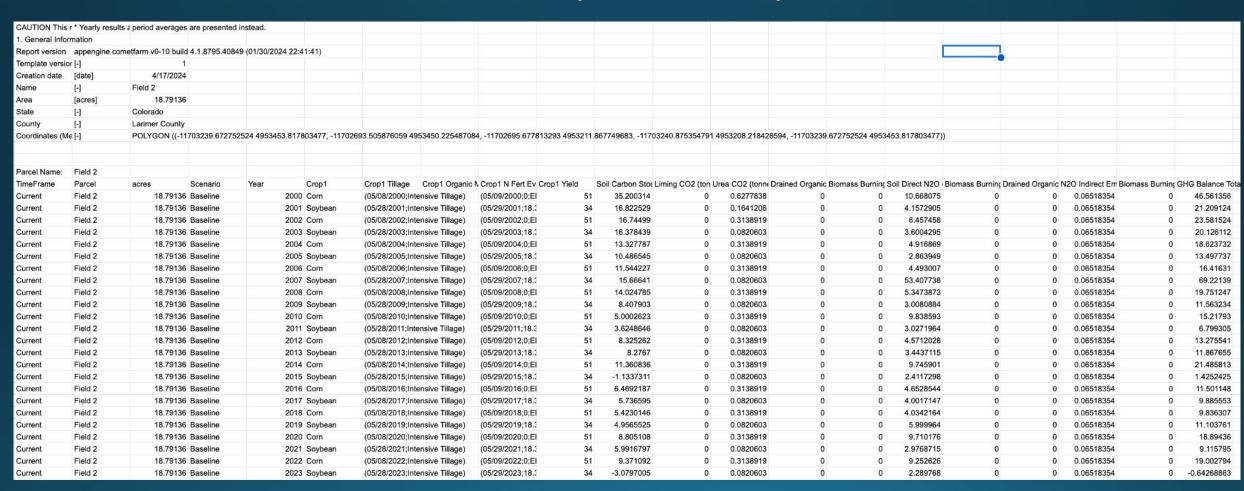
Download abilities will be available in the updated interface







## COMET-Farm - Detailed report Interpretation



Detailed report includes a *most* data inputs and estimated reported values on an annual basis. Improvements to come with the new interface release!









# COMET-Farm Questions?









## COMET-Planner Tool







### Constructing Conservation Scenarios

#### **B**ASELINE



No Winter Cover/Bare Soils

#### NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD

#### COVER CROP

(Ac.)

**CODE 340** 

#### DEFINITION

Grasses, legumes, and forbs planted for seasonal vegetative cover.

#### PURPOSE

This practice is applied to support one or more of the following purposes:

- Reduce erosion from wind and water.
- Maintain or increase soil health and organic matter content.
- Reduce water quality degradation by utilizing excessive soil nutrients.
- Suppress excessive weed pressures and break pest cycles.
- Improve soil moisture use efficiency.
- Minimize soil compaction.

#### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

All lands requiring seasonal vegetative cover for natural resource protection or improvement. successive production crops, or companionplanted or relay-planted into production crops. Select species and planting dates that will not compete with the production crop yield or harvest

Do not burn cover crop residue.

Determine the method and timing of termination to meet the grower's objective and the current NRCS Cover Crop Termination Guidelines.

When a cover crop will be grazed or hayed ensure the planned management will not compromise the selected conservation purpose(s).

Do not harvest cover crops for seed.

If the specific rhizobium bacteria for the selected legume are not present in the soil, treat the seed with the appropriate inoculum at the time of planting.

#### Additional Criteria to Reduce Erosion from Wind and Water

Time the cover crop establishment in conjunction with other practices to adequately

NRCS Conservation Practice Standard

#### **CONSERVATION PRACTICE**



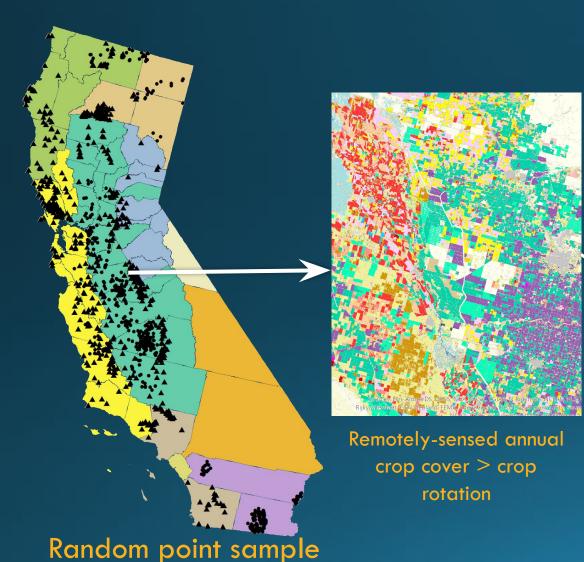
Legume Cover Crops







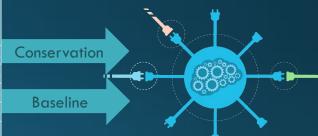
### GHG Estimation Methods



Typical practices/average inputs

Non-Irri Irrigated Nitrogen Nitrogen Crop alfalfa California California 30 100 barley 150 California 190 corn 80 150 California cotton dry field California

COMET-Farm API



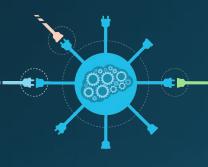




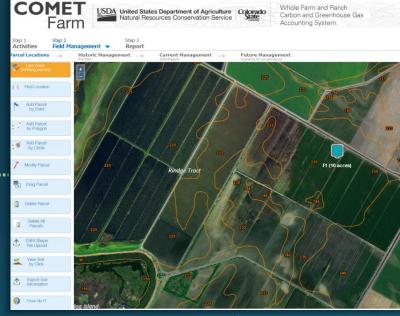


### **GHG** Estimation Methods





#### **Spatial Location**

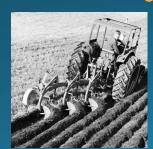




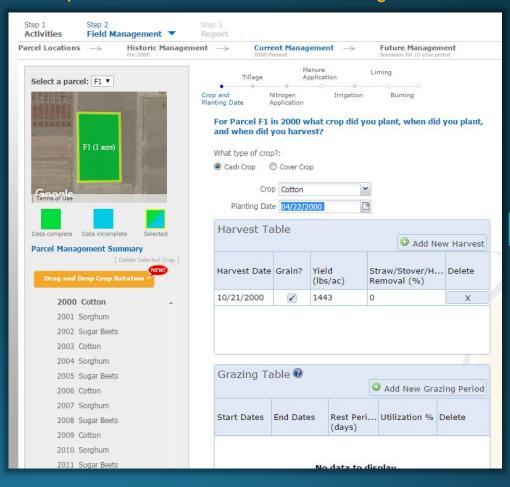
#### Climate and Soil Datasets



Historic Management



#### Current, Baseline and Conservation Management Details

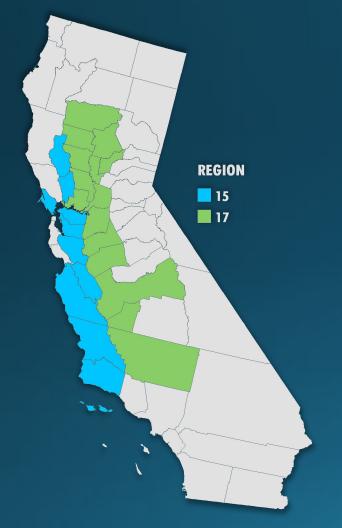








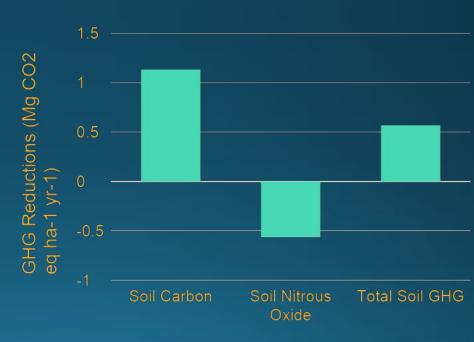
### GHG Estimation Methods



### Cover Crops: Add Leguminous Seasonal Cover Crop to Irrigated Annual Cropland



Legume Cover Crops









## COMET-Planner - Step 1: Location; Step 2: Class





Info California Healthy Soils Tool



Evaluate Potential Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Reductions from Adopting NRCS Conservation **Practices** 

NRCS Conservation Practices included in COMET-Planner are only those that have been identified as having greenhouse gas mitigation and/or carbon sequestration benefits on farms and ranches. This list of conservation practices is based on the qualitative greenhouse benefits ranking of practices prepared by NRCS.



INTRODUCTION VIDEO

Step 1: Begin by naming your project and selecting your state and county

State: Project Name: County:

Enter Project Name Colorado

Step 2: Select the class of conservation practices that best describes the practice you would like to evaluate





**Grazing Lands** 



**Cropland To Herbaceous** 



Restoration of Distrurbed



**Woody Plantings** 

Step 3: Select a NRCS Conservation Practice Standard and a Practice Implementation that best describes your system. You may add multiple practices. If you would like to add a practice under a different class of practices, return to Step 2.









## COMET-Planner - Step 3: Selecting practice(s)

Step 3: Select a NRCS Conservation Practice Standard and a Practice Implementation that best describes your system. You may add multiple practices. If you would like to add a practice under a different class of practices, return to Step 2.

#### **Conservation Practice Standard (CPS):**

- Combustion System Improvement (CPS 372)
- Conservation Crop Rotation (CPS 328)
- O Cover Crop (CPS 340)
- O Mulching (CPS 484)
- Multiple Conservation Practices
- Nutrient Management (CPS 590)
- Residue and Tillage Management No-Till (CPS 329)
- Residue and Tillage Management Reduced Till (CPS 345)
- Stripcropping (CPS 585)

#### **Conservation Practice Implementation:**

- Intensive Till to No Till or Strip Till on Irrigated Cropland
- ✓ Intensive Till to No Till or Strip Till on Non-Irrigated Cropland
- ☐ Reduced Till to No Till or Strip Till on Irrigated Cropland
- Reduced Till to No Till or Strip Till on Non-Irrigated Cropland







## COMET-Planner - Step 4: Report

Step 4: Enter the acreage associated with each conservation practice you selected

#### Approximate Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions\*

(tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent per year)

	NRCS Conservation Practices	Acreage	Carbon Dioxide	Nitrous Oxide Methane	Total CO <sub>2</sub> Equivalent
₩ 0	Intensive Till to No Till or Strip Till on Non- Irrigated Cropland	100 ac	15	1 0	16
	Totals	100	15	1 0	16

<sup>\*</sup>Negative values indicate a loss of carbon or increased emissions of greenhouse gases

**Download COMET-Planner Results** 

<sup>\*\*</sup>Values were not estimated due to limited data on reductions of greenhouse gas emissions from this practice







## COMET-Planner - Extras: Downloaded Report

COMET-Planner Report: Approximate Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions

Project Name:

State: Colorado

County: Larimer

Date: 2024/4/17 8:39:27

NRCS Conservation Practices	Acreage	Carbon Dioxide	Nitrous Oxide	Methane	Total CO2 Equivalent
Intensive Till to No Till or Strip Till on Non-Irrigated Cropland	100	15	1	0	16
Totals	100	15	1	0	16







### COMET-Planner - Extras: Detailed Emission Reductions

How are your carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emission reduction estimates calculated?

Info

NRCS Conservation Practices	Soil Carbon	Biomass Carbon	Fossil CO2	Biomass Burning CO2	Biomass Burning N2O	Biomass Burning CH4	Liming	Direct Soil N2O	Indirect Soil N2O	Soil CH4	Total CO <sub>2</sub> Equivalent	Minimum Total Emission Reductions*	Maximum Total Emission Reductions*
Intensive Till to No Till or Strip	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.00	0.00	0.16	-0.05	0.57

<sup>\*</sup>Minimum and maximum emission reductions represent the minimum and maximum total emissions over a range of soil, climate and management conditions within multi-county regions. Min/Max emissions are not estimated for all practices, due to limitations in quantification methods

- Carbon Sequestration, Greenhouse Gas Reduction

Carbon Loss, Greenhouse Gas Increase

These emission reduction coefficients may be used when assessing smaller areas.

Use Case: Assessing 2 acres for the same CPS in the same county as the example above. 0.16x 2 acres= ~0.32 tonnes of total CO2e

Cancel

NRCS Conservation Practices	Carbon Dioxide	Nitrous Oxide	Methane
Intensive Till to No Till or Strip Till on Non-Irrigated Cropland	0.15	0.01	0.00

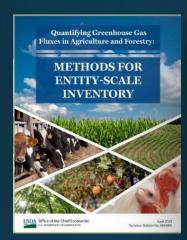
Click to Show Detailed Emission Reductions

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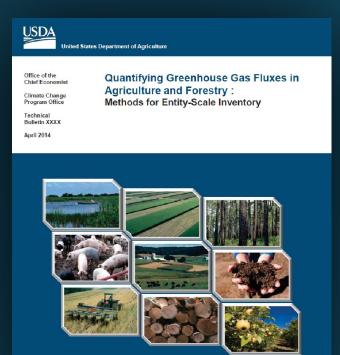


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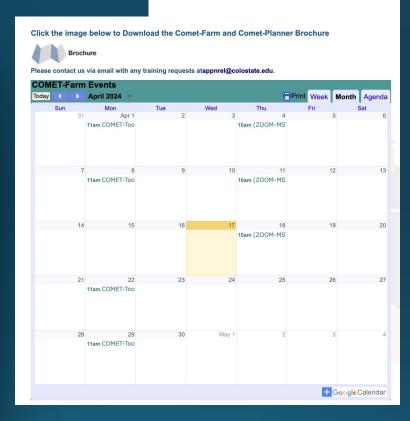


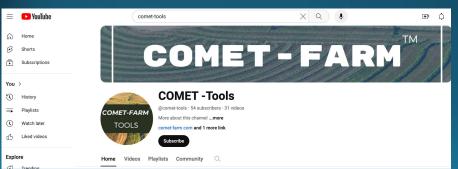
#### Understanding Methods





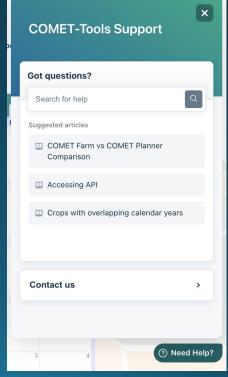
#### HOME TOOL INFO HELP





## Trainings & Office Hours

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## Thank you & Questions!





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### Next steps in our outcomes estimation journey

- ☐ Join June 5 for the CAST webinar
- ☐ Fill out the 8-question (2-min) online evaluation survey
- ☐ Schedule a free "coaching" session with us
  - ☐ Email <u>atappross@farmland.org</u>, RE: Coaching Request
- ☐ Order a free print copy of the OET Guide
  - Keyword: "AFT outcomes tools"











A Guide to Water Quality, Climate, Social, and Economic Outcomes Estimation Tools

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