

How does Soil Type, Crop Rotation Diversity and Climate Change affect Freeze-Thaw Nitrous Oxide Emissions?

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Post Harvest

- Nutrients available
- Soil temperatures
 decrease
- Microbial survival on water films



Freezing

- Carbon substrate released
- Ice seals surface
- Anaerobic conditions
- N₂O Build up

Thawing

- Soil temperatures increase
- Release of N₂O
- Denitrification intensifies



Silt Loam



Conventional



Diversified



Average Winter



Warmer Winter



Elora Research Station Lysimeter Facility











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How do we measure N_2O Emissions?



Simple Rotation

Diverse Rotation

Diverse Rotation + Winter Warming Treatment



3 Years

Control



Heated



2019 Spring Environmental Conditions



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2019 Spring Emissions











Thank You!



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