

Supplementary Materials:

Table S1: The studies used in the meta-analysis to evaluate the impacts of cropping systems and soil management practices on area-scaled N₂O emission, crop yields, and yield-scaled N₂O emission during wheat and maize growing seasons

Cropping season	Location	O ^a	Area-scaled N ₂ O (kg N ha ⁻¹)	Crop yield (Mg ha ⁻¹)	Yield-scaled N ₂ O (kg CO ₂ eq Mg ⁻¹)	Cropping system ^b	Soil management practices				Citation
							N application rate (kg N ha ⁻¹)	Enhanced-Efficiency fertilizer ^c	Organic amendments	Tillage ^d	
Wheat	Nanjing	18	2.60-9.29	1.13-7.57	506-1079	W-R,W-U	0, 100, 150, 200, 225, 300	-	-	NT, RT	Chen et al. 2008
Wheat	Tai'an	6	1.33-1.64	6.10-7.73	86-125	W-U	-	-	straw	NT, RT	Zhao 2008
Wheat	Changwu	5	1.65-2.96	1.39-4.08	91-734	W-U	0, 120	-	manure	-	Li 2009
Wheat	Nanjing	4	0.08-3.80	0.92-6.62	8-618	W-R	0, 220	-	-	-	Huang 2011
Wheat	Jurong	3	0.98-1.93	5.78-5.97	78-151	W-R	-	-	-	-	Ma et al. 2011
Wheat	Jurong	4	0.36-2.14	3.50-7.01	48-143	W-R	0, 100, 200, 270	-	-	-	Ji et al. 2012a
Wheat	Liuhe	4	0.54-1.22	7.60-8.02	33-71	W-R	-	-	straw, manure	-	Sun et al. 2012b
Wheat	Liuhe	4	0.39-1.22	6.85-8.02	23-71	W-R	-	-	straw, manure	-	Sun et al. 2012a
Wheat	Jiangning	5	10.8-16.3	5.77-6.99	851-982	W-R	-	-	straw, manure	-	Zou et al. 2006
Wheat	Yongji	6	0.48-1.08	6.3-8.2	34-67	W-U	0, 60, 120, 180, 300, 400	-	-	-	Liu et al. 2012
Wheat	Yongji	2	1.5-1.6	5.59-6.11	115-134	W-U	-	-	straw	-	Liu et al. 2011a
Wheat	Jurong	4	1.86-3.18	5.25-6.15	166-257	W-U	-	-	straw	-	Ma et al. 2010
Wheat	Shanxi	5	1.12-3.38	1.39-4.08	173-904	W-U	0, 120	-	manure	-	Wei et al. 2010
Wheat	Helan	4	0.08-0.96	0.59-5.14	39-87	W-U	0, 150	-	manure	-	Cai et al. 2013
Wheat	Jurong	12	0.35-3.93	2.93-4.79	51-391	W-R	0, 100, 200, 270	CRF	-	-	Ji et al. 2012b

Wheat	Qiyang	4	0.16-0.80	0.28-1.51	259-540	W-U	0, 90	-	manure	-	Zhai et al. 2011
Wheat	Changsu	8	0.57-1.98	1.65-5.81	68-188	W-R	0, 200	NI	-	NT	Ma et al. 2013
Wheat	Huaitai	5	0.51-0.94	3.15-7.39	53-75	W-U	0, 300	CRF	-	NT	Shi et al. 2013
Wheat	Suzhou	2	1.90-3.70	5.20	171-333	W-R	-	-	-	-	Peng et al. 2013
Wheat	Changsu	2	0.75-4.56	1.92-6.07	182-366	W-R	0-180	-	-	-	Ma et al. 2013
Wheat	Yongji	2	0.92-1.32	6.70-7.10	61-92	W-U	-	NI	-	-	Liu et al. 2013a
Wheat	Quzhou	6	0.22-1.02	2.90-4.45	35-108	W-U	-	CRF, NI	straw, manure	-	Hu et al. 2013
Wheat	Luancheng	8	0.76-1.04	5.88-6.87	58-70	W-U	-	-	-	-	Song et al. 2013
Wheat	Xinxiang	7	0.29-0.88	6.67-7.67	20-55	W-U	-	-	straw, manure	NT, RT	Zhang et al. 2013
Wheat	Huaitai	6	0.38-2.41	3.00-6.90	15-217	W-U	0, 180, 270	-	-	-	Yan et al. 2013
Wheat	Wuxi	4	1.53-3.91	5.83-6.60	109-326	W-R	-	-	straw	NT	Yao et al. 2013
Wheat	Sichuan	4	0.03-1.03	0.60-3.70	23-133	W-U	0, 52,78,130	-	straw, manure	-	Zhou et al. 2014
Wheat	Jiangsu	5	0.79-1.15	4.10-4.80	77-131	W-R	-	-	-	-	Jiang et al. 2015
Wheat	Hebei	5	0.36-0.87	5.17-9.51	23-48	W-U	0,225,280	NI	-	-	Liu et al. 2015
Wheat	Hebei	7	0.27-0.73	3.33-7.80	25-55	W-U	0,150,225,300	NI	-	-	Wang et al. 2015
Wheat	Shandong	4	0.69-1.07	7.32-7.99	40-66	W-U	-	CRF	-	-	Xu et al. 2015
Wheat	Henlan	7	0.35-0.84	5.33-8.20	29-48	W-U	0,225	-	-	-	Han et al. 2016
Wheat	Sichuan	6	0.04-0.24	1.27-3.71	14-84	W-U	-	-	straw, manure	-	Liu et al. 2016
Wheat	Shandong	4	0.89-1.86	7.44-8.57	56-104	W-U	0,225	CRF	-	-	Zhang et al. 2016
Maize	Tai'an	6	4.65-5.63	8.02-9.41	239-289	M-U	-	-	straw	NT, RT	Zhao 2008
Maize	Ziting	6	0.96-2.69	0.41-7.45	133-1105	M-U	0, 150	-	straw, manure	-	Zeng 2011
Maize	Xianlin	6	0.29-0.53	1.80-3.48	57-79	M-U	-	-	-	-	Guo et al. 2009
Maize	Yongji	2	1.90-3.00	7.51-7.60	117-187	M-U	-	-	straw	-	Liu et al. 2011a
Maize	Baoding	6	1.18-9.07	7.56-9.51	73-447	M-U	0, 180, 300	CRF	-	-	Shi 2012
Maize	Baoding	2	4.25-5.92	11.81-11.88	169-233	M-U	-	-	straw	-	Pei et al. 2012

Maize	Xizou	2	0.39-1.31	8.71-9.06	20-71	M	-	-	-	-	Guo et al. 2012
Maize	Jinzhong	4	0.18-1.17	8.41-10.76	10-51	M	0, 180	-	manure	-	Zhou et al. 2011
Maize	Wuwei	3	1.63-2.13	2.77-4.36	229-275	M	0, 300, 450	-	-	-	Lv 2011
Maize	Jinzhong	4	0.21-1.19	8.82-11.22	11-55	M	0, 180	-	-	-	Liu et al. 2011b
Maize	Jinzhong	11	0.21-1.60	8.78-13.30	11-61	M	0, 180	CRF , NI	-	-	Liu 2011
Maize	Shenyang	4	1.21-4.00	6.88-7.86	72-259	M	-	CRF	-	-	Huang et al. 1998
Maize	Fengqiu	4	0.41-0.77	8.35-9.60	21-43	M-U	-	NI	-	-	Ding et al. 2011
Maize	Haerbing	2	0.21-0.88	5.51-7.50	18-55	M	0, 225	-	-	-	Ni et al. 2012
Maize	Yongji	6	1.01-4.49	4.90-8.40	97-259	M-U	0, 75, 150, 250, 350, 450	-	-	-	Liu et al. 2012
Maize	Fengqiu	4	0.22-1.81	0.84-8.11	72-122	M-U	0, 150	-	manure	-	Cai et al. 2013
Maize	Qiyang	4	0.14-1.42	0.17-4.45	182-390	M-U	0, 210	-	manure	-	Zhai et al. 2011
Maize	Fengqiu	5	0.08-1.22	1.49-9.82	25-382	M-U	0, 150	-	manure	-	Cai et al. 2012
Maize	Huaitai	5	0.45-1.26	6.13-10.01	35-63	M-U	0, 300	CRF	-	-	Shi et al. 2013
Maize	Yongji	3	1.73-3.18	6.30-7.10	135-236	M-U	-	NI	-	-	Liu et al. 2013a
Maize	Quzhou	6	0.45-2.56	9.05-10.10	25-121	M-U	0, 180	CRF , NI	straw, manure	-	Hu et al. 2013
Maize	Linghai	5	0.82-1.50	9.26-10.97	41-64	M	0, 263	CRF	straw	-	Liu et al. 2013b
Maize	Huaitai	6	0.26-4.27	5.20-8.60	18-307	M-U	0, 297, 330	-	-	-	Yan et al. 2013
Maize	Gongzhulin	10	0.57-4.39	4.50-11.40	36-183	M	0, 230	-	manure	-	Guo et al. 2013
Maize	Hebei	5	0.21-0.83	0.19-6.30	55-539	M-U	0, 93, 210	-	straw, manure	-	Zhang et al. 2014
Maize	Sichuan	4	0.12-1.00	0.40-7.50	44-140	M-U	0, 60,90,130	-	straw, manure	-	Zhou et al. 2014
Maize	Shandong	16	0.45-7.09	7.51-12.01	23-339	M-U	0, 225	CRF	-	-	Li et al. 2015
Maize	Hebei	7	0.33-2.30	5.71-10.64	26-145	W-U	0,150,225,300	NI	-	-	Wang et al. 2015
Maize	Henlan	7	1.07-6.23	8.69-11.39	57-256	W-U	0,225	-	-	-	Han et al. 2016
Maize	Sichuan	6	0.08-1.01	1.89-8.24	16-153	W-U	-	-	straw, manure	-	Liu et al. 2016

Maize	Shandong	4	0.59-1.78	7.85-9.80	35-85	W-U	0,240	CRF	-	-	Zhang et al. 2016
Maize	Hebei	5	0.39-4.43	4.53-11.32	29-234	W-U	0, 257	-	-	-	Tian et al. 2017

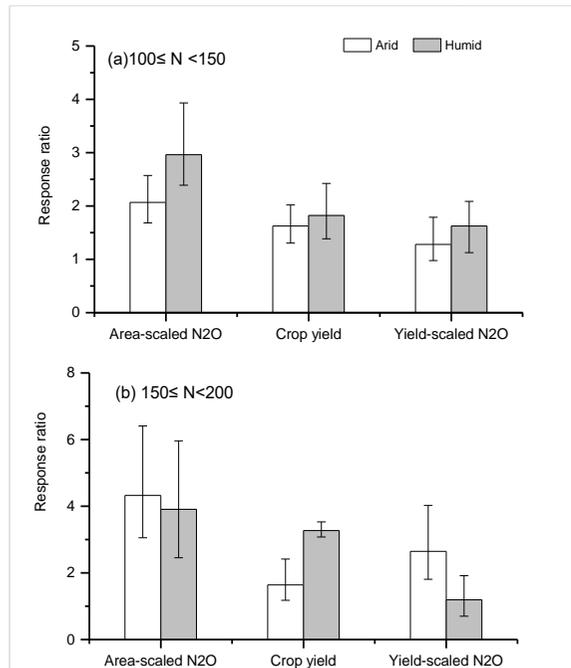
^a: The number of observations in selected studies

^b: W-R: winter wheat-rice rotation; W-U: winter wheat-upland crops rotation; M-U: summer maize-upland crops rotation; M: single spring maize

^c: CRF: control-released fertilizer; NI: nitrification inhibitor

^d: NT: no tillage; RT: reduced tillage

Fig.S1 The response ratios of two N subgroup ($100 \leq N < 150$, $150 \leq N < 200$) in arid and humid regions



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