

**Table S1.** The coefficients of reactive N (Nr) emission and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission for agricultural inputs at the agricultural materials stage (MS).

Item	Unit	Nr emission (g N unit <sup>-1</sup> )	GHG (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq unit <sup>-1</sup> )	References
N fertilizer	kg N	7.15	8.3	Zhang et al., 2013
P fertilizer	kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.184	0.79	Zhang et al., 2013; Yue, 2013
K fertilizer	kg K <sub>2</sub> O	0.146	0.55	Zhang et al., 2013; Pahlavan et al., 2012
Pesticides	kg	4.69	19.1	Clark et al., 2016; Cui et al., 2012
Diesel	L	1.97	3.75	Cui et al., 2013; Pishgar-Komleh et al., 2013
Plastic film	kg	--	0.1	He et al., 2016

N fertilizer include both inorganic N fertilizer and organic N fertilizer.

**Table S2.** The emission factor of NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-1</sup> for N fertilizer inputs at the agricultural materials stage (FS).

Item	Source	Emission factor (%)	References
NO <sub>2</sub>	N fertilizer	0.63	Wang et al., 2018a
NH <sub>3</sub>	N fertilizer	0.81	Ti et al., 2015
NO	N fertilizer	1.17	Fan et al., 2017
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	Inorganic N fertilizer	19.7	Lu et al., 2011; Min et al., 2012
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	Organic N fertilizer	11.1	Min et al., 2012

**Table S3.** Components EDC (CNY ha<sup>-1</sup>) for vegetable production (Xia et al., 2016).

Items	Unit	Coefficient (CNY unit <sup>-1</sup> )
N <sub>2</sub> O	kg N	2.1
NO	kg N	29.6
NH <sub>3</sub>	kg N	37.5
N leaching and runoff	kg N	9.3
GHG emission	t CO <sub>2</sub> -eq	174.3

**Table S4.** The application rate and price of various agricultural inputs for farm management under different elevation level for cabbage production. HAL represents high elevation level (900-1200m), LAL represents low elevation level (500-800m). The marketing price were obtained from the dealer in CNY, and converted into USD based on an average exchange rate of 7.

	Unit	HAL			LAL			Price (RMB kg <sup>-1</sup> )	
		Application rate		Price (RMB kg <sup>-1</sup> )	Application rate		Price (RMB kg <sup>-1</sup> )		
		Mean	Range		Mean	Range			
Yield	t ha <sup>-1</sup>	11.1	7.5-17.5	4.60	13.3	6.8-22.5	4.60		
Synthetic fertilizers	N kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	271.8	168.0-484.1	5.89	252.7	116.0-484.1	6.48		
	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	276.0	72.0-792	5.75	215.0	0.0-660	6.32		
	K <sub>2</sub> O kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	135.7	0-447	8.20	208.0	0-432	9.02		
Organic fertilizer	kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	1063	0-5466	0.65	2048.7	0-6750	0.71		
Pesticide	kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	1.33	0-2.1	916	1.53	0-3.0	916		
Plastic cover	kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	52.1	0-105.0	20	53.4	26.3-108.8	22		
Diesel	kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	2.9	0-120	7.15	8.6	0-45	7.15		
Seed	kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	0.6	-	4000	0.6	-	4000		
Cultivation labor	man-day ha <sup>-1</sup>	90	-	65	37.5	-	65		

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