

Tier 2 emission factors of CH₄ and N₂O from rice rotation systems

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Abstract

Rice remains an important economic crop in Thailand, which cultivation area covers almost a half of the country's arable land (OAE, 2012). The different crop management practices have shown different effects on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The flooded rice cultivation increases CH₄ emissions, while upland crop cultivation with fertilizer application produce N₂O emission. In agricultural sector, accurate and reliable estimation of the emissions are the key for supporting GHG inventory. Tier selection for GHG estimation depend upon the availability of activity data and emission factors. Under Tier 2, country-specific emission factors should be measured and used instead of default factors (IPCC 2006). This study measured CH₄ and N₂O emission from different crop-rice rotation systems and proposed country specific emission factors. The four crop-rice rotation systems were made including fallow land-rice (RF), Rice-rice (RR), Corn-rice (RC), and Sweet sorghum-rice (RS). In rice cultivation season, averaged daily CH₄ emissions from RF, RR, RC and RS were 1.72, 5.22, 1.88 and 1.64 kg CH₄ ha⁻¹ day⁻¹, respectively. Emission factors for N₂O emissions from N-input were observed from N-fertilizer, incorporated manure and crop residues. It was found that annual amounts of their N-input were different on each crop-rice rotation system.

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