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# Agricultural Outlook

## *Global Population Growth:*

- Gerald Nelson, University of Illinois:
  - The world's population will continue growing through at least 2050, barring a major war or the widespread outbreak of a serious disease
- Chairman & CEO, ADM:
  - Population is projected to grow by 33% in the next 20 years, from 6 to 8 billion people, while food demand increases 50% due to higher living standards and more demand for protein.

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## West

December 2, 2008  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	32.8	67.2	29.6	8.6	0.0	0.0
Last Week (11/25/2008 map)	36.0	64.0	29.3	8.6	0.0	0.0
3 Months Ago (09/09/2008 map)	34.3	65.7	30.1	10.2	0.1	0.0
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2008 map)	26.3	73.7	54.7	33.1	2.7	0.0
Start of Water Year (10/07/2008 map)	41.3	58.7	28.6	10.4	0.1	0.0
One Year Ago (12/04/2007 map)	26.1	73.9	54.8	32.8	2.7	0.0

Intensity:

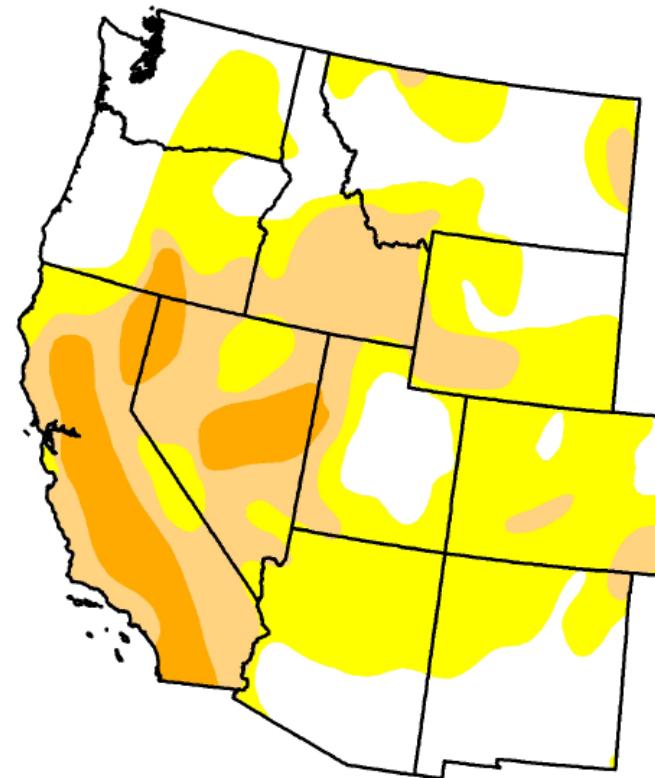
█ D0 Abnormally Dry

█ D3 Drought - Extreme

█ D1 Drought - Moderate

█ D4 Drought - Exceptional

█ D2 Drought - Severe



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions.  
Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary  
for forecast statements.

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>



National Drought Mitigation Center



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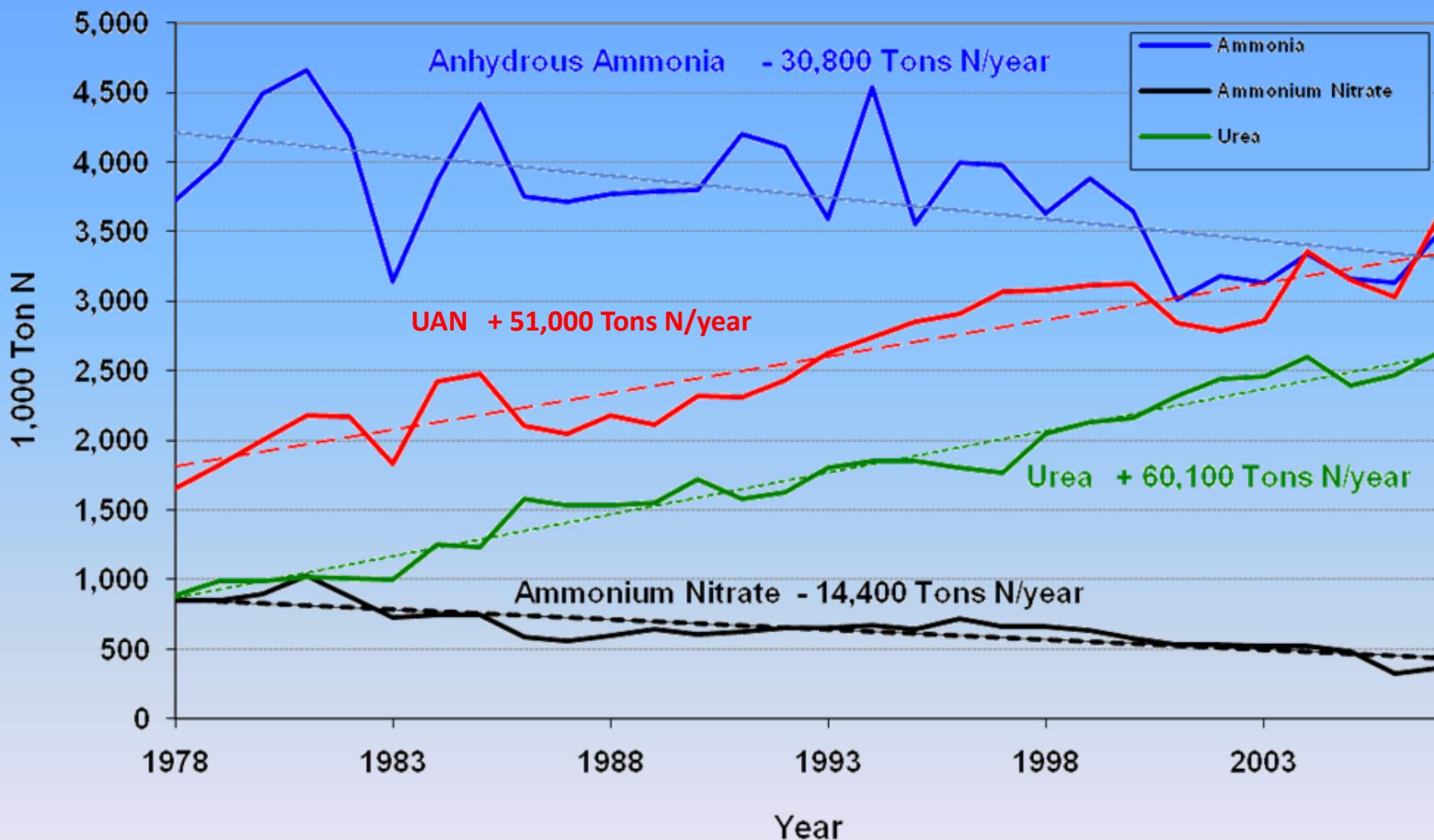
# FORECAST

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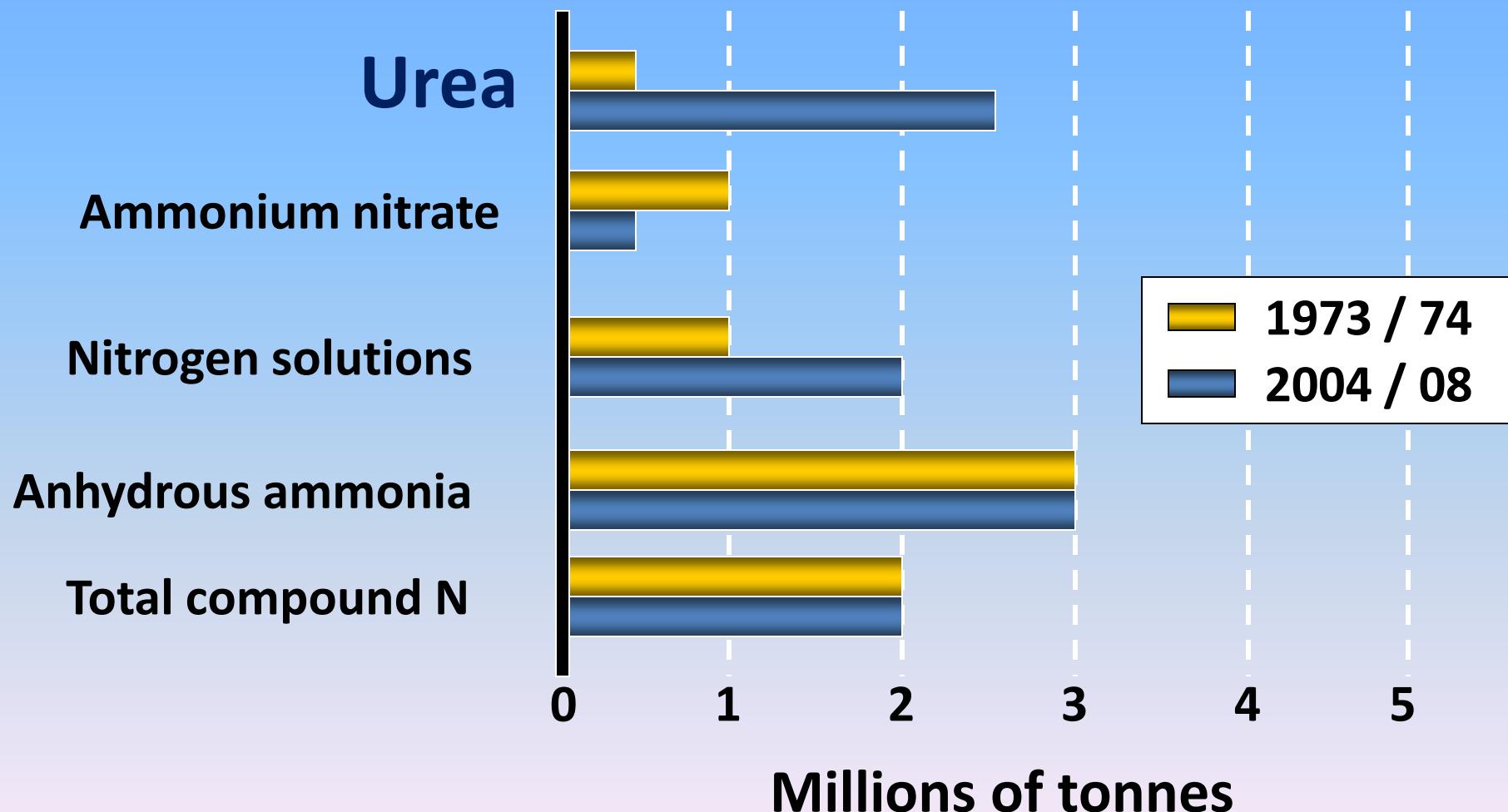
- Improving crop nutrient demand drivers and outlook
  - Upturn in the global economic outlook
  - Constructive agricultural fundamentals
- Tighter phosphate fundamentals begins to take hold
  - Low stocks from producer warehouses to farm field
  - Demand recovery underway
- Potash shipments remain slow
  - Waiting for a China settlement and price discovery
  - Strong demand recovery expected in 2018
  - Demand recovery at what price?
- Unpredictable factors to watch
  - Agricultural commodity prices and farm economics
  - Macroeconomic conditions
  - Government policies

# U.S. Nitrogen Fertilizer Consumption

Tons N/year



# USA Evolution of N Fertilizer Consumption



# Nutrient Demand of a 225 bu/a Corn Crop and Nutrient Supply from the Soil

Nutrient	Estimates on Amounts (lb/a) Supplied by Barney			
	Demand (lb/a)	Interception	Mass Flow	Diffusion
Potassium	<b>250</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>210</b>
Nitrogen	<b>254</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>45</b>
Phosphorus	<b>60</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>55</b>
Sulfur	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>

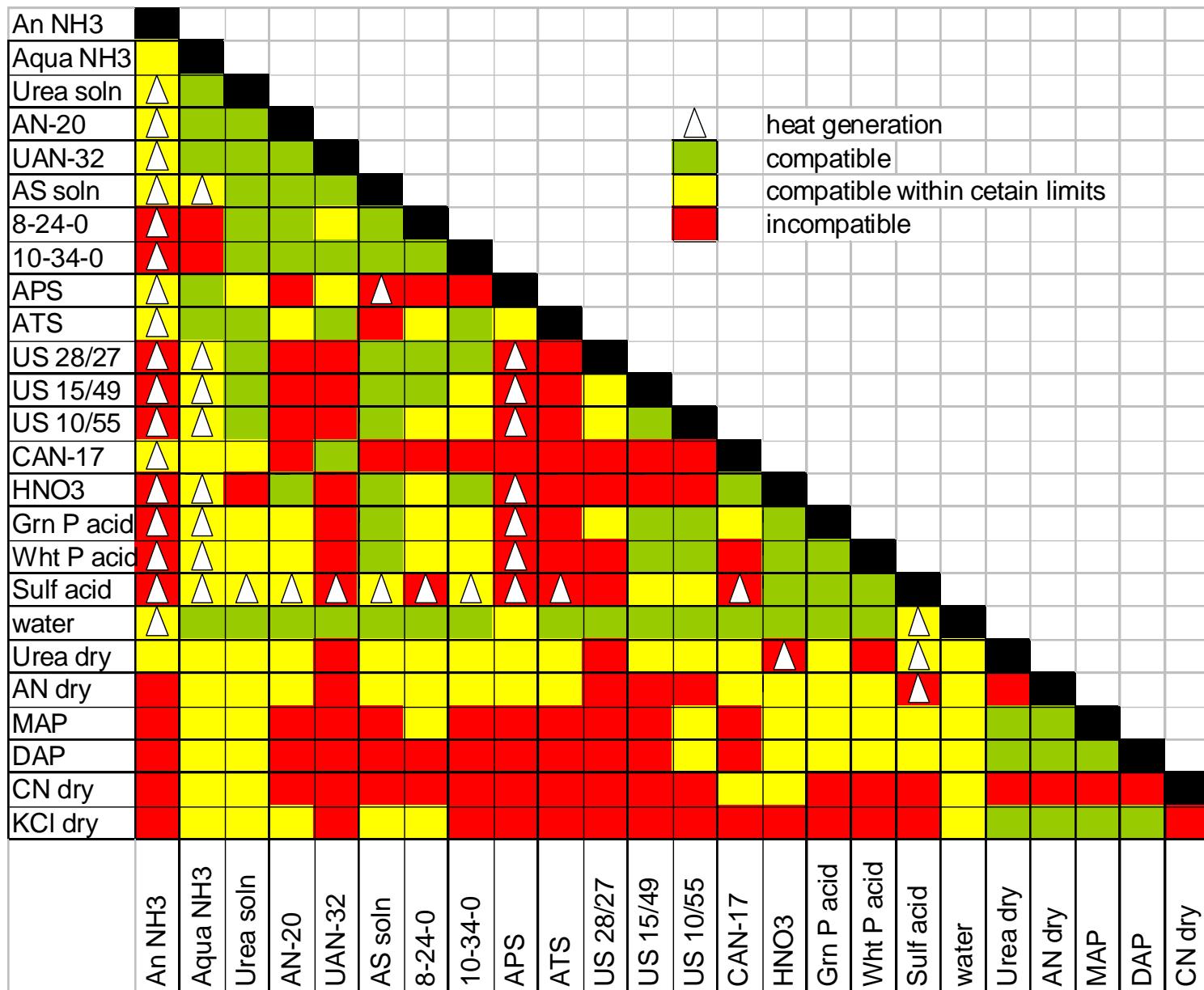
**As a rule, elements as you move upper left are more soluble with elements as you move upper right**

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**KEY**

atomic number  
Element name  
Symbol  
atomic weight

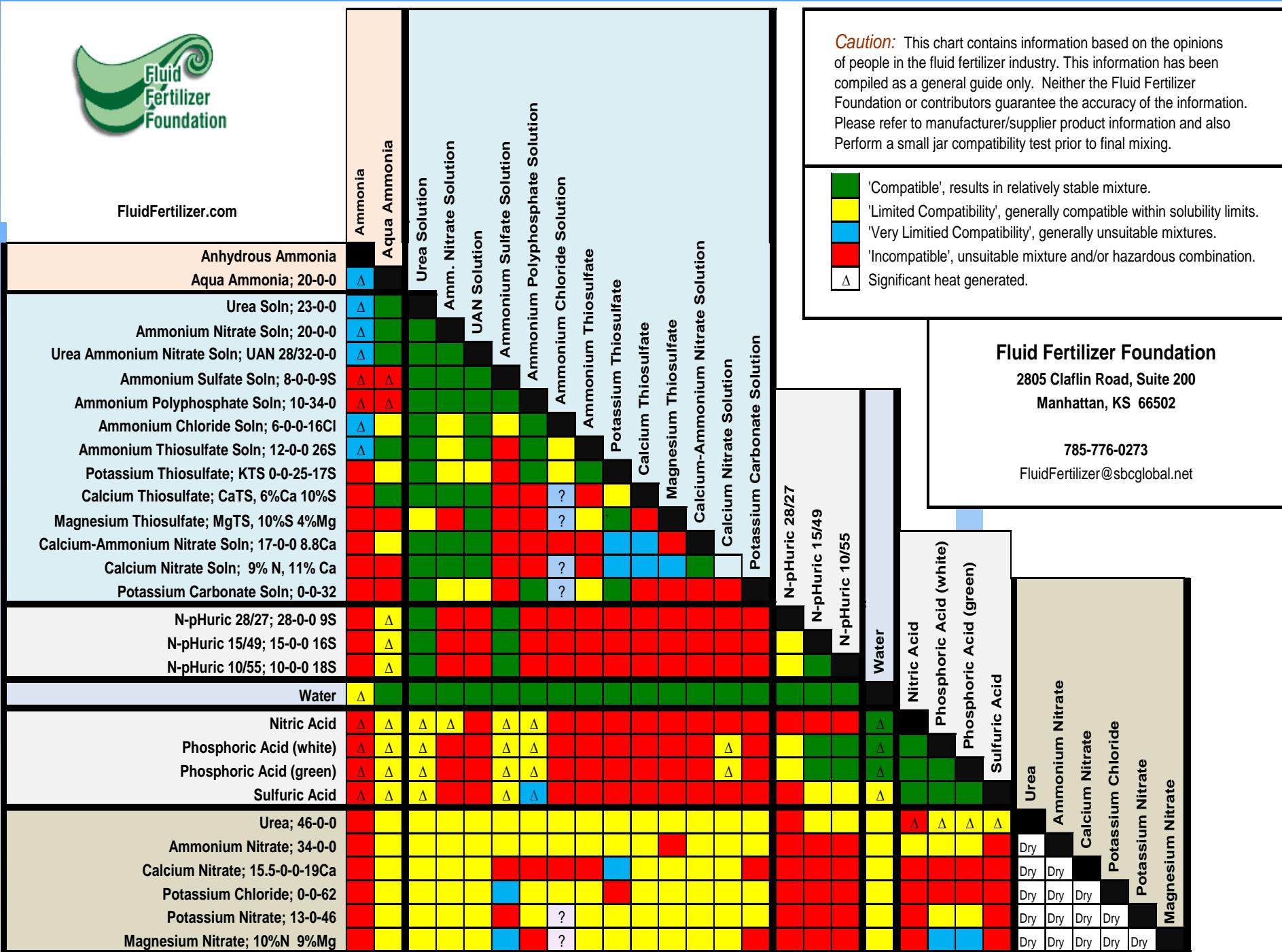
# Unocal Compatibility Chart







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# Solutions for AGRICULTURE

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	Anhydrous Ammonia	Aqua Ammonia	Urea Solution	Ammonium Nitrate Solution	Ammonium Sulfate Solution	Ammonium Polyphosphate Solution	Ammonium Chloride Solution	Ammonium Thiosulfate	Potassium Thiosulfate	Calcium Thiosulfate	Magnesium Thiosulfate	Calcium-Ammonium Nitrate Solution	Calcium Nitrate Solution	Potassium Carbonate Solution	N-pHuric 28/27	N-pHuric 15/49	N-pHuric 10/55	Water	Nitric Acid	Phosphoric Acid (white)	Phosphoric Acid (g)	Sulfuric Acid	Urea	Ammonium Nitrate	Calcium Nitrate	Potassium Chloride	Potassium Nitrate	Magnesium Nitrate	Monopotassium Phosphate	PeKacid			
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Phosphoric Acid (green)	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ			
Sulfuric Acid	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ			
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Monopotassium Phosphate (0-52-34)																			?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?		
PeKacid (0-60-20)																			?														

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Technical Grade MAP

PeKacid

Monopotassium Phosphate

“Any chemical reaction that  
proceeds smoothly under normal  
conditions can proceed violently in  
the presence of an idiot!”

This usually is preceded by the  
words:

“Hey Bubba watch this!”



# CHEMICAL COMPATIBILITY FOR LIQUIDS FERTILIZERS

## Table Key:

- A- Acceptable if compatible with container or appurtenances
- N- Not acceptable because of chemical compatibility
- 1- Acceptable if product is treated with corrosion inhibitor
- 2- Acceptable if warranted by equipment manufacturer for the intended use
- 3- Acceptable if cleaned after seasonal use and is used to store materials less than three months (cumulative) annually

Product	Urea Ammonia Nitrate	Ammonium Thiosulfate	Ammonium Poly- phosphate	Potassium Phosphate	Potassium Hydroxide	Potash Solutions	Mixed Fertilizers, Starters
<b>Container Material</b>							
Stainless Steel	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Mild Steel	1	1	A	N	N	3	3
Mild Steel with Liner	2	2	A	2	2	2	2
Aluminum	A	A	N	N	N	N	N
Fiberglass	A	A	A	A	2	A	A
Poly or Plastic	A	A	A	A	2	A	A
Brass or Copper Alloys	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
<b>Plugs, Valves, Tank Inserts</b>							
Stainless Steel	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Nickel Stainless Insert	A	A	A	A	2	A	A
Fully Lined Metal							
Stainless Insert	A	A	A	A	N	A	A
Nylon Ball Valve	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Forged Steel	A	A	A	2	N	A	A
Cast Iron/Mild Steel	N	N	A	N	N	N	N
Poly or Plastic	A	A	A	A	2	A	A
Brass or Copper Alloys	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
<b>Plumbing</b>							
Stainless Steel	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Forged Steel	A	A	A	2	N	A	A
Cast Iron/Mild Steel	1	1	A	N	N	3	3
Galvanized	N	N	A	N	N	N	3
PVC/Other Synthetics	2	2	2	A	2	2	2

Source: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

# What is a BTU?

- A BTU, short for British Thermal Unit, is a basic measure of thermal (heat) energy. One BTU is the amount of energy needed to heat one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit, measured at its heaviest point. In other words, if you placed 16 ounces of water at 59°F into a stovetop pan and turned on the gas burner, it would take one BTU to raise the temperature of the water to 60°F.

# UAN PRODUCTION

- AN Liquor + Urea Liquor
- Nitric acid + Ammonia + Urea Liquor
- Melt
- Adjust concentration

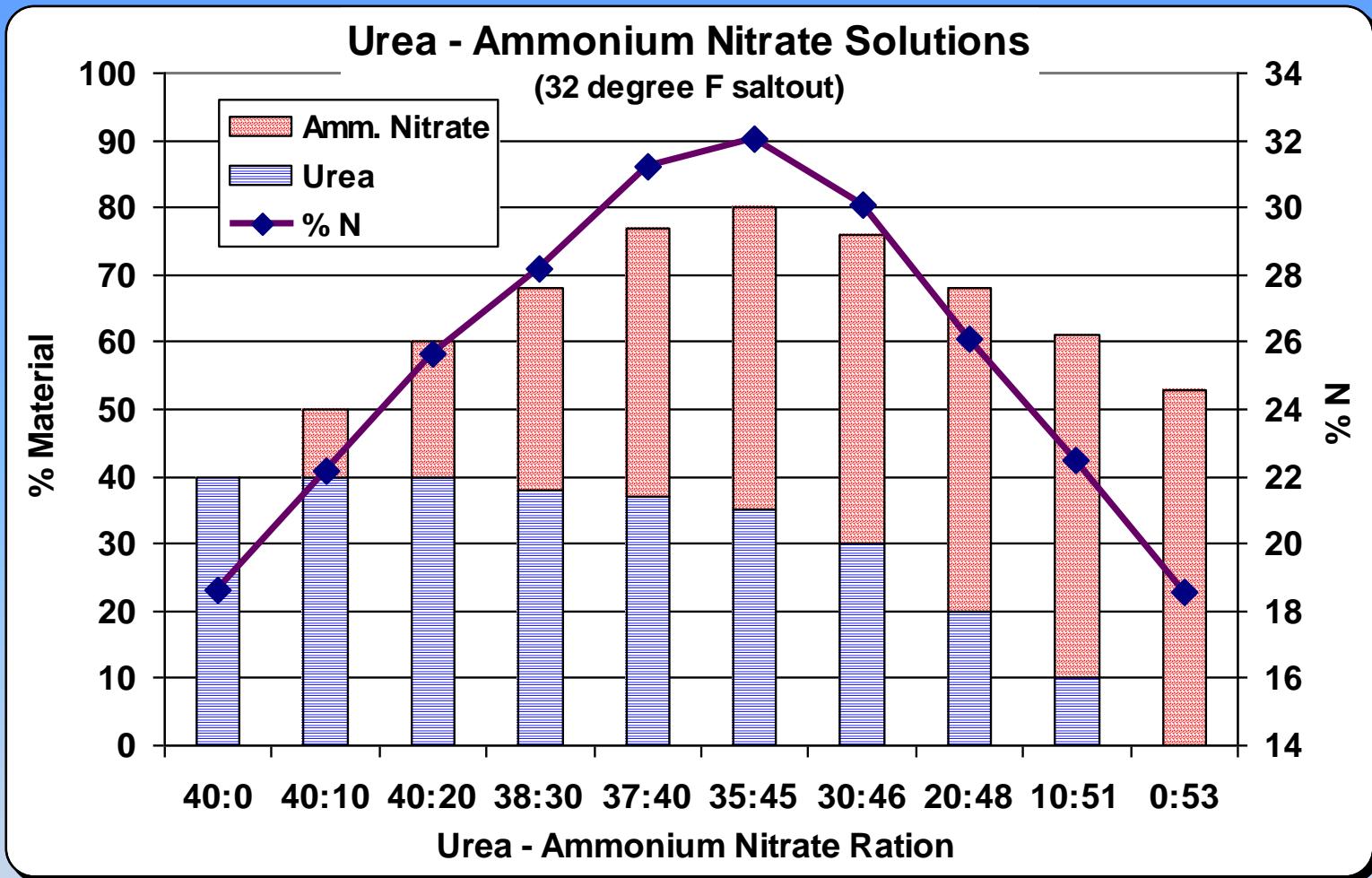
# Composition of UAN 28% N

- 14 % N from Ammonium Nitrate
  - 7% ammonium N
  - 7% nitrate N
- 14% N from Urea
- 30% water
- + small amounts of inhibitors to inhibit corrosion of mild steel

# ADJUST UAN

- Addition of Urea-summer, winter blend
- Addition of Ammonia to adjust pH
- Addition of one or the other also impacts salt out temperature
- Addition of water to cut concentration impacts salt out
- Inhibitor addition impacts salt out temperature

<b>pH</b>	<b>% Free NH<sub>3</sub></b>
0 - 6.30	0.00
6.31 - 6.85	0.01
6.86 - 7.10	0.02
7.11 - 7.25	0.03
7.26 - 7.35	0.04
7.36 - 7.45	0.05
7.46 - 7.52	0.06
7.53 - 7.57	0.07
7.58 - 7.61	0.08
7.62 - 7.67	0.09
7.68 - 7.72	0.10
7.73 - 7.75	0.11
7.76 - 7.80	0.12
7.81 - 7.83	0.13
7.84 - 7.86	0.14
7.87 - 7.88	0.15
OVER 7.88	TITRATE



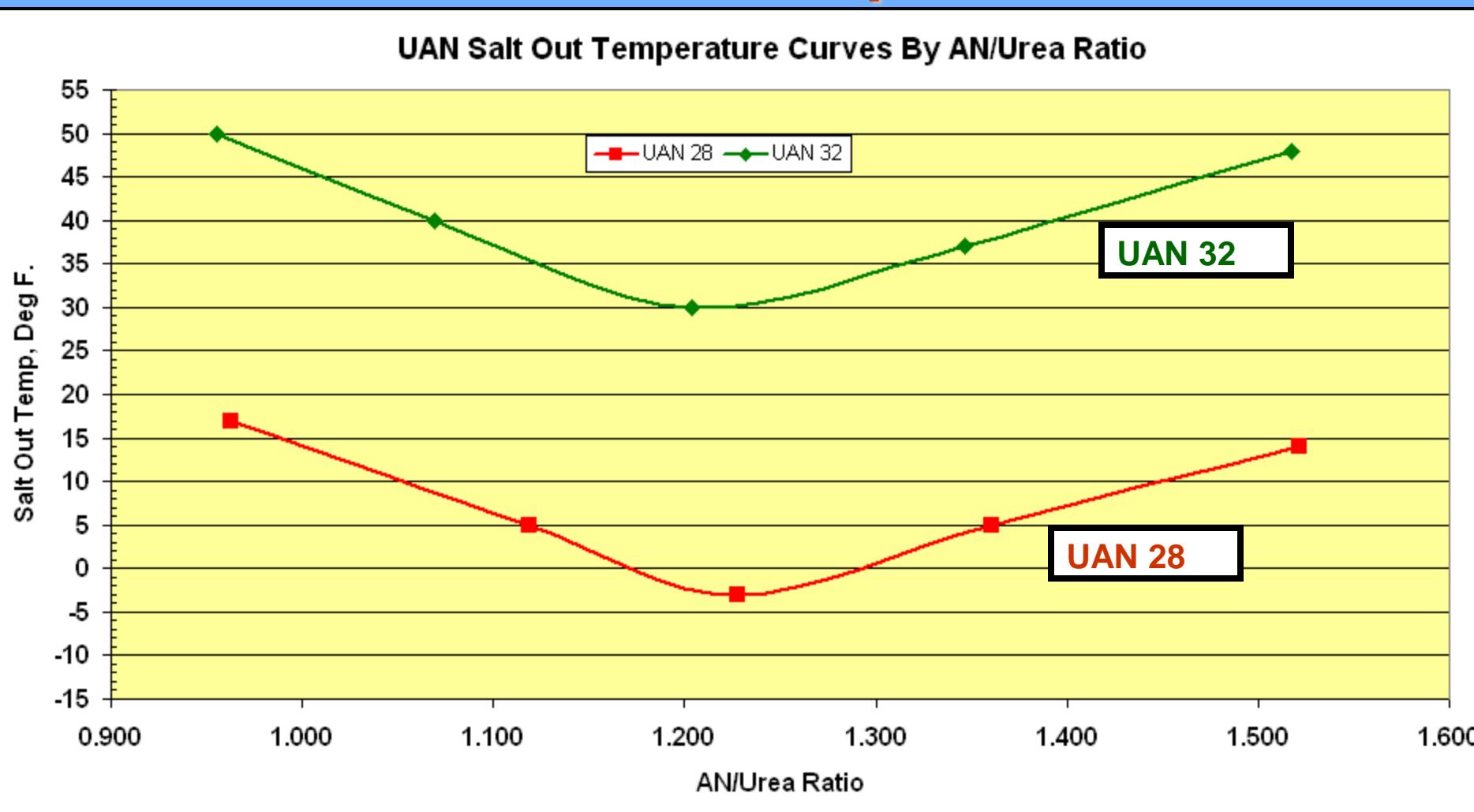
**Eutectic Point – point of maximum solubility**

**32% UAN** contains:

- approximately 35% ammonium nitrate, 45% urea and 20% water at eutectic point

**28% UAN** contains 30% water

# The Ratio of AN to Urea in UAN Determines the Salt Out Temperature



**The ideal ratio range is 1.1 to 1.4**

## Lowering Water Freezing Temperature With UAN Solution

% N	Freezing Temperature ° F	28-0-0	32-0-0
		gal per 100 gal water	gal per 100 gal water
0	32	0	0
2	29	6.1	5.2
4	25	13.1	11.2
6	22	21.5	18.2
8	19	31.5	26.2
10	15	43.7	35.6
12	12	59.0	47.2
14	9	78.7	61.2



# Appearance Value –Cross Contamination

- A Product Is Only As Good As The Skill It Was Made
- Contamination Can Be Disastrous To A Blend
- Dries That Go Into Blends Must Be Segregated
- Alley Ways Must Not Be Allowed To Co-Mingle

# UAN Solution

- Salt-out is an issue in many environments
  - Warm water has ability to dissolve more salts than cold water
  - Salt-out occurs when salt content exceeds solubility at a given product temperature
  - Crystals form on tank walls as temperature cools
  - Eventually salts accumulate at tank bottom
  - Salts will re-dissolve with sufficient heat and recirculation
  - There is very little water in UAN solution.

# Do you Circulate Continuous?



# Receiving and Unloading Materials Into the Plant

- HAVE ALL PERTINENT SHIPPING INFORMATION, BOLs, DOT requirement, etc.
- REVIEW AND UNDER STAND SDS AND RMP/PSM REQUIREMENTS
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RECEIVING

# Filling Liquid Storage Tanks

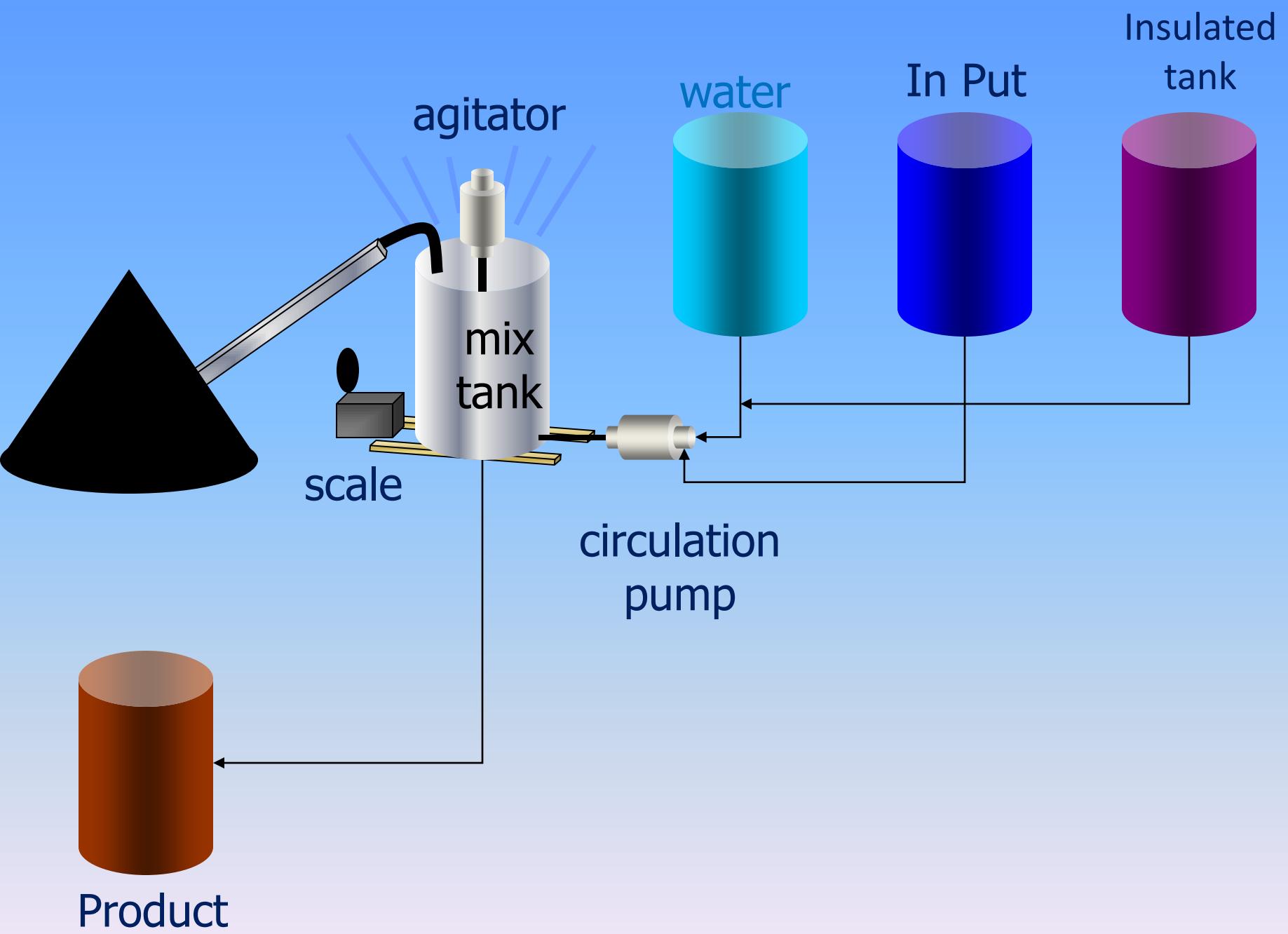
- Make Sure Inbound Transport Is Connected to the Correct Storage Tank
- Open All Appropriate Valves and Close Others
- Contain All Leaks
- Check Tank Inventory Prior To Transfer
- Wear Proper PPE
- Close All Appropriate Valves Upon Completion Of Transfer
- Complete All Documentation and Record Ending Inventory

# BLENDING LIQUID FERTILIZERS

- Solubility
- Order of Addition
- Stability

# CHANGING NITROGEN SUPPLY

- Ammonium nitrate
- Increased importation of UAN
- pH variation in UAN
- AN/Urea ratio
- Supply
- Discoloration



# Source and Quality of Water

- Major concern is Water Quality
- pH and Bicarbonates ( $\text{HCO}_3^-$ )
- Treat water with acid bring to pH 6.5
- Electrical Conductivity (EC)
- Snow melt and rain fed lake water
- Need gypsum if EC is  $< 0.3 \text{ dS/m}$
- Or EC is  $< 0.3 \text{ mmhos/cm}$



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# Order of Addition

- Water (Hot / Cold)
- Chelating /Complexing Agent
- Nitrogen
- Phosphates
- pH adjustment (initial)
- Micronutrients for Chelating/Complexing
- Potash
- Additional Micronutrients
- Calcium Nitrate / Chloride
- ATS / Pot Carbonate / SRN's
- Final pH Adjustment

# Order of Addition

- Suspend Solids While Mixing
- Chelating / Complexing
- pH
- Temperature
- Reaction / Compatibilities
- Foaming / Air Entrapment

Many exceptions to Rules of Addition

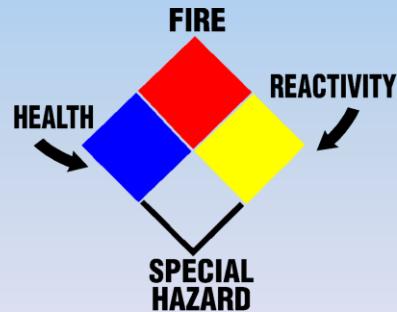


# LABELING

- Use Placards, NFPA, and Caution Labels & Symbols
- Label All Containers Properly  
Avoid trade symbols: KOH, MOP, APP

CHEMICAL NAME	
<input type="radio"/>	HEALTH
<input type="radio"/>	FLAMMABILITY
<input type="radio"/>	REACTIVITY
<input type="radio"/>	PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
HAZARD RATING	
4 EXTREME	1 SLIGHT
3 SERIOUS	0 MINIMAL
2 MODERATE	
0 MINIMAL	

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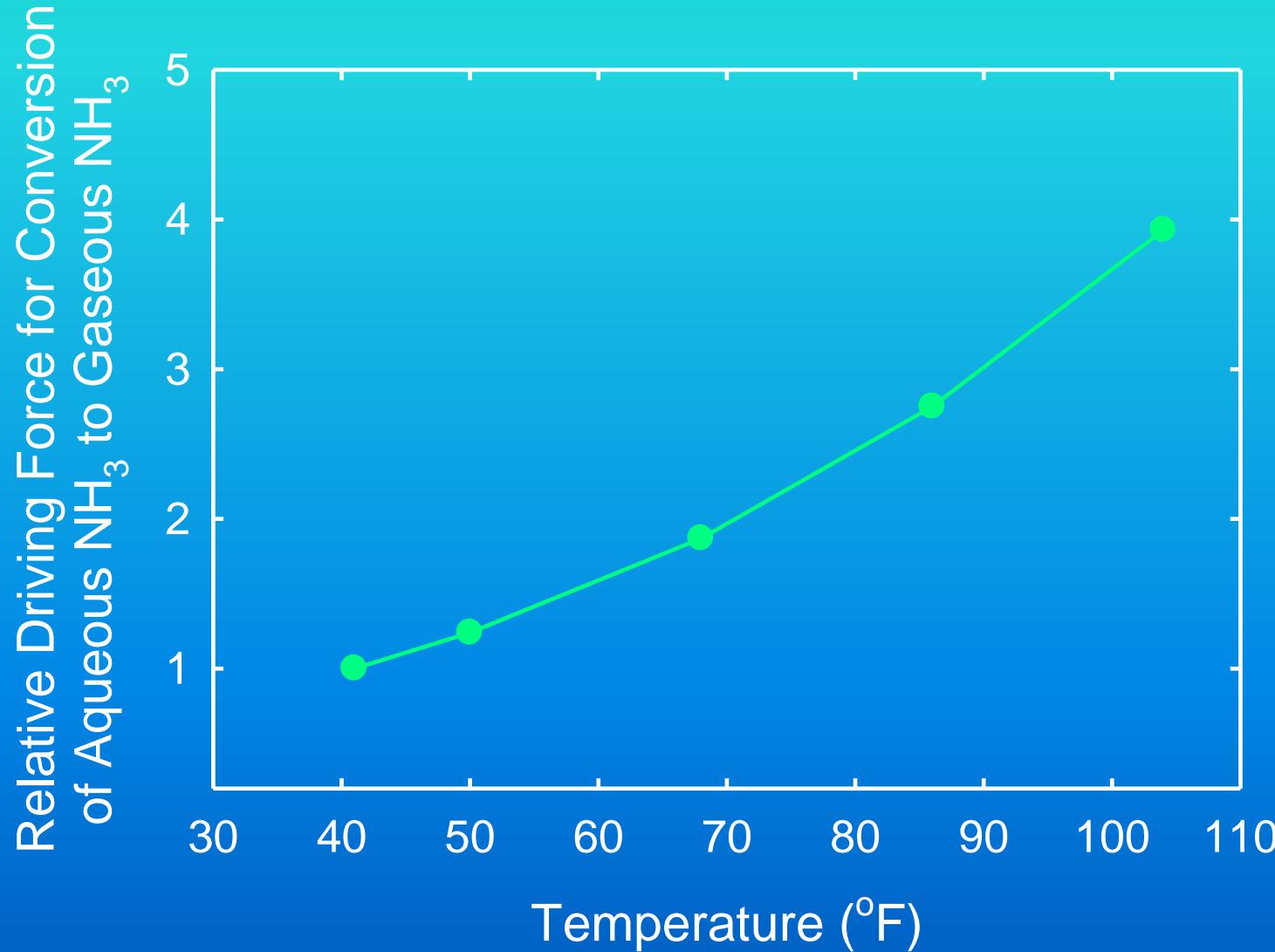


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## Summary of ammonia loss from UAN???

- Urea in UAN does not hydrolyze in the fertilizer tank.
- The  $\text{NH}_4^+$  from the ammonium nitrate portion of the UAN cannot be lost as  $\text{NH}_3$ .
- The amount of  $\text{NH}_3$  added to some UAN to inhibit corrosion is very small, around 10 lb per ton. A small portion of this  $\text{NH}_3$  may be lost during application.

# Effect of Temperature on Conversion of Aqueous $\text{NH}_3$ to Gaseous $\text{NH}_3$







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# So Why Do Tanks Fail?

- Improper Construction
- Corrosion
- Specific Gravity of fluid incompatible with tank wall
- Internal/External forces or events (fire, flood, impact, etc.)
- Age/UV related issues – Poly & Fiberglass
- Seismic zone design not compatible with area

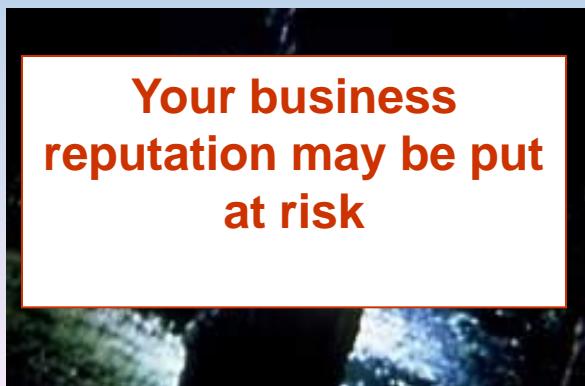
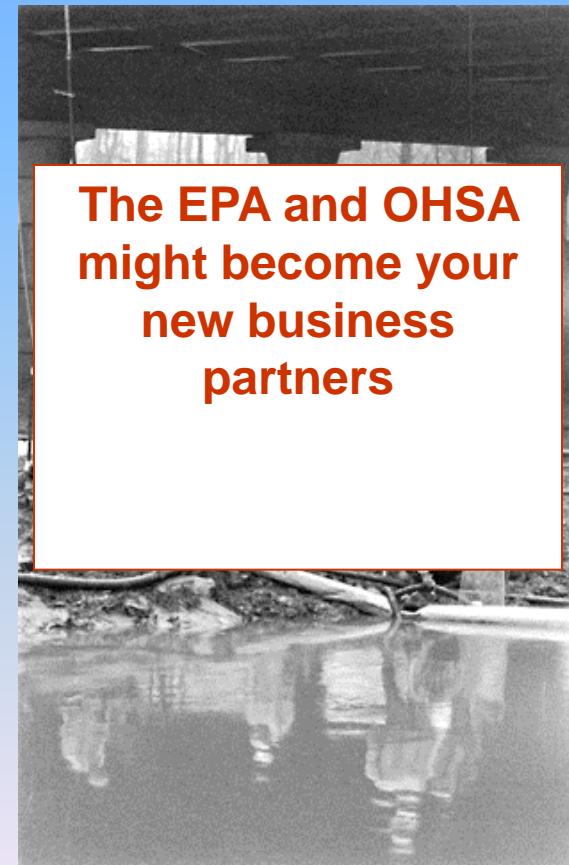


# **UAN Corrosion Management Should Be Taken Seriously by Every UAN Tank Owner**

- All UAN producers strive to make quality material, that is clean, bright and only minimally corrosive
- However, you should not depend solely on the UAN producer to manage your corrosion concerns.
- Some producers have gone to lined tanks, or use epoxy coatings extensively. Their piping is all stainless.
- UAN corrosiveness can vary:
  - producer to producer,
  - plant to plant,
  - and even day to day in the same plant



**If a UAN tank located on your property leaks, you may be liable for contamination in ground and surface water...**



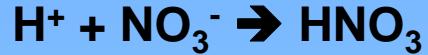


weld erosion at tub ring  
vert

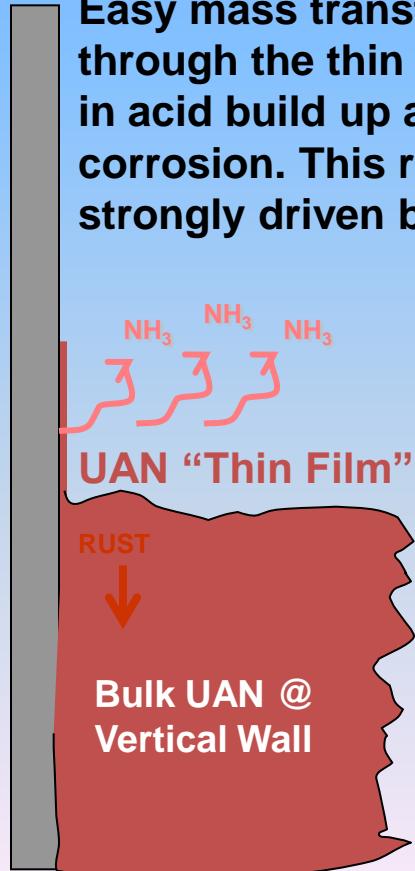
repair weld on chine

# Key UAN Corrosion Mechanisms

## Surface Corrosion in UAN



Easy mass transfer of ammonia through the thin UAN film results in acid build up and surface corrosion. This reaction is strongly driven by temperature

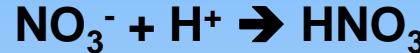


## Pitting Corrosion in UAN

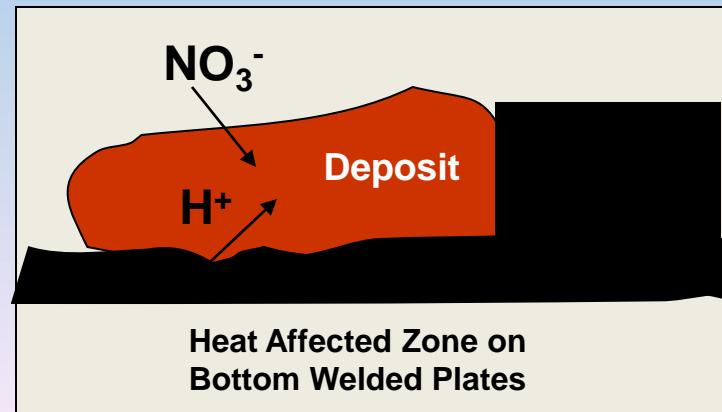
### Crevice or Under-Deposit Corrosion



### Solution



The H<sup>+</sup> can't diffuse out of the crevice fast enough. To remain electrically neutral, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> ions come in and in effect make Nitric Acid resulting in low pH inside the crevice, resulting in accelerated (pitting) corrosion.





# Tank Failure Background & History

- Storage tank failure is not a new phenomenon in fact...

On January 15, 1919 a United States Industrial Alcohol Company's distilling tank which recently had received a shipment of molasses in from Puerto Rico, exploded. At about 12:40 p.m. the giant tank ruptured, emptying its entire contents of about 2.5 million gallons of molasses, into Commercial Street in the space of a few seconds. The tank, a 90'-0 diameter x 50-foot high cast iron tank was filled to the top with molasses. Upon failure, a 15-foot high wave of dark molasses moving about 35 miles per hour swallowed the streets of Boston's North End. Almost 150 people lie injured in the streets with the final death toll being 21. A Massachusetts court determined that insufficient safety inspections had played a part in the accident. In time, after 3,000 witnesses testify during 300 days of hearings, the courts found the company liable, concluding shoddy construction and overfilling of the tank was to blame, along with the apparent sudden expansion of the molasses -- the temperature had only been 2 degrees above zero the previous day. The company paid almost \$1 million to settle the claims.

# Tank Failure Background & History (Cont.)

- 3/1997 – Washington, a 500k gallon storage tank of Potassium Thiosulfate has a weld rupture resulting in loss of 100k gallons of material.
- 3/1997 – Iowa, a 1M gallon ammonium phosphate tank ruptures and in turn damages two other liquid fertilizer tanks
- 7/1999 – Michigan, a 1M gallon APP ruptures and damages 3 adjacent tanks
- 1/2000 – Ohio, a 1M gallon fertilizer tank ruptures and damages 4 adjacent tanks and 5 tractor trailer rigs. More than 800k gallons spills into the Ohio River.
- 3/2000 – Ohio, a 1.5M gallon ammonium phosphate tank ruptures and damages 2 adjacent tanks. Some of the released liquid flows into nearby creeks.
- 10/2000 – Montana, a 2M gallon nitrogen fertilizer intermediate tank has a massive roof failure, no loss of product, but tank is damaged significantly.

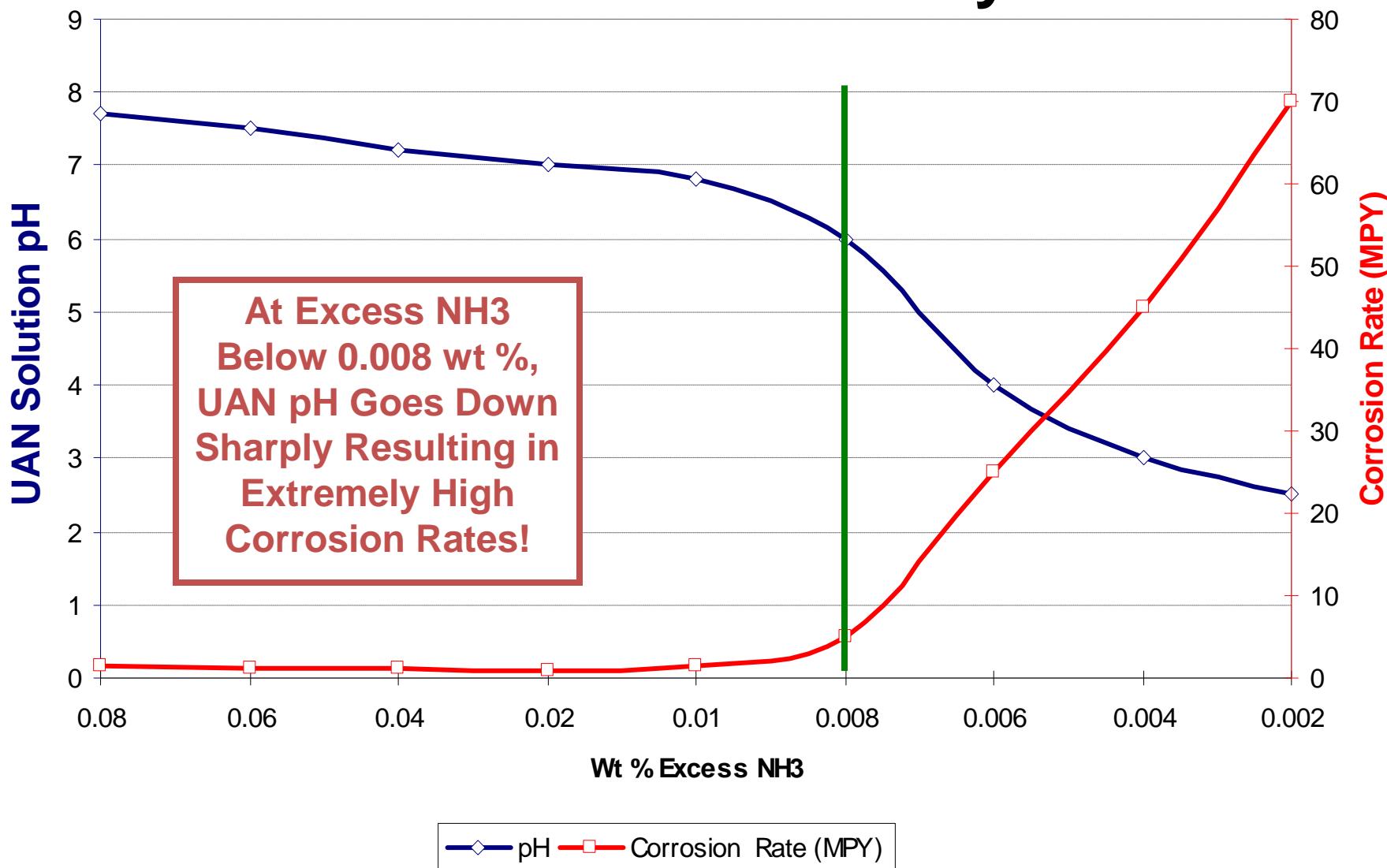
# **UAN Corrosion Management Should Be Taken Seriously by Every UAN Tank Owner**

- Purchasing UAN from multiple sites, may result in mixed inhibitors
  - These different inhibitors, (now diluted), may not be as effective together as they are by themselves when at full strength
- Purchasing quality UAN, from a trusted source, may be worth a little extra in price
  - You should monitor what you receive
  - Look closely at the quality of the UAN you are buying and the assets that will be exposed to that UAN



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# Excess NH<sub>3</sub> Controls the pH and also the Corrosivity



# Considerations

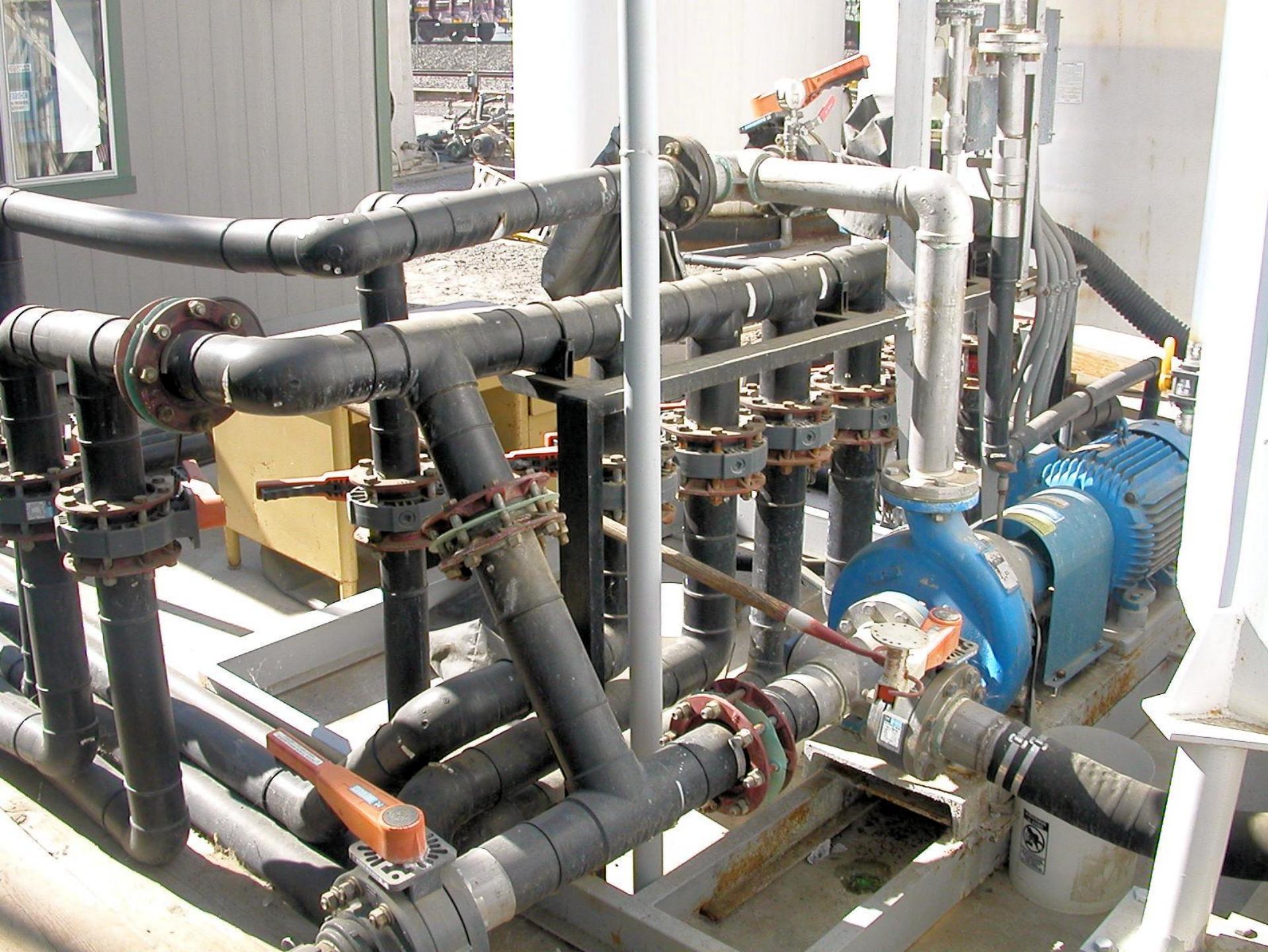
- Systematic approach
- Compatible components
- Short term vs. long term
- Plan ahead for future expansion

# Floor Failure Prevention

- Concrete Foundations
- Internal Coatings
- Full draining of liquids/thorough circulation of liquids
- Routine solids removal
- Cathodic protection

# HOUSEKEEPING

- Keep the Place Clean
- Plumbing
- Pumps
- Gaskets
- Etc.





# Open vs. closed impeller design pumps

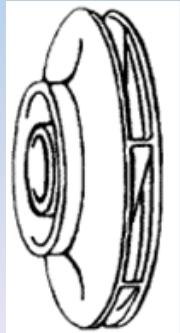
## Open



The fluid enters the eye of the impeller where the turning vanes add energy to the fluid and direct it to the discharge nozzle. A close clearance between the vanes and the pump volute, or back plate in a few designs, prevents most of the fluid from recirculating back to the eye of the impeller.

(L) shows the leading edge or higher-pressure side of the impeller. (T) describes the trailing edge of the impeller

## Closed



The fluid enters the eye of the impeller where the vanes add energy to the fluid and direct it to the discharge nozzle. There is no impeller to volute or back plate clearance to set.

Wear rings restrict the amount of discharge fluid that recirculates back to the suction side of the impeller. When this wear ring clearance becomes excessive the wear rings must be replaced.

**FRICITION LOSS OF WATER IN FEET PER 100 FEET LENGTH OF PIPE, BASED ON WILLIAMS & HAZEN  
FORMULA USING CONSTANT 100. SIZES OF STANDARD PIPE IN INCHES**

U.S. Gals. per min.	1/2" Pipe		3/4" Pipe		1" Pipe		1 1/4" Pipe		1 1/2" Pipe		2" Pipe		2 1/4" Pipe		3" Pipe		4" Pipe		5" Pipe		6" Pipe											
	Vel. ft. per Sec.	Loss in Feet	Vel. ft. per Sec.	I I	Vel. ft. per Sec.	Loss in Feet																										
2	2.10	7.4	1.20	1.9	1.49	2.14	.86	.57	.63	.26	1.29	1.20	.94	.56	.61	.20	1.02	.50	.65	.17	.45	.07	1.20	1.9								
4	4.21	27.0	2.41	7.0	1.49	2.14	.86	.57	.63	.26	1.29	1.20	.94	.56	.61	.20	1.02	.50	.65	.17	.45	.07	1.20	1.9								
6	6.31	57.0	3.61	14.7	2.23	4.55	1.29	1.20	.94	.56	.61	.20	1.29	1.20	.94	.56	.61	.20	1.02	.50	.65	.17	.45	.07	1.20	1.9						
8	8.42	98.0	4.81	25.0	2.98	7.8	1.72	2.03	1.26	.95	.82	.33	.52	.11	.45	.07	1.02	.50	.65	.17	.45	.07	1.20	1.9								
10	10.52	147.0	6.02	38.0	3.72	11.7	2.14	3.05	1.57	1.43	1.02	.50	.65	.17	.45	.07	1.02	.50	.65	.17	.45	.07	1.20	1.9								
12			7.22	53.0	4.46	16.4	2.57	4.3	1.89	2.01	1.23	.79	.78	.23	.54	.10																
15			9.02	80.0	5.60	25.0	3.21	6.5	2.36	3.00	1.53	1.08	.98	.36	.68	.15																
18			10.84	108.2	6.69	35.0	3.86	9.1	2.83	4.24	1.84	1.49	1.18	.50	.82	.21																
20			12.03	136.0	7.44	42.0	4.29	11.1	3.15	5.20	2.04	1.82	1.31	.61	.91	.25	.51	.06														
25					9.30	64.0	5.36	16.6	3.80	7.30	2.55	2.73	1.63	.92	1.13	.38	.64	.09														
30						11.15	89.0	6.43	23.0	4.72	11.0	3.06	3.84	1.96	1.29	1.36	.54	.77	.13	.49	.04											
35							13.02	119.0	7.51	31.2	5.51	14.7	3.57	5.10	2.29	1.72	1.59	.71	.89	.17	.57	.06										
40							14.88	152.0	8.58	40.0	6.30	18.8	4.08	6.6	2.61	2.20	1.82	.91	1.02	.22	.65	.08										
45									9.65	50.0	7.08	23.2	4.60	8.2	2.94	2.80	2.04	1.15	1.15	.28	.73	.09										
50									10.72	60.0	7.87	28.4	5.11	9.9	3.27	3.32	2.27	1.38	1.28	.34	.82	.11	.57									
55									11.78	72.0	8.66	34.0	5.62	11.8	3.59	4.01	2.45	1.58	1.41	.41	.90	.14	.62									
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850																			21.70	64.0	13.89	21.7	9.65									
900																			22.98	71.0	14.71	24.0	10.20									

• Doubling the diameter of a pipe increases its capacity four times

# SAFETY

## Special Situations

- Respirators
- Confined Space Entry
- Forklifts/Loaders/Shuttle Trucks
- Elevated Work / Maintenance
  - Harnesses
  - Safety Cages
  - Rest Platforms
  - Ladders & Man Lifts/Boom Trucks

# SAFETY

- Our Most Important Priority
- Every Employee Goes Home Safe
  - Training – Documented
  - PPE when you can't eliminate hazards
  - Regular Tailgate & Huddles Meetings
  - Policies, Procedures, Work Directions
  - Develop Culture of Safety in
  - Environmental Safety
  - Facility / Equipment Safety

# Training

- Haz-ops Trained. What Level?
- PPE
- Safety Meetings/Documentation
- Understanding Of the Process
- Response To Releases, etc.
- Understanding Of Chemistry

# PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Safety And Quality Are Everyone's Business
- Be Properly Trained
- Understand All Products
- Chemistry (basic understanding)

# SECURITY

- Site & Transportation Security
  - Homeland Security Compliance
    - Hazmat Railcar Training
    - Security Fencing
    - Restricted Entry

# Supervision

- If You Are Not Committed To Training
- If You Are Not Committed To Proper Equipment
- If You Are Not Committed To Safety
- Don't Make These Products And Have Someone Toll Them For You



# Key Take Aways...

- Training and Safety is Paramount
- Take Pride in Your Operation
- Quality Inputs make Quality Products
- Stored Liquid Can be Corrosive
- But **YOU** can manage this risk:
  - Manage Risk
  - Control Your UAN chemistry
  - Proper Tank Design and Maintenance Practices

## Questions?