

## Supplementary Materials

**Table S1.** Carbon and nitrogen inputs expressed as the volume of Raw (RDE) or Lagoon Dairy effluent (LDE) applied to fescue pots (mean  $n = 3 \pm \text{S.E.}$ ). Different letters beside the numbers indicate they are significantly different at  $p < 0.05$ .

Parameter	Application dates							
L pot <sup>-1</sup> applied	September		November		January		March	
	RDE	LDE	RDE	LDE	RDE	LDE	RDE	LDE
Organic C	339.3±	126.8±	365.1±	118.2±	222.5±	410.0±	262.1±	139.6±
mg	38.9 de	6.4 ab	31.4 d	41.9 a	10.5 bc	44.6 d	30.6 cd	33.1 ab
Organic N	56.9±	36.6±	57.3±	53.4±	61.3±	61.9±	58.9±	61.9±
mg	0.7 a	5.4 a	1.0 a	8.6 a	1.4 a	7.5 a	1.6 a	5.1 a
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> -N mg	25.1±	44.3±	22.6±	26.8±	18.9±	17.6± 0.3	21.2±	18.2±
	0.7 ab	6.7 c	2.6 ab	1.2 b	0.3 a	a	1.7 ab	0.2 a

**Table S2.** Soil organic carbon (SOC), the sum N-mineralization and Yield-scaled N<sub>2</sub>O emission at the last application of Raw (RDE) or Lagoon Dairy effluent (LDE), urea, or non-amended control (mean  $n = 3 \pm \text{S.E.}$ ). Different letters beside the numbers indicate they are significantly different at  $p < 0.05$ . ns: no significantly different.

Treatment	SOC (%)	Sum N <sub>min</sub> (g pot <sup>-1</sup> )	Yield-scaled N <sub>2</sub> O emission for the last application (mg N-N <sub>2</sub> O g <sup>-1</sup> forage DM)
Control	3.0± 0.1	1.1 ± 0.1 b	1.1 ± 0.8
LDE	3.1± 0.1	1.2 ± 0.0 ab	2.8 ± 1.3
RDE	3.1± 0.1	1.4 ± 0.2 a	5.1 ± 1.0
Urea	3.0± 0.1	1.6 ± 0.4 ab	1.8 ± 1.5
	ns		ns

**Table S3.** Cumulative nitrogen transformations in soil with fescue pasture with the application of Raw (RDE) or Lagoon Dairy effluent (LDE), urea, or non-amended control. Cumulative production after 45 days of each application date is presented (mean  $n = 3 \pm \text{S.E.}$ ); except for  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emissions after 20 days. Different letters beside the numbers indicate significant differences at  $p < 0.05$  for each application date.

Cumulative production					
	Treatment	Application date			
		Sep.	Nov.	Jan.	Mar.
$\text{N}_2\text{O}$ emissions ( $\text{kg N ha}^{-1}$ )	Control	$0.3 \pm 0.3$ a	n.d	$2.7 \pm 2.1$ a	$0.2 \pm 0.1$ a
	LDE	$7.9 \pm 7.6$ a	n.d	$7.7 \pm 7.4$ a	$0.4 \pm 0.1$ a
	RDE	$9.1 \pm 8.9$ a	n.d	$6.6 \pm 3.5$ a	$1.3 \pm 0.9$ b
	Urea	$0.4 \pm 0.4$ a	n.d	$6.4 \pm 1.7$ a	$0.4 \pm 0.3$ a
Potential mineralizable N ( $\text{mg N g}^{-1}$ )	Control	$164.3 \pm 4.3$ a	$153.6 \pm 4.5$ a	$194.6 \pm 2.8$ a	$94.0 \pm 2.1$ a
	LDE	$166.1 \pm 21.2$ a	$165.8 \pm 2.2$ a	$200.2 \pm 8.1$ a	$128.4 \pm 0.6$ a
	RDE	$167.2 \pm 6.0$ a	$179.3 \pm 3.7$ a	$204.8 \pm 9.9$ a	$198.7 \pm 21.3$ b
	Urea	$130.5 \pm 11.1$ a	$166.6 \pm 6.4$ a	$219.0 \pm 34.9$ a	$104.3 \pm 10.4$ a
Potential nitrification activity ( $\text{mg N g}^{-1}$ )	Control	$406.4 \pm 12.0$ a	$547.5 \pm 42.4$ a	$793.9 \pm 47.8$ ab	$763.6 \pm 101.1$ ab
	LDE	$424.6 \pm 58.4$ a	$591.1 \pm 59.7$ a	$999.1 \pm 61.1$ b	$970.1 \pm 67.0$ b
	RDE	$413.9 \pm 38.5$ a	$613.8 \pm 82.1$ a	$890.5 \pm 48.1$ ab	$963.1 \pm 34.4$ b
	Urea	$336.2 \pm 14.4$ a	$419.1 \pm 49.5$ a	$709.0 \pm 75.7$ a	$664.6 \pm 55.1$ a
Inorganic N ( $\text{mg N g}^{-1}$ )	Control	$1954.9 \pm 108.8$ a	$2433.3 \pm 178.6$ a	$728.5 \pm 47.7$ a	$913.4 \pm 173.1$ a
	LDE	$3399.6 \pm 127.5$ c	$2650.5 \pm 202.5$ ab	$842.1 \pm 59.0$ a	$1027.0 \pm 20.8$ a
	RDE	$2902.4 \pm 219.6$ b	$3218.4 \pm 161.6$ b	$1150.0 \pm 83.7$ a	$1037.0 \pm 54.1$ a
	Urea	$3398.6 \pm 416.8$ c	$2977.5 \pm 168.1$ b	$797.5 \pm 31.7$ a	$1042.3 \pm 60.8$ a

n.d: not determined

**Table S4.** Pearson correlations among soil inorganic N ( $(\text{NH}_4^+ + \text{NO}_3^-)\text{-N}$ ), potential nitrification activity (PNA), potentially mineralizable N (PMN) and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  taken from the third and fourth dairy effluent applications.

	PMN	PNA	$\text{NH}_4^+$	$\text{NO}_3^-$	$\text{N}_2\text{O}$
PMN	1				
PNA	0,45*	1			
$\text{NH}_4^+$	-0,16	-0,32	1		
$\text{NO}_3^-$	-0,08	-0,35	0,91**	1	
$\text{N}_2\text{O}$	0,04	-0,28	0,66**	0,76**	1

\*Significant at  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*significant at  $p < 0.0005$