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## Acronyms and Key Terms

AEO	Annual Energy Outlook
AFOLU	agriculture, forestry, and land use
BOD	biochemical oxygen demand
BOF	blast oven furnace
Btu	British thermal unit
CAFÉ	corporate average fuel economy
CAMD	Clean Air Markets Division
CH <sub>4</sub>	methane
CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide
COMET	Carbon Management and Evaluation Online Tool
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
DNR	Iowa Department of Natural Resources
DOE	United States Department of Energy
DOT	United States Department of Transportation
EAF	electric arc furnace
EIA	United States Energy Information Administration
EIIP	Emission Inventory Improvement Program
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Agency
FIA	Forest Inventory Analysis
FIDO	Forest Inventory Data Online
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
GHG	greenhouse gas
GHGRP	Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program
HDGV	heavy duty gas vehicle
HDDV	heavy duty diesel vehicle
IDALS	Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
IDOT	Iowa Department of Transportation
IEA	International Energy Agency
ILPA	Iowa Limestone Producers Association
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
LDC	local distribution company
LDDT	light duty diesel truck
LDDV	light duty diesel vehicle
LDGT	light duty gasoline truck
LDGV	light duty gasoline vehicle
LFGTE	landfill gas to energy
LULUCF	land use, land use change, and forestry

## Acronyms and Key Terms (Continued)

MC	motorcycle
MMtC	million metric tons carbon
MMtCE	million metric tons carbon equivalent
MMtCO <sub>2</sub> e	million metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent
MODIS	Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer
MSW	municipal solid waste
N	nitrogen
NRCS	Natural Resources and Conservation Service
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	nitrates
NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	nitrites
N <sub>2</sub> O	nitrous oxide
ODS	ozone depleting substance
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
PET	polyethylene terephthalate
PHMSA	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
PS	polystyrene
PVC	polyvinyl chloride
SIT	State Inventory Tool
TSD	technical support document
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VMT	vehicle miles traveled
WRI	World Resources Institute

## Chapter 1 – General Calculation Method

Iowa Code 455B.104 requires that “by December 31 of each year, the department shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly regarding the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the state during the previous calendar year and forecasting trends in such emissions....” This Technical Support Document (TSD) provides documentation and additional calculations to support the *2012 Iowa Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report*, which is available at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/RegulatoryAir/GreenhouseGasEmissions/GHGInventories.aspx>. Total Iowa GHG emissions from 2005 – 2012 are provided in Appendices A and B of this document.

This is a “top-down” inventory based on statewide activity data from agriculture, fossil fuel combustion, industrial processes, natural gas transmission and distribution, transportation, solid waste, and wastewater treatment. It also includes carbon emitted or sequestered from land use, land use change, and forestry (LULUCF).

Emissions were calculated using the most recent version of the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) State Greenhouse Gas Inventory Tool (SIT) and using available Iowa-specific activity data. The energy and industrial processes sectors were also supplemented with GHG emissions data submitted by individual Iowa facilities to the federal GHG reporting program (40 CFR 98).

The calculation methods in the SIT are based on the August 2004 version of EPA’s Emission Inventory Improvement Program (EIIP) guidance for greenhouse gases. The individual modules for each sector are Excel workbooks populated with emission factors and default activity data for years 1990 – 2011, but allow the user to enter better state-specific activity data when it is available. Detailed information on the activity data used is provided in the corresponding chapter for each sector, under the “Method” heading. The individual modules then auto-calculate the resulting GHG emissions from each sector. The results from each module were then tabulated in an Excel spreadsheet. The SIT Projection Tool was then used to forecast emissions to 2030. The SIT modules and their corresponding chapters in this Technical Support Document are listed in Table 1 on the next page. The coal module was not used as there are no coal mines currently operating in Iowa. The SIT is available by filling out a request form at <http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/resources/tool.html>.

A majority of states have recently completed GHG inventories utilizing the SIT methodology. Benefits of reports like this include the evaluation of emissions trends and development of a baseline to track progress in reducing emissions. A state-specific inventory also provides a more in-depth analysis and more accurate inventory of emissions compared to national emissions.

**Table 1: TSD Chapters and Corresponding SIT Modules**

<b>TSD Chapter</b>	<b>SIT Module</b>	<b>Release Date</b>	<b>Pollutants Addressed</b>
Agriculture	Ag	02/11/13 (draft)	CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O
Energy	CO <sub>2</sub> FFC	02/11/13	CO <sub>2</sub>
	Stationary Combustion	02/11/13	CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O
Industrial Processes	IP	02/11/13 (draft)	CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O, HFC, PFC, SF <sub>6</sub>
Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution	Natural Gas and Oil	02/11/13	CH <sub>4</sub>
Transportation	CO <sub>2</sub> FFC	02/11/13	CO <sub>2</sub>
	Mobile Combustion	02/28/13 (draft)	CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O
Waste	Solid Waste	02/11/13	CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub>
	Wastewater	02/11/13	CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O
Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry (LULUCF)	LULUCF	02/11/13 (draft)	CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O
Indirect Emissions from Electricity Consumption	Electricity Consumption	02/11/13 (draft)	CO <sub>2</sub>
Future Emissions	Projection Tool	05/15/13	CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O, HFC, PFC, SF <sub>6</sub>

## Chapter 2 - Agriculture

This chapter includes non-energy greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from livestock and crop production in Iowa. GHG emissions from fossil fuel-fired agricultural equipment are discussed in *Chapter 6 – Transportation* and carbon emissions and sinks from agriculture are discussed in *Chapter 9 – LULUCF* of this document.

GHG emissions are emitted from four agricultural sectors in Iowa – enteric fermentation, manure management, agricultural soils, and agricultural burning. The GHGs emitted are methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O). Table 2 below summarizes the source of GHG emissions in each sector. N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from rice cultivation were not included as rice is not grown in Iowa (USDA 2013b).

**Table 2: Sources of Agricultural GHG Emissions in Iowa**

Sector		GHGs Emitted	Source of Emissions
Enteric Fermentation		CH <sub>4</sub>	Microbial activity in the digestive systems of dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and horses.
Manure Management		CH <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O	Decomposition of manure during storage and treatment of livestock manure.
Agricultural Soils	Residues, legumes, and histosols	N <sub>2</sub> O	Biological nitrogen fixation by crops, crop residues remaining on fields, and cultivation of high organic content soils (histosols).
	Fertilizers	N <sub>2</sub> O	Application of manure, fertilizers, etc. to soils and leaching/runoff of nitrogen into ground or surface water.
	Animals	N <sub>2</sub> O	Animal excretions directly on to soils such as pastures.
Agricultural Burning		CH <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O	Burning of crop residues.

### **Method**

GHG emissions from agriculture were calculated using the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) State Greenhouse Gas Inventory Tool (SIT) agriculture module dated February 11, 2013 (ICF 2013a and 2013b).

#### *Enteric Fermentation*

The SIT calculates CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from enteric fermentation by multiplying various livestock populations by an annual CH<sub>4</sub> emission factor (kilograms CH<sub>4</sub> per head). Iowa-specific 2012 livestock populations from the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) *Quick Stats 2.0 Agricultural Statistics Database* (USDA 2013b) were used. The number of “Feedlot Heifers” and “Feedlot Steers” was derived by applying a 35/65 heifer/steer ratio to the “Total Number on Feed”. Due to a lack of current data, the 2007 population of horses was used for 2012. More current horse population data is expected when the *2012 Census of Agriculture* is released in the spring of 2014.

### Manure Management

This sector includes CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from manure when it is being stored and treated in a manure management system. In general, CH<sub>4</sub> emissions increase in more anaerobic (lacking oxygen) conditions while N<sub>2</sub>O emissions increase under aerobic conditions (Strait et al. 2008). For consistency, the same dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, goat, swine, and horse populations were used as for the enteric fermentation sector. Several other animal types were added as shown in Table 3.

**Table 3: Animal Populations**

Animal Type	Year	Data Source
Breeding swine	2012	USDA Quick Stats (USDA 2013b)
Market swine under 60 lbs. <sup>1</sup>	2012	
Market swine 60 – 119 lbs. <sup>2</sup>	2012	
Market swine 120 – 179 lbs.	2012	
Market swine over 180 lbs.	2012	
Hens	2011 used as proxy for 2012	2012 Iowa Agricultural Statistics Bulletin (USDA 2012)
Pullets	2011 used as proxy for 2012	
Chickens	2011 used as proxy for 2012	
Broilers	2009 used as proxy for 2012	No value available from USDA – used 2009 value already in SIT
Turkeys	2007 used as proxy for 2012	USDA Quick Stats (USDA 2013b)

In addition, the number of “Sheep on Feed” and “Sheep Off Feed” were derived by applying a 6.5/93.5 on feed/off feed ratio to the total number of sheep.

### Agricultural Residue Burning

The SIT assumes that 3% of Iowa corn, soybean, and wheat field residue are burned annually. However, burning of cropland is not a typical agricultural practice in Iowa. Previous Iowa greenhouse gas inventories (Ney et al. 1996 and Strait et al. 2008) have noted that the SIT over-estimates emissions from agricultural residue burning in Iowa, but did not include Iowa-specific data to refine the SIT estimate. The *Year 2000 Iowa Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory* notes that “According to expert opinion, even this lower estimate [3%] is thought to be too large in Iowa because burning is mostly a maintenance tool for conservation plantings, which are not extensive” (Wollin and Stigliani 2005).

Noting this overestimation, the Department chose to calculate GHG emissions from burning of agricultural residues using a more refined method used in EPA’s Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2009 (EPA 2011). This method uses data on the area burned in each state by crop type from a study by McCarty (2010) in which remote sensing data from Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) was used to approximate the area burned by crop. The method combined changes in surface reflection with locations of ongoing burning from active fire discoveries (McCarty 2011). The study also used improved combustion efficiencies, emission factors, and fuel loads to calculate emissions. The state-level area burned was then divided by state-level crop area harvested

<sup>1</sup> SIT uses the category of market swine under 60 lbs., but USDA uses the category of market swine under 50 lbs.

<sup>2</sup> SIT uses the category of market swine 60 – 119 lbs., but USDA uses the category of market swine 50 - 119 lbs.

data from USDA to estimate the percent of crop area burned by crop and by state for 2003 – 2007 (EPA 2011). EPA provided the Iowa-specific data from McCarty (2010) to the Department (Wirth 2011). For 2012, the Department assumed that the percent area burned was equal to the average percent area burned from 2003 – 2007. This percentage was then applied to the 2012 total acres harvested of corn, wheat, and soybeans (USDA 2013b).

McCarty found that EPA consistently overestimated cropland burned area by a factor of two and national EPA estimates of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from agricultural residue burning were overestimated by 78% (McCarty 2011). Specifically for Iowa, the average percentage of harvested agricultural areas burned was found to be 0.1% (McCarty 2009) and total GHG emissions were found to be significantly lower than estimated by SIT as shown in Table 4.

**Table 4: Emissions from Ag Residue Burning (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**

Year	McCarty Method	SIT Method
2012	0.007	0.159

#### *Agricultural Soils*

N<sub>2</sub>O emissions in the agricultural soils sector occur when the natural processes of denitrification and nitrification interact with agricultural practices that add or release nitrogen (N) in the soil profile. Denitrification is the process of converting nitrate to nitrogen gas. It is carried out by microorganisms in an oxygen-lacking environment. Nitrification occurs when ammonia is converted to nitrites (NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>) and then nitrates (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>). It is carried out by specialized bacterial and naturally occurs in the environment.

Direct N<sub>2</sub>O emissions occur at the site of application of both synthetic and organic fertilizers to the soil, production of N-fixing crops, and integration of crop residues into the soil by practices such as cultivation. Indirect emissions occur when N is made available or is transported to another location following volatilization, leaching or runoff, and is then converted to N<sub>2</sub>O (EPA 2011).

#### Plant Residues and Legumes

2012 crop production data for alfalfa, corn for grain, oats, soybeans, and wheat (USDA 2013b) was used to calculate N<sub>2</sub>O from nitrogen-fixing crops, including alfalfa and soybeans, and nitrogen returned to soils during the production of corn for grain, wheat, oats, and soybeans.

#### Soil Cultivation - Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)

N<sub>2</sub>O is also emitted during the cultivation of highly organic soils called histosols. May 2011 soil survey data from the Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS 2011) shows there are just over 70,000 acres of histosols in Iowa (Sucik 2011a and 2011b). The quantity of histosols that are cultivated is not currently available (Bedmarek 2012), so the Department estimated the number of cultivated histosol acres by multiplying the acres of histosols by the annual percentages of Iowa cropland that are corn and soybeans (USDA 2013b) and by the average percentage of each crop that is tilled (USDA 2013b). However, this may be an overestimation as according to former State Soil Scientist, Michael Sucik, "...all Histosols are listed as hydric soils

and are eligible for the Wetland Restoration Program as CRP [Conservation Reserve Program] practices that require wetlands. Also, a Histosol would require some type of artificial drainage in order to be consistently row cropped” (Sucik 2011a).

### Soil Tillage Practices

Carbon may be emitted when soils are tilled. However, carbon may also be sequestered when soil conservation practices are used (no-till or reduced tillage), are converted to the Conservation Reserve Program, or are converted grass, trees or wetlands. This balance between emissions and sequestration is called the soil carbon flux. The SIT does not include the ability to calculate emissions from soil carbon flux from tillage practices.

Practicing no-till for many consecutive years produces the greatest carbon sequestration. When soil is tilled the soil becomes oxygenated, increasing microbial activity and releasing stored carbon. However, there is uncertainty in the amount of carbon stored and released. Recent scientific studies and literature reviews such as those by Baker et al. (2007) and Blanco-Canqui and Lal (2008) have created uncertainty in this area, while other studies such as those by Franzluebbers (2009) and Boddey et al (2009) dispute them. According to the USDA’s “*No-Till Farming is a Growing Practice*”, there is much uncertainty in the interaction between tillage practices, carbon, and other greenhouse gases” (USDA 2010). A 2007 study by West and Six explains that, “*The extent to which soil C accumulation occurs after a reduction in tillage intensity is determined by the history of land management, soil attributes, regional climate, and current carbon stocks*” (West and Six 2007). The relationship between tillage and nitrogen oxides (N<sub>2</sub>O) is also not completely certain. Several studies have observed increases, decreases, and no change in N<sub>2</sub>O when soil is tilled (USDA 2013c).

The complexity of calculating soil carbon flux is described in USDA’s public review draft of *Science-Based Methods for Entity-Scale Quantification of Greenhouse Gas Sources and Sinks from Agriculture and Forestry Practices*. This 564-page draft document was developed to create “a standard set of GHG estimation methods for use by USDA, landowners, and other stakeholders to assist them in evaluating the GHG impacts of their management decisions” (USDA 2013b). The public comment period for the draft document closed October 11, 2013, but the report has not been finalized yet. It recommends that soil organic carbon stocks be calculated by modeling with the DAYCENT model. At this time the Department does not have the required data inputs or capability of running the DAYCENT model.

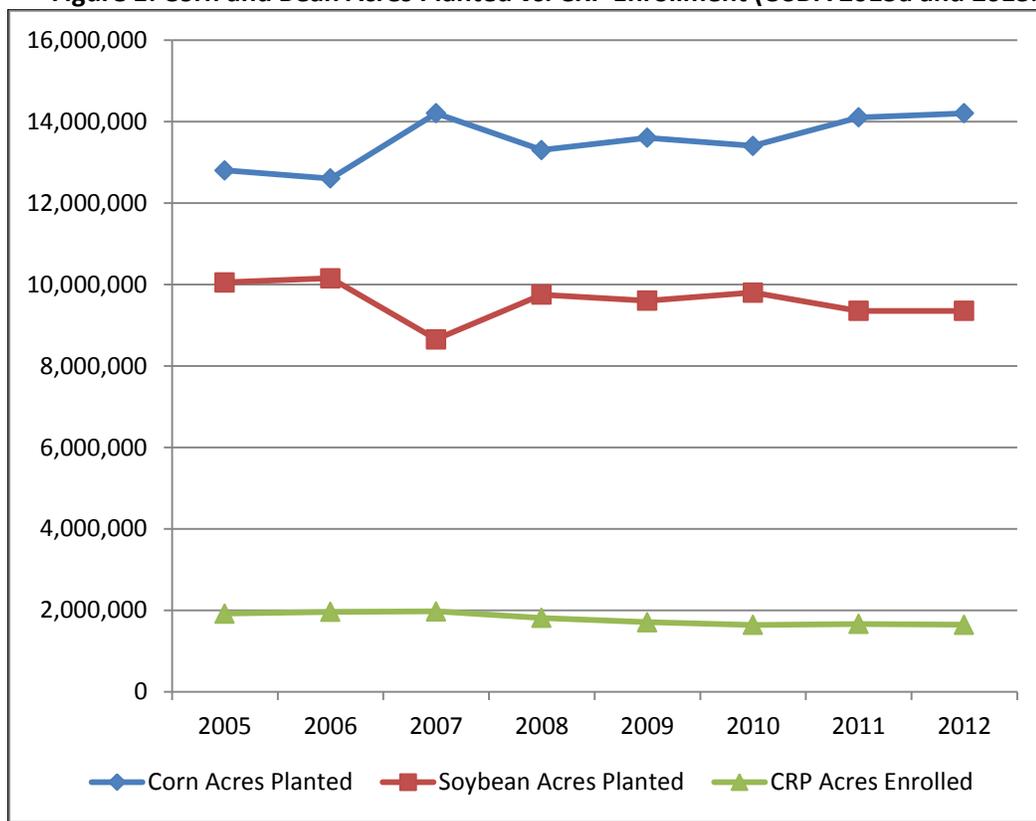
The USDA is also planning to open seven regional climate change offices, offering climate hazard and adaptation data and services to farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners. The NRCS, a department within the USDA, has also launched a program called Carbon Management and Evaluation Online Tool (COMET-FARM) that will allow users to calculate how much carbon is removed from the atmosphere from certain conservation efforts. The COMET-FARM website explains that:

*The tool guides you through describing your farm and ranch management practices including alternative future management scenarios. Once complete, a report is generated comparing the carbon changes and greenhouse gas emissions between your current management practices and future scenarios (NRCS 2013).*

COMENT-FARM is not designed to calculate statewide greenhouse gas emissions from farming and ranching. It requires specific data inputs for each individual farm. However, if NRCS should publish results from the tool in the future, the Department may include them in future inventory reports.

While the Department is unable to quantify agricultural soil carbon flux at this time, it is known that cumulative Iowa acres in the CRP program are decreasing and soybean and corn acres are increasing as shown in Figure 1 below. This indicates that the amount of carbon stored in agricultural soils *may* be decreasing as more soil is tilled each year. However, any effects from cover crops were not considered. This may be a future inventory improvement.

**Figure 1: Corn and Bean Acres Planted vs. CRP Enrollment (USDA 2013a and 2013b)**



### Fertilizer Utilization

The Department calculated fertilizer emissions for 2012 using fertilizer tonnages from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's (IDALS) *Fertilizer Tonnage Distribution in Iowa* report (IDALS 2013). The IDALS fertilizer data is provided per the 2012 growing season,

which is from July 2011– June 2012. The 2012 growing season was then used as a proxy for the 2013 growing season (July 2012 – June 2013).

### **Adjustments**

As shown in Table 5, 2011 emissions from enteric fermentation, manure management, and agricultural soils have been updated since the Department’s 2011 GHG Inventory Report was published in December 2012. The 2011 values for manure management were updated to include emissions from feedlot steers and feedlot heifers. In addition, values for enteric fermentation have changed because EPA has updated the enteric fermentation emission factors and some manure management typical animal masses in the SIT. Manure management volatile solids also vary by year. The agricultural soils emissions were recalculated using actual fertilizer usage data for the 2012 growing season from IDALS (IDALS 2013) instead of the proxy data that was previously used.

**Table 5: Recalculated Fossil Fuel Emissions (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>2011 value published Dec 2012</b>	<b>2011 updated value</b>
Enteric Fermentation	6.72	7.04
Manure Management	7.54	8.34
Agricultural Soils	20.80	21.22
Agricultural Residue Burning	0.01	0.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>35.07</b>	<b>36.61</b>

### **Results**

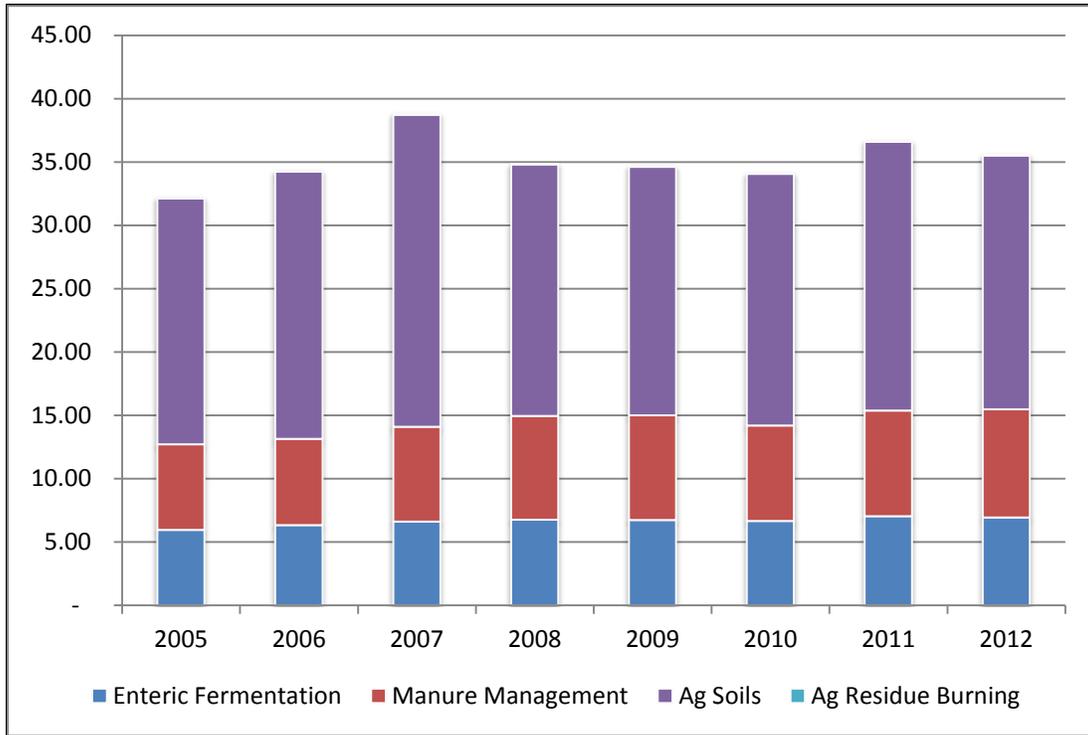
GHG missions from agriculture decreased 2.93% from 2011 – 2012 and increased 10.57% from 2005 – 2012. Gross GHG emissions from agriculture were 35.53 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2012, or 26.61% of Iowa’s total gross GHG emissions. This total does not account for any carbon sinks from agriculture. Sinks are discussed in *Chapter 9 – Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry*. The majority of emissions (56.40%) are from agricultural soils as shown in Table 6 and Figure 2.

**Table 6: Gross GHG Emissions from Agriculture (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>3</sup>**

<b>Category</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Enteric Fermentation	5.95	6.35	6.62	6.77	6.74	6.67	7.04	6.95
Manure Management	6.77	6.80	7.48	8.19	8.25	7.53	8.34	8.54
Agricultural Soils	19.42	21.10	24.63	19.85	19.63	19.86	21.22	20.04
Agricultural Residue Burning	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>32.14</b>	<b>34.25</b>	<b>38.73</b>	<b>34.81</b>	<b>34.63</b>	<b>34.07</b>	<b>36.61</b>	<b>35.53</b>

<sup>3</sup> Totals may not equal the sum of subtotals shown in this table due to independent rounding.

**Figure 2: Gross GHG Emissions from Agriculture (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**



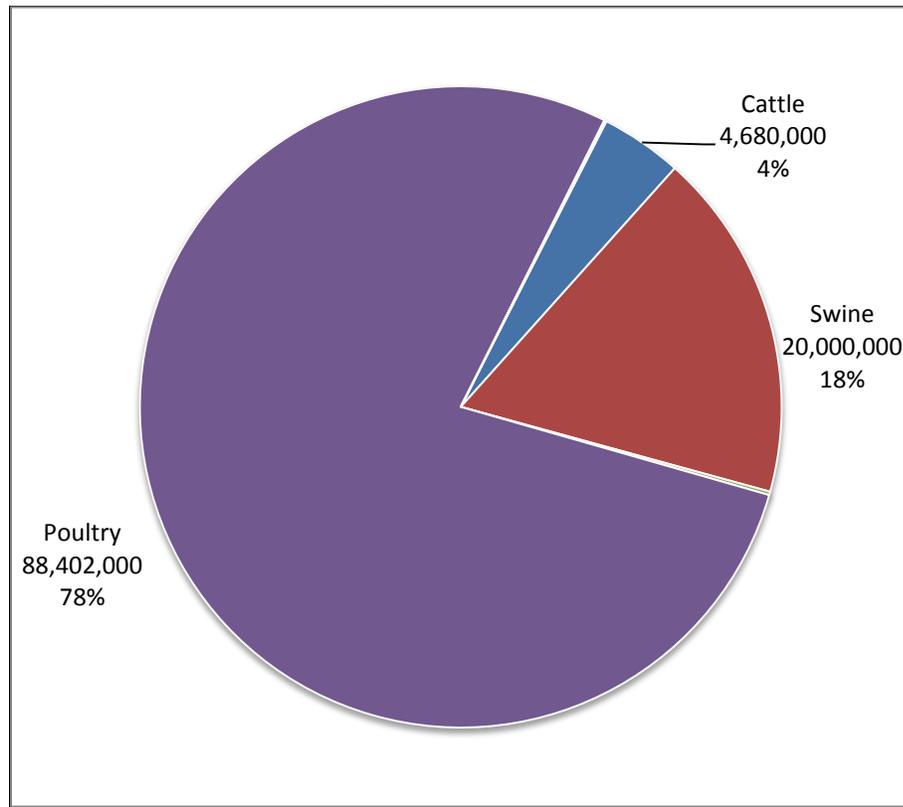
*Enteric Fermentation*

CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from enteric fermentation were 6.72 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2012, decreasing 1.39% from 2011. This can be attributed to a 1.33% decrease in the cattle population. While the poultry and swine make up the greatest percentages of total livestock in Iowa as shown in Figure 3, enteric fermentation emissions are primarily driven by the cattle population. This is because cattle emit more CH<sub>4</sub> than other ruminant animals due to their unique stomachs. The amount of methane emitted from each animal type is shown in Table 7.

**Table 7: Methane Emitted per Animal**

Animal Type	kg/head CH <sub>4</sub> Emitted (ICF 2013a)
Beef Cattle	42.0 – 92.0
Dairy Cattle	43.5 – 132.4
Goats	5.0
Horses	18.0
Sheep	8.0
Swine	1.5

**Figure 3: 2012 Animal Populations (USDA 2013b)<sup>4</sup>**



#### *Manure Management*

Factors influencing CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions include the animal type, animal population, animal mass, the type of manure management system, etc. GHG emissions from manure management increased 2.47% from 2011 and accounted for 24.04% of agricultural GHG emissions in 2012. The increase in emissions in 2012 can be linked to a 5.26% increase in the swine population. It was offset slightly by a 1.33% decrease in the cattle (beef and dairy) population. As mentioned earlier, the poultry population was assumed to be the same as 2011.

#### *Agricultural Soils*

N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from agricultural soils decreased 5.56% from the previous year. At the same time, field crop production (corn, soybeans, oats, and wheat) decreased 18.80% from 2011 – 2012 as shown in Table 8. The drought conditions in 2012 were a major contributor to the decrease in crop production.

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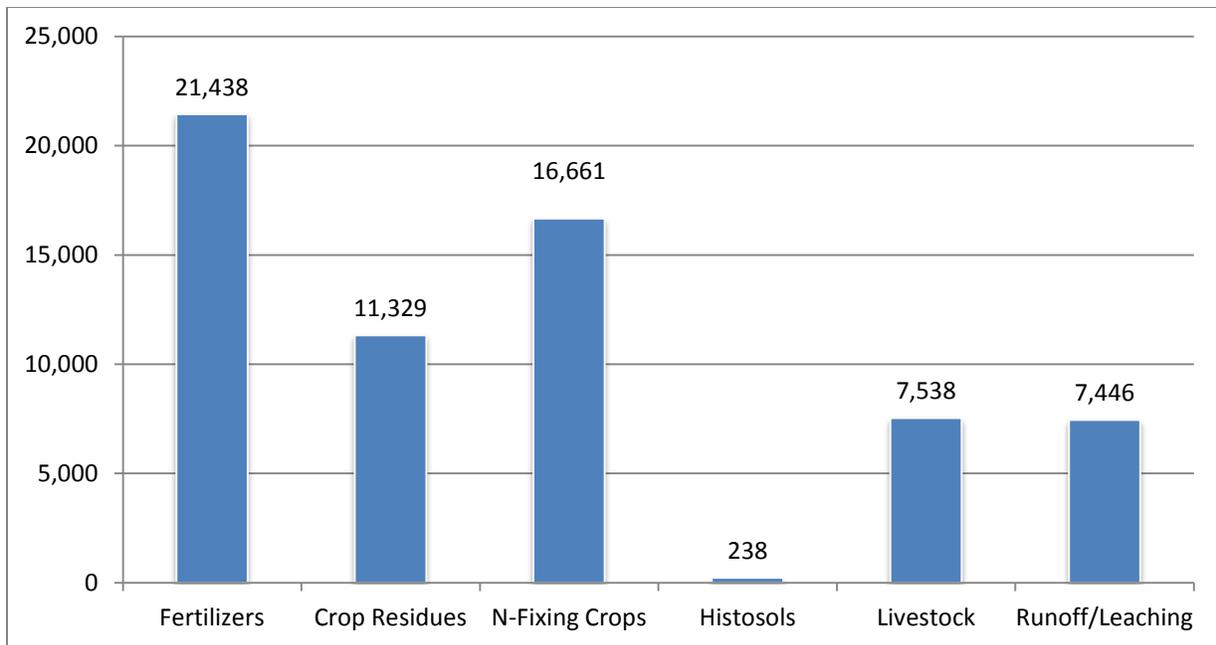
<sup>4</sup> The goat, horse, and sheep population each account for less than 1% of the total animal population.

**Table 8: Iowa Crop Production 2011 - 2012**

Crop	2011 ('000 Bushels)	2012 ('000 Bushels)
Corn	2,356,400	1,876,900
Soybeans	466,115	413,850
Wheat	720	689
Oats	3,250	3,770
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,826,486</b>	<b>2,295,209</b>

N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from agricultural soils accounted for 56.40% of all agricultural GHG emissions and 15.01% of total statewide GHG emissions in 2012. The majority of GHG emissions from agricultural soils can be attributed to crop production (fertilizers, crop residues, and nitrogen fixing) as shown in Figure 4.

**Figure 4: 2012 Gross GHG Emissions from Agricultural Soils (metric tons N<sub>2</sub>O)**



*Agricultural Residue Burning*

While the estimation of GHG emissions from agricultural residue has been improved, it had little impact on total Iowa statewide GHG emissions, accounting for 0.02% of Iowa agricultural GHG emissions and less than 0.005% of total Iowa GHG emissions in 2012.

**Uncertainty**

*Excerpted from SIT Agriculture Module (ICF 2013a):*

*Enteric Fermentation*

The quantity of methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) emitted from enteric fermentation from livestock is dependent on the estimates of animal populations and the emission factors used for each animal type. Therefore, the uncertainty associated with the emission estimate stems from those two variables. Uncertainty is also

introduced as animal populations vary throughout the year. There is also uncertainty associated with the original population survey methods used by USDA. Emission factors vary in each animal, depending on its production and diet characteristics, as well as genetics (ICF 2013a).

#### *Manure Management*

As with enteric fermentation, uncertainty occurs in animal populations and the emission factors used for each animal. However, the largest contributor to uncertainty in manure management emissions is the lack of Iowa-specific data describing manure management systems in the SIT and the CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emission factors used for these systems. Specifically, the N<sub>2</sub>O emission factors used are from a limited set of global data (ICF 2013a). In addition, there is uncertainty in the maximum CH<sub>4</sub> producing potential (B<sub>0</sub>) used for each animal group. This value varies with both animal and diet characteristics, so estimating an average across an entire population introduces uncertainty. While the B<sub>0</sub> values used in the SIT vary by animal subcategory to attempt to represent as many of these differences as possible, there is not sufficient data available at this time to estimate precise values that accurately portray the B<sub>0</sub> for all animal types and feeding circumstances (ICF 2004).

#### *Agricultural Soils*

The amount of N<sub>2</sub>O emission from managed soils is dependent on a large number of variables other than N inputs. They include soil moisture, pH, soil temperature, organic carbon availability, oxygen partial pressure, and soil amendment practices. The effect of the combined interaction of these variables on N<sub>2</sub>O flux is complex and highly uncertain. The methodology used in the SIT is based only on N inputs, does not include other variables and treats all soils, except histosols, equally. In addition, there is limited knowledge regarding N<sub>2</sub>O productions from soils when N is added to soils. It is not possible to develop emission factors for all possible combinations of soil, climate, and management conditions.

Uncertainties also exist in fertilizer usage calculations. The fertilizer usage does not include non-commercial fertilizers other than manure and crop residues, and site-specific conditions are not considered in determining the amount of N excreted from animals. Additional uncertainty occurs due to lack of Iowa-specific data for application of sewage sludge and cultivation of histosols (ICF 2013a).

#### *Agricultural Residue Burning*

The quantity of emissions is dependent on the number of crop acres burned, and the emission factor, fuel load, and combustion efficiency used for each crop type. Therefore, the uncertainty associated with the emission estimate stems from those four variables. In many cases, the emission factors, fuel load, and combustion efficiencies were derived from expert knowledge and laboratory studies using limited samples. Emission factors also do not provide for seasonal differences in crop burning (McCarty 2011).

## Chapter 3 – Fossil Fuel Consumption

This chapter includes GHG emissions from fossil fuel consumption in four categories: electric power generation, residential, industrial, and commercial. The residential, industrial, and commercial categories are often combined into one category called RCI. Together, these four categories accounted for nearly half (49.41%) of Iowa’s total 2012 GHG emissions. Fossil fuels combusted by mobile sources are included in the transportation sector and discussed later in this report in *Chapter 6 – Transportation*. Emissions from the electric power category include direct emissions resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels at the electric generating station. Indirect emissions from electricity consumed at the point of use (i.e. residential electric water heaters) are discussed in *Chapter 10 – Indirect Emissions from Electricity Consumption*.

### Method

GHG emissions were calculated using two SIT modules – the CO<sub>2</sub>FFC module for carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions and the Stationary Combustion module for CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions. These modules calculate energy emissions based on annual statewide consumption for the sectors and fuels listed in Table 9:

**Table 9: Fuel Types Included in Fossil Fuel Consumption**

Fuel Types	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Electric Power
Coal	x	x	x	x
Coking coal, other coal			x	
Natural gas	x	x	x	x
Distillate fuel	x	x	x	x
Kerosene	x	x	x	
LPG	x	x	x	
Motor gasoline		x	x	
Residual fuel		x	x	
Lubricants			x	
Asphalt/Road oil			x	
Crude oil			x	
Feedstocks			x	
Misc. petroleum products			x	
Petroleum coke			x	x
Pentanes plus			x	
Still gas			x	
Special naphthas			x	
Unfinished oils			x	
Waxes			x	
Wood	x	x	x	
Aviation gasoline blending components			x	
Motor gasoline blending components			x	

Iowa-specific 2012 energy consumption data will not be published by the U.S. Energy Information Administration until June 2014, so the Department projected 2012 energy consumption for every category except electric power. This was done by using the EIA's *Annual Energy Outlook (AEO) 2013 with Projections to 2040* (EIA 2013a) and 2011 bulk energy consumption data from the EIA's State Energy Data System (SEDS) (EIA 2013b). The AEO2013 includes twenty-eight different projection cases, which each address different uncertainties. The Department used the AEO2013 "Reference Case", which assumes that the laws and regulations currently in effect in remain unchanged throughout the projections. The projections in the Reference Case are done at the regional level, and Iowa is in the West North Central U.S. Census Region. The 2012 energy consumption was estimated for each fuel type using one of three methods as described below and shown in Table 10:

Fuel Method 1

The ratio of 2011 Iowa fuel consumption from SEDS to the 2011 regional fuel consumption from the AEO2013 was calculated. This ratio was then applied to the predicted 2012 regional fuel consumption in the AEO2013. Some accuracy is lost because fuel consumption data in SEDS is in units of billion British thermal units (Btu) while the fuel consumption data in the AEO2013 is in units of quadrillion Btu rounded to just two decimal places. This method was used for the sectors listed in Table 10 below.

Fuel Method 2

These sectors were not included in the AEO Reference Case, so it was assumed that 2012 fuel consumption was equal to the 2011 fuel consumption. This method was used for the sectors listed in Table 10 below.

Fuel Method 3

The actual 2012 fuel consumption reported to the Department by individual facilities using these fuel types was used instead of estimating fuel consumption. This data was reported to the Department on the facilities' annual air pollution emissions inventories (DNR 2013). This method was used for the sectors listed in Table 10 below.

**Table 10 – Method Used to Estimate 2012 Fuel Consumption**

<b>Fuel Type</b>	<b>Estimation Method</b>
Commercial Coal	Method 1
Commercial Distillate Fuel Oil	Method 1
Commercial Kerosene	Method 1
Commercial Motor Gasoline	Method 1
Commercial Natural Gas	Method 1
Commercial Residual Fuel	Method 1
Industrial Distillate Fuel Oil	Method 1
Industrial LPG	Method 1
Industrial Natural Gas	Method 1
Industrial Motor Gasoline	Method 1
Residential Coal	Method 1

**Table 10 (continued)**

<b>Fuel Type</b>	<b>Estimation Method</b>
Residential Distillate Fuel	Method 1
Residential Kerosene	Method 1
Residential Natural Gas	Method 1
Commercial LPG	Method 2
Commercial Wood	Method 2
Commercial Other	Method 2
Industrial Asphalt and Road Oil	Method 2
Industrial Aviation Gasoline Blending Components	Method 2
Industrial Feedstocks, Naphtha less than 401 F	Method 2
Industrial Feedstocks, Other Oils greater than 401 F	Method 2
Industrial Kerosene	Method 2
Industrial Lubricants	Method 2
Industrial Misc. Petro Products	Method 2
Industrial Motor Gasoline Blending Components	Method 2
Industrial Pentanes Plus	Method 2
Industrial Petroleum Coke	Method 2
Industrial Special Naphthas	Method 2
Industrial Still Gas	Method 2
Industrial Unfinished Oils	Method 2
Industrial Waxes	Method 2
Industrial Wood	Method 2
Industrial Other	Method 2
Residential LPG	Method 2
Residential Wood	Method 2
Residential Other	Method 2
Industrial Coal	Method 3
Industrial Coking Coal	Method 3
Industrial Other Coal	Method 3

Emissions from the electric power category were not calculated using fuel consumption data. Instead, total reported CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from the federal GHG reporting program (40 CFR 98, EPA 2013) were used. This data is more accurate than the values from EIA because the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reported by facilities to EPA are actual measured emissions values from continuous emission monitors (CEMS) located on electric generating units, and the CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are calculated using facility-specific fuel heating values. The CO<sub>2</sub> data reported to the federal GHG reporting program was consistent with the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reported by the same facilities to EPA as required by the Acid Rain Program (CAMD 2013).

## Adjustments

As shown in Table 11, 2011 emissions have been updated since the Department's 2011 GHG Inventory Report was published in December 2012:

1. The Department previously forecasted 2011 emissions due to a lack of Iowa-specific bulk energy consumption data. However, the 2011 energy data was released by EIA in June 2013 (EIA 2013b), so the Department used the data to recalculate 2011 emissions.
2. The 40 CFR 98 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for the electric power sector were adjusted to include emissions from three smaller power plants (Electrifarm, Sycamore, and Summit Lake) that were not included in previous inventories.

**Table 11: Recalculated Fossil Fuel Emissions (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**

Category	2010 Value Published Dec. 2012	2010 Updated Value	2011 Value Published Dec. 2012	2011 Updated Value
Residential	4.94	4.94	4.94	4.89
Commercial	4.47	4.47	4.60	4.60
Industrial	19.15	19.15	21.90	21.82
Electric Power	41.49	42.33	38.30	38.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.05</b>	<b>70.89</b>	<b>69.74</b>	<b>70.29</b>

## Results

Total GHG emissions from energy consumption in 2012 were 65.99 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e, a decrease of 6.12% from 2011 but an increase of 8.35% from 2005 levels as shown in Table 12 below and Figure 5 on the next page. Of the four fossil fuel categories, the electric power category had the highest emissions, accounting for 54.19% emissions from the fossil fuel combustion sector. However, emissions from the electric power category decreased 8.27% from 2011. Emissions from the other three categories decreased as well as less fossil fuels were consumed in 2012:

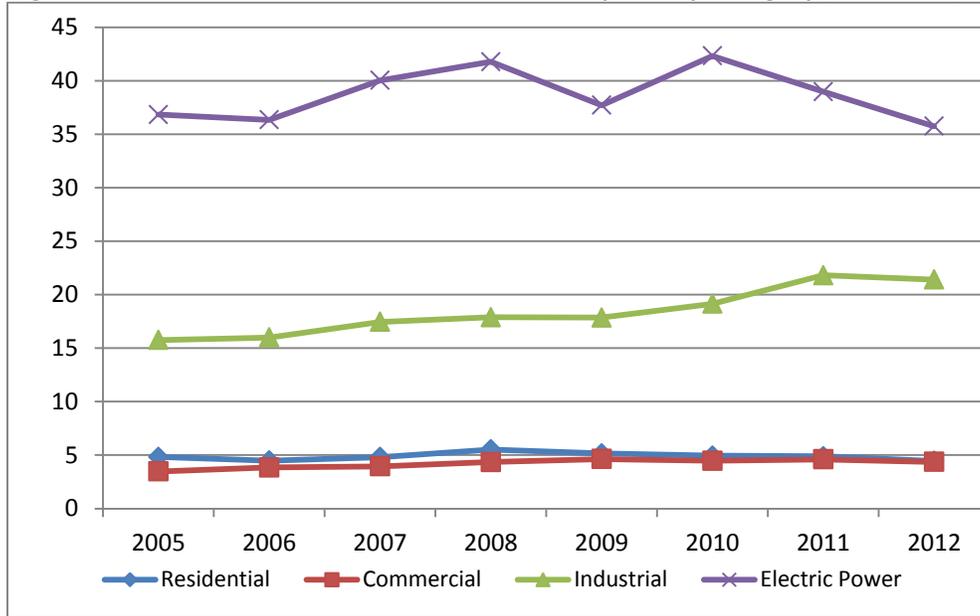
- residential fuel use emissions decreased 8.76%
- commercial fuel use emissions decreased 5.21%
- industrial fuel use emissions decreased 1.89%

**Table 12: GHG Emissions from Fossil Fuel Consumption by Category (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>5</sup>**

Category/Fuel Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Residential	4.82	4.48	4.81	5.52	5.16	4.94	4.89	4.46
Commercial	3.48	3.84	3.95	4.35	4.64	4.47	4.60	4.36
Industrial	15.76	16.00	17.45	17.88	17.86	19.15	21.82	21.41
Electric Power	36.84	36.35	40.04	41.78	37.71	42.33	38.98	35.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>60.90</b>	<b>60.68</b>	<b>66.26</b>	<b>69.53</b>	<b>65.38</b>	<b>70.89</b>	<b>70.29</b>	<b>65.99</b>

<sup>5</sup> Values do not include emissions from the transportation sector. Totals may not equal the sum of subtotals shown in this table due to independent rounding.

**Figure 5: GHG Emissions from Fossil Fuel Consumption by Category (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**



**Uncertainty -**

*CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions - Excerpted from SIT CO<sub>2</sub>FFC Module (ICF 2013a):*

The amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted from energy consumption depends on the type and amount of fuel that is consumed, the carbon content of the fuel, and the fraction of the fuel that is oxidized. Therefore, the more accurate these parameters are, the more accurate the estimate of direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be. Nevertheless, there are uncertainties associated with each of these parameters.

National total energy consumption data is fairly accurate, but there is more uncertainty in the state-level data, especially when allocating consumption to the individual end-use sectors (i.e. residential, commercial, and industrial). The amount or rate at which carbon is emitted to the atmosphere can vary greatly depending on the fuel and use, and may vary at the state-level compared to the national default levels in the SIT.

The uncertainty in carbon content and oxidation are much lower than with fuel consumption data. Carbon contents of each fuel type are determined by EIA by sampling and the assessment of market requirements, and, with the exception of coal, do not vary significantly from state to state. EIA takes into account the variability of carbon contents of coal by state; these coefficients are also provided in the SIT.

Uncertainty is also introduced by the complexity in calculating emissions from the import/export of electricity. The precise fuel mix used to generate the power crossing state lines is very difficult to determine, so, an average fuel mix for all electricity generation within a specific region of the grid must usually be used. Moreover, these emissions factors are generated by emission monitors (rather than carbon contents of fuels), which may overestimate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to a small extent (ICF 2013a).

*CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions - Excerpted from SIT Stationary Combustion Module (ICF 2013b):*

The amount of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emitted depends on the amount and type of fuel used, the type of technology in which it is combusted (e.g., boilers, water heaters, furnaces), and the type of emission control used. In general, the more detailed information available on the combustion activity, the lower the uncertainty. However, as noted in the Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines (IPCC/UNEP/OECD/IEA 1997), the contribution of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O to overall emissions is small and the estimates are highly uncertain.

Uncertainties also exist in both the emission factors and the EIA energy consumption data used to calculate emissions. For example, the EIA state data sets do not fully capture the wood used in fireplaces, wood stoves, and campfires. As with CO<sub>2</sub>, uncertainty is also introduced with allocating energy consumption data to the individual end-use sectors and estimation of the fraction of fuels used for non-energy (ICF 2013b).

## Chapter 4 - Industrial Processes

This chapter includes non-combustion GHG emissions from a variety of industrial processes. The processes and GHG pollutants emitted from each category are shown in Table 13. Emissions from these industries do not include emissions from fossil fuel combustion, which are included in *Chapter 3 – Fossil Fuel Combustion*.

**Table 13: Industrial Processes and GHG Emissions**

Category	GHGs Emitted
Cement Production	CO <sub>2</sub>
Lime Manufacture	CO <sub>2</sub>
Limestone and Dolomite Use	CO <sub>2</sub>
Soda Ash Use	CO <sub>2</sub>
Iron and Steel Production	CO <sub>2</sub>
Ammonia Production & Urea Consumption	CO <sub>2</sub>
Nitric Acid Production	N <sub>2</sub> O
Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) Substitutes	HFCs, PFCs, and SF <sub>6</sub>
Electric Power Transmission and Distribution	SF <sub>6</sub>

### *Cement Production*

Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is emitted during a process called calcining when limestone is heated in a cement kiln to form lime and CO<sub>2</sub>. The CO<sub>2</sub> is vented to the atmosphere and the lime is then mixed with silica-containing materials such as clay to form clinker, an intermediate product that is made into finished Portland cement (ICF 2004). Two facilities in Iowa currently produce Portland cement.

### *Lime Manufacture*

Similar to cement manufacturing, lime is produced by heating limestone in a kiln, creating lime and CO<sub>2</sub>. The CO<sub>2</sub> is typically released to the atmosphere, leaving behind a product known as quicklime, which can then be used to produce other types of lime (ICF 2004). One facility currently manufactures lime in Iowa.

### *Limestone and Dolomite Use*

Limestone and dolomite are used in industrial processes such as glass making, flue gas desulfurization, acid neutralization, etc.

### *Soda Ash Use*

Soda ash is currently only produced in three states – Wyoming, Colorado, and California (ICF 2013b). However, commercial soda ash is used as a raw material in a variety of industrial processes and in many familiar consumer products such as glass, soap and detergents, paper, textiles, and food (EPA 2011). In Iowa it is commonly used by corn wet millers for pH control, in ion exchange regeneration, and in other operations (DNR 2010).

### *Iron and Steel*

Iron and steel production is an energy-intensive process that also generates process-related GHG emissions. Steel is produced from pig iron or scrap steel in a variety of specialized steel-making furnaces, including electric arc furnaces (EAFs) and basic oxygen furnaces (BOFs) (EPA 2010). There are currently no pig iron mills operating in Iowa. All three steel production facilities currently operating in Iowa use EAFs to produce steel from scrap. These furnaces use carbon electrodes, coal, natural gas, and other substances such as limestone and dolomite to aid in melting scrap and other metals, which are then improved to create the preferred grade of steel. In EAFs, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions result primarily from the consumption of carbon electrodes and also from the consumption of supplemental materials used to augment the melting process (EPA 2010).

### *Ammonia Production and Urea Consumption*

CO<sub>2</sub> is released during the manufacture of ammonia. The chemical equations to calculate the release of CO<sub>2</sub> are fairly complicated, but in general anhydrous ammonia is synthesized by reacting nitrogen with hydrogen. The hydrogen is typically acquired from natural gas. The majority of direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions occur when the carbon in the natural gas is then eliminated from the process by converting it to CO<sub>2</sub>. Other emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> can occur during condensate stripping or regeneration of the scrubbing solution. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions may also be captured for use in urea synthesis or carbon sequestration and storage (WRI 2008). Three facilities in Iowa currently produce ammonia.

### *Nitric Acid Production*

Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) is produced when ammonia is oxidized to produce nitric acid. Two facilities in Iowa currently produce nitric acid.

### *Consumption of ODS Substitutes*

Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) are often used in refrigeration, air conditioning, aerosols, solvent cleaning, fire extinguishers, etc. However, ODS are being phased out per the Montreal Protocol and the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. The most common ODS are HFCs, but PFCs and SF<sub>6</sub> may also be used (ICF 2013b).

### *Electric Power Transmission and Distribution*

SF<sub>6</sub> is used as an insulator in electricity transmission and distribution in equipment such as transformers, high-voltage circuit breakers, substations, and transmission lines (ICF 2013b).

### *Other Industry Types*

GHG emissions from soda ash manufacturing, adipic acid production, (primary) aluminum production, HCFC-22 production, semiconductor manufacture, and magnesium production and processing were not calculated as the Department is not aware of any of these facilities currently operating in Iowa.

## **Method**

2012 emissions from industrial processes were calculated using either the SIT or using GHG emissions reported to EPA by individual facilities to the federal GHG reporting program (40 CFR 98, EPA 2013) as shown in Table 14. In past years, emissions were calculated using either the SIT or the World Resource Institute's *The GHG Protocol* in conjunction with facility-specific activity data. The Department has transitioned to using the federal GHG reporting data because it is more accurate and undergoes quality assurance checks. For some categories, such as cement production, the federal GHG reporting program requires GHG emission readings from continuous emissions monitors (CEMS) (40 CFR 98 Subpart H).

### *Cement Production –*

Because the CEMS measures CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from both the calcining process and fossil fuels combusted in the cement kilns, the fossil fuel emissions were estimated using the actual fossil fuel throughputs in the kiln (Berry 2013).<sup>6</sup> These emissions were then subtracted from the CEMS value to avoid double-counting with the fossil fuel combustion emissions in *Chapter 3 – Fossil Fuel Combustion*.

### *Categories Calculated using the SIT*

Emissions from use of limestone and dolomite in industrial processes were calculated by multiplying Iowa's annual consumption by the ratio of national consumption for industrial uses to total national consumption. Emissions from ODS substitutes and soda ash consumption categories were calculated by assuming that Iowa emissions were 0.98% of national emissions because Iowa's population is 0.98% of the total U.S. Population (State and US Census Bureau 2013). Emissions from electric power transmission distribution were calculated by determining the ratio between 2011 Iowa retail sales vs. 2011 national retail sales, and applying that ratio to 2011 national emissions.

**Table 14: Industrial Processes Calculation Methods and Activity Data**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Calculation Method</b>	<b>Data Source</b>
Ammonia and Urea Production	2012	40 CFR 98 Subpart G	(EPA 2013)
Cement Production	2012	40 CFR 98 Subpart H	(EPA 2013)
Iron and Steel Production	2012	40 CFR 98 Subpart Q	(EPA 2013)
Lime Manufacture	2012	40 CFR 98 Subpart S	(EPA 2013)
Nitric Acid Production	2012	40 CFR 98 Subpart V	(EPA 2013)
Electric Power Transmission and Distribution	2011 as proxy for 2012	SIT	(EIA 2013)
Limestone and Dolomite Use	2011 as proxy for 2012	SIT	(USGS 2013a)
ODS Substitutes	2011 as proxy for 2012	SIT	SIT default value
Soda Ash Use	2012	SIT	(USGS 2013b)

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<sup>6</sup> Fossil fuel emissions were calculated using the same method as the CO2FCC and Stationary Combustion SIT modules.

## Adjustments

### *Electric Power Transmission and Distribution*

As discussed above, emissions from electric power transmission distribution were calculated by multiplying national emissions by the ratio of Iowa retail sales to national retail sales. In April 2013, EPA revised the values for SF<sub>6</sub> emissions from electric power systems from 1990 – 2010 to correct errors and to include updated assumptions and improved growth rates. For the first time, EPA also included SF<sub>6</sub> emissions reported directly to EPA in the federal Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP). EPA reduced its estimate of SF<sub>6</sub> emissions for 2005 – 2010 by an average of 30% as shown in Table 15 below.

**Table 15: SF<sub>6</sub> Emissions from Electric Power Systems (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**

Year	Using EPA 2012 Data		Using EPA 2013 Data	
	National	Iowa	National	Iowa
2005	13.1	0.16	10.3	0.12
2006	12.2	0.16	-	0.12 <sup>7</sup>
2007	11.5	0.15	8.2	0.10
2008	11.1	0.16	7.5	0.09
2009	11.3	0.15	7.5	0.09
2010	11.0	0.14	7.0	0.08
2011			6.3	0.08

### *Limestone and Dolomite Use*

2009 - 2011 emissions from use of limestone and dolomite were recalculated using data from the U.S. Geological Survey's *Mineral Yearbook 2011* (USGS 2013). Iowa limestone and dolomite consumption in industrial processes was calculated by multiplying Iowa's annual consumption by the ratio of national consumption for industrial uses to total national consumption as recommended in the *User's Guide for Estimating Carbon Dioxide, Nitrous Oxide, HFC, PFC, and SF<sub>6</sub> Emissions from Industrial Processes Using the State Inventory Tool* (ICF 2013b). In previous inventories, Iowa activity data was incorrectly calculated by adjusting national consumption by the ratio of Iowa population to national population. The adjusted emissions are shown in Table 16. 2011 emissions are lower than previous years because the U.S. Geological Survey withheld data for several categories (chemical stone, mine dusting, acid treatment, etc.) to "avoid disclosing company proprietary data" (USGS 2013).

**Table 16: Emissions from Limestone and Dolomite Use (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**

Year	Value In Inventory Published Dec. 2013	Updated Value
2009	0.31	0.29
2010	0.31	0.39
2011	0.36	0.16

<sup>7</sup> EPA did not publish a value for 2006, so the Department assumed 2005 = 2006.

## Results

GHG emissions from industrial processes in 2012 were 4.96 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e, or 3.71% of total statewide GHG emissions. Emissions from this sector increased 17.13% from 2011 and increased 7.07% from 2005 – 2012 as shown in Table 17. Ammonia and urea production, ODS substitutes, nitric acid production, and cement manufacture were the highest contributors to industrial process emissions in 2012 as shown in Figure 6 on the next page. All other categories individually contributed less than 5% each.

**Table 17: GHG Emissions from Industrial Processes (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>8,9</sup>**

Category	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Ammonia & Urea <sup>10</sup>	1.01	0.91	0.95	0.87	0.60	0.84	0.75	0.85
Cement Manufacture	1.27	1.29	1.27	1.31	0.84	0.72	0.79 <sup>11</sup>	1.27
Electric Power T&D	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.08
Iron & Steel Production	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.09	0.23	0.20	0.23
Lime Manufacture	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.13	0.18	0.18	0.18
Limestone & Dolomite Use	0.19	0.31	0.24	0.26	0.29	0.39	0.16	0.16
Nitric Acid Production	0.68	0.75	0.81	0.90	0.90	0.99	0.94	0.99
ODS Substitutes	1.03	1.07	1.09	1.11	1.18	1.18	1.13	1.19
Soda Ash Consumption	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.63</b>	<b>4.78</b>	<b>4.77</b>	<b>4.86</b>	<b>4.14</b>	<b>4.63</b>	<b>4.23</b>	<b>4.96</b>

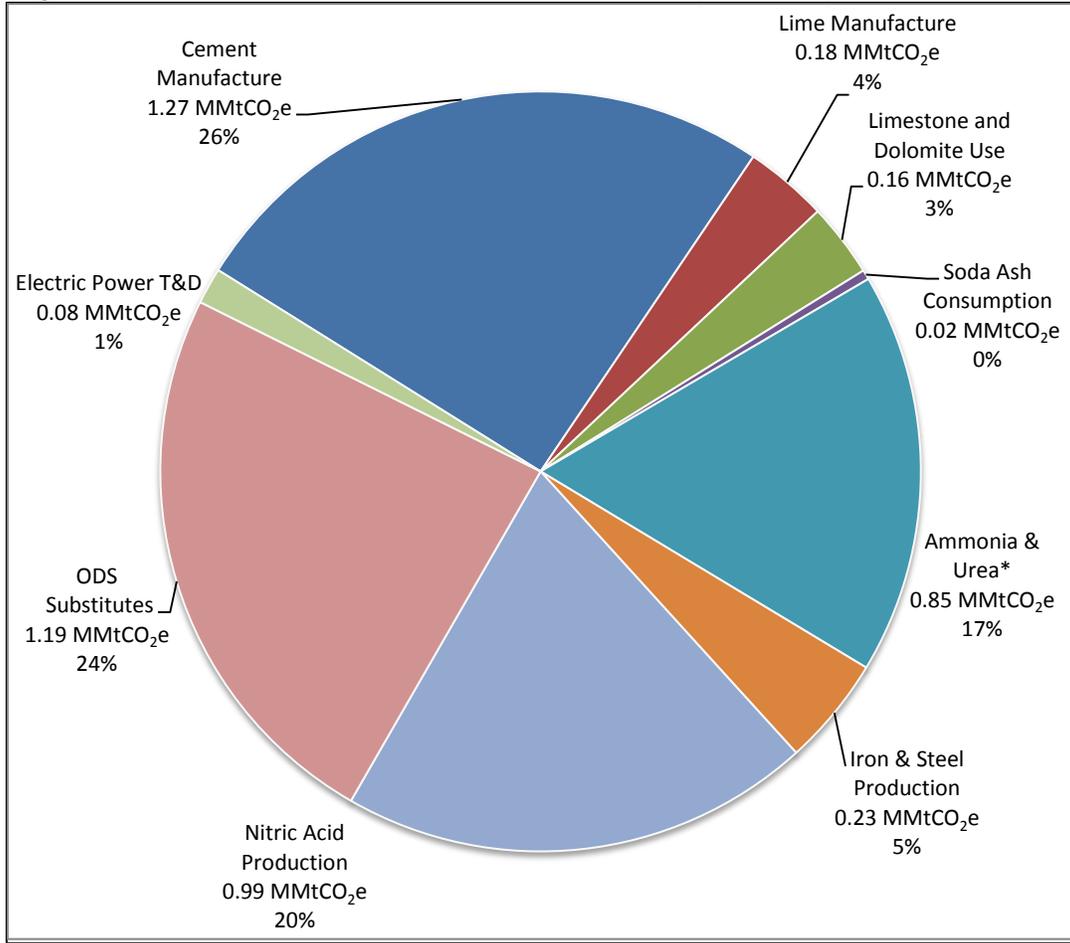
<sup>8</sup> Totals may not equal the sum of subtotals shown in this table due to independent rounding.

<sup>9</sup> Values for Electric Power T & D 2005 – 2011, Limestone and Dolomite Use 2009 – 2011, and Total Emissions 2005 – 2011 have been updated.

<sup>10</sup> 2005 – 2007 values may be overestimates as they do not account for CO<sub>2</sub> that was recovered for urea or carbon sequestration and storage.

<sup>11</sup> Emissions from fossil fuel combustion that were measured by the Continuous Emission Monitor on the kiln(s) were subtracted from the total as they are already counted in the Fossil Fuel Combustion sector.

**Figure 6: 2012 GHG Emissions from Industrial Processes (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**



**Uncertainty**

Uncertainty occurs in categories where SIT default activity data was used instead of lowa-specific activity data, such as limestone and dolomite use, soda ash use, ODS substitutes, and electric power transmission and distribution (ICF 2013a).

## Chapter 5 - Natural Gas Transmission & Distribution

This chapter includes GHG emissions from natural gas transmission and distribution (T & D) in Iowa. In this sector, methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) is emitted from leaks, vents, regulators, valves, compressors, accidents, and other devices located along the natural gas transmission and distribution networks. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) may also be emitted from venting and flaring, but was not calculated due to lack of data. GHG emissions from coal mining, natural gas production, oil production, oil transmission, and oil transportation are not included as those industries are currently not active in Iowa.

### **Method**

#### *Natural Gas Transmission*

Natural gas is transmitted in Iowa through large, high-pressure lines. These lines transport natural gas from production fields and processing plants located out-of-state to Iowa storage facilities, then to local distribution companies (LDCs) and high volume customers. Compressor stations, metering stations, and maintenance facilities are located along the transmission system. CH<sub>4</sub> is emitted from leaks, compressors, vents, and pneumatic devices (ICF 2013b).

The number of miles of transmission pipeline in Iowa was obtained from the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Office of Pipeline Safety (DOT 2013). The Iowa Utilities Board confirmed that the number of natural gas compressor and gas storage stations did not change from the previous year (Sturmsma 2013).

#### *Natural Gas Distribution*

Natural gas is distributed through large networks of small, low-pressure pipelines. Natural gas flows from the transmission system to the distribution network at municipal gate stations, where the pressure is reduced for distribution within municipalities. CH<sub>4</sub> is emitted from leaks, meters, regulators, and accidents (ICF 2013b). Activity data from the DOT PHMSA's Office of Pipeline Safety was used for calculating emissions (DOT 2013). Data entered included miles of steel and cast iron distribution pipeline, unprotected and protected; number of services; and number of steel services, unprotected and protected.

#### *Natural Gas Venting and Flaring*

The Department is unable to find data on the annual amount of natural gas vented and flared from natural gas transmission pipelines. This data is not tracked by the EIA (Little 2011), and the Department has previously requested, but not received, this information from the Federal Energy Regulatory Agency (FERC). Therefore, no GHG emissions were calculated from natural gas venting and flaring.

### **Results**

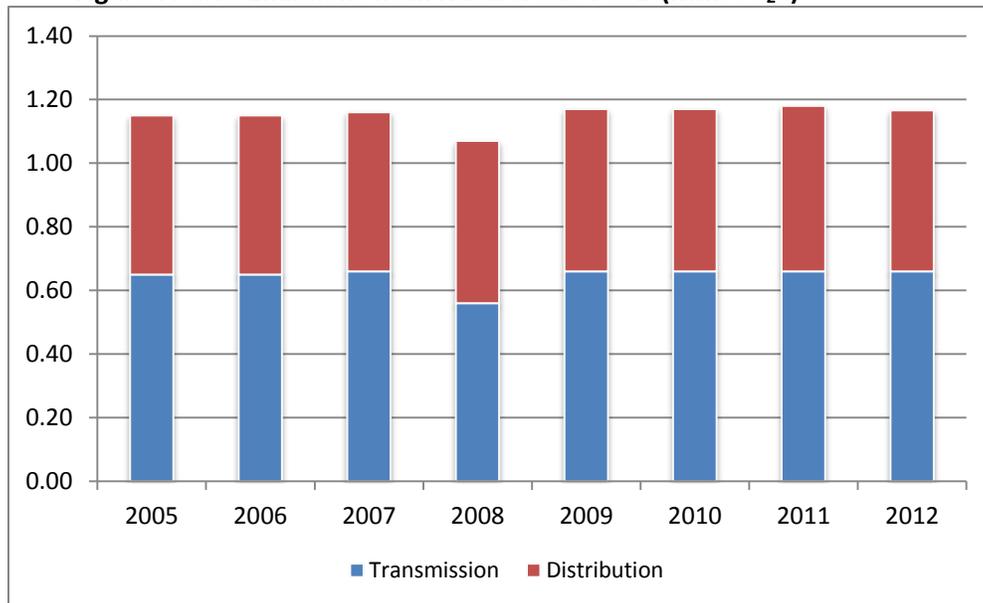
Total GHG emissions from natural gas transmission and distribution were 1.18 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2012, an increase of 0.19% from 2011 and 2.48% from 2005 as shown in Table 18 and Figure 7. Emissions

increased in 2012 due to increases in the miles of distribution pipeline and number of services (e.g. gas meters). GHG emissions from this sector account for 0.88% of 2012 statewide GHG emissions.

**Table 18: GHG Emissions from Natural Gas T & D (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**

Category	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Transmission	0.65	0.65	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.66
Distribution	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.52	0.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>1.18</b>

**Figure 7: GHG Emissions from Natural Gas T & D (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**



**Uncertainty**

*Excerpted from SIT Natural Gas and Oil Systems Module (ICF 2013a):*

The main source of uncertainty in the SIT calculation methods is the emission factors. The emission factors used are based on a combination of statistical reporting, equipment design data, engineering calculations and studies, surveys of affected facilities and measurements. In the process of combining these individual components, the uncertainty of each individual component is pooled to generate a larger uncertainty for the overall emission factor. In addition, statistical uncertainties arise from natural variation in measurements, equipment types, operational variability, and survey and statistical methodologies. The method also does not account for regional differences in natural gas infrastructure and activity levels (ICF 2013a).

## Chapter 6 - Transportation

This chapter includes GHG emissions from both highway and non-highway vehicles such as aviation, boats, locomotives, tractors, other utility vehicles, and alternative fuel vehicles.

### **Method**

An important distinction to make in the transportation category is that carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from all vehicle categories are calculated based on fossil fuel consumption, as are methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) emissions from non-highway vehicles. However, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from highway vehicles are calculated based on vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

GHG emissions from transportation were calculated using two SIT modules – the CO<sub>2</sub>FFC module for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and the Mobile Combustion module for CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions. The CO<sub>2</sub>FFC SIT module also calculates emissions from the residential, commercial, industrial, and electric power sectors, but for this report those emissions are discussed in *Chapter 3 – Fossil Fuel Combustion*. Emissions from international bunker fuels were not calculated due to a lack of state-level data. Bunker fuels are fuels used in international aviation and marine transportation that originates in the United States. It is a standard inventory practice to subtract emissions from bunker fuels if they are included in state energy consumption totals because the pollutants may not be emitted within the state (IFC 2013a).

### *CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions*

Iowa-specific 2012 energy consumption data will not be published by the U.S. Energy Information Administration until June 2014, so the Department projected 2012 energy consumption. This was done by using the EIA's *Annual Energy Outlook (AEO) 2013 with Projections to 2040* (EIA 2013b) and 2011 bulk energy consumption data from the EIA's State Energy Data System (SEDS) (EIA 2013c). The AEO2013 includes twenty-eight different projection cases, which each address different uncertainties. The Department used the AEO2013 "Reference Case", which assumes that the laws and regulations currently in effect in remain unchanged throughout the projections. The projections in the Reference Case are done at the regional level, and Iowa is in the West North Central U.S. Census Region. The 2012 fuel consumption was estimated for each fuel type using one of three methods as described below and shown in Table 19:

#### **Fuel Method 1**

The ratio of 2011 Iowa fuel consumption from SEDS to the 2011 regional fuel consumption from the AEO2013 was calculated. This ratio was then applied to the predicted 2012 regional fuel consumption in the AEO2013. Some accuracy is lost because fuel consumption data in SEDS is in units of billion British thermal units (Btu) while the fuel consumption data in the AEO2013 is in units of quadrillion Btu rounded to just two decimal places. This method was used for the sectors listed in Table 19.

### Fuel Method 2

These sectors were not included in the AEO Reference Case, so it was assumed that 2012 fuel consumption was equal to the 2011 fuel consumption. This method was used for the sectors listed in Table 19 below.

**Table 19 – Method Used to Estimate 2012 Fuel Consumption**

Fuel Type	Estimation Method
Transportation Distillate Fuel	Method 1
Transportation Jet Fuel, Kerosene	Method 1
Transportation Motor Gasoline	Method 1
Transportation Natural Gas	Method 1
Transportation Residual Fuel	Method 1
Transportation Aviation Gasoline	Method 2
Transportation Ethanol	Method 2
Transportation Jet Fuel, Naphtha	Method 2
Transportation LPG	Method 2
Transportation Lubricants	Method 2
Transportation Other	Method 2

### Highway Vehicles ( $CH_4$ and $N_2O$ )

Highway vehicles include passenger cars, truck, motorcycles, and heavy-duty vehicles.  $CH_4$  and  $N_2O$  emissions from highway vehicles were calculated using the SIT as follows:

1. The vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for each vehicle type was calculated using the total annual VMT of 31,581 million miles (IDOT 2013). Neither the IDOT nor FHWA track state-level VMT by the seven classes used in the SIT, so the VMT was then distributed among seven vehicle/fuel classes using the national distribution percentages from the Tables A-92 and A-93 from Annex 3 of the most recent national GHG inventory, *Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2011* (EPA 2013). The classes and the national distribution percentages are shown in Table 20.

**Table 20: VMT Vehicle/Fuel Classes and Distribution**

Class	Acronym	2011 (EPA 2013)
Heavy duty diesel vehicle	HDDV	8.41%
Heavy duty gas vehicle	HDGV	1.01%
Light duty diesel truck	LDDT	0.82%
Light duty diesel vehicle	LDDV	0.34%
Light duty gasoline truck	LDGT	19.63%
Light duty gasoline vehicle	LDGV	69.15%
Motorcycle	MC	0.63%

2. The VMT was then converted for use with existing emission factors. Iowa-specific emission factors were not available, so the SIT default emission factors were used. These factors are consistent with those used in the most recent national GHG inventory.

3. Next the VMT was allocated by model year. Iowa-specific VMT data by model year was not available, so the VMT was allocated using the default national on-road age distribution by vehicle/fuel type in the SIT. The “Annual Vehicle Mileage Accumulation” table in SIT matched that in of Table A-97 in the most recent national inventory, so it was not updated.
4. The control technology was then allocated by model year. Iowa-specific control technologies by model year were not available, so the national control technology values were used. Except for the values for Tier 2 Heavy Duty Vehicles and Low Emission Vehicles, the “Percentage of Each Vehicles with Each Control Technology” tables in the SIT matched the Table A-102 in Annex 3 of national inventory. The values for those two vehicle types were updated in the SIT.

*Non-highway Vehicles (CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O)*

Non-highway vehicles include aviation, marine vessels, locomotives, and tractors. In general, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from non-highway vehicles were calculated using data from either the Energy Information Administration (EIA) or Federal Highway Administration as shown in Table 21. Although 29,718 snowmobiles were registered in Iowa in 2012 (Downing 2013), emissions from snowmobiles were not calculated because fuel use data was not available.

**Table 21: Iowa-specific Non-highway Activity Data Used**

Vehicle Type/Fuel	Year	Data Source
Aviation Jet Fuel, Kerosene	2011 used as proxy for 2012	EIA SEDS (EIA 2013c)
Aviation Gasoline	2011 used as proxy for 2012	EIA SEDS (EIA 2013c)
Boats Gasoline	2011 used as proxy for 2012	FHWA 2012
Locomotives Distillate Fuel	2011 used as proxy for 2012	EIA Adjusted Sales (EIA 2013a)
Tractor Gasoline	2011 used as proxy for 2012	FHWA 2012
Tractor Distillate Fuel	2011 used as proxy for 2012	EIA Adjusted Sales (EIA 2013a)
Construction Gasoline	2011 used as proxy for 2012	FHWA 2012
Construction Distillate Fuel	2010 used as proxy for 2012	SIT default value
Diesel HD Utility	2010 used as proxy for 2012	SIT default value

*Alternative Fuel Vehicles (CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O)*

Alternative fuel vehicles include vehicles that combust methanol, ethanol, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and liquefied petroleum gas. Iowa-specific VMT for alternative fuel vehicles were not available, so the 2010 value was used as a surrogate for 2011 and 2012.

**Adjustments**

2011 emissions have been updated since the Department’s 2011 GHG Inventory Report was published in December 2012. The Department previously forecasted 2011 emissions due to a lack of Iowa-specific bulk energy consumption data. However, the 2011 energy data was released by EIA in June 2013 (EIA 2013c), so the Department used the data to recalculate 2011 emissions as shown in Table 22.

**Table 22: Recalculated Transportation Emissions (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**

Pollutant	2011 Value Published Dec. 2012	2011 Updated Value
CO <sub>2</sub>	22.11	22.37
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.03	0.03
N <sub>2</sub> O	0.27	0.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.41</b>	<b>22.68</b>

**Results**

Total GHG emissions from transportation were 22.45 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2012 as shown in Table 23 below. This was a decrease of 1.03% from 2011 but an increase of 2.59% from 2005. GHG emissions from this sector account for 16.81% of 2012 statewide GHG emissions. CO<sub>2</sub> is the most prevalent GHG, accounting for 98.76% of GHG emissions from the transportation sector.

**Table 23: GHG Emissions from Transportation (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>12</sup>**

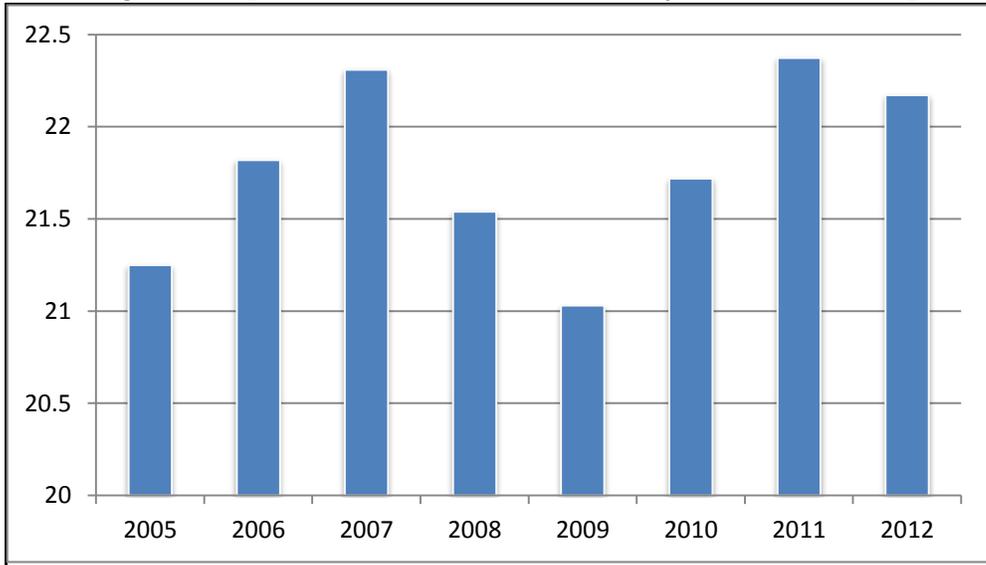
Pollutant	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CO <sub>2</sub>	21.25	21.82	22.31	21.54	21.03	21.72	22.37	22.17
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
N <sub>2</sub> O	0.59	0.52	0.46	0.40	0.36	0.33	0.28	0.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.88</b>	<b>22.38</b>	<b>22.81</b>	<b>21.97</b>	<b>21.42</b>	<b>22.07</b>	<b>22.68</b>	<b>22.45</b>

The CO<sub>2</sub> method in SIT calculates emissions based only on total fuel consumption by fuel; it does not account for vehicle type, vehicle age, control technologies, or vehicle miles traveled. However, the SIT method for calculating CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions accounts for all of those factors for highway vehicles.

While the SIT shows CO<sub>2</sub> emissions varying from year to year as shown in Figure 8 on the next page, the SIT shows that emissions of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O have steadily decreased as shown in Figure 9. The decrease in CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions can be attributed to changes in vehicle distribution and improvements in vehicle fuel-efficiency (EPA 2011). A future improvement to this inventory may be to calculate transportation emissions using the same method for each pollutant.

<sup>12</sup> Totals may not equal exact sum of subtotals shown in this table due to independent rounding.

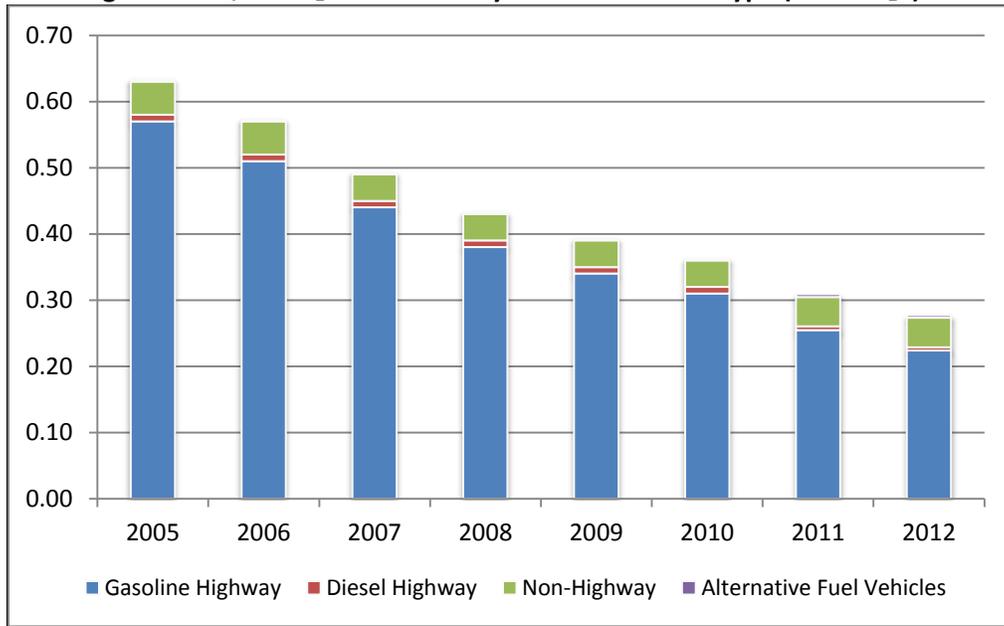
**Figure 8: CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Mobile Sources by Pollutant (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**



**Table 24: Total CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions from Mobile Sources (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>13</sup>**

Fuel /Vehicle Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Gasoline Highway	0.57	0.51	0.44	0.38	0.34	0.31	0.25	0.22
Diesel Highway	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	4.7-03
Non-Highway	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Alternative Fuels	2.6E-03	2.5E-03	3.1E-03	2.9E-03	3.0E-03	3.0E-03	4.2-03	4.2-03
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.28</b>

**Figure 9: CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions by Fuel and Vehicle Type (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**



<sup>13</sup> Totals may not equal the sum of subtotals shown in this table due to independent rounding.

## **Uncertainty**

### *CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions - Excerpted from SIT CO<sub>2</sub>FFC Module (ICF 2013a):*

The amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted from energy consumption depends on the type and amount of fuel consumed, the carbon content of the fuel, and the fraction of the fuel that is oxidized. Therefore, the more accurate these parameters are in the equations, the more accurate the estimate of direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be. Nevertheless, there are uncertainties associated with each of these parameters.

National total energy consumption data is fairly accurate, but there is more uncertainty in the state-level data, especially when allocating consumption to the transportation end-use sector. The amount or rate at which carbon is emitted to the atmosphere can vary greatly depending on the fuel and use and may vary at the state-level compared to the national default levels in the SIT. Uncertainty is also introduced by not subtracting emissions from international bunker fuel (ICF 2013a).

The uncertainty in carbon content and oxidation is much lower than with fuel consumption data. Carbon contents of each fuel type are determined by EIA by sampling and the assessment of market requirements, and, with the exception of coal, do not vary significantly from state to state. EIA takes into account the variability of carbon contents of coal by state and these coefficients are also provided in the SIT.

### *CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O Emissions:*

Uncertainty in CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions occurs because national vehicle/fuel type, age distributions, and emission factors, which may not be reflective of Iowa conditions, were applied to Iowa-specific VMT data. The annual VMT value used also has some uncertainty because the values provided by the federal DOT differed from the value provided by the state DOT. There is also some uncertainty in the method EPA used to develop the national vehicle/fuel type distributions and to develop emission factors (EPA 2013). The VMT used for alternative fuel vehicles has a higher level of uncertainty because the Department was unable to locate Iowa-specific VMT data. Since CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from non-highway vehicles are calculated in a fairly straightforward calculation by multiplying fuel consumption data by an emission factor, uncertainty may be introduced if the fuel consumption data or emission factors used do not reflect Iowa scenarios, such as using default national emission factors. In addition, it is assumed that all fuel purchased is consumed in the same year (ICF 2013b).

Aviation CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions have a higher level of uncertainty because the jet fuel and aviation gasoline fuel data used is the total quantity of those fuels purchased in Iowa and includes fuel that may be consumed during interstate or international flights (Strait et al. 2008).

## Chapter 7 – Waste: Solid Waste

This chapter includes methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) emissions from municipal solid waste landfills and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) emitted from the combustion of municipal solid waste to produce electricity. It also accounts for CH<sub>4</sub> that is flared or captured for energy production. CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from landfills are a function of several factors, including the total quantity of waste in municipal solid waste landfills; the characteristics of the landfills such as composition of the waste, size, climate; the quantity of CH<sub>4</sub> that is recovered and either flared or combusted in landfill-gas-to-energy (LFGTE) projects; and the quantity of CH<sub>4</sub> oxidized in landfills instead of being released into the atmosphere. Fluctuations in CH<sub>4</sub> emissions can be caused by changes in waste composition, the quantity of landfill gas collected and combusted, the frequency of composting, and the rate of recovery of degradable materials such as paper and paperboard (EPA 2011).

### **Method**

#### *Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfills*

CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> are produced in landfills from anaerobic decomposition of organic matter. The resulting GHG emissions are approximately 50% CO<sub>2</sub> and 50% CH<sub>4</sub>. Some landfills collect and flare landfill gas, and there are also landfills that collect and burn landfill gas for landfill-gas-to-energy (LFGTE) projects. CH<sub>4</sub> emissions were determined by estimating the amount of CH<sub>4</sub> generated by landfills and subtracting any CH<sub>4</sub> that was flared or combusted in LFGTE projects.

- The amount of CH<sub>4</sub> generated at landfills was calculated using the total amount of municipal solid waste (2,739,682 tons) sent to Iowa landfills in 2012. These amounts are reported annually by individual landfills to the Department's Land Quality Bureau by (DNR 2013a and Jolly 2013).
- The amount of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions avoided from flaring and LFGTE projects was calculated using data reported annually by individual facilities to the Department's Air Quality Bureau on their annual air emissions inventories. Facilities reported flaring 15,740 tons of CH<sub>4</sub> and recovering 17,269 tons of CH<sub>4</sub> for LFGTE projects in 2012 (DNR 2013b).

The Department was unable to obtain Iowa-specific waste composition and oxidation rates, so the following SIT defaults were used to calculate emissions:

- CH<sub>4</sub> generation from industrial landfills in the U.S. is assumed to be 7% of generation from municipal solid waste landfills.
- 10% of landfill CH<sub>4</sub> that is not flared or recovered is oxidized in the top layer of the soil over the landfill.
- The fraction oxidized for plastics, synthetic rubbers, and synthetic fibers is 98%.

#### *Combustion of Municipal Solid Waste*

The amount of CH<sub>4</sub> emitted from power plants burning municipal solid waste to produce electricity was calculated using data reported annually by individual facilities to the Department's Air Quality Bureau on

their annual air emissions inventories (DNR 2013b). One facility reported burning a total of 32,438 tons of municipal solid waste in 2012.

The inventory was also refined by using state-specific proportions of discards that are plastics, synthetic rubbers, and synthetic instead of SIT default values to calculate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from municipal solid waste combustion. These state-specific proportion values are from the *2011 Iowa Statewide Waste Characterization Study* (MSW 2011). The state-specific proportions of discards used are shown in Table 25 below.

**Table 25: Proportions of Discards used in the Solid Waste Module**

Material	SIT Default Value <sup>14</sup>	2011 Iowa Study
Plastics	17.0 – 18.0%	16.7%
Synthetic Rubber <sup>15</sup>	2.3 – 2.6%	1.0%
Synthetic Fibers <sup>16</sup>	5.6 – 6.3%	4.1%

Plastics and synthetic rubber materials may be further divided in the SIT into subcategories of plastics and rubber (e.g. polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polystyrene (PS), etc.), but the subcategories in the SIT do not match the subcategories in the waste characterization study. Therefore, the Department did subcategorize the proportion of municipal solid waste discards.

## Results

Total GHG emissions from the solid waste category were 2.18 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2012, an increase of 11.08% from 2011 and an increase of 0.76% from 2005 as shown in Table 26 and Figure 10 on the next page. This is because less landfill gas was flared or combusted in LFGTE projects in 2012 as shown in Table 27 on the next page.

**Table 26: GHG Emissions from Municipal Solid Waste (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>17</sup>**

Pollutant	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Landfills	2.14	2.09	2.12	2.13	2.10	2.01	1.95	2.17
MSW Combustion	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>2.11</b>	<b>2.14</b>	<b>2.15</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>1.97</b>	<b>2.18</b>

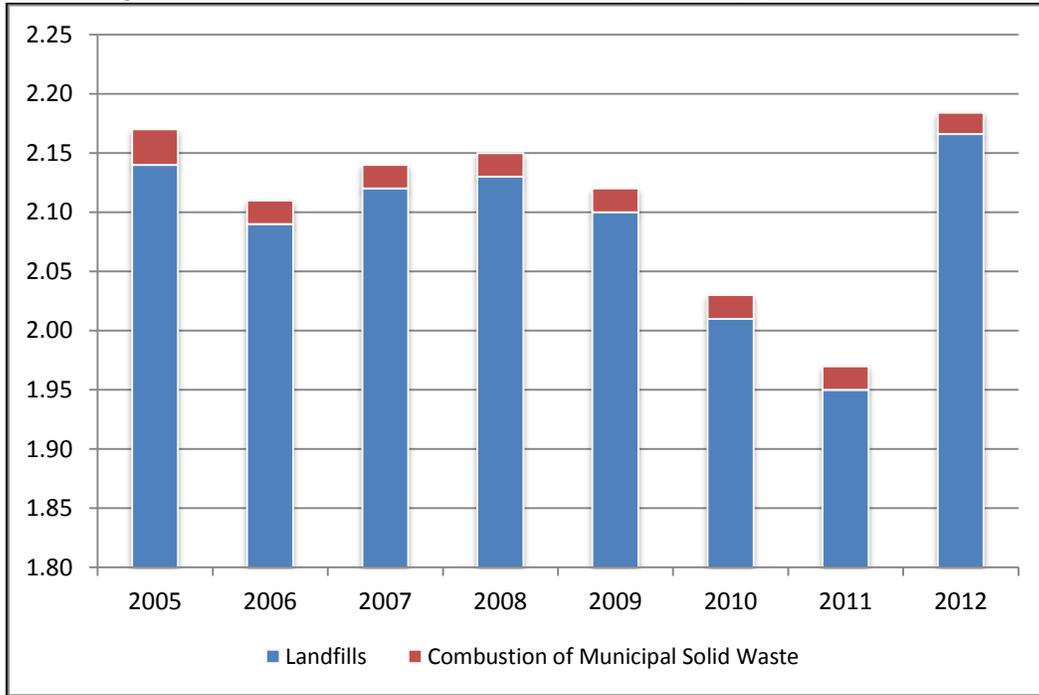
<sup>14</sup> Default values for 2005 – 2008.

<sup>15</sup> The 2011 Iowa waste characterization studies identify this material as “rubber”.

<sup>16</sup> The 2011 Iowa waste characterization studies identify this material as “textiles and leather”.

<sup>17</sup> Totals may not equal the sum of subtotals shown in this table due to independent rounding.

**Figure 10: GHG Emissions from Solid Waste (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**



Approximately 0.63 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions were avoided in 2012 by combusting CH<sub>4</sub> in flares or converting it in LFGTE projects as shown in Table 27. This is a 24.46% decrease from the previous year but a 55.36% increase from 2005.

**Table 27: CH<sub>4</sub> Emissions from Landfills (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>18,19</sup>**

Category	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Potential CH <sub>4</sub>	2.78	2.81	2.86	2.90	2.94	2.97	3.00	3.04
<i>MSW Generation</i>	2.60	2.63	2.67	2.71	2.74	2.77	2.80	2.84
<i>Industrial Generation</i>	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.20
CH <sub>4</sub> Avoided	(0.40)	(0.49)	(0.50)	(0.53)	(0.60)	(0.74)	(0.83)	(0.63)
<i>Flare</i>	(0.26)	(0.19)	(0.16)	(0.19)	(0.35)	(0.37)	(0.49)	(0.30)
<i>Landfill Gas-to-Energy</i>	(0.15)	(0.30)	(0.34)	(0.34)	(0.25)	(0.37)	(0.34)	(0.33)
Oxidation at MSW Landfills	0.22	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.22
Oxidation at Industrial Landfills	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.02	0.02	0.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.14</b>	<b>2.09</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>2.13</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>2.01</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>2.17</b>

The greatest contributor to GHG emissions from municipal solid waste combustion were CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from plastics, accounting for 77.48% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and 75.44% of total combustion emissions as shown in Table 28 on the next page.

<sup>18</sup> Totals may not equal the sum of subtotals shown in this table due to independent rounding.

<sup>19</sup> Numbers in parentheses are negative numbers.

**Table 28: Emissions from Municipal Solid Waste Combustion (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>20</sup>**

Gas/Waste Product	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
<i>Plastics</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>0.01</i>	<i>0.01</i>	<i>0.01</i>	<i>0.01</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>0.01</i>	<i>0.01</i>
<i>Synthetic Rubber</i>	<i>7.3E-04</i>	<i>4.0E-04</i>	<i>4.6E-04</i>	<i>4.9E-04</i>	<i>4.2E-04</i>	<i>1.0E-03</i>	<i>9.0E-04</i>	<i>8.7E-04</i>
<i>Synthetic Fibers</i>	<i>5.9E-03</i>	<i>3.4E-03</i>	<i>3.8E-03</i>	<i>4.1E-03</i>	<i>3.5E-03</i>	<i>3.5E-03</i>	<i>3.2E-03</i>	<i>3.0E-03</i>
<b>N<sub>2</sub>O</b>	7.4E-04	4.2E-04	4.8E-04	5.1E-04	4.4E-04	5.3E-04	4.7E-04	4.6E-04
<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	2.0E-05	1.1E-05	1.3E-05	1.4E-05	1.2E-05	1.4E-05	1.3E-05	1.2E-03
<b>Total</b>	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02

### **Uncertainty**

*Excerpted from SIT Solid Waste Module (ICF 2013a):*

#### *MSW Landfills*

The methodology does not account for characteristics of individual landfills that impact CH<sub>4</sub> emissions such as temperature, rainfall, landfill design, and the time period that the landfill collects waste. The methodology also assumes that the waste composition of each landfill is the same. The SIT also assumes that 10% of CH<sub>4</sub> is oxidized during diffusion through the soil cover over landfills. This assumption is based on limited information. The methodology also does not account for the presence of landfill gas collection systems that may affect activity in the anaerobic zones of landfills since active pumping may draw more air into the fill (ICF 2013a).

#### *MSW Combustion*

There are several sources of uncertainty in this sector, including combustion and oxidation rates, average carbon contents, and biogenic content.

- The combustion rate is not exact and varies by the quantity and composition of the waste.
- The oxidation rate varies depending on the type of waste combusted, moisture content, etc.
- The SIT uses average carbon contents instead of specific carbon contents for other plastics, synthetic rubber, and synthetic fibers.
- Non-biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions vary depending on the amount of non-biogenic carbon in the waste and the percentage of non-biogenic carbon that is oxidized.
- The SIT assumes that all carbon in textiles is non-biomass carbon and the category of rubber and leather is almost all rubber. This may result in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions being slightly over-estimated (ICF 2013a).

<sup>20</sup> Totals may not equal the sum of subtotals shown in this table due to independent rounding.

## Chapter 8 – Waste: Wastewater Treatment

This chapter includes GHG emissions from the treatment of municipal and industrial wastewater. The pollutants from this sector are methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O). CH<sub>4</sub> is emitted from the treatment of wastewater, both industrial and municipal. CH<sub>4</sub> is produced when organic material is treated in anaerobic environment (in the absence of oxygen) and when untreated wastewater degrades anaerobically. N<sub>2</sub>O is produced through nitrification followed by incomplete denitrification of both municipal and industrial wastewater containing both organic and inorganic nitrogen species. Production and subsequent emission of N<sub>2</sub>O is a complex function of biological, chemical, and physical factors, and emission rates depend on the specific conditions of the wastewater and the wastewater collection and treatment system. Human sewage makes up a significant portion of the raw material leading to N<sub>2</sub>O emissions (ICF 2013b).

### **Method**

#### *Municipal Wastewater*

GHG emissions from municipal wastewater are calculated in the SIT by multiplying a series of emission factors by the annual Iowa population, which was updated for 2012 (State 2013). For example, to calculate CH<sub>4</sub> emissions, the state population was multiplied by the quantity of biochemical oxygen demands (BOD) per person emission factor, by the fraction that is treated anaerobically, and by the quantity of CH<sub>4</sub> produced per metric ton. It does not account for any digester methane that is collected and combusted instead of fossil fuels in equipment such as boilers, generators, or flares.

SIT default emission factors and assumptions were used to calculate both CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, except that N<sub>2</sub>O was calculated using the most recent protein (kg/person-year) value of 42.80 from Table 8-15 *Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2011* (EPA 2013a). Because the 2012 protein value was not available at the time of publication, the 2011 value was used as a surrogate for 2012.

The Iowa fraction of population without septic systems, 76%, from EPA's *Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Manual* (EPA 2002), was also used to estimate N<sub>2</sub>O emissions. This value taken from the *1990 Census of Housing* and is lower than the SIT default value of 79%. The *2000 Census of Housing* and *2010 Census of Housing* do not include the Iowa fraction of population without septic systems.

#### *Industrial Wastewater*

The SIT calculates industrial wastewater treatment emissions from the pulp and paper industry and from food processors of fruits, vegetables, red meat and poultry. The Department calculated emissions from red meat processing using red meat production numbers from the USDA (USDA 2013). The Department was unable to find production data for fruits, vegetables, poultry, and pulp and paper in the units required by the SIT, so emissions from these sources were not calculated. Several source categories including food processors are required to report annual emissions from industrial wastewater to the federal greenhouse gas reporting program (GHGRP). However, not all food processors are required to

report; only sources that emit 25,000 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e or more are required to report. Because the GHGRP data does not include emissions from all processors of red meat, it was not used in this inventory. In 2012, five food processors reported emissions of 0.11 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e. Eighteen ethanol producers also reported 0.01 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e of emissions from industrial wastewater treatment (EPA 2013b).

**Results**

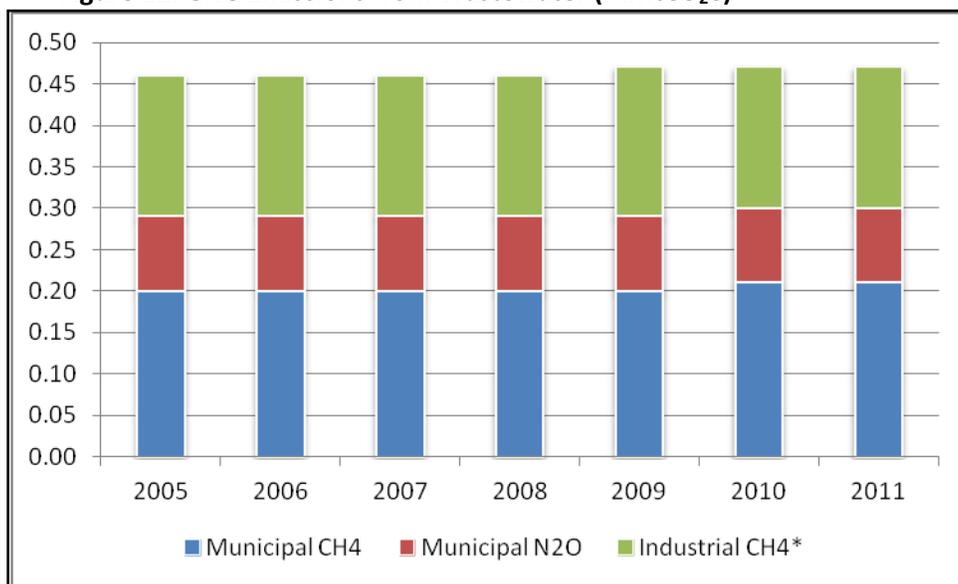
Wastewater emissions account for 0.35% of total statewide GHG emissions. Total emissions from the wastewater treatment sector were 0.47 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2012, a 0.59% increase from 2011 and a 3.71% increase from 2005 as shown in Table 29. This increase may be explained by the fact that while the default emission factors used remained the same each year, Iowa’s population and the amount of industrial wastewater emissions from processing red meat increased during the same time period.

CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O from municipal wastewater treatment accounted for 63.92% (0.30 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e) of total wastewater treatment GHG emissions as shown in Figure 11.

**Table 29: GHG Emissions from Wastewater (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>21</sup>**

Sector	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Municipal CH <sub>4</sub>	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.21
Municipal N <sub>2</sub> O	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
Industrial CH <sub>4</sub>	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.47</b>

**Figure 11: GHG Emissions from Wastewater (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**



\*Does not include emissions from production of fruits and vegetables, pulp and paper, and turkeys.

<sup>21</sup> Totals may not equal exact sum of subtotals shown in this table due to independent rounding.

## **Uncertainty**

*Excerpted from SIT Wastewater Module (ICF 2013a):*

### *Municipal Wastewater*

Uncertainty is associated with both the emission factors and activity data used to calculate GHG emissions. The quantity of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from wastewater treatment is based on several factors with varying degrees of uncertainty. For human sewage, there is some degree of uncertainty associated with the emission factor used to estimate the occurrence of anaerobic conditions in treatment systems based on septic tank usage data. While the Iowa-specific percentage of the population without septic systems was used to calculate emissions, the value is from 1990. There can also be variation in the per-capita BOD production associated with food consumption, food waste, and disposal characteristics for organic matter. Additionally, there is variation in these factors that can be attributed to differences in wastewater treatment facilities (ICF 2013a).

N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are dependent on nitrogen (N) inputs into the wastewater and the characteristics of wastewater treatment methods. Estimates of U.S. population, per capita protein consumption data, and the fraction of nitrogen in protein are believed to be fairly accurate. However, the fraction that is used to represent the ratio of non-consumption nitrogen also contributes to the overall uncertainty of these calculations, as does the emission factor for effluent, which is the default emission factor from IPCC (1997). Different disposal methods of sewage sludge, such as incineration, landfilling, or land-application as fertilizer also add complexity to the GHG calculation method (ICF 2013a).

### *Industrial Wastewater*

GHG emissions from industrial wastewater are underestimated because they do not include emissions from the treatment of wastewater from the production of fruits and vegetables, pulp and paper, or turkeys. While Iowa-specific red meat production data was used to calculate GHG emissions from the treatment of industrial wastewater from red meat, there can be large uncertainties associated with using default emission factors. For example, wastewater outflows and organics loadings can vary considerably for different plants and different sub-sectors, and there can also be variation in the per-capita BOD production associated with industrial processes, and disposal characteristics for organic matter. Furthermore, there is variation in these factors that can be attributed to characteristics of industrial pre-treatment systems as well as eventual treatment at municipal facilities (ICF 2013a).

## Chapter 9 - Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry (LULUCF)

This chapter addresses carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) emissions from liming of agricultural soils and fertilization of settlement soils, as well as carbon sequestered by forests, urban trees, and yard waste and food scraps that are sent to the landfill.

### Method

#### *Forest Carbon Flux*

CO<sub>2</sub> is taken in by plants and trees and converted to carbon in biomass during photosynthesis. “Growing forests store carbon naturally in both the wood and soil. Trees are about fifty percent carbon, and wood products from harvested trees continue to store carbon throughout their lives as well” (Flickinger 2010). CO<sub>2</sub> is emitted by live tree respiration, decay of dead material, fires, and biomass that is harvested and used for energy (Strait et al. 2008). This balance between the emission of carbon and the uptake of carbon is known as carbon flux (ICF 2013b).

The annual forest carbon flux was recalculated using 2005 – 2012 carbon storage statistics from the USDA Forest Service’s *Forest Inventory Data Online (FIDO)* (USFS 2013). This resulted in significant changes in emissions/sequestration as shown in Table 30. Previously the Department used carbon stock data from 1992 – 1997 as a surrogate for 2005 – 2011 and assumed that forest carbon flux remained constant at -17.35 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e. FIDO data is more accurate because it uses actual sampling data:

Forestry Inventory and Analysis (FIA) conducts annual inventories for all ownerships in each state across the country. A national standard sampling design was initiated for these inventories. The goal is to measure about 20% of the plots in the eastern half of the country and 10% of the plots in the western half of the country in each state each year, and to make the data available annually. The annual inventory system was initiated gradually over the last several years (USFS 2013).

FIDO data used to calculate sequestration/emission included the following forest categories:

- Carbon in live trees and saplings above ground on forest land
- Carbon in understory above ground on forest land
- Carbon in live trees and saplings below ground on forest land
- Carbon in understory below ground on forest land
- Carbon in standing dead trees on forest land
- Carbon in down dead trees on forest land
- Carbon in litter (shed vegetation decomposing above the soil surface) on forest land
- Soil organic carbon on forest land

#### *Liming of Agricultural Soils*

CO<sub>2</sub> is emitted when acidic agricultural soils are neutralized by adding limestone or dolomite. The Iowa Limestone Producers Association (ILPA) provided the Department with the total annual amount of

limestone produced for agricultural use as reported by their members (Hall 2013). However, producers do not report the percentage of limestone that is dolomitic. The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) tracks general information for active aggregate sources used for construction, including whether the material is limestone or dolomite. However, they do not track that information for limestone produced for agricultural purposes. The DOT indicated that some areas of the state have 100% dolomite, some have 100% limestone, and some areas are mixed (Reyes 2011). Therefore, the Department assumed that 50% of the material produced in Iowa for agricultural use is dolomite and 50% is limestone.

#### *Urea Fertilization*

The amount of urea fertilizer applied in the in 2012 was not available; emissions were calculated using the 2011 usage from USDA's 2012 Agricultural Statistical Bulletin (USDA 2012).

#### *Urban Tree Flux*

The amount of carbon stored in urban trees was calculated using the most recent Iowa urban forest data, 13.7% of urban area with tree cover, from the U.S. Forest Service (Nowak 2010 and 2013) and the total annual urban area provided in the SIT. It was assumed that 2011 carbon storage equaled 2012 carbon storage.

#### *Settlement Soils*

Approximately 10% of the fertilizers applied to soils in the United States are applied to soils in settled areas such as landscaping, lawns, and golf courses (ICF 2013b). N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from settlement soils were calculated using 10% of the total annual synthetic fertilizer value from the SIT Agriculture module. For more information on how the 2012 values were derived, please see *Chapter 2- Agriculture* of this report.

#### *Non-CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Forest Fires*

CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from forest fires in Iowa were not estimated because the majority<sup>22</sup> of wildfires and prescribed burns in Iowa are on grasslands (Kantak 2011). In addition, the SIT calculation method uses combustion efficiencies and emission factors are provided for primary tropical forests, secondary tropical forests, tertiary tropical forests, boreal forest, eucalypt forest, other temperate forests, shrub lands, and savanna woodlands, which are not reflective of Iowa vegetation.

#### *Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps Stored in Landfills*

GHG estimations from this sector were refined by applying the estimated percentages of yard waste and food waste in municipal solid waste from the *2011 Iowa Statewide Waste Characterization Study* (MSW 2011) to the total amount of municipal solid waste sent to landfills in 2012 (Jolly 2013). While the Department was able to use more accurate Iowa values for the annual amounts of yard waste and food scraps stored in landfills, the Department used the SIT default values for content of yard trimmings (e.g.

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<sup>22</sup> Of those that specified the vegetation type burned on their fire report to the Department. The Department tracks the date, location, and total acres of wildfires and prescribed burns reported to the Department, but the type of vegetation burned is not required to be reported for each fire.

% grass, % leaves, % branches), carbon content, proportion of carbon stored permanently, and half-life of degradable carbon because Iowa-specific data was not available.

**Adjustments**

*Forest Carbon Flux*

As discussed earlier under the “Method” section, forest carbon flux was recalculated using data from the USDA Forest Service’s *Forest Inventory Data Online* (USFS 2013). In previously inventories the Department assumed that forest carbon flux remained constant at -17.35 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e. The updated forest carbon flux from 2005 – 2011 is shown in Table 30.

**Table 30: Recalculated Forest Carbon Flux (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>23</sup>**

Year	Values Published Dec. 2012	Updated Values
2005	-17.35	-21.24
2006	-17.35	-6.53
2007	-17.35	+2.70
2008	-17.35	-4.48
2009	-17.35	-5.47
2010	-17.35	-2.67
2011	-17.35	-0.14

*Urban Trees*

As discussed earlier, the amount of carbon stored in urban trees from 2005 – 2011 was recalculated using the most recent Iowa urban forest data (2010) from the U.S. Forest Service (Nowak 2010 and 2013). It estimates the Iowa percent urban tree canopy cover of urban land to be 13.7%. The Department previously used the SIT default value of 33%. This reduced the amount of carbon sequestered in urban trees as shown in Table 31.

**Table 31: Recalculated Urban Tree Carbon Flux (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**

Year	Values Published Dec. 2012	Updated Values
2005	-0.60	-0.25
2006	-0.61	-0.25
2007	-0.62	-0.25
2008	-0.62	-0.26
2009	-0.63	-0.26
2010	-0.63	-0.28
2011	-0.63	-0.28

<sup>23</sup> Positive numbers show carbon emissions. Negative numbers show carbon sequestration, also known as carbon sinks.

*Settlement Soils (landscaping, lawns, golf courses, etc.)*

2006 – 2011 emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O from fertilizer applied to settlement soils were recalculated. Previously emissions had been incorrectly calculated using the amount of fertilizer applied in a growing year instead of correctly calculated using the amount applied during a calendar year. The updated emissions are shown in Table 32 and show that annual emissions decreased by an average of 1%.

**Table 32: Settlement Soil Emissions (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**

Year	Values Published Dec. 2012	Updated Values
2005	0.46	0.46
2006	0.48	0.48
2007	0.53	0.53
2008	0.52	0.49
2009	0.44	0.44
2010	0.43	0.48
2011	0.56	0.56

## Results

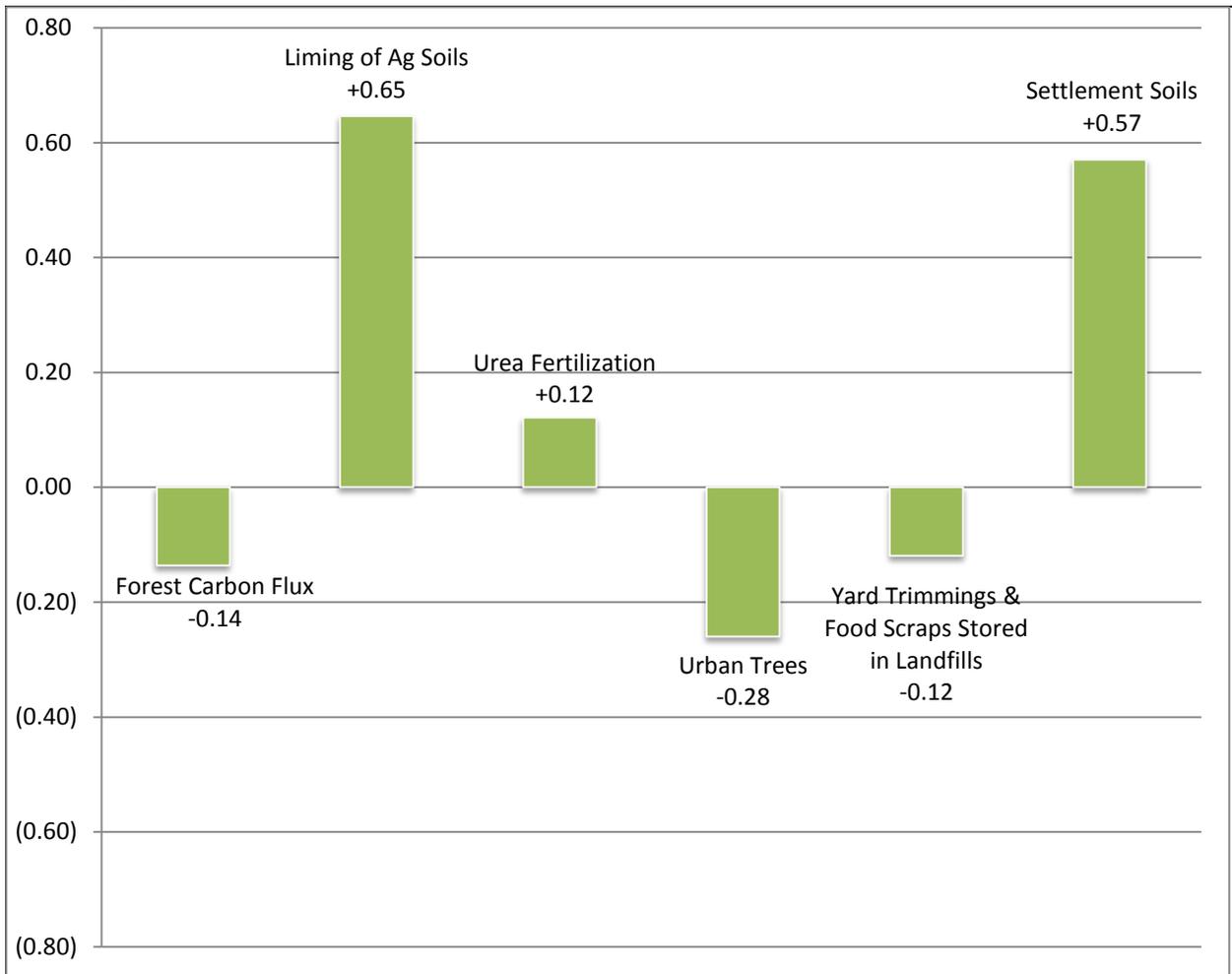
Overall, sources in the LULUCF sector released more carbon than they stored in 2012, emitting a total of 0.80 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e as shown in Table 33 and Figure 12. This is an increase of 21.73% from 2011 and an increase of 103.90% from 2005. Emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> are shown above the x-axis in Figure 12 and carbon sinks are shown below the x-axis.

**Table 33: GHG Emissions and Sinks from LULUCF (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>24</sup>**

Sector	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Forest Carbon Flux	-21.24	-6.53	+2.70	-4.48	-5.47	-2.68	-0.14	-0.14
Liming of Ag Soils	+0.42	+0.45	+0.37	+0.28	+0.27	+0.47	+0.51	+0.65
Urea Fertilization	+0.15	+0.15	+0.15	+0.15	+0.12	+0.11	+0.12	+0.12
Urban Trees	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25	-0.26	-0.26	-0.28	-0.28	-0.28
Yard Trimmings & Food Scraps Stored in Landfills	-0.09	-0.09	-0.08	-0.09	-0.10	-0.10	-0.13	-0.12
N <sub>2</sub> O from Settlement Soils	+0.46	+0.48	+0.53	+0.49	+0.44	+0.48	+0.56	+0.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>-20.54</b>	<b>-5.79</b>	<b>+3.41</b>	<b>-3.91</b>	<b>-5.00</b>	<b>-2.00</b>	<b>+0.66</b>	<b>0.80</b>

<sup>24</sup> Updated values. Positive numbers show carbon emissions. Negative numbers show carbon sequestration, also known as carbon sinks.

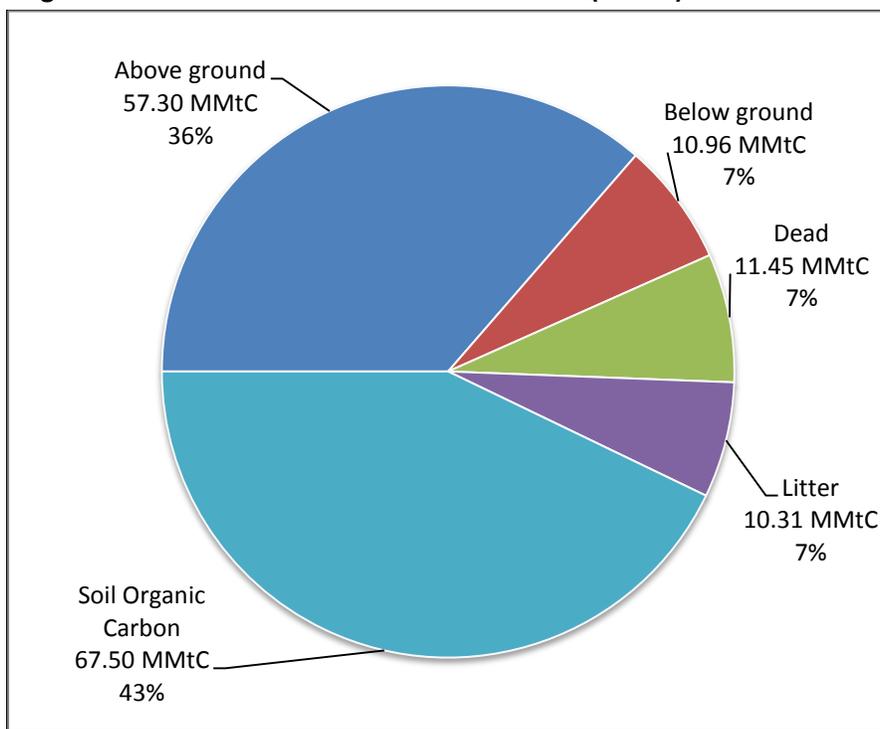
**Figure 12: 2012 GHG Emissions and Sinks from LULUCF (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>25</sup>**



The decrease in forest carbon flux can be attributed to a decrease in total forested area. The total amount of forested land in Iowa has decreased by 68,261 acres (2.23%) from 2007 – 2012 (USFS 2013b). The majority of forest carbon is stored in above ground living trees (36%) and in the forest soil (43%) as shown in Figure 13 on the next page.

<sup>25</sup> Positive numbers show carbon emissions. Negative numbers show carbon sequestration, also known as carbon sinks.

**Figure 13: 2012 Where Forest Carbon is Stored (MMtC)**



**Uncertainty**

One of the largest sources of uncertainty in the LULUCF sector is the lack of current Iowa-specific data and emission factors used to calculate emissions and/or sinks from urban trees and settlement soils. Emissions from categories such as urea fertilization, liming of agricultural soils, and yard waste and food scraps stored in landfills are more certain because Iowa-specific activity data was used, but uncertainty was also introduced by using surrogate data fertilizer data for the last six months of 2012, assuming the ration of limestone to dolomite in Iowa is 50%, and using SIT default values for content of yard trimmings (e.g. % grass, % leaves, % branches), carbon content, proportion of carbon stored permanently, and half-life of degradable carbon.

Due to the high uncertainty in soil carbon flux from tillage practices, it was not included in the Departments calculations. Refer to *Chapter 2 – Agriculture* for more information.

## Chapter 10 – Electricity Consumption

This chapter includes indirect emissions from electricity consumed at the point of use (e.g. residential electric hot water heaters, televisions, appliances, etc.) and does not include direct emissions generated at the electric power generating station (*see Chapter 3 – Fossil Fuel Combustion*). Electricity consumed by Iowans may not be generated in Iowa. Because of this, emissions from electricity consumption do not match emissions from electricity generation (ICF 2013b). Therefore, GHG emissions from electricity consumption are included in this inventory as an informational item only and are not included in the total statewide GHG emissions to avoid any possible double-counting. However, trends in electricity consumption are valuable because they are indicators of consumer behavior and trends in energy efficiency.

### **Method**

State-specific 2012 electricity consumption data will not be published by EIA until June 2014, so the Department projected the 2012 consumption. This was done by using the EIA's *Annual Energy Outlook (AEO) 2013 with Projections to 2040* (EIA 2013a) and 2011 bulk electricity consumption data from the EIA's State Energy Data System (SEDS) (EIA 2013b). The AEO2013 includes twenty-eight different projection cases, which each address different uncertainties. The Department used the AEO2013 "Reference Case", which assumes that the laws and regulations currently in effect remain unchanged throughout the projections. The projections in the Reference Case are done at the regional level, and Iowa is in the West North Central U.S. Census Region. To project 2012 electricity consumption, the Department first calculated the state's percent electricity consumption for each sector in 2011, relative to the electricity consumption of the region. The Department then multiplied Iowa's proportion of consumption by the projected 2012 consumption for the West North Central region. A grid loss factor of 6.471% in 2007 was used as a surrogate for 2012.

### *Transportation*

Electricity consumption from electric vehicles in Iowa was not calculated due to a lack of consumption data. According to the Iowa Department of Transportation, as of August 2013, 104 electric-only and 18,900 hybrid vehicles were registered in Iowa (Lewis 2013). Many low-speed, non-highway electric vehicles, such as golf carts, also operate in Iowa. However, the Iowa DOT does not have electricity consumption data for these vehicles (Carroll 2011). In addition, the Federal Transit Administration's National Transit Database shows no data from electric propulsion or electric batteries (FTA 2013).

### **Adjustments**

2011 emissions have been updated since the Department's 2011 GHG Inventory Report was published in December 2012. The Department previously forecasted 2011 emissions due to a lack of Iowa-specific bulk energy consumption data. However, the 2011 energy data was released by EIA in June 2013 (EIA 2013b), so the Department used the data to recalculate 2011 emissions as shown in Table 34.

**Table 34: Recalculated Electricity Emissions (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**

Category	2011 Value Published Dec. 2012	2011 Updated Value
Residential	12.52	12.04
Commercial	10.13	10.16
Industrial	17.05	16.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.70</b>	<b>38.36</b>

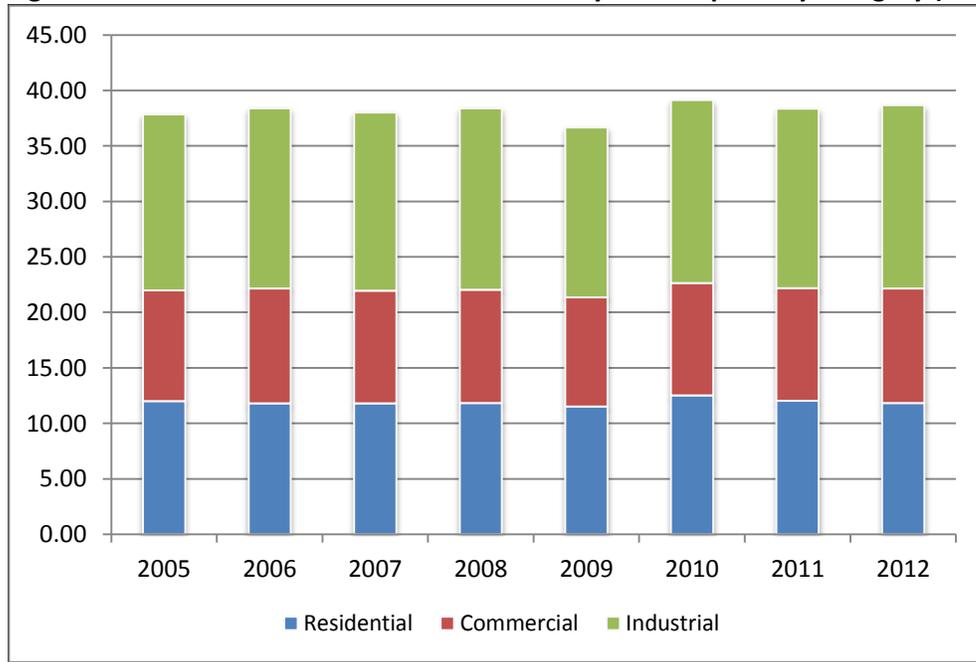
**Results**

Indirect GHG emissions from electricity consumption were estimated to be 38.68 MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2012, increasing 0.85% since 2011 and 2.18% since 2005. Iowa’s population has also increased 4.15% since 2005 (State 2012). Industrial users consumed 42.68% of electricity in the state, while residential users consumed 30.63% and commercial users consumed 26.68% as shown in Table 35 and Figure 14.

**Table 35: GHG Emissions from Electricity Consumption (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>26</sup>**

Sector/Fuel Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 <sup>27</sup>	2012
Residential	12.02	11.82	11.81	11.83	11.53	12.52	12.04	11.85
Commercial	9.98	10.33	10.15	10.23	9.84	10.13	10.16	10.32
Industrial	15.86	16.23	16.07	16.33	15.30	16.48	16.17	16.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.86</b>	<b>38.38</b>	<b>38.04</b>	<b>38.39</b>	<b>36.67</b>	<b>39.13</b>	<b>38.36</b>	<b>38.68</b>

**Figure 14: Indirect GHG Emissions from Electricity Consumption by Category (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>e)**



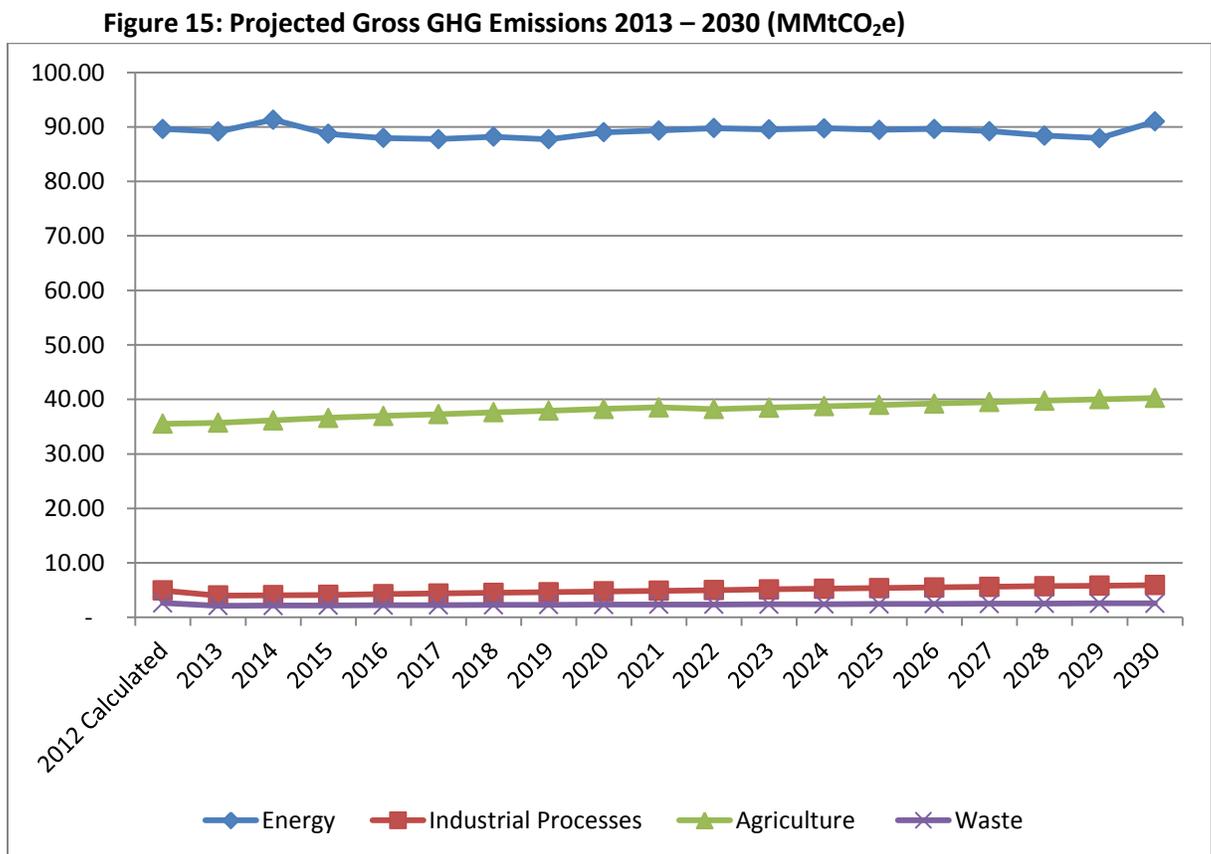
<sup>26</sup> Totals may not equal the sum of subtotals shown in this table due to independent rounding.

<sup>27</sup> Updated value.

## Forecasting

Iowa Code 455B.104 requires that the Department forecast trends in GHG emissions. The Department projected emissions from 2013 to 2030 using the SIT Projection Tool. As with many forecasts, there are numerous factors that affect the significant level of uncertainty with future emissions. These factors may include among other things - the economy, weather, current and future environmental regulations, energy efficiency and conservation practices, driving practices, use of renewable fuels, etc.

The projected emissions for 2013 – 2030 for each category are shown in Figure 15 below. The SIT Projection Tool forecasts emissions from industrial processes, agriculture, and waste based on historical emissions from 1990 – 2012, using a combination of data sources and national projections for activity data.



The energy forecast is based on projected energy consumption values from the EIA’s *Annual Energy Outlook (2013) with Projections to 2040*. The AEO2013 includes twenty-eight different projection cases, which each address different uncertainties. The Department used the AEO2013 “Reference Case”, which assumes that the laws and regulations in effect as of the end of September 2012 remain unchanged throughout the projections. The projections in the Reference Case are done at the regional level, and Iowa is in the West North Central U.S. Census Region. The AEO2013 includes five key findings:

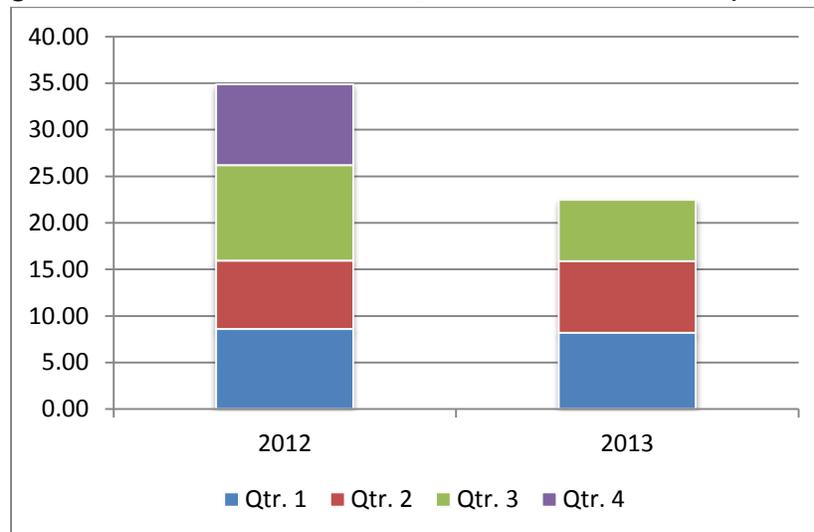
1. “Continued strong growth in domestic crude oil production over the next decade—largely as a result of rising production from tight formations—and increased domestic production of natural gas;
2. The potential for even stronger growth in domestic crude oil production under alternative conditions;
3. Evolving natural gas markets that spur increased use of natural gas for electric power generation and transportation and an expanding natural gas export market;
4. A decline in motor gasoline consumption over the projection period, reflecting the effects of more stringent corporate average fuel economy (CAFÉ) standards, as well as growth in diesel fuel consumption and increased use of natural gas to power heavy-duty vehicles; and
5. Low electricity demand growth, and continued increases in electricity generation capacity fueled by natural gas and renewable energy, which when combined with environmental regulations put pressure on coal use in the electric power sector. In some cases, coal’s share of total electricity generation falls below the natural gas share through the end of the projection period.”<sup>28</sup>

*Short-term Projections for the Electric Power Sector*

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the electric power sector are likely to decrease in 2013 based on CO<sub>2</sub> data submitted by electric generating stations to EPA’s Clean Air Markets Division (CAMD) for the first three quarters of 2013. However, if temperatures are unusually cold during October – December this year, demand for electricity could increase, resulting in an increase in emissions.

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are 14.25% lower so far this year than during the first three quarters of 2012 as shown in Figure 16 below. Coal usage in the third quarter of 2013 was also 35.68% lower than the previous year, and natural gas usage decreased in 2013 as well.

**Figure 16: Electric Power Sector CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions 2012 vs. 2013 (MMtCO<sub>2</sub>)**



<sup>28</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration - *Annual Energy Outlook 2013 with Projections to 2040*. Available online at <<http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/aeo/>>.

### *Uncertainty*

Because the Projection Tool's energy projections are done at the regional level, the emissions predicted for future years have a significant level of uncertainty. Iowa is currently a net exporter of electricity, which may cause Iowa energy emissions to be higher than projected for the West Central region overall. In addition, the projections do not include any reductions resulting from future regulations such as EPA's planned carbon reduction standards for power plants. A high level of uncertainty also exists in the agriculture sector, as emissions from agricultural soils are highly dependent on the weather.

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## Appendix A – Iowa GHG Emissions 2005 – 2012 by Sector<sup>29</sup>

Emissions (MMtCO <sub>2</sub> e)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Agriculture	32.14	34.25	38.73	34.81	34.63	34.07	<b>36.61</b>	35.53
Enteric Fermentation	5.95	6.35	6.62	6.77	6.74	6.67	<b>7.04</b>	6.95
Manure Management	6.77	6.80	7.48	8.19	8.25	7.53	<b>8.34</b>	8.54
Agricultural Soil Management	19.42	21.10	24.63	19.85	19.63	19.86	<b>21.22</b>	20.04
Burning of Agricultural Crop Waste	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Fossil Fuel Combustion	60.90	60.68	66.26	69.53	65.38	<b>70.89</b>	<b>70.29</b>	65.99
Electric Power Fuel Use	36.84	36.35	40.04	41.78	37.71	<b>42.33</b>	<b>38.38</b>	35.76
Residential, Commercial, Industrial Fuel Use	24.07	24.32	26.21	27.75	27.66	28.56	<b>31.31</b>	30.23
Industrial Processes	<b>4.63</b>	<b>4.78</b>	<b>4.77</b>	<b>4.86</b>	<b>4.14</b>	<b>4.63</b>	<b>4.23</b>	4.96
Ammonia & Urea Production	1.01	0.91	0.95	0.87	0.60	0.84	0.75	0.85
Cement Manufacture	1.27	1.29	1.27	1.31	0.84	0.72	0.79	1.27
Electric Power Transmission & Distribution Systems	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.08</b>	0.08
Iron and Steel Production	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.09	0.23	0.20	0.23
Lime Manufacture	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.13	0.18	0.18	0.18
Limestone and Dolomite Use	0.19	0.31	0.24	0.26	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>0.16</b>	0.16
Nitric Acid Production	0.68	0.75	0.81	0.90	0.90	0.99	0.94	0.99
ODS Substitutes	1.03	1.07	1.09	1.11	1.18	1.18	1.13	1.19
Soda Ash Consumption	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry	<b>-20.54</b>	<b>-5.79</b>	<b>3.41</b>	<b>-3.91</b>	<b>-5.00</b>	<b>-2.00</b>	<b>0.66</b>	0.80
Forest Carbon Flux	<b>-21.24</b>	<b>-6.53</b>	<b>2.70</b>	<b>-4.48</b>	<b>-5.47</b>	<b>-2.68</b>	<b>-0.14</b>	-0.14
Liming of Agricultural Soils	0.42	0.45	0.37	0.28	0.27	0.47	0.51	0.65
Urea Fertilization	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.12
Urban Trees	<b>-0.25</b>	<b>-0.25</b>	<b>-0.25</b>	<b>-0.26</b>	<b>-0.26</b>	<b>-0.28</b>	<b>-0.28</b>	-0.28
Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps Stored in Landfills	<b>-0.09</b>	<b>-0.09</b>	<b>-0.08</b>	<b>-0.09</b>	<b>-0.10</b>	<b>-0.10</b>	-0.13	-0.12
Fertilization of Settlement Soils	0.46	0.48	0.53	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.56</b>	0.57
Natural Gas Transmission & Distribution	1.15	1.15	1.16	<b>1.17</b>	1.17	1.17	1.18	1.18
Transmission	0.65	0.65	0.66	<b>0.66</b>	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.66
Distribution	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.52	0.51
Transportation	21.88	22.38	22.81	21.97	21.42	22.07	<b>22.68</b>	22.45
Waste	2.62	2.56	2.60	2.62	2.59	2.49	2.43	2.65
Municipal Solid Waste	2.17	2.11	2.14	2.15	2.12	2.03	1.97	2.18
Wastewater	0.45	0.45	0.46	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.47	0.47
Gross Emissions	<b>123.32</b>	<b>125.80</b>	<b>139.74</b>	<b>134.97</b>	<b>129.34</b>	<b>135.32</b>	<b>138.08</b>	133.56
Sinks	<b>-20.54</b>	<b>-5.79</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3.91</b>	<b>-5.00</b>	<b>-2.00</b>	<b>0</b>	0
Net Emissions	<b>102.78</b>	<b>120.01</b>	<b>139.74</b>	<b>131.06</b>	<b>124.34</b>	<b>133.32</b>	<b>138.08</b>	133.56
% Change from Previous Year		+2.01%	+11.08%	-3.41%	-4.17%	+4.63%	+2.04%	-3.27%
% Change from 2005		+2.01%	+13.31%	+9.44%	+4.88%	+9.73%	+11.97%	+8.30%

<sup>29</sup> Totals may not equal the exact sum of subtotals in this table due to independent rounding. Values that are bolded have been adjusted since the previous 2011 inventory published by the Department in December 2012. The adjustments are described in detail in this document.

## Appendix B – Iowa GHG Emissions 2005 – 2012 by Pollutant<sup>30</sup>

Emissions (MMtCO <sub>2</sub> e)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Gross CO <sub>2</sub>	84.68	85.04	<b>93.93</b>	93.52	<b>88.07</b>	<b>94.57</b>	<b>94.42</b>	90.69
Net CO <sub>2</sub>	<b>63.68</b>	<b>78.76</b>	<b>93.93</b>	<b>89.12</b>	<b>82.64</b>	<b>92.08</b>	<b>94.42</b>	90.69
Fossil Fuel Combustion	60.60	60.37	65.93	69.19	65.06	<b>70.45</b>	<b>69.85</b>	65.58
Transportation	21.25	21.82	22.31	21.54	21.03	21.72	<b>22.37</b>	22.17
Industrial Processes	2.80	2.83	2.78	2.76	<b>1.97</b>	<b>2.38</b>	<b>2.09</b>	2.70
Waste	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry	<b>-21.00</b>	<b>-6.28</b>	<b>2.89</b>	<b>-4.40</b>	<b>-5.43</b>	<b>-2.49</b>	<b>0.09</b>	0.23
CH <sub>4</sub>	15.61	15.93	16.89	<b>17.75</b>	17.74	17.36	<b>17.79</b>	18.13
Fossil Fuel Combustion	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.17	0.17	0.16
Transportation	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Natural Gas and Oil Transmission and Distribution	1.15	1.15	1.16	<b>1.17</b>	1.17	1.17	<b>1.18</b>	1.18
Enteric Fermentation	5.95	6.35	6.62	6.77	6.74	6.67	<b>7.04</b>	6.95
Manure Management	5.89	5.86	6.50	7.18	7.23	6.94	<b>7.04</b>	7.27
Burning of Agricultural Crop Waste	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Municipal Solid Waste	2.14	2.09	2.12	2.13	2.10	2.01	1.95	2.17
Wastewater	0.36	0.37	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.37	0.37	0.38
N <sub>2</sub> O	22.33	24.11	27.73	22.98	22.69	<b>22.60</b>	<b>24.66</b>	23.47
Fossil Fuel Combustion	0.23	0.23	0.25	0.26	0.24	0.27	0.27	0.25
Transportation	0.59	0.52	0.46	0.40	0.36	0.32	0.28	0.25
Industrial Processes	0.68	0.75	0.81	0.90	0.90	0.99	0.94	0.99
Manure Management	0.88	0.94	0.97	1.01	1.02	0.59	<b>1.30</b>	1.27
Agricultural Soil Management	19.41	21.09	24.63	19.84	19.63	19.86	<b>21.22</b>	20.04
Burning of Agricultural Crop Waste	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
N <sub>2</sub> O from Settlement Soils	0.46	0.48	0.53	0.49	0.44	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.56</b>	0.57
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wastewater	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
HFC, PFC, and SF <sub>6</sub>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>1.20</b>	1.27
Industrial Processes	<b>1.15</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>1.20</b>	1.27
Gross Emissions	<b>123.78</b>	<b>126.28</b>	<b>139.74</b>	<b>135.45</b>	<b>129.77</b>	<b>135.81</b>	<b>138.08</b>	133.56
Sinks	<b>-21.00</b>	<b>-6.28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-4.40</b>	<b>-5.43</b>	<b>-2.49</b>	<b>0</b>	0
Net Emissions (Sources and Sinks)	<b>102.78</b>	<b>120.01</b>	<b>139.74</b>	<b>131.06</b>	<b>124.34</b>	<b>133.32</b>	<b>138.08</b>	133.56

<sup>30</sup> Totals may not equal the exact sum of subtotals in this table due to independent rounding. Values that are bolded have been adjusted since the previous 2011 inventory published by the Department in December 2012. The adjustments are described in detail in this document.