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Farming Ammonia Reduction Grant Scheme

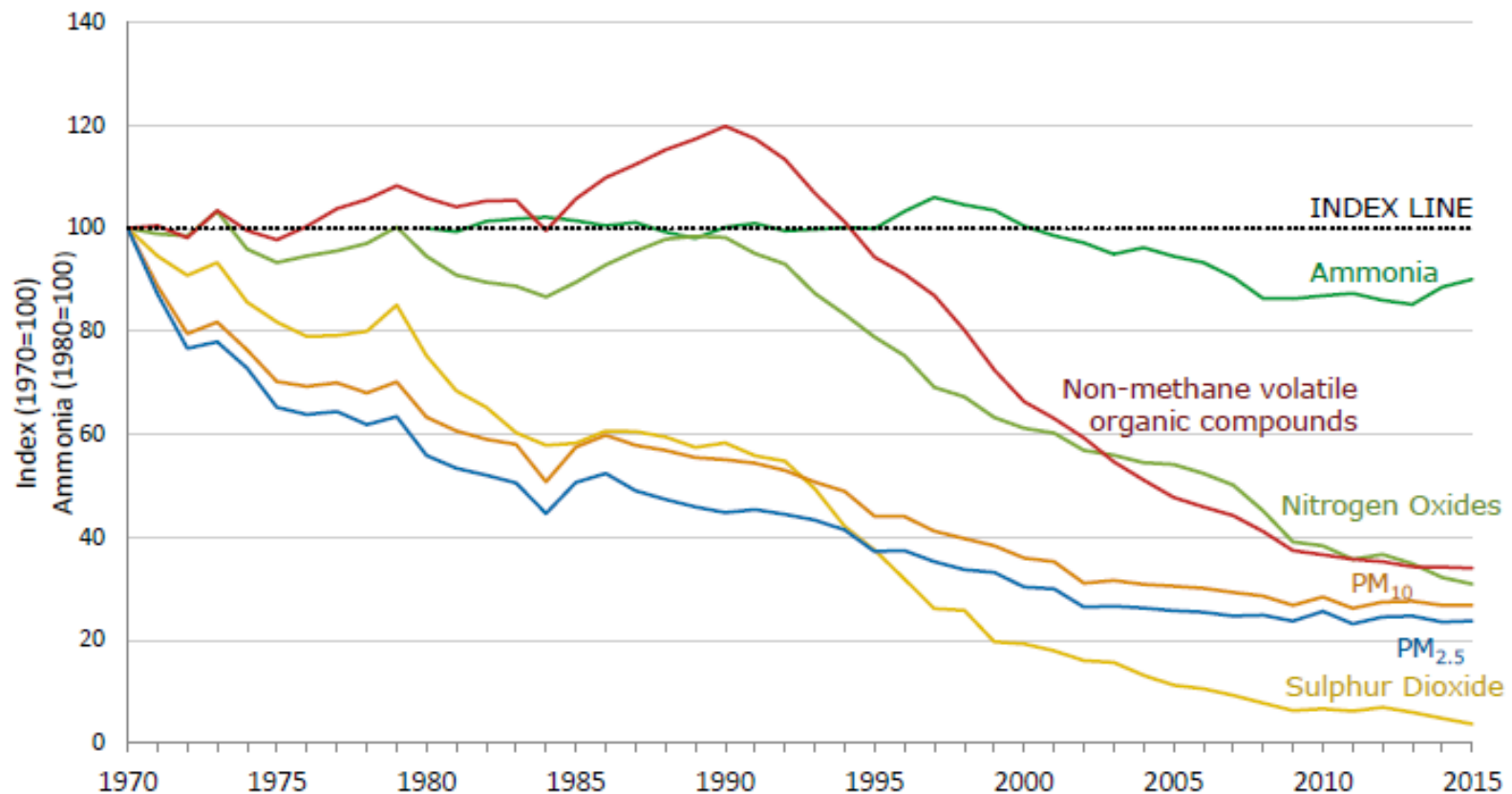
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Background

- Ammonia emissions impact on health and environment
- Agriculture – 81% of total UK ammonia emissions (2015)
- Emissions have declined but at slower rate than other pollutants



The scheme

- Available to dairy and beef farmers in England
- December 2016 – September 2017
- Offers:
 - One-to-one on-farm advice on ways to reduce emissions
 - 100% grants for slurry store covers
- Funding: EU Exceptional Adjustment Aid



Wider benefits of covers:

- Minimises odours
- Protection from rainwater: separates clean and dirty water, reduces storage and application costs
- Increases quality of slurry as a fertiliser

Objectives

- Reduce ammonia emissions
- Raise awareness of the impact of ammonia emissions and spread best practice techniques
- Support farmers to buy a slurry store cover for tanks and lagoons.
- Provide a test case



Design and implementation

- Limited time to develop and deliver
- Simple and attractive:
 - One measure (2 options)
 - 100% grant - fixed rate (no quotes)
 - Advice
 - Easy to apply
 - Wider benefits (e.g. minimising odour emissions)
- Sought feedback from industry stakeholders
- Promotion - direct to farmers and via industry stakeholders
- Administered by Natural England and the Rural Paying Agency; advice delivered by external contractor

Progress to date

- Popular and oversubscribed
- 345 farmers have received one-to-one advice
- Work is underway to install covers - uptake currently unknown
- Scheme is due to complete at the end of September

Challenges and lessons learned

- Short timescales
- Supply and demand
- Prices may have increased
- Planning permission
- Practical barriers – e.g. stores need to be empty
- Finance is a barrier to uptake
- Keep it simple
- Full evaluation in the Autumn