

# Review of Fertilizer Spread Options for Phase 6

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# Phase 6 Model Structure

Average Load +  $\Delta$  Inputs \* Sensitivity

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Land Use Acres

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BMPs

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Land to Water

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Stream Delivery

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River Delivery

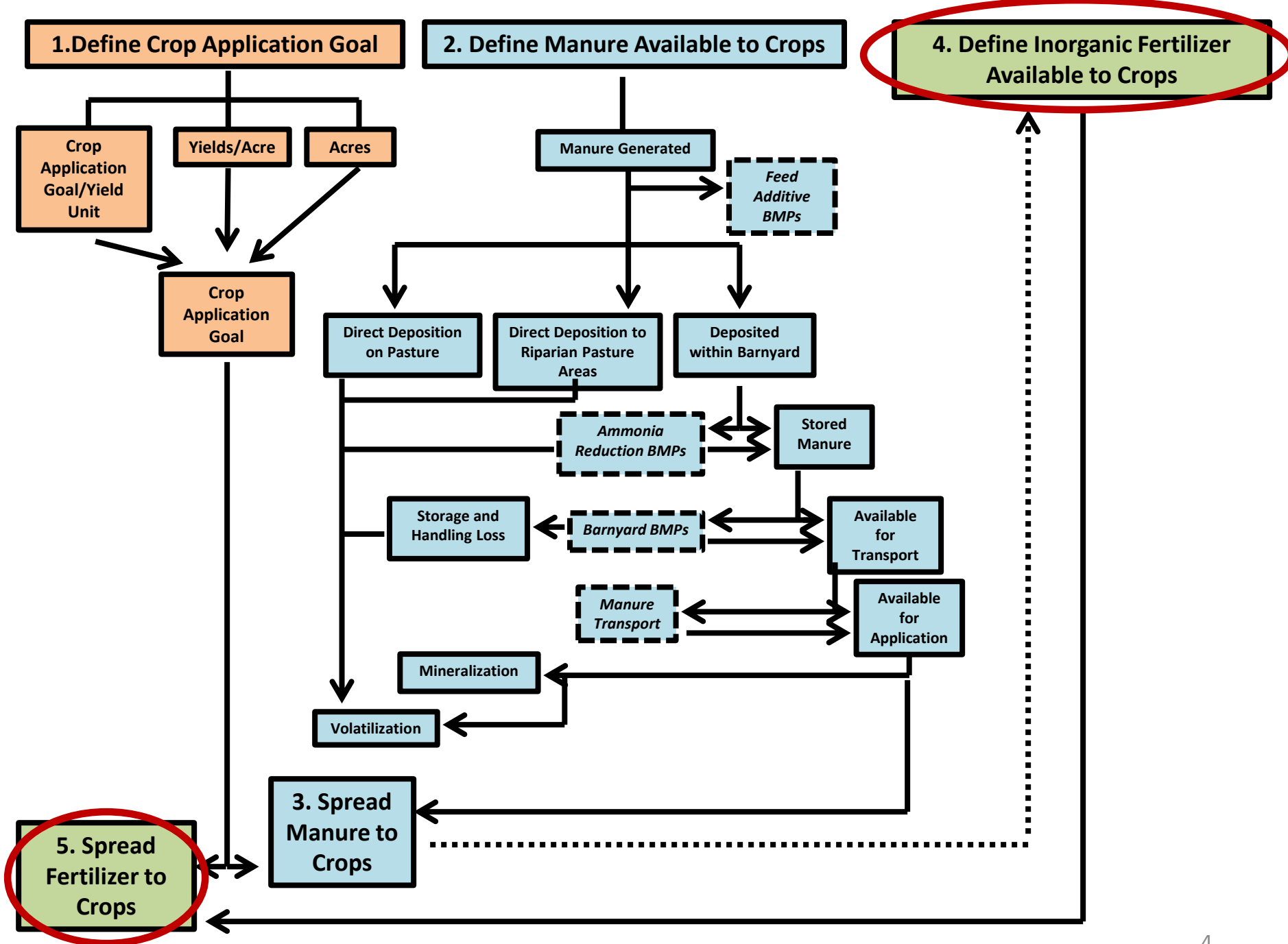
Direct Loads

## Phase 6

# Nutrient Spread Components in Beta 3

## (All scenarios)

- 1) Define Crop Application Goal
- 2) Define Manure Available to Crops
- 3) Spread Manure to Crops
- **4) Define Inorganic Fertilizer Available to Crops**
- **5) Spread Inorganic Fertilizer to Crops**



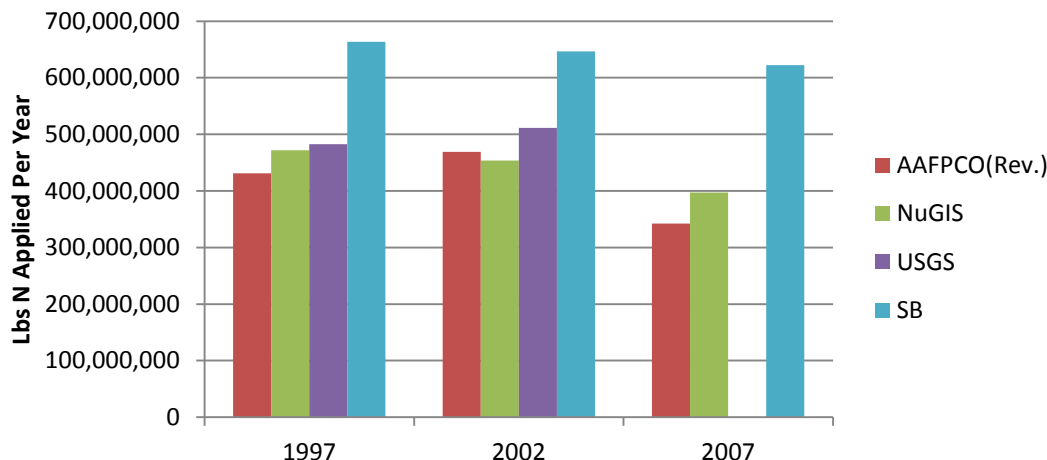
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# How did we get here?

## Comparing Across Methods

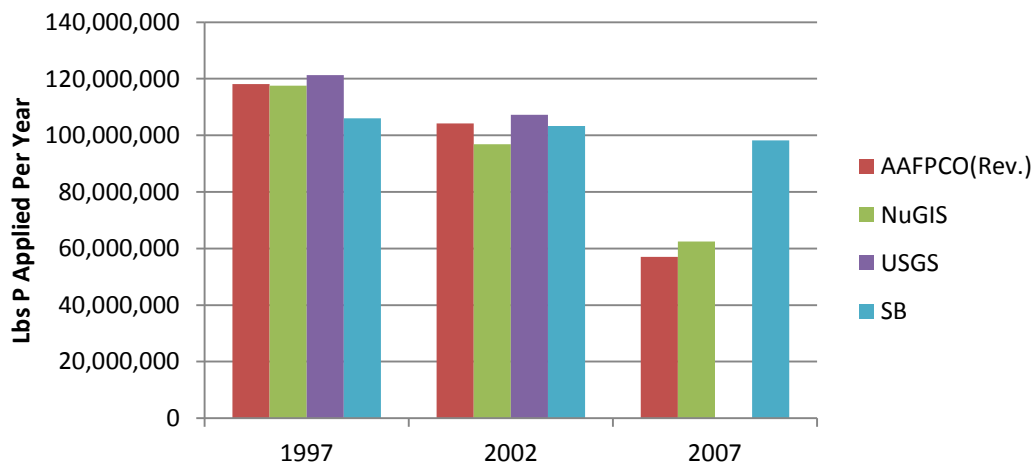
### N Fertilizer Use Across Watershed



### Differences in N Fertilizer Use Between AAFPCO Revised Method and Others

Year	NuGIS	USGS	SB
1997	-8.6%	-10.7%	-35.0%
2002	3.4%	-8.3%	-27.4%
2007	-13.8%	NA	-45.0%

### P Fertilizer Use Across Watershed



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Year	NuGIS	USGS	SB
1997	0.4%	-2.6%	11.5%
2002	7.6%	-2.8%	1.0%
2007	-8.7%	NA	-41.9%

•Slide taken from May 14, 2014 presentation to AMS.

# Inorganic Fertilizer Available: Fertilizer Sales (Beta 3a)

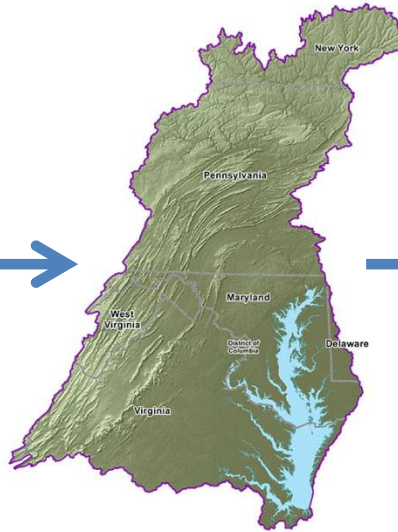
- Fertilizer used in all counties equals estimated fertilizer sold across the watershed.
- Watershed-wide fertilizer is distributed to counties based upon each county's share of the total watershed's:
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- Applications are prioritized to row and commodity crops over pasture and hay.
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# Inorganic: Going from Sales to Use (Fertilizer Sales Beta 3a)

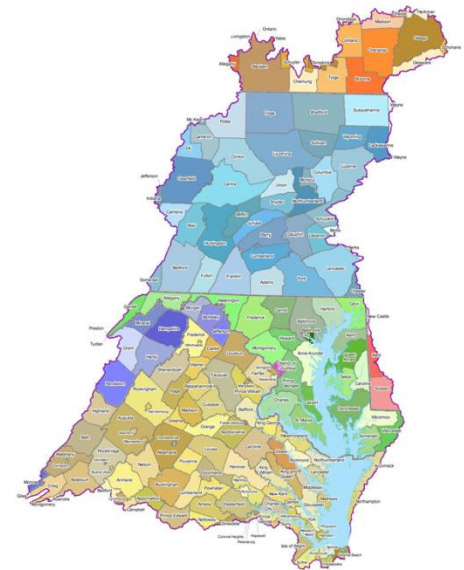
- Begin with regional-level sales, break those down to watershed-level sales, and break those down to county-level



- Sum AAPFCO sales across 6 states, and estimate sales used by farms.



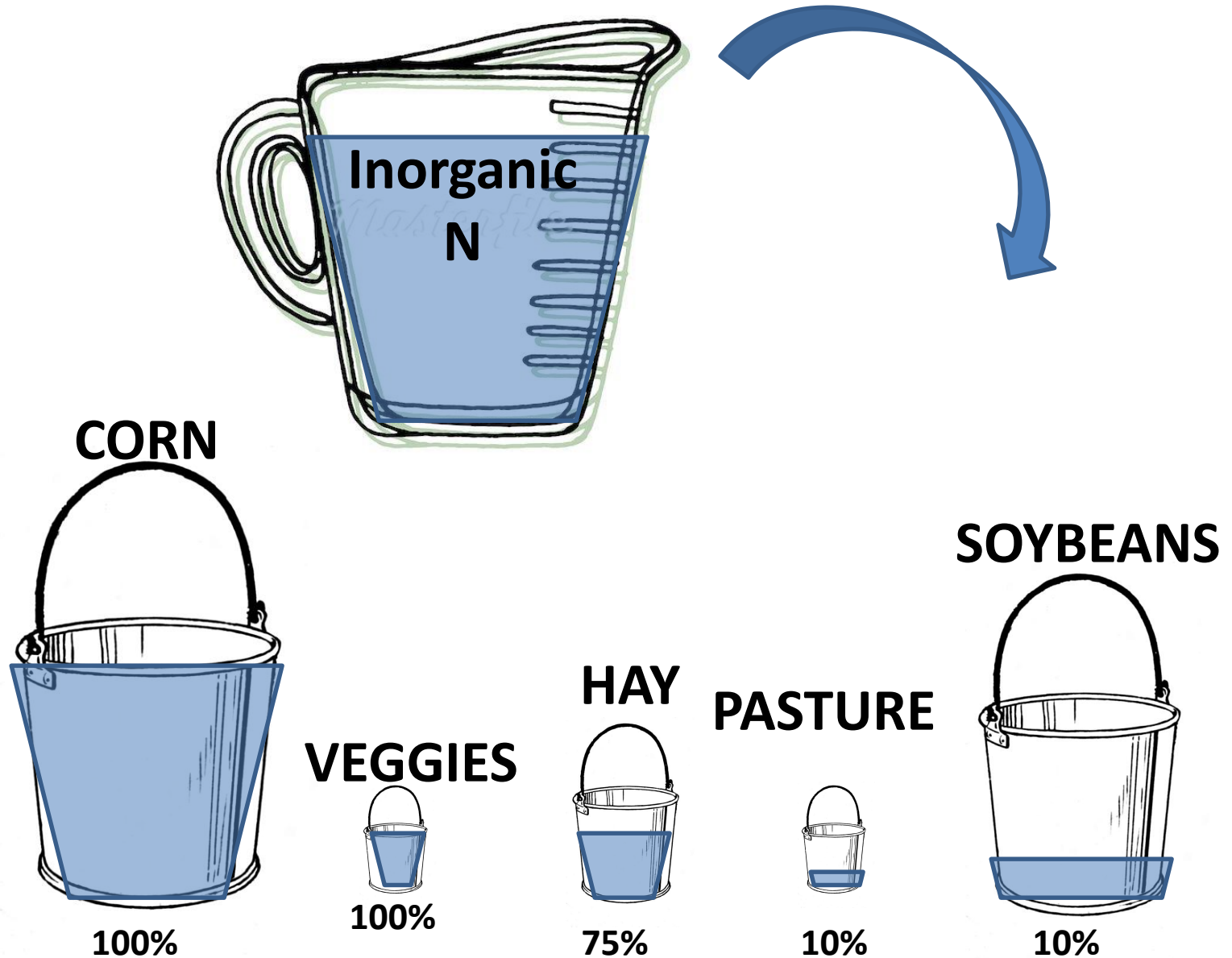
- Calculate dollars spent on fertilizer from Ag Census in counties inside and outside watershed to “clip” watershed-only sales.



- Calculate fertilizer need by county as a combination of fractional dollars spent on fertilizer and fertilizer need after manure is applied. Use value to distribute fertilizer to each county.



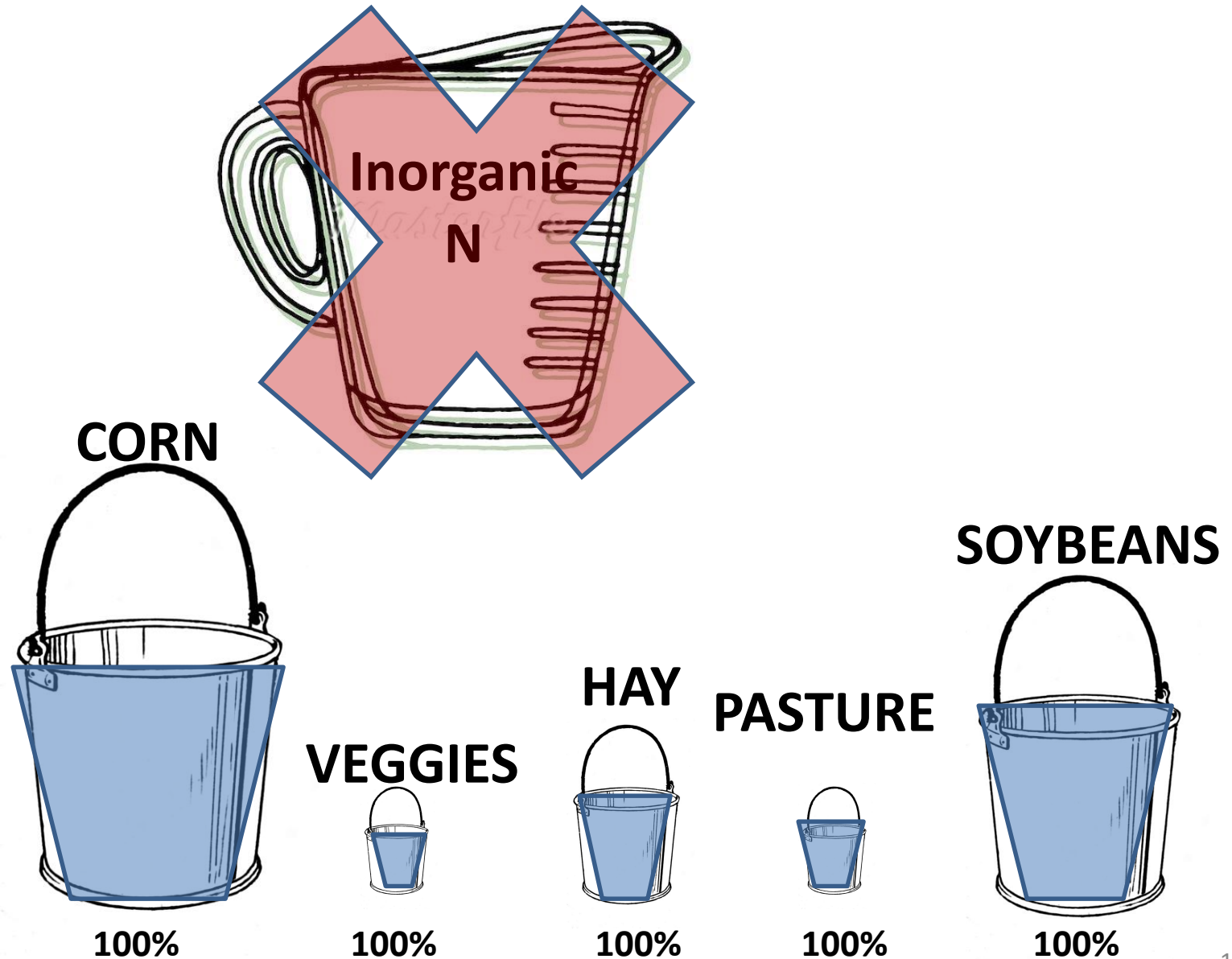
# Filling the Buckets of Inorganic Crop Application Goal Beta 3a



# Inorganic Fertilizer Available: Backfill (Beta 3b)

- Fertilizer use in each county equals remaining crop application goal after manure applications.
- No prioritization is made between applications to different crops.
- All crops receive at least 100% of crop application goal.

# Filling the Buckets of Inorganic Crop Application Goal (Beta 3b)

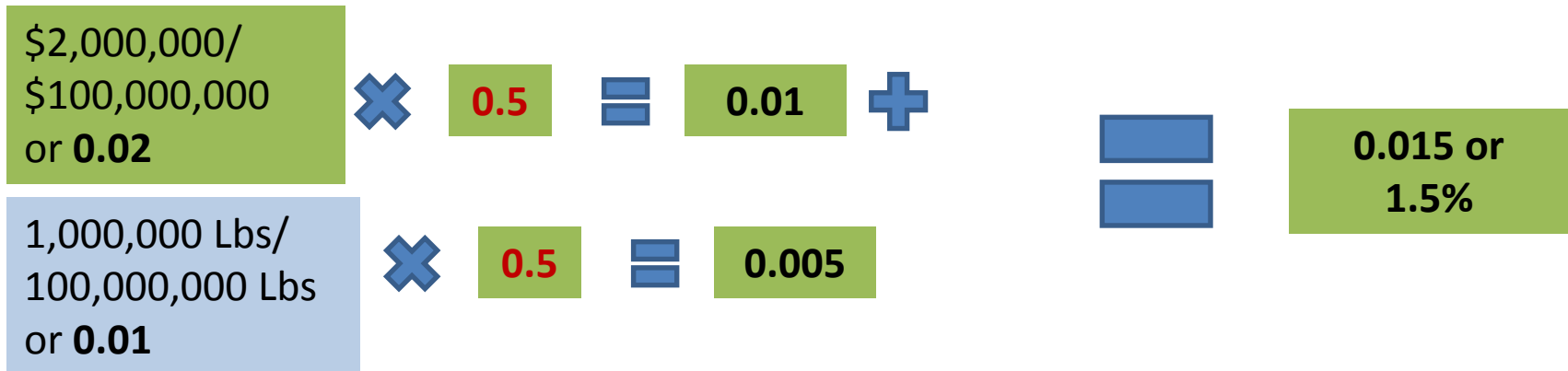


# Inorganic Fertilizer Available: Fertilizer Sales Revised (Beta 3a1)

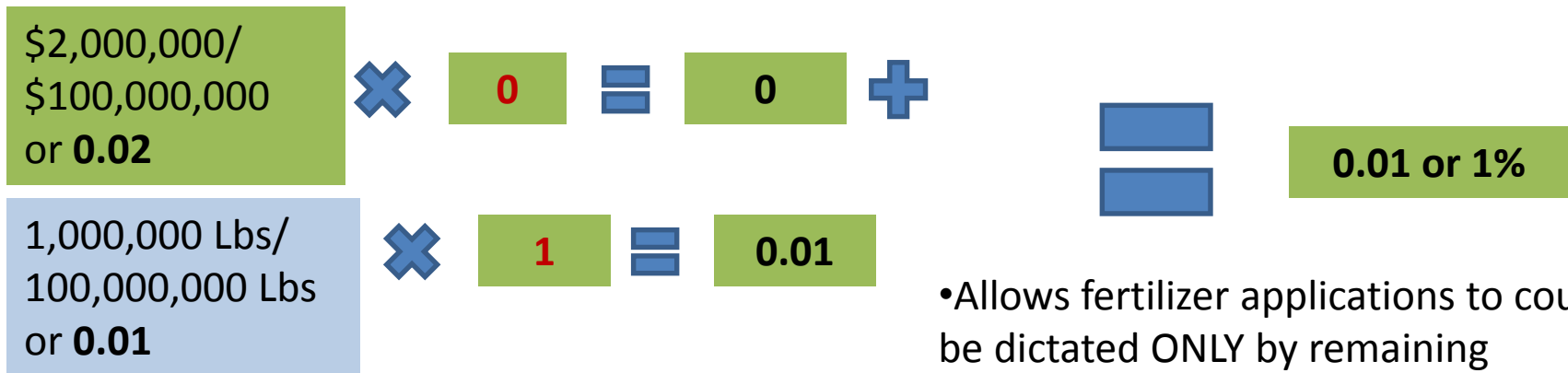
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# Change for Fertilizer Sales Revised (Beta3a1)

## Fertilizer Sales (Beta 3a) Approach for Distributing Fertilizer to County



## Fertilizer Sales Revised (Beta 3a1) Approach



- Allows fertilizer applications to counties be dictated ONLY by remaining application goal (like Beta 3b).
- Matches fertilizer sales watershed-wide (like Beta 3a).

# Results

# Statewide Comparison of Plant-Available Applications to MD AIR 2012

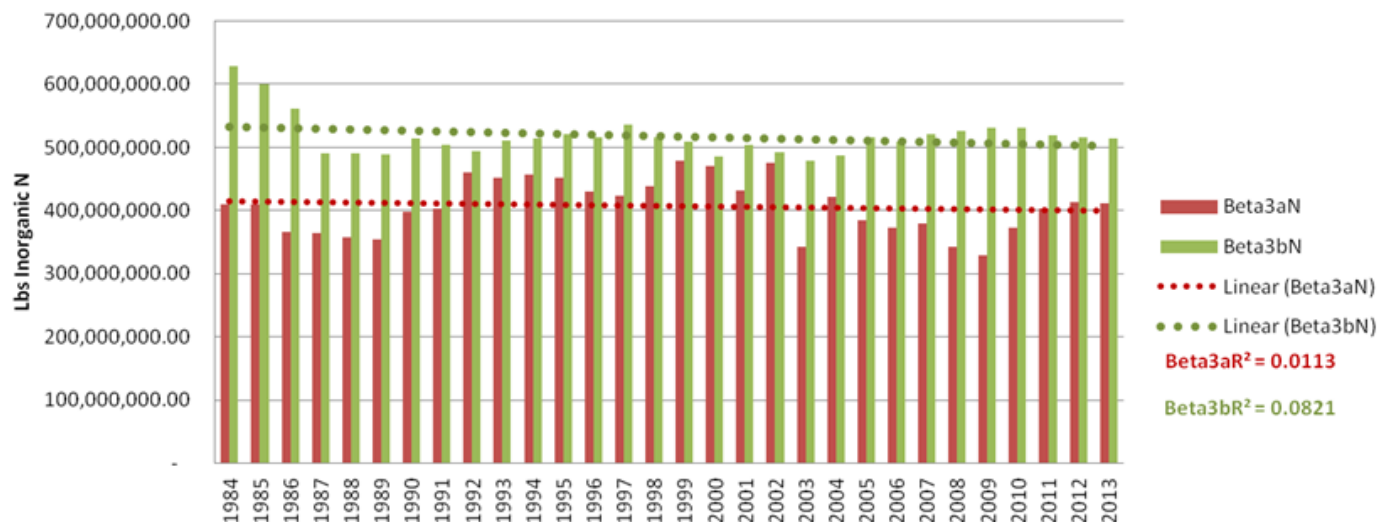
Scenario	Lbs Fert N	Lbs Fert P	% Delta from AIR for N	% Delta from AIR for P
MD AIR	76,946,211	8,087,974	NA	NA
Fert Sales (3a)	78,715,404	12,139,718	2%	50%
Backfill (3b)	95,019,384	32,411,068	23%	301%
Fert Sales Rev. (3a1)	76,133,253	12,184,432	-1%	51%

# Watershed-Wide Comparison of Beta 3a and 3b Fertilizer Applications (avg. 2001-2006) to USDA CEAP

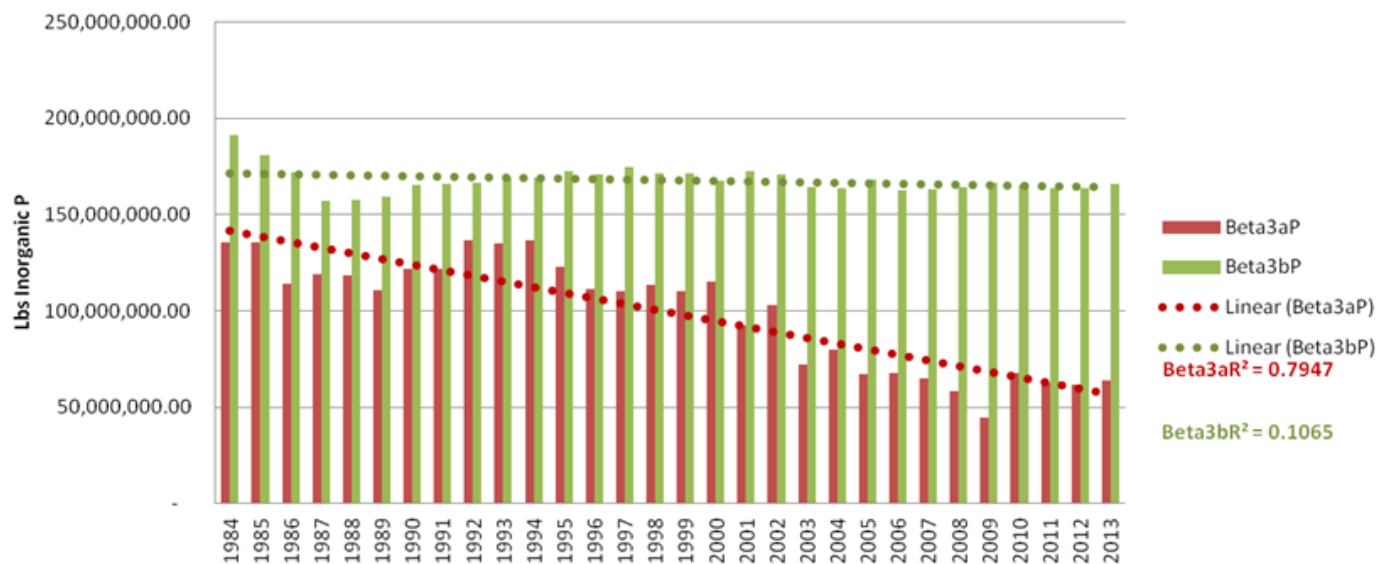
Data Source	Lbs Inorganic PAN	Lbs Inorganic P	% Delta from CEAP N	% Delta from CEAP P
Fert Sales (Beta 3A)	405,182,999	80,360,063	-0.2%	-0.6%
Backfill (Beta 3B)	497,976,530	167,020,450	22.6%	106.5%
CEAP	406,020,000	80,870,000	NA	NA



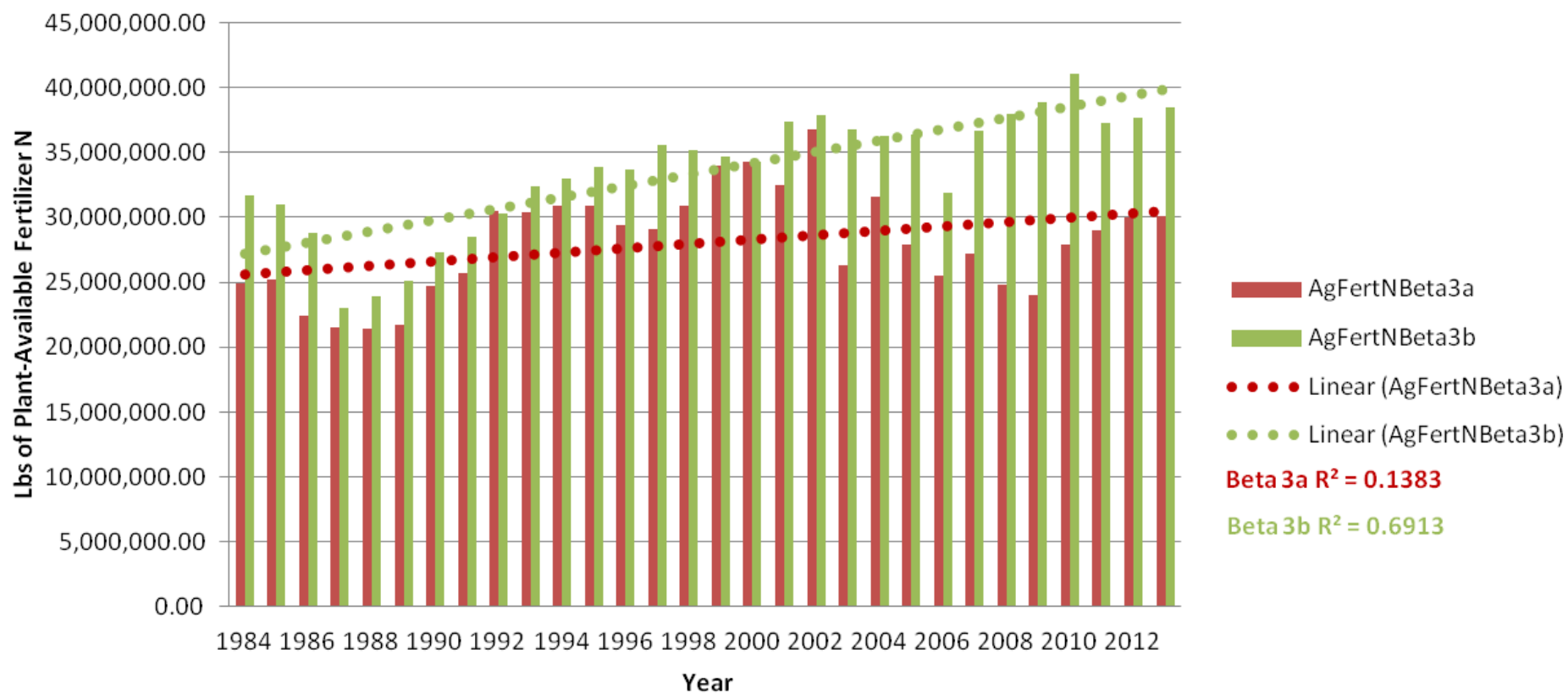
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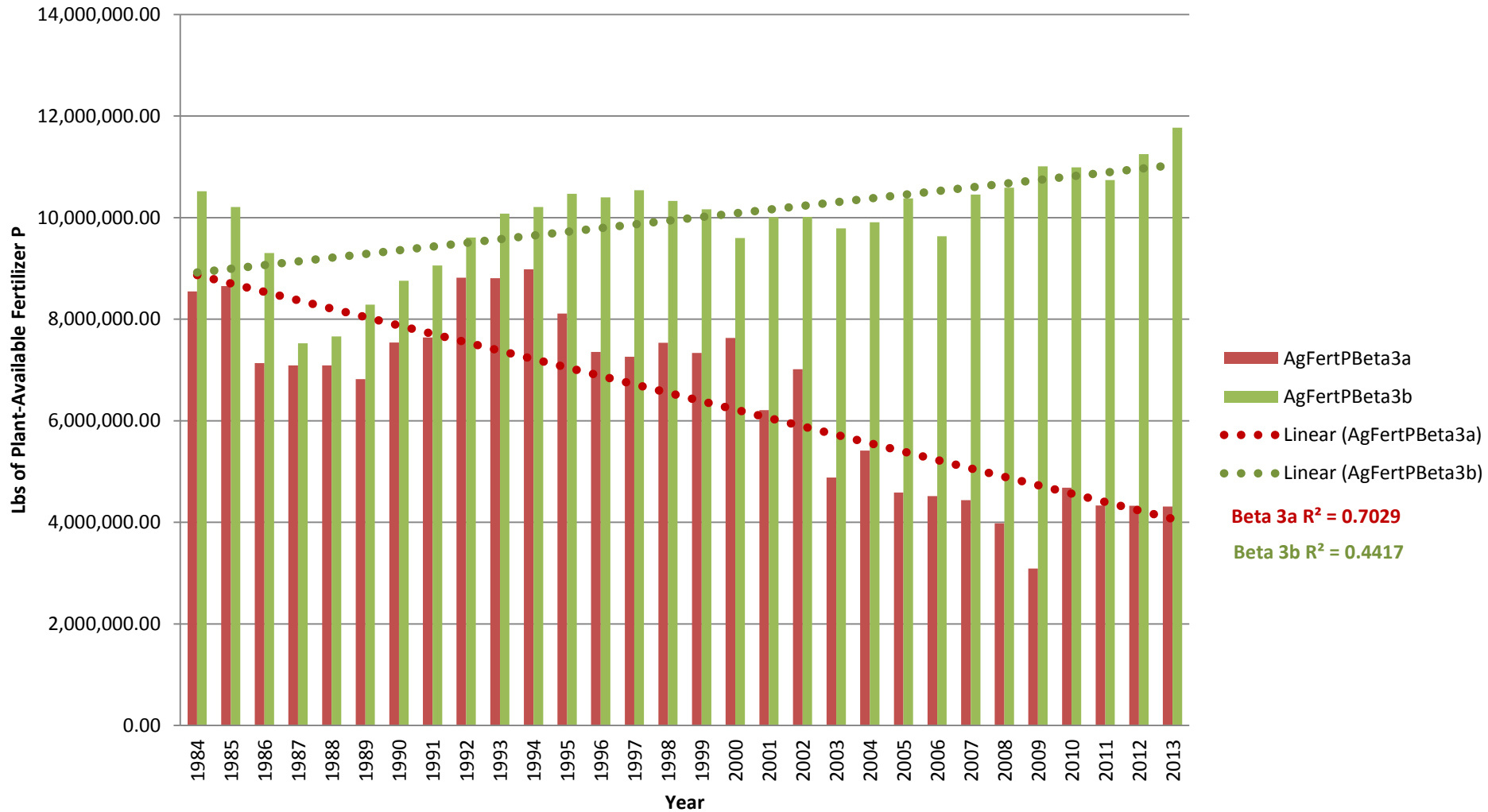
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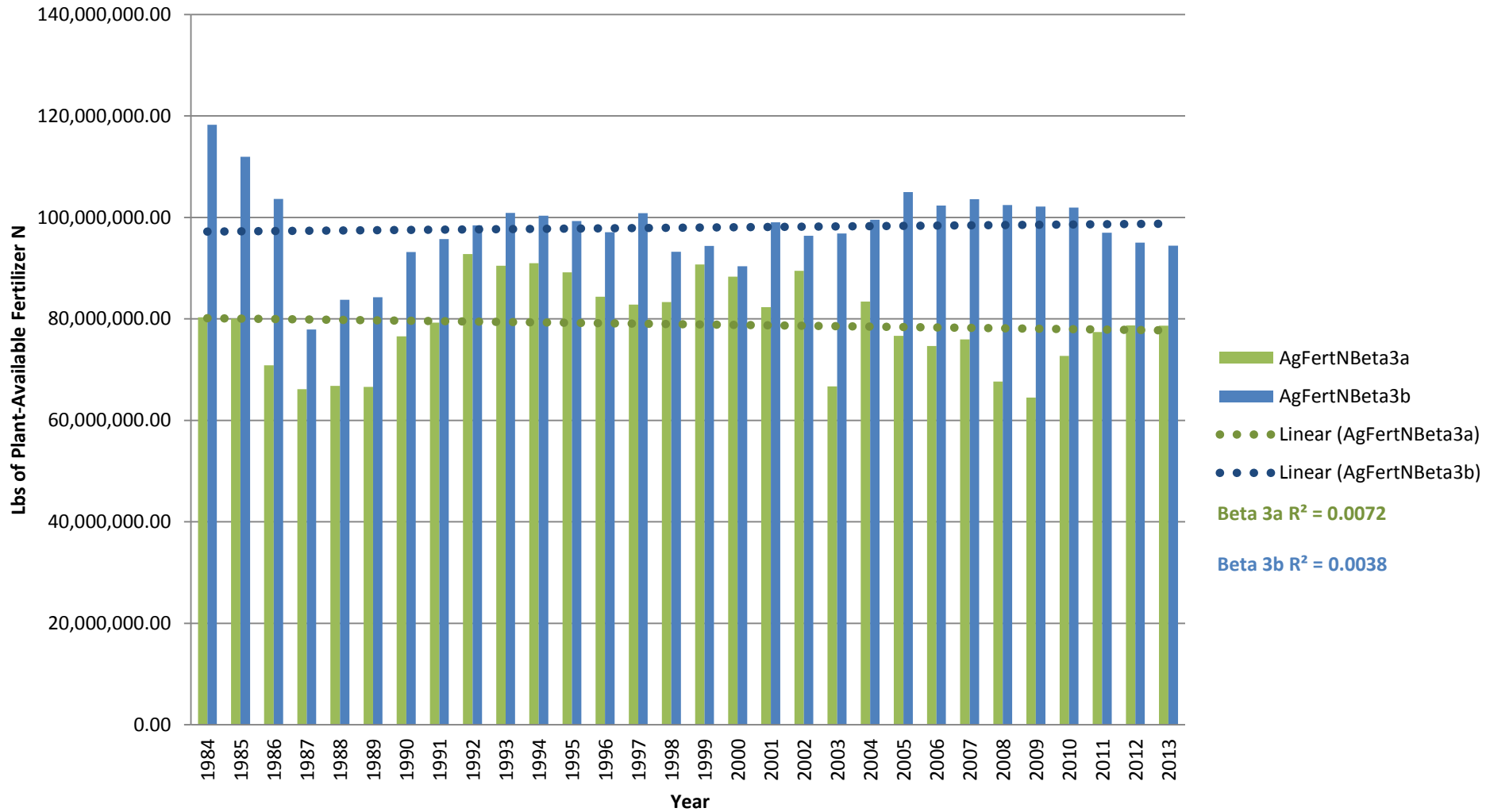
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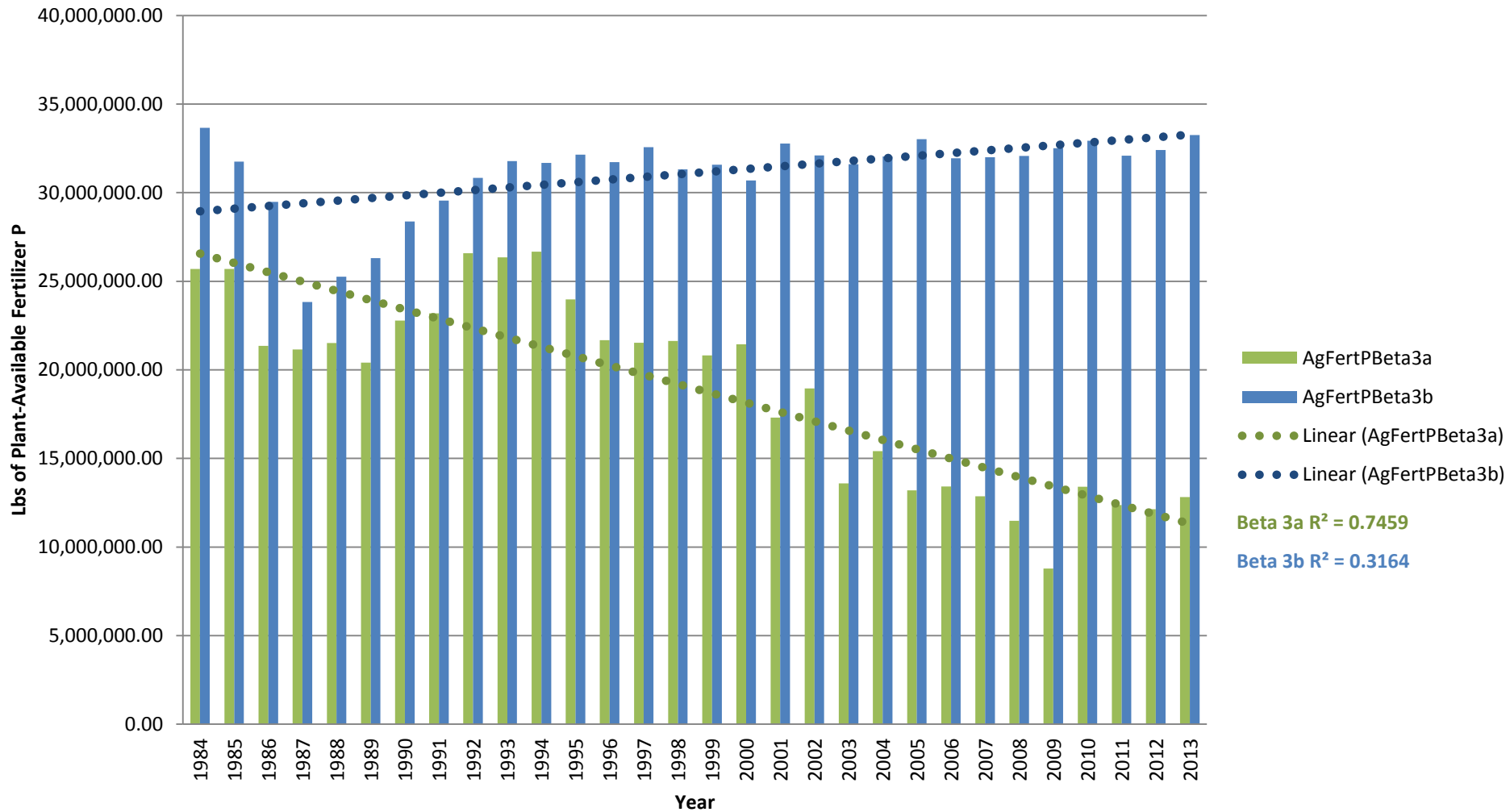
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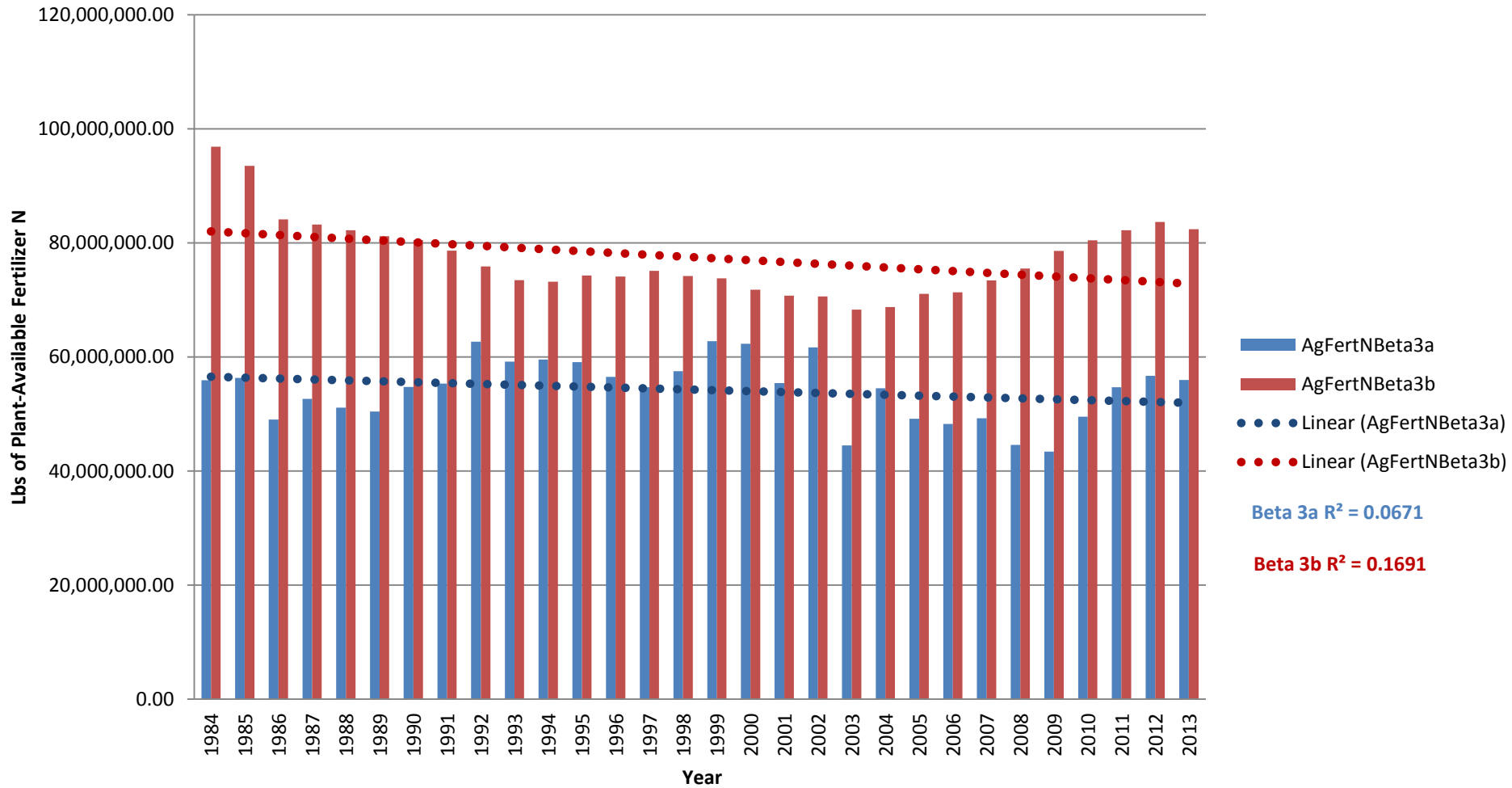
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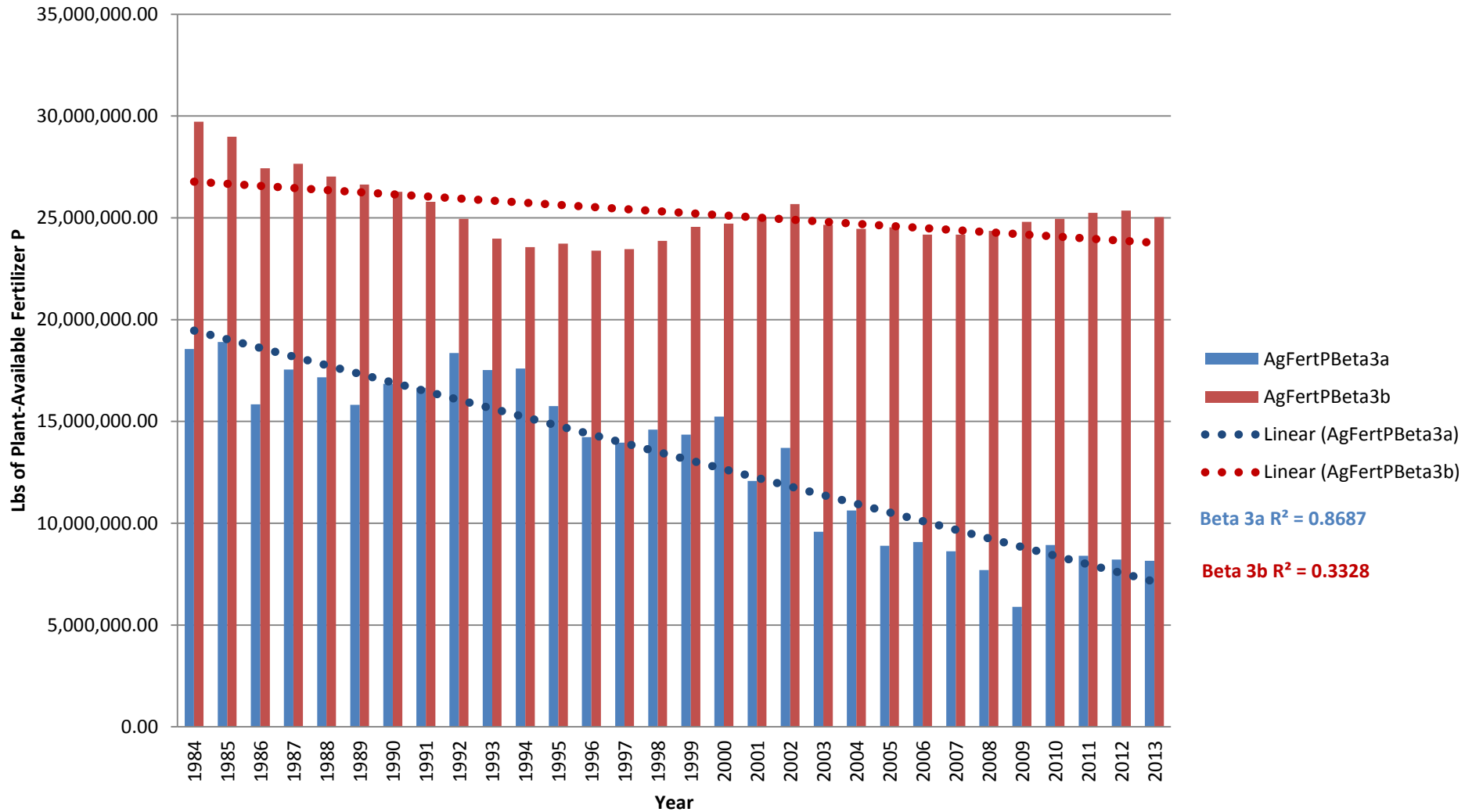
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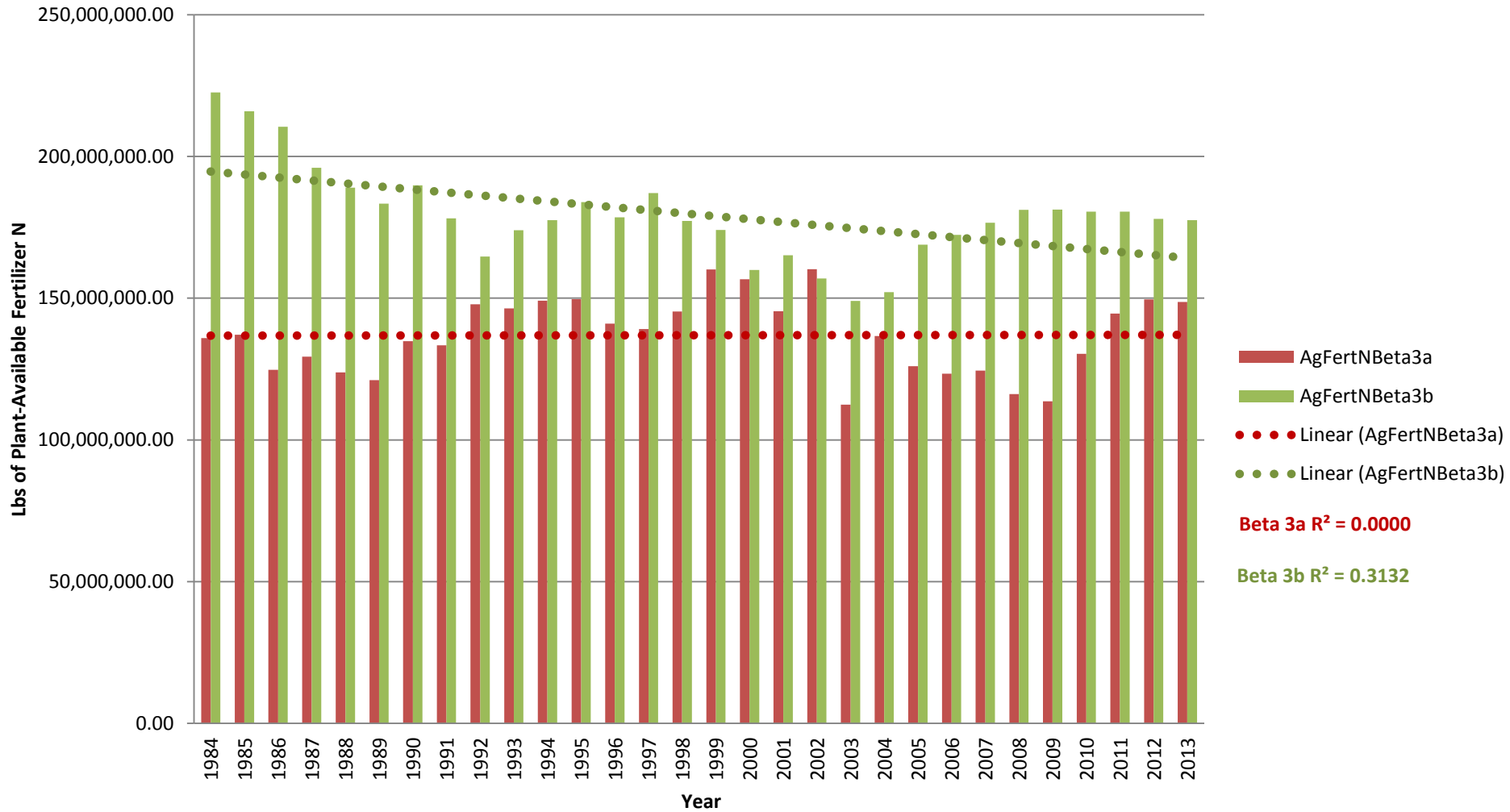
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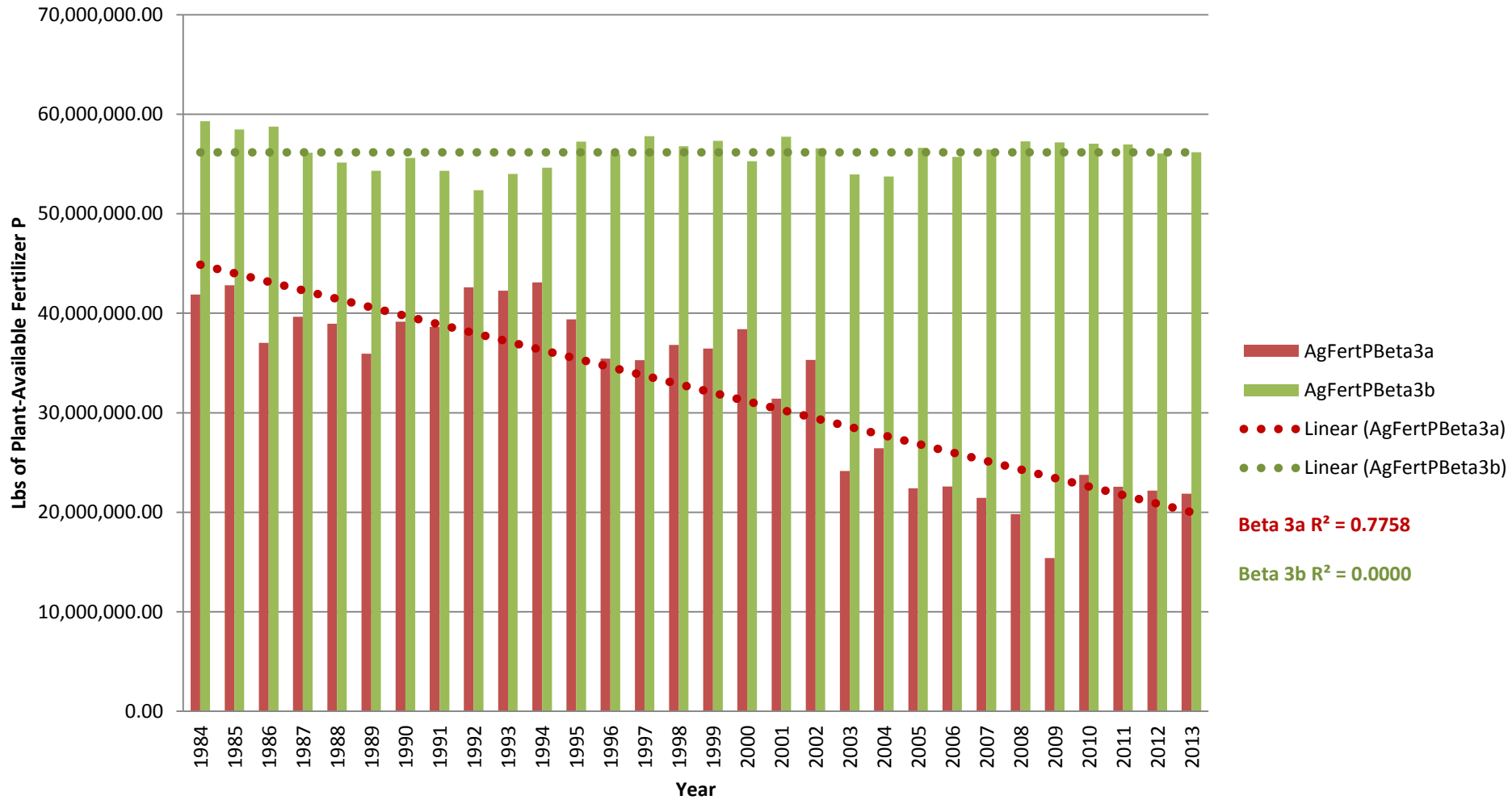


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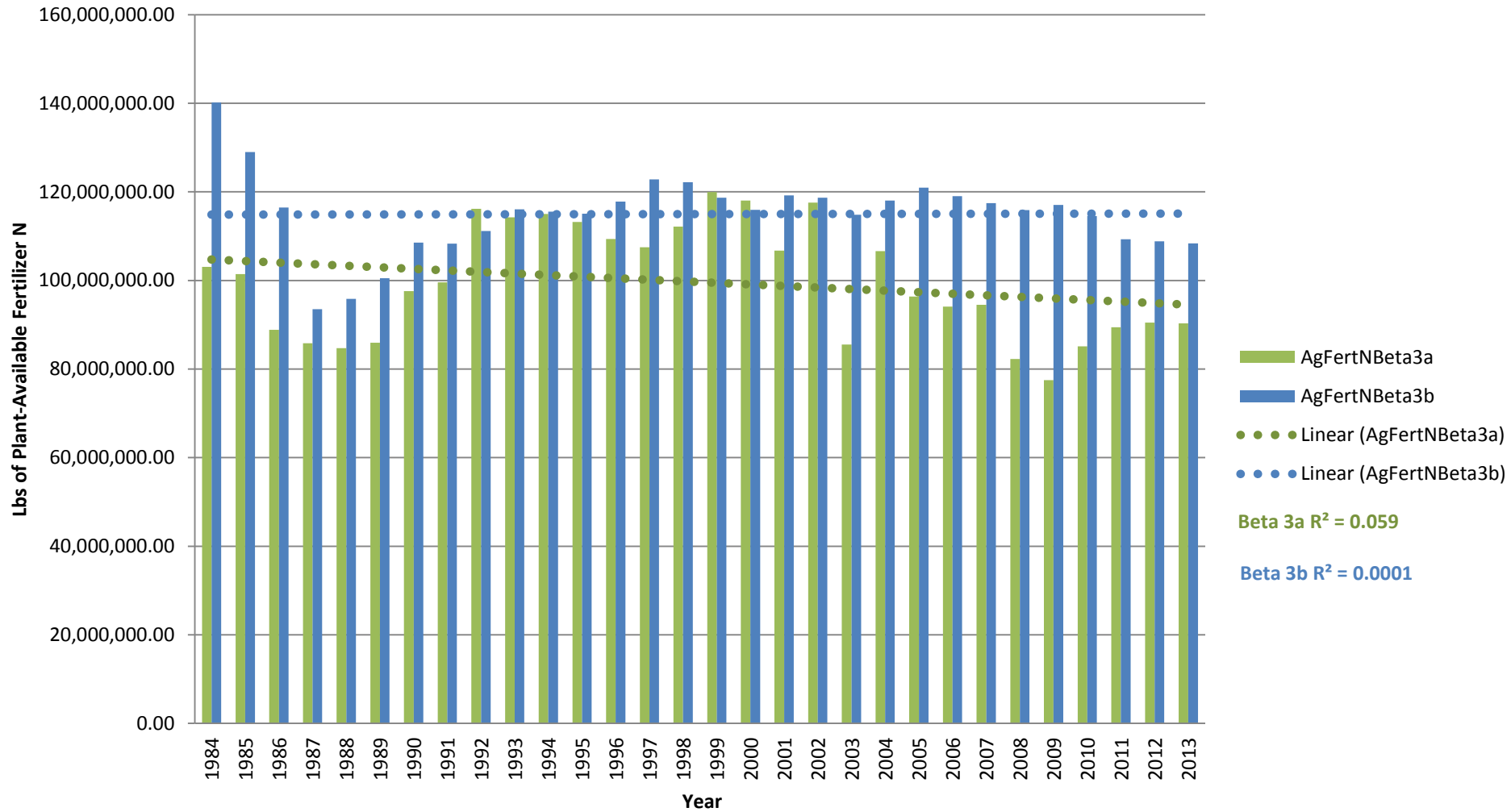




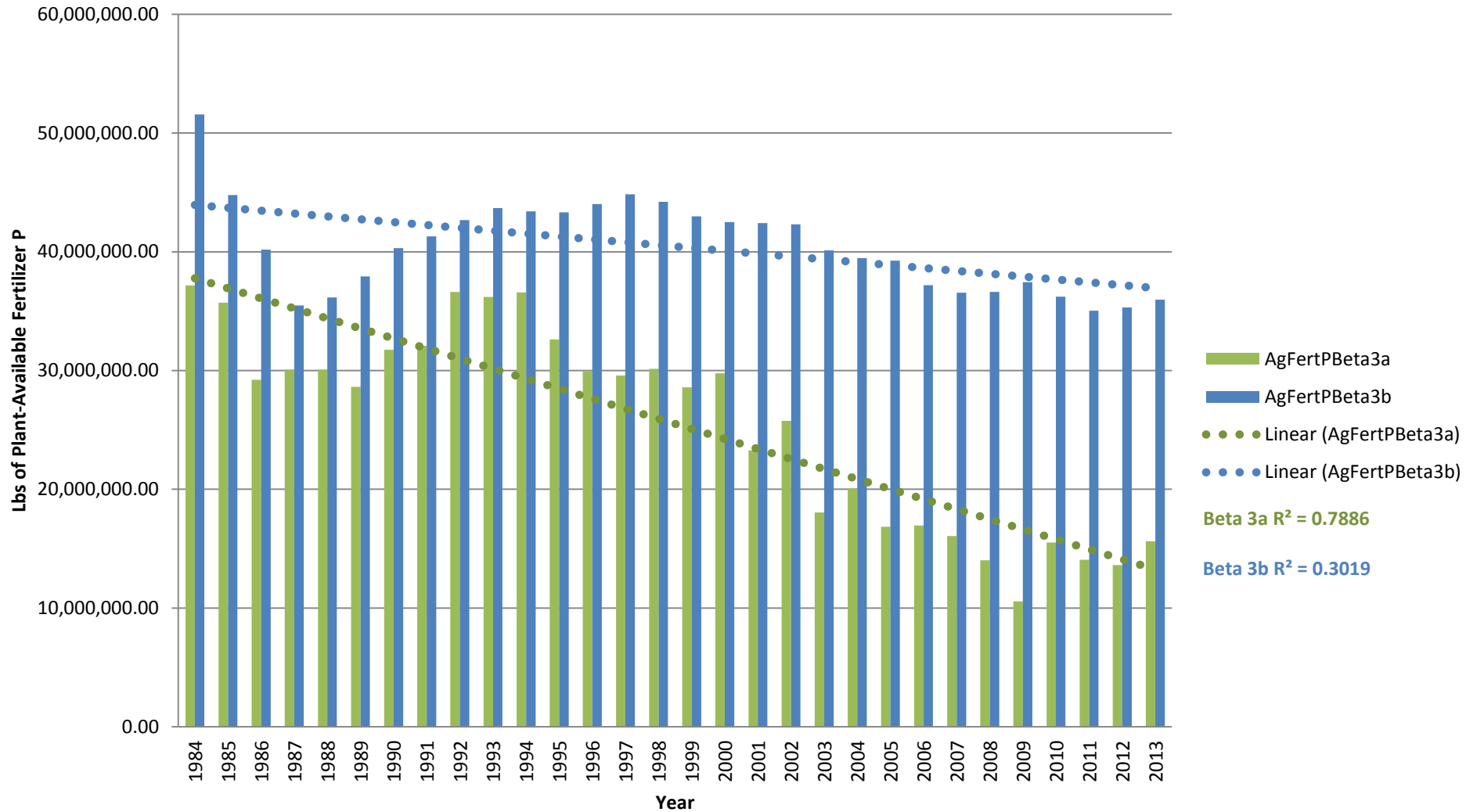
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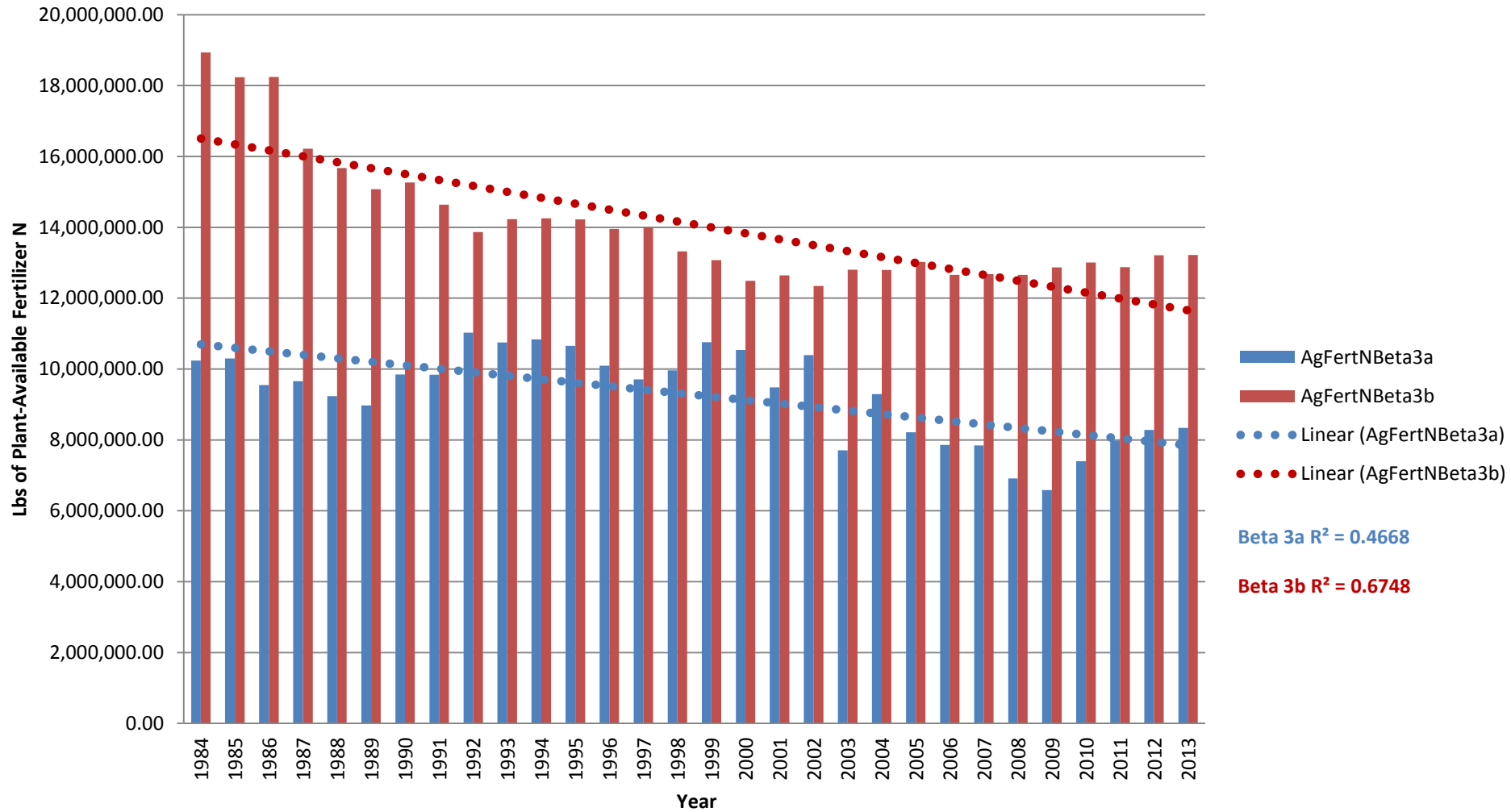
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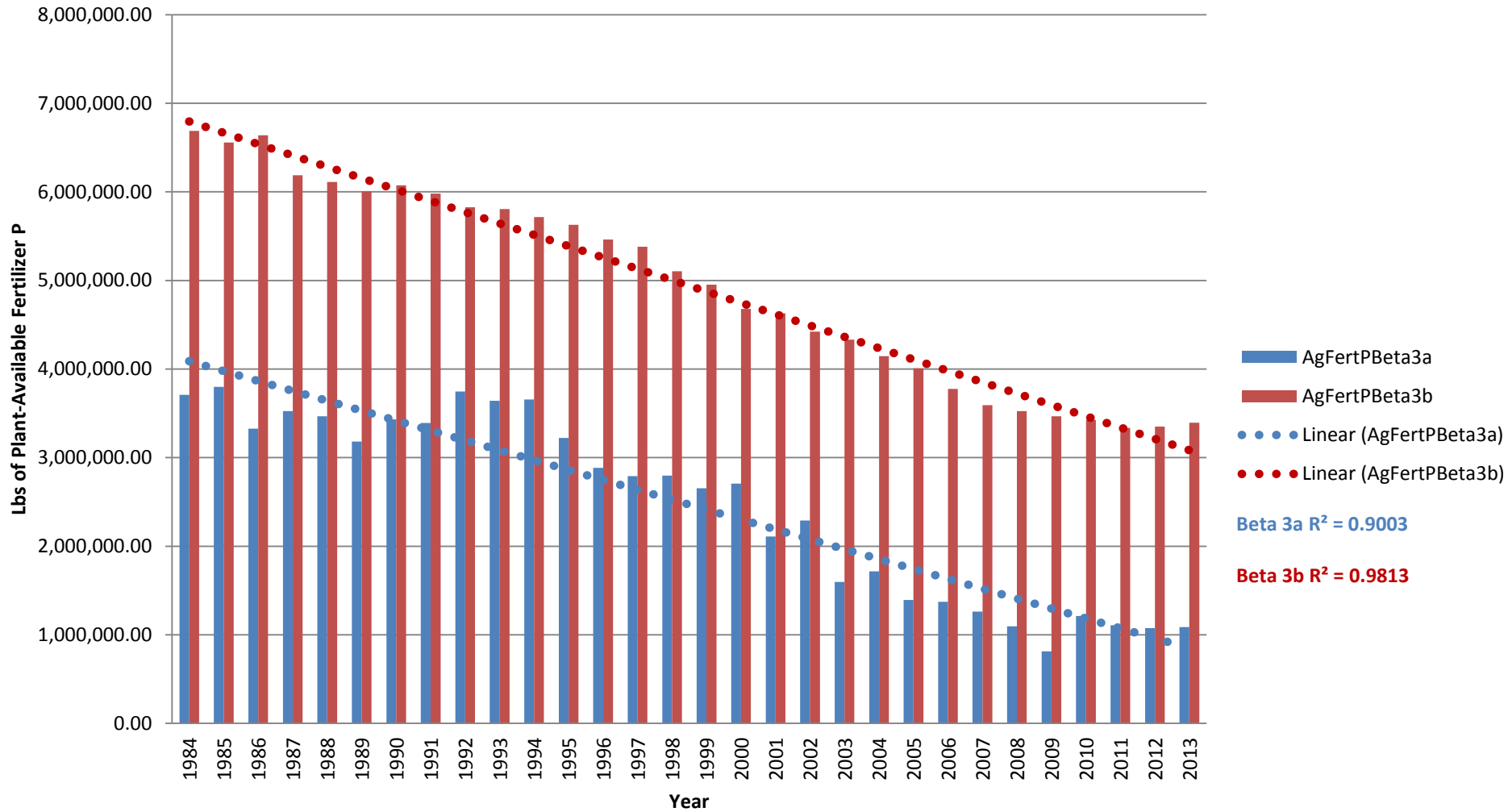
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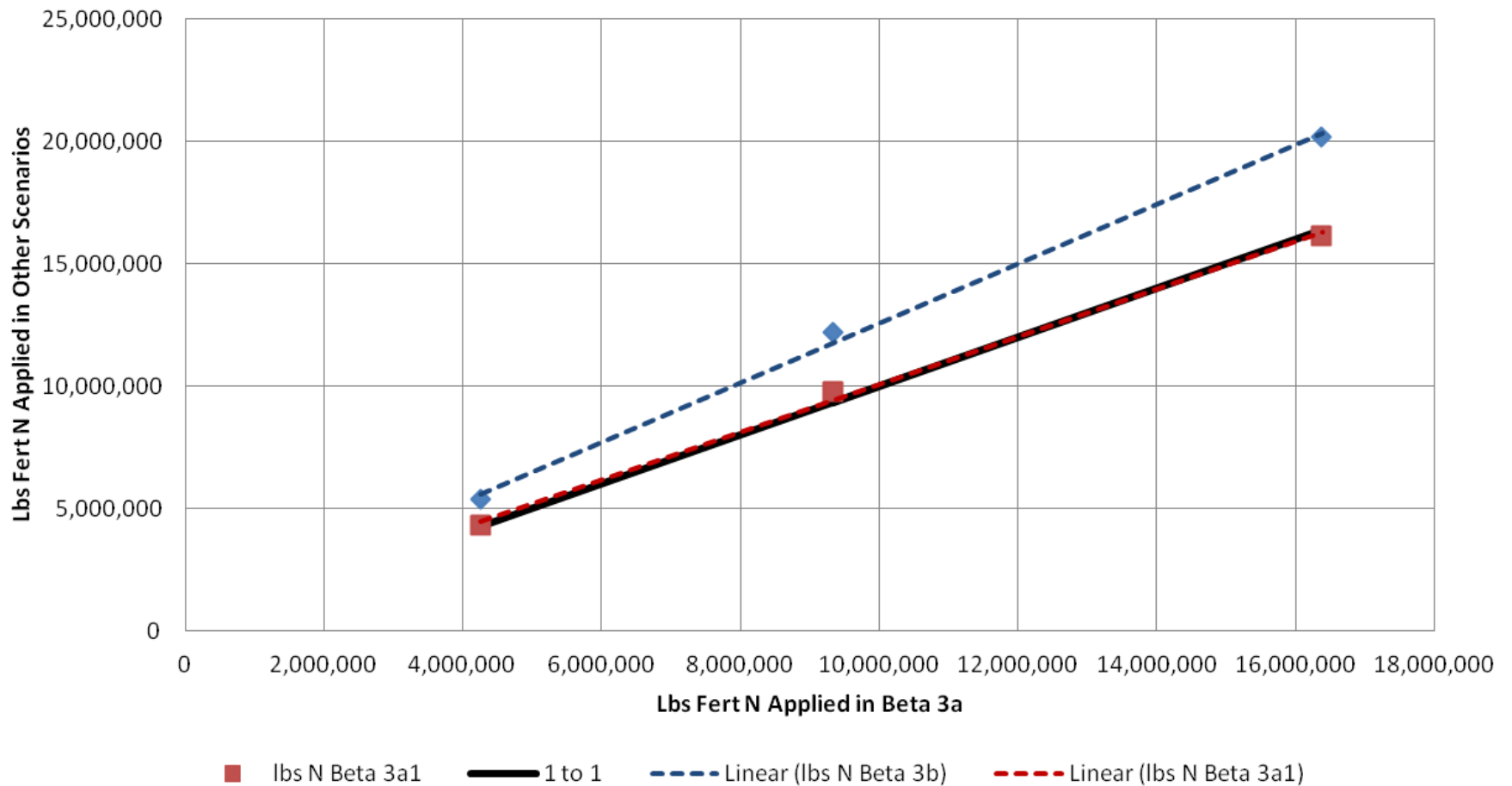
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- Fertilizer Sales (Beta 3a) assumes there is only a finite amount of nitrogen fertilizer within the watershed.
- Fertilizer Sales (Beta 3a) assumes that fertilizer applications are prioritized to commodity crops over leguminous crops, pasture and hay.
- Adjustments in availability of manure nitrogen could bring countywide applications closer.
- Only adjustments in Fertilizer Sales (Beta 3a) application prioritization process would bring legume applications closer.

# Why is there more P in Backfill (Beta 3b)?

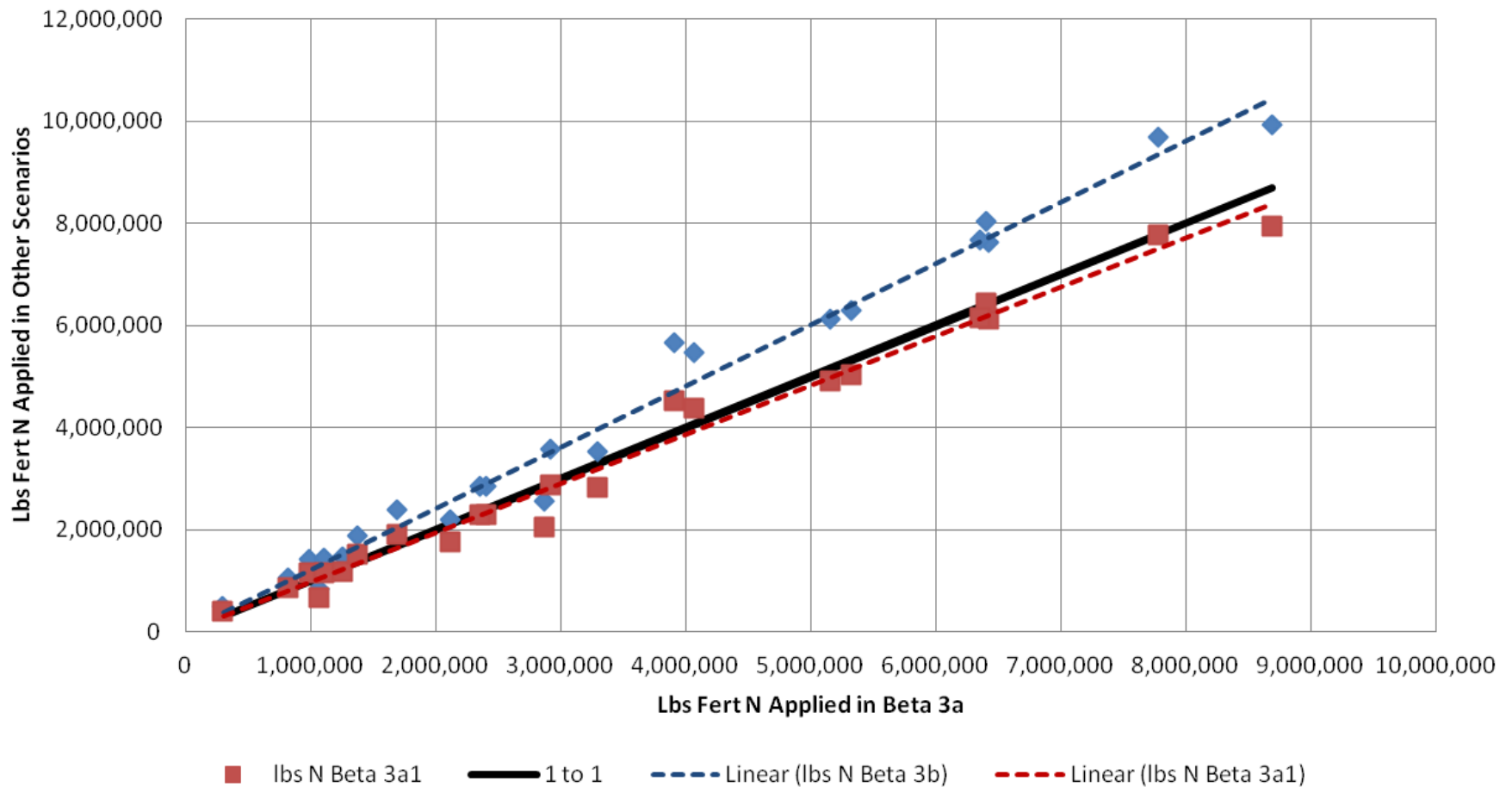
- Backfill (Beta 3b) assumes that every acre of crop, hay and pasture will receive at least the crop application goal.
- Fertilizer Sales (Beta 3a) assumes there is only a finite amount of phosphorus fertilizer within the watershed.
- Every acre of agricultural land in both beta versions are assumed to have non-nutrient management application goals for P per recommendation from NM Panel.
- If each acre under core nutrient management had an application goal equal to state-supplied goals, then P applications between two scenarios may be closer.
- Trend in P applications seen in fertilizer sales likely will NOT be easily duplicated using any other method because of increasing crop yields and commodity crop production.

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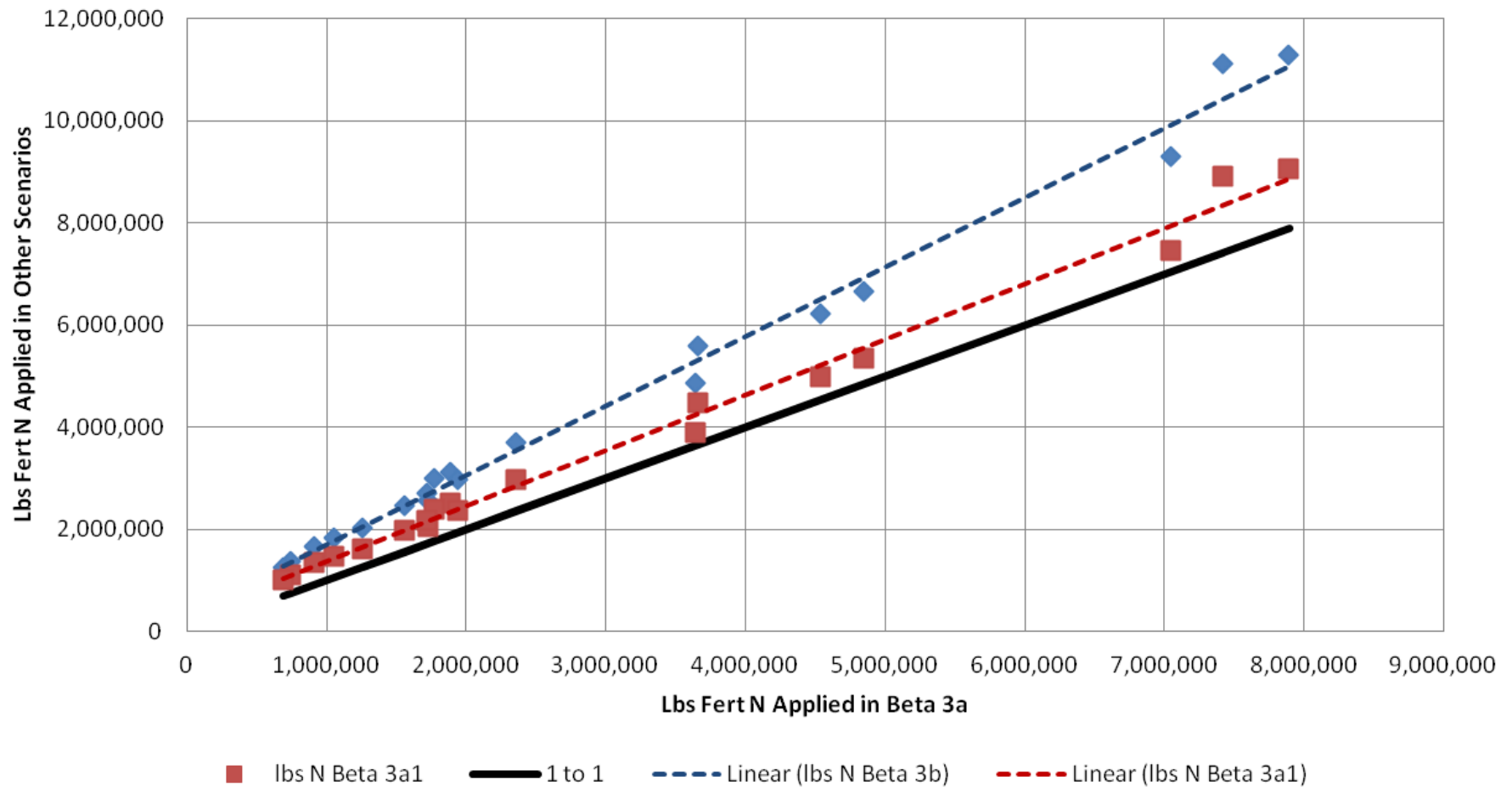




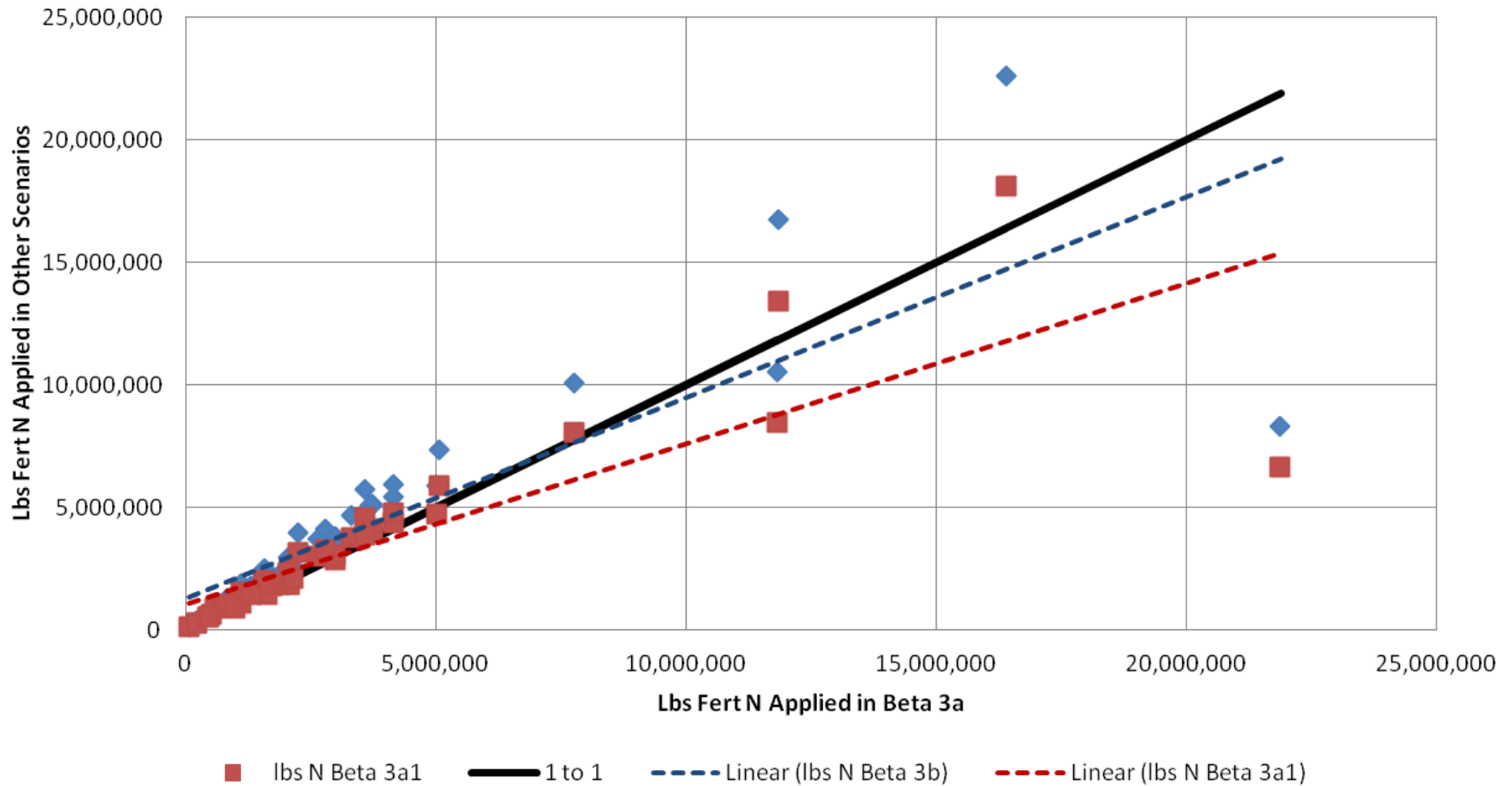
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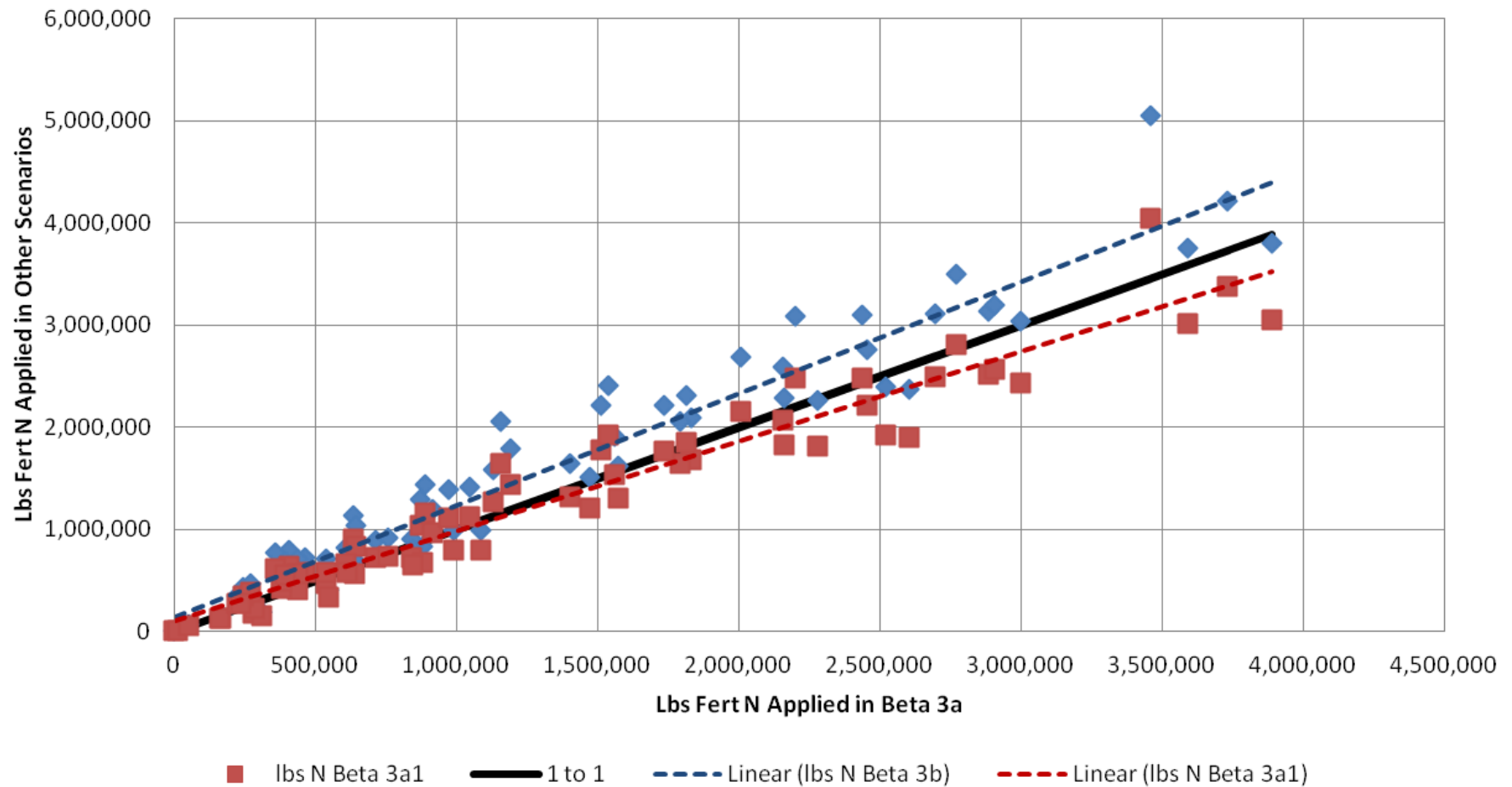
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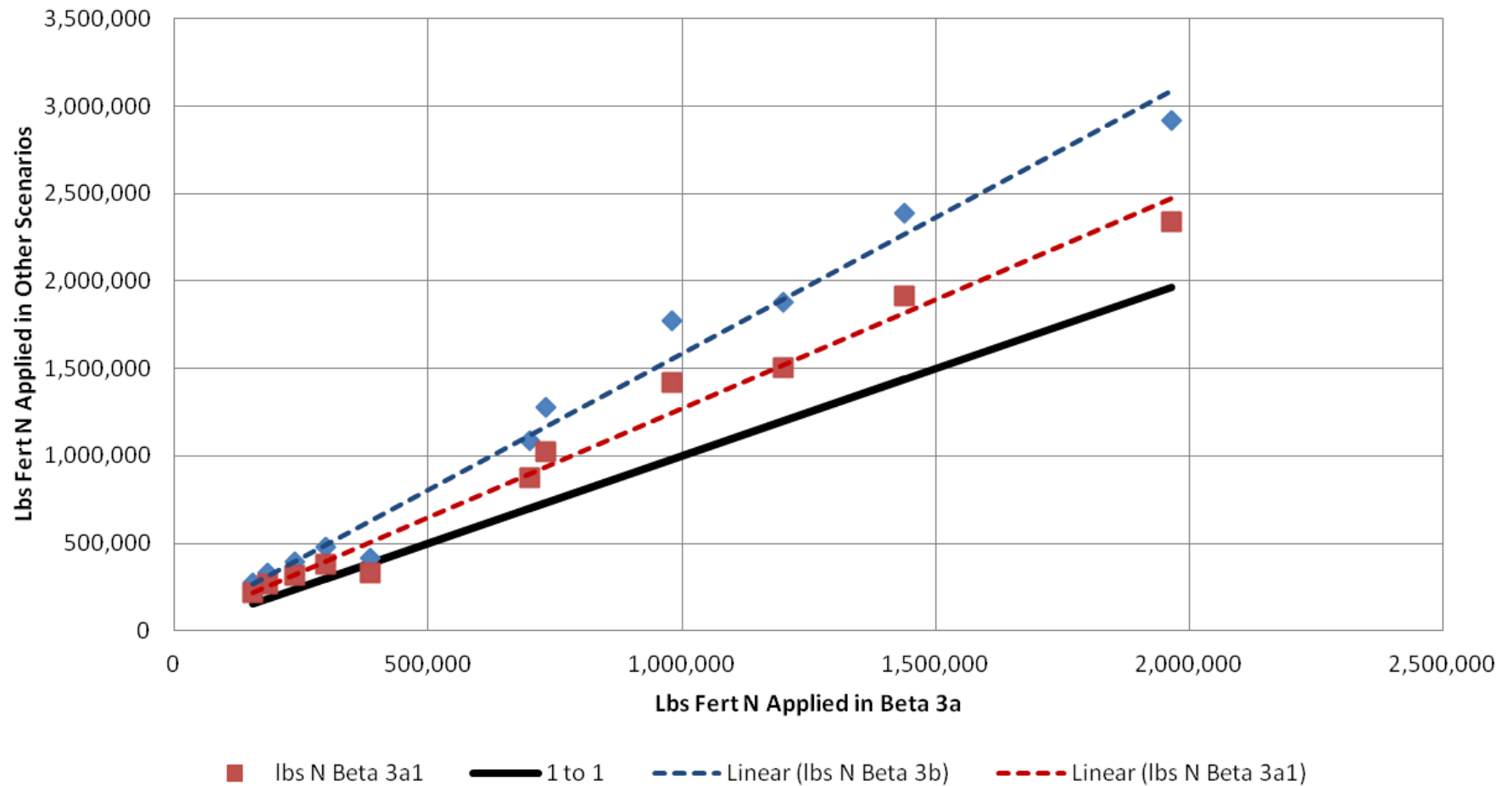
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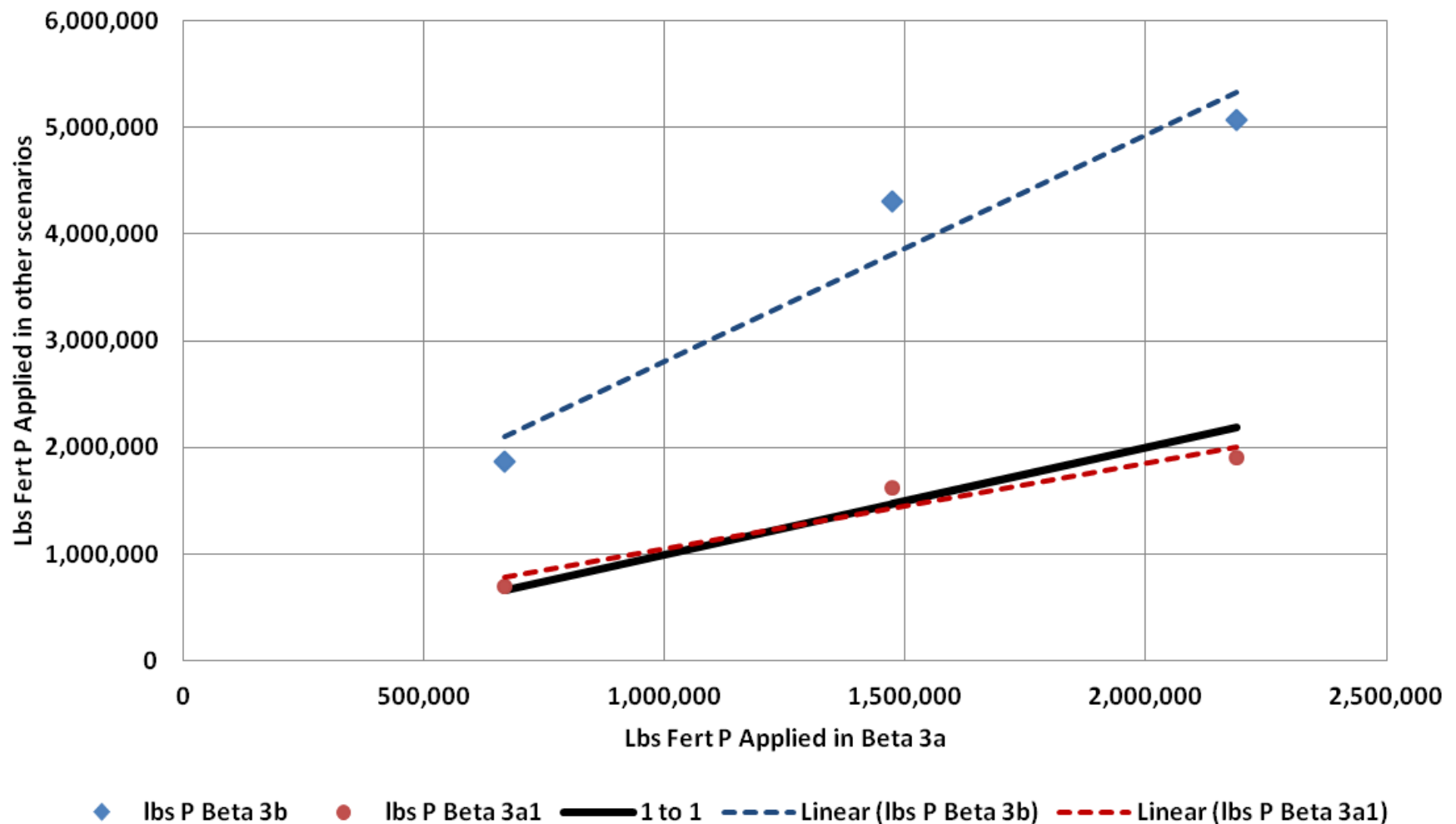
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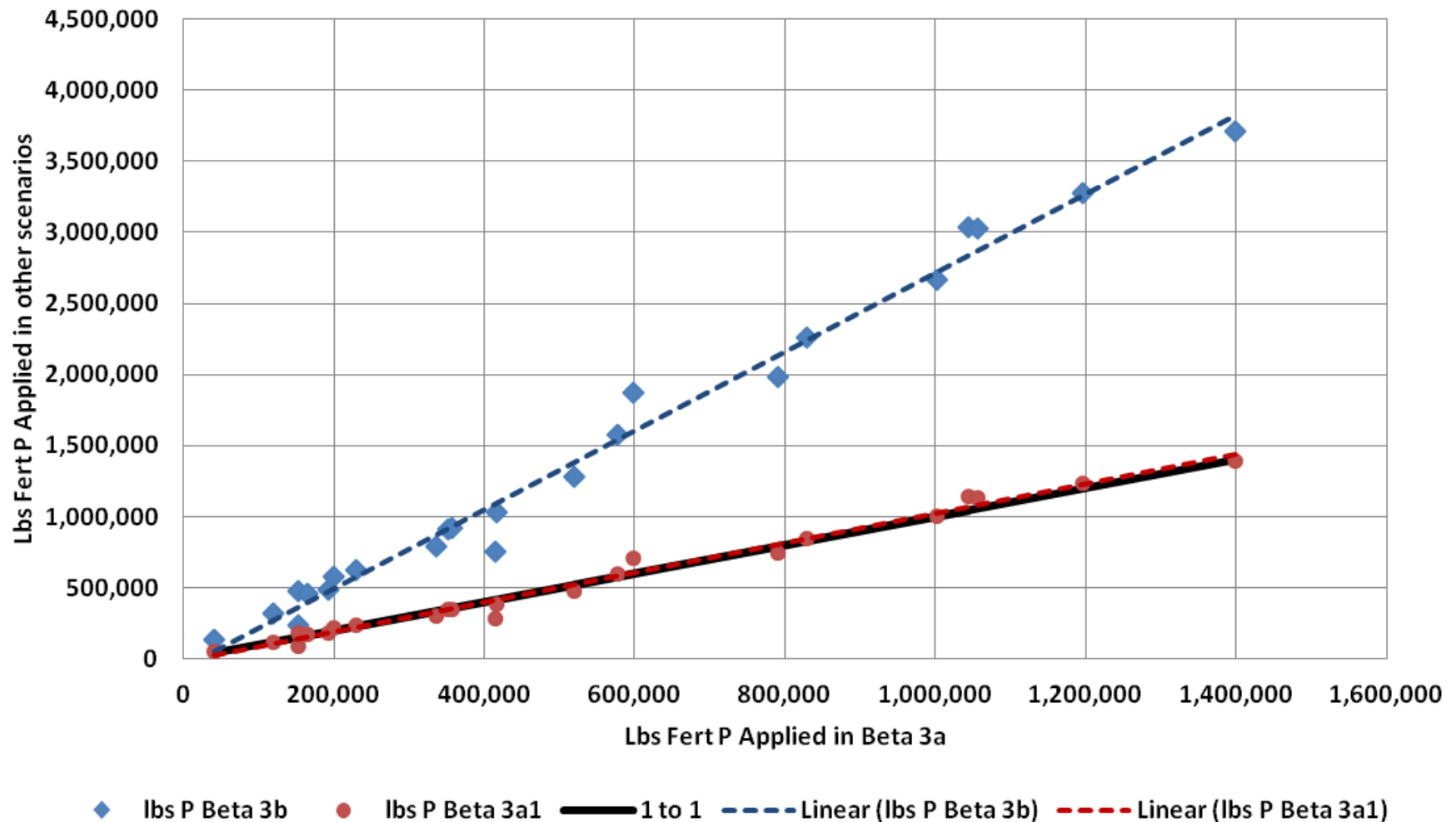
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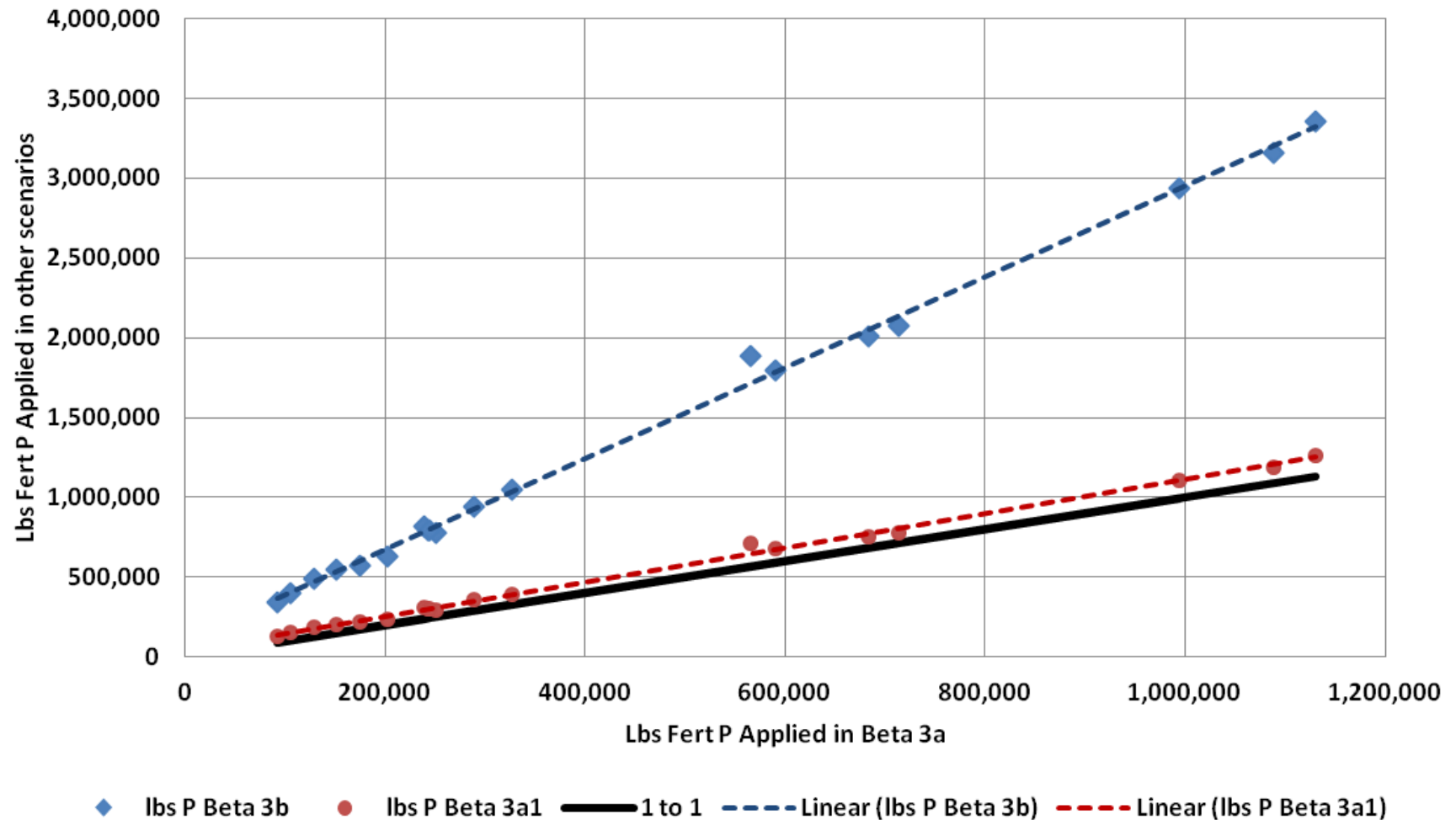
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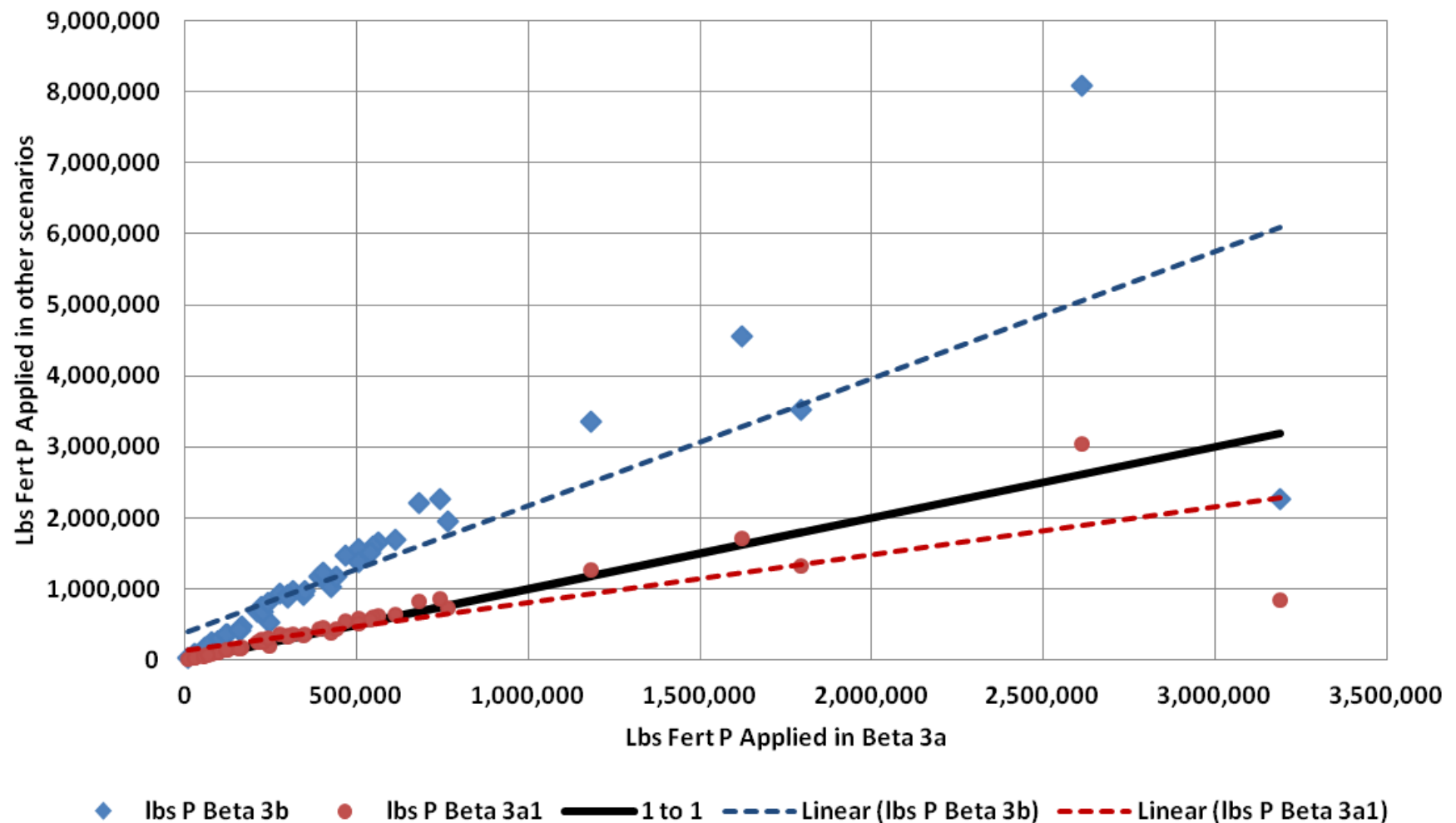


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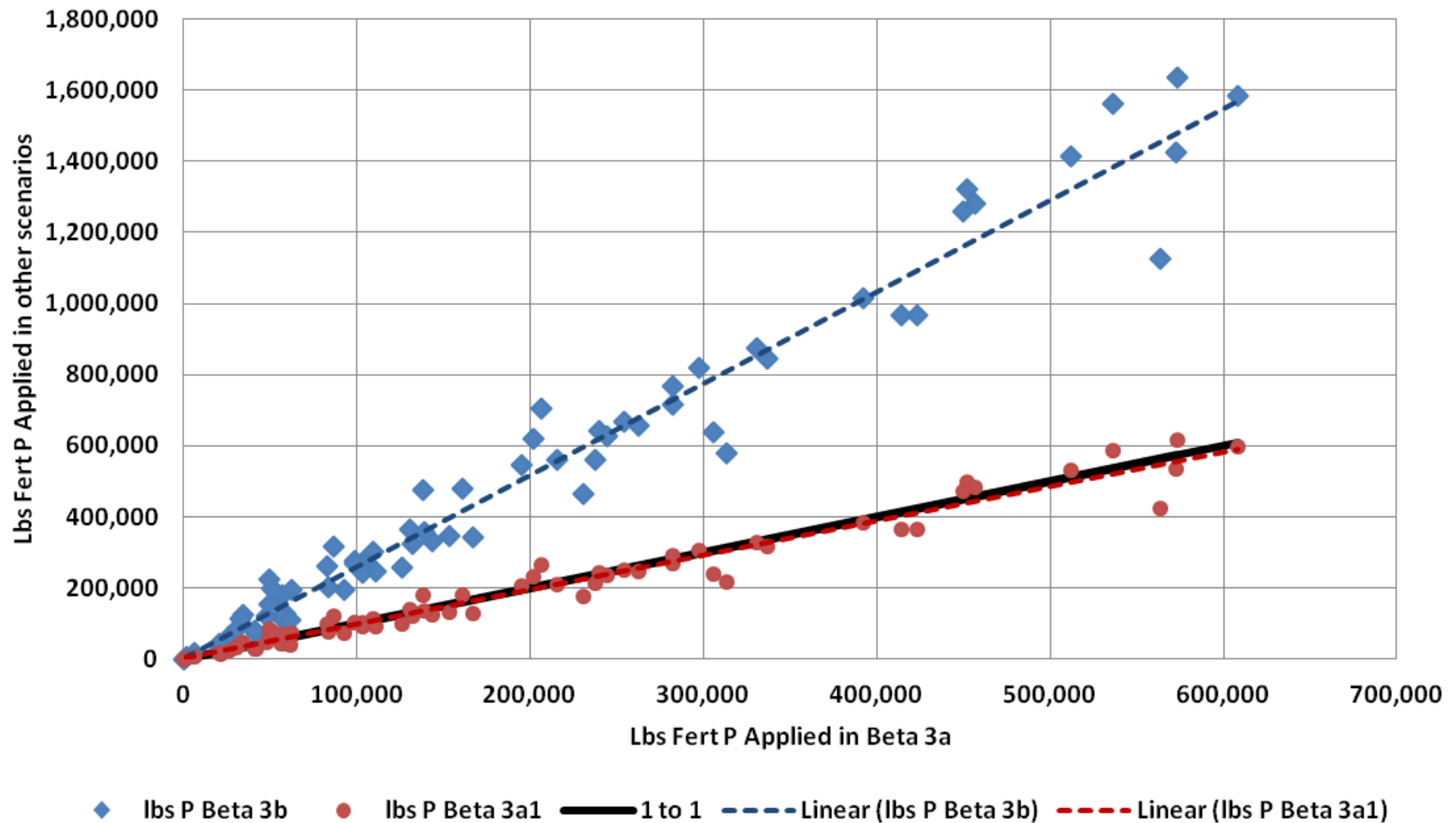




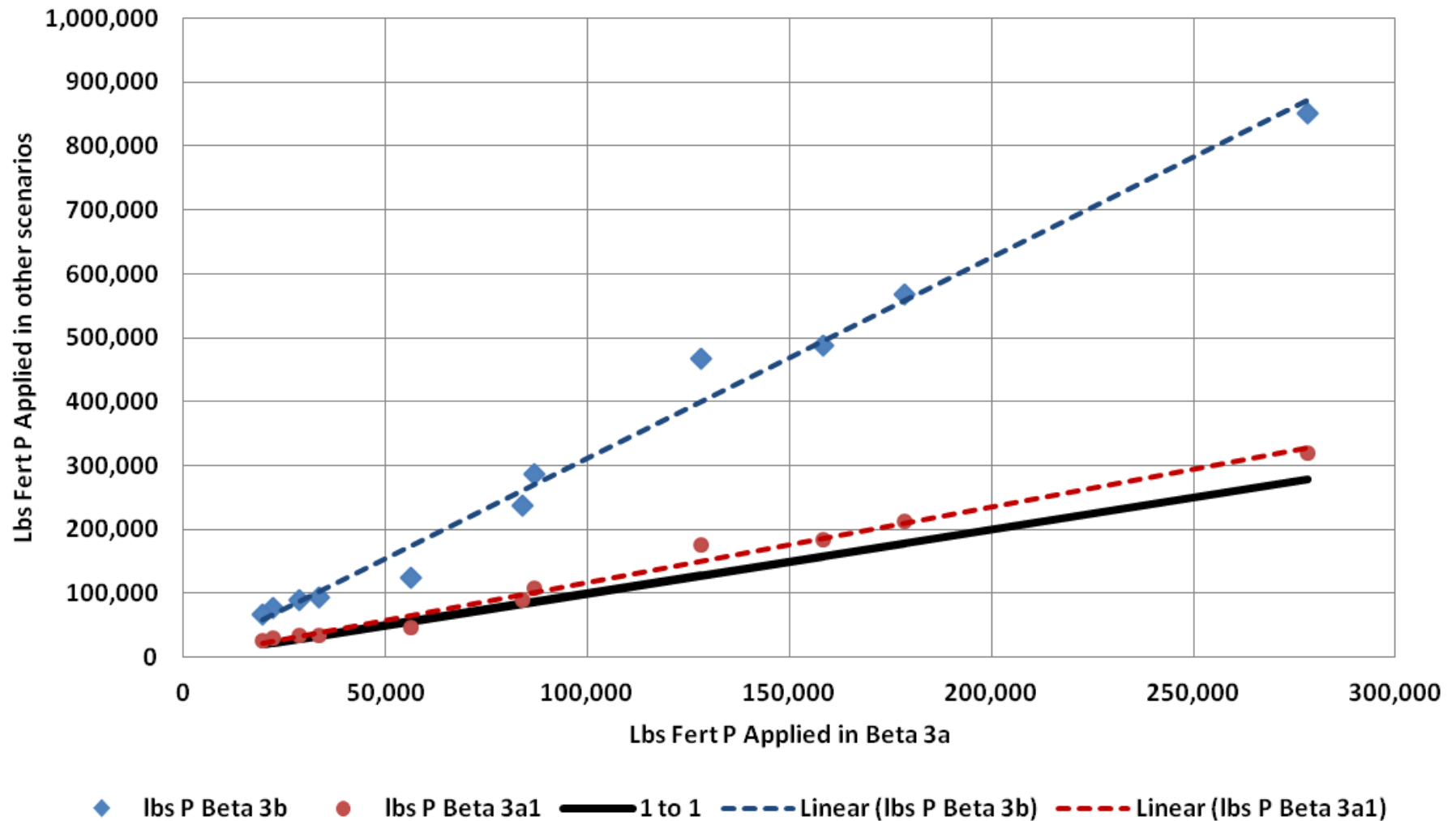
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# Follow-up Question

- If YES, Fertilizer applied in a county should be a fraction of the total fertilizer sold across the watershed, should fertilizer be distributed to counties based upon relative share of remaining crop application goal?
  - YES (Fertilizer Sales Revised, Beta 3a1)
  - NO. Continue to use both relative share of crop application goal and dollars spent on fertilizer, lime and soil conditioners from the Ag Census to distribute fertilizer (Fertilizer Sales, Beta 3a).