ASSESSING EFFECTS OF BIOENERGY CHOICES

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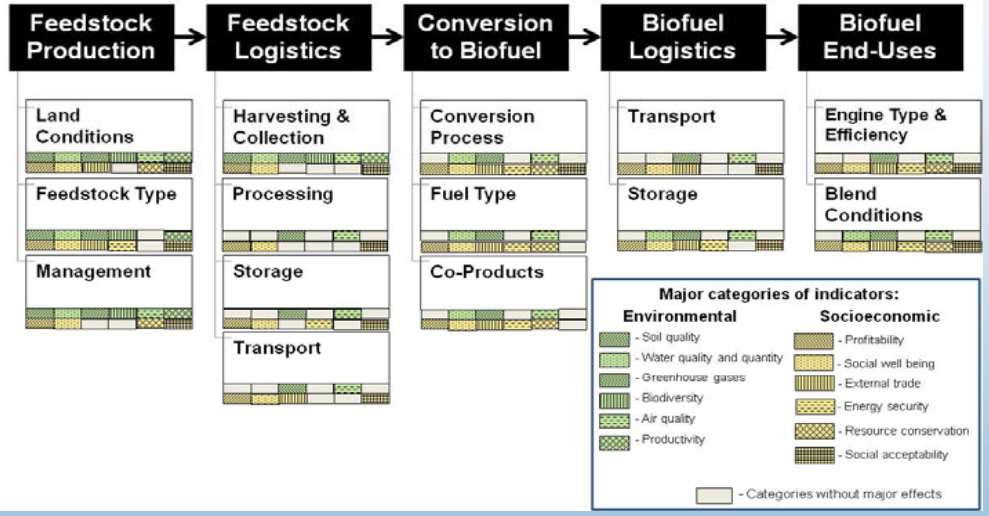
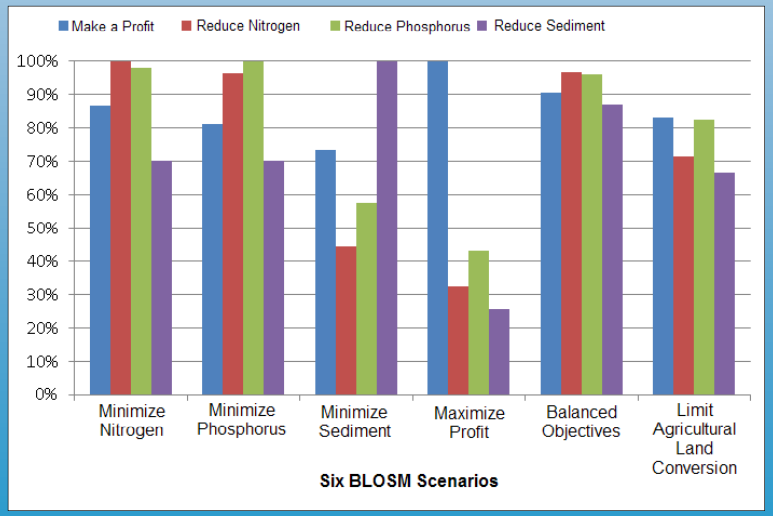
Depiction of Where Categories of Sustainability Indicators Experience Major Effects within the Biofuel Supply Chain



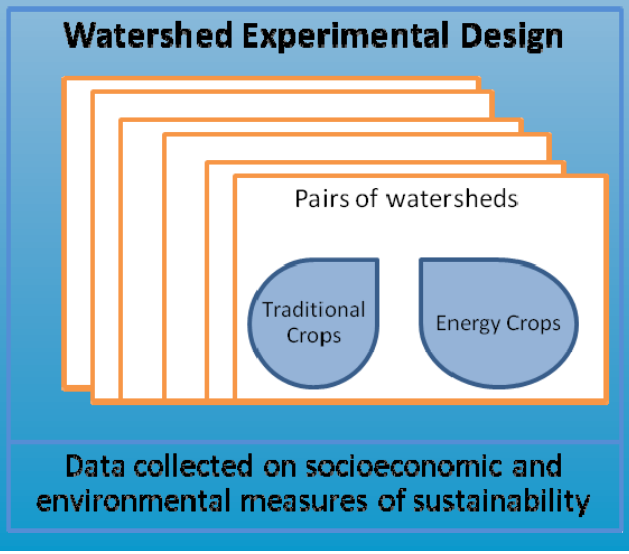
Exploring Tradeoffs Between Multiple Indicators



Source: Parish, et al. (2012) Multimetric Spatial Optimization of Switchgrass Plantings Across a Watershed. *Biofuels, Bioprod. Bioref*. 6(1):58-72.

- Our Biomass Location for Optimal Sustainability Model (BLOSM) explores landscape design scenarios.
- Initial results indicate that multiple objectives may be achieved simultaneously.
- Results are based on producing 65K tons of switchgrass from 1.3% of the Lower Little Tennessee watershed.

Testing the Indicator Suite



- Indicators should be tested in a variety of systems.
- Context-specific knowledge is imperative.
- Paired watershed experiments are ideal.
- Our university partners are collecting field data.