

Using artificial neural networks to improve phosphorus indices.

Supplementary Table 1

A brief description of current treatments at the Water Quality Field Station (abbreviations and year of establishment), any previous treatment (cropping system and nitrogen rates applied to maize) dating back to 1997, and phosphorus, nitrogen, and tillage management. An estimate of the cumulative P₂O₅ applied from 1997 – 2013 is shown parenthetically. Current nitrogen management identifies the nitrogen rates applied to perennial crops, sorghum, and continuous and rotated maize.

Current Treatment (abbrev./yr. est.)*	Previous Treatment (maize N rate, kg ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹) [†]	Plots [‡]	P management (cumulative P ₂ O ₅ applied 1997-2013; kg ha ⁻¹) [§]	Current N management (annual rate, kg ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	Tillage
Native prairie mixture (Prairie /1993)	NA	1, 17, 36, 42	No fert. (0)	No fert. (0)	No till since 1993
Miscanthus x giganteus (Mxg /2008)	Annual soybean-maize rotation (180-P)	11, 22 ,3 2,43	Commercial fertilizer based on STP (180) + starter (80)	Spring broadcast urea (56)	No till since 2008
Continuous maize w/ residue removal (CM-RR /2008)	Continuous maize w/ residue return (202-P)	12, 23 ,3 0,46	Commercial fertilizer based on STP (265) + starter (272)	Preplant UAN (180) + starter	No till since 2008
Switchgrass var. Shawnee (Switch /2007)	Annual maize-soybean rotation (180-P)	10,18,2 6,44	Commercial fertilizer based on STP (180) + starter (80)	Spring broadcast urea (56)	No till since 2007
Continuous sorghum w/ residue removal (Sorgh /2008)	Continuous maize w/ residue return (157-S)	6,16, 29,39	Commercial fertilizer based on STP + starter (176)	Preplant UAN (180)	Till
Maize-soybean rotation trt#1 w/ residue return (MS-R1 /1997)	NA	5, 13 , 35,40	Commercial fertilizer based on STP (265) + starter (144)	Preplant UAN (157) + starter	Till
Soybean-maize rotation trt#1 w/ residue return (SM-R1)	NA	8,20, 27,47	Commercial fertilizer based on STP (265) + starter (128)	Preplant UAN (157) + starter	Till
Maize-soybean rotation trt#2 w/ residue return (MS-R2 /1997)	NA	2,14, 33,45	Commercial fertilizer based on STP (265) + starter (144)	Sidedress UAN (135) + starter	Till
Soybean-maize rotation trt#2 w/ residue return (SM-R2 /1997)	NA	9 ,19, 34,48	Commercial fertilizer based on STP (265) + starter (128)	Sidedress UAN (135) + starter	Till
Continuous maize w/ residue return & spring manure (CM-SpM /1998)	NA	4,15, 25,37	16 yr annual spring swine effluent (approx. 1461) + starter (272)	Preplant swine effluent (avg. 255) + starter	Till
Continuous maize w/ residue return & fall manure (CM-FM /1998)	NA	7,24, 28, 38	14 yr annual fall swine effluent (approx. 1278) + starter (272)	Post-harvest swine effluent (avg. 255) + starter	Till
Continuous maize w/ residue return (CM /1997)	NA	3,21, 31, 41	Commercial fertilizer based on STP (265) + starter (272)	Preplant UAN (180) + starter	Till

Source: Welikhe et al. (2020)

* Treatments other than the Prairie were variable and not consistently maintained prior to 1997.

[†] N rates are only for the maize year in a rotation with P or S following the rate indicating a preplant or side dress application. Not application (NA) indicates a treatment was maintained from 1997 – 2013.

[‡] An italicized plot number indicates a tile line that ceased to function, and the plot was therefore eliminated from analysis of relationships between soluble P in drainage water and measures of soil P saturation.

[§] Cumulative P₂O₅ added as commercial fertilizer differs among cropping systems as perennial crops did not receive applications. Cumulative starter P₂O₅ varies reflecting the number of times maize was grown on a specific treatment and includes current and previous systems. Cumulative P₂O₅ applied as manure differs as there were 16 spring applications but only 14 fall applications reflecting weather and termination of both manure treatments in fall 2013; quantities are based on an estimated amount of 91.3 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ per application.

Supplementary Table 2

Summary for organic matter, phosphorus, aluminum, phosphorus saturation ratio, soil phosphorus storage capacity, and annual flow-weighted mean dissolved reactive phosphorus concentrations obtained from the monitored plots at the Water Quality Field Station for 2011 -2013 water years (e.g. October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011 for 2011 water year).

Cropping system	Plot#	2011 water year						2012 water year						2013 water year					
		OM	P	Al	PSR	SPSC	fDRP	OM	P	Al	PSR	SPSC	fDRP	OM	P	Al	PSR	SPSC	fDRP
Prairie	1	4.8	27	846	0.23	-12.02	0.0084	5.1	26	860	0.22	-9.46	0.0055	5.3	29	845	0.23	-14.54	0.0093
	17	4.7	23	758	0.22	-5.55	0.0090	4.7	26	821	0.23	-10.68	0.0299	5.3	24	855	0.22	-5.26	0.0163
	36	4.9	14	788	0.18	19.06	0.0027	4.2	11	785	0.17	28.87	0.0075	5	16	820	0.19	13.31	0.0147
Mxg	11	4.6	26	900	0.22	-10.04	0.0599	5	24	922	0.22	-5.10	0.0217	5.4	25	895	0.22	-6.61	0.0701
	32	3.3	9	734	0.16	35.01	0.0017	3.1	8	798	0.15	41.03	0.0058	3.6	8	753	0.15	41.81	0.0052
	43	4.2	13	767	0.18	20.63	0.0018	3.7	12	811	0.17	23.76	0.0013	4.1	11	770	0.17	28.37	0.0062
CM - RR	12	5.3	27	862	0.23	-10.89	0.0045	5.2	32	969	0.24	-18.34	0.0162	5.6	26	932	0.22	-7.79	0.0214
	30	4.1	11	927	0.17	30.73	0.0020	4.2	12	934	0.17	26.88	0.0068	4.5	21	932	0.21	0.44	0.0064
	46	4.9	22	846	0.21	-1.93	0.0021	4.3	17	916	0.20	10.03	0.0016	5.4	25	906	0.22	-6.50	0.0129
Switch	10	4.8	22	810	0.21	-2.57	0.0036	5	22	883	0.21	-1.30	0.0220	5.4	23	889	0.21	-2.61	0.0031
	18	5	23	810	0.22	-4.30	0.0047	4.9	17	838	0.20	10.41	0.0111	4.9	14	805	0.18	19.31	0.0066
	26	3.6	15	816	0.19	12.91	0.0055	3.8	11	801	0.17	28.04	0.0061	4	10	779	0.16	32.78	0.0086
	44	4.4	16	816	0.19	11.90	0.0043	4.2	11	824	0.17	29.47	0.0017	4.8	13	787	0.18	22.37	0.0000
Sorgh	6	3.7	15	843	0.19	13.55	0.0014	3.9	17	859	0.20	8.31	-	4.6	32	888	0.24	-20.21	0.0018
	16	4.2	25	821	0.22	-9.89	0.0019	4.8	37	806	0.25	-27.60	0.0109	4.7	36	751	0.25	-27.03	0.0029
	39	4.6	34	860	0.24	-23.40	0.0021	4.5	31	916	0.24	-18.62	0.1116	4.8	28	869	0.23	-13.53	0.0029
MS – R1	5	3.8	16	839	0.19	10.69	0.007	3.7	16	875	0.19	10.88	0.0161	4.4	28	944	0.23	-13.64	0.0033
	35	3.7	12	809	0.17	23.73	0.0017	3	12	793	0.18	21.35	0.0079	3.7	16	825	0.19	10.23	0.0050
	40	5.1	33	888	0.24	-20.74	0.0083	5.2	33	840	0.24	-21.03	0.2683	5.1	28	915	0.23	-12.49	0.0106
SM – R1	8	4.9	20	882	0.21	3.10	0.0074	4.8	23	896	0.22	-3.72	0.0131	5.5	27	934	0.22	-9.79	0.0204
	20	5.3	31	886	0.23	-17.37	0.0072	5.7	31	854	0.23	-17.01	0.0274	6	33	839	0.24	-19.75	0.0136
	27	3.7	16	831	0.19	10.31	0.0046	3.4	11	788	0.17	26.68	0.0090	4	11	760	0.17	27.95	0.0028
	47	4.1	20	814	0.21	0.47	0.0023	4.7	15	815	0.19	15.68	0.0054	4.9	19	883	0.20	5.60	0.0030
MS – R2	14	4.8	27	849	0.23	-11.99	0.0029	4.9	24	856	0.22	-6.02	0.0180	4.8	32	846	0.24	-20.22	0.0041
	33	3	10	802	0.16	30.16	0.0023	3.1	11	761	0.17	25.32	0.0054	3.3	12	827	0.18	22.82	0.0082
	45	4.3	25	849	0.22	-9.35	0.0020	3.9	21	809	0.21	-2.43	0.0021	4.6	20	794	0.21	1.38	0.0123
SM – R2	19	4.9	41	904	0.25	-31.51	0.0100	4.6	51	922	0.27	-42.53	0.0185	5.3	52	888	0.27	-42.53	0.0170
	34	3.3	11	811	0.17	26.73	0.0027	3	10	756	0.17	29.42	0.0054	3.5	17	781	0.20	6.19	0.0080
	48	4.6	26	782	0.23	-11.33	0.0061	3.6	25	727	0.23	-12.50	0.1001	5	26	778	0.23	-10.58	0.0115
CM -SpM	4	4.3	59	815	0.28	-50.85	0.1373	4.8	83	811	0.31	-66.38	0.0761	4.6	92	833	0.31	-71.53	0.1368
	15	4.6	89	836	0.31	-69.92	0.1266	4.5	79	769	0.30	-64.76	0.1264	4.7	104	818	0.32	-77.34	0.1617
	25	4.1	74	824	0.30	-62.04	0.1371	4.2	91	763	0.32	-72.07	0.1500	3.9	73	776	0.30	-62.11	0.1251
	37	4.3	56	786	0.28	-48.57	0.0586	3.9	68	774	0.30	-58.74	0.2785	4.9	64	803	0.29	-53.79	0.1718
CM - FM	7	5.4	62	849	0.28	-51.20	0.1928	5.1	88	932	0.31	-68.23	0.1087	5.5	76	995	0.29	-60.27	0.3732
	24	4.9	59	836	0.28	-49.64	0.1194	5.1	73	785	0.30	-59.94	0.1055	5.5	81	827	0.30	-64.18	0.2010
	28	3.4	38	819	0.26	-31.95	0.1609	3.5	41	782	0.26	-35.62	0.1080	4.1	41	813	0.26	-33.87	0.2160
CM	3	3.8	20	846	0.21	0.09	0.0043	4.8	26	967	0.22	-8.96	0.0085	4.4	28	918	0.23	-13.89	0.0055
	21	5.1	43	888	0.26	-33.60	0.0059	5	48	906	0.26	-38.99	0.0123	5.6	50	915	0.27	-39.99	0.0117
	31	3.7	13	819	0.18	20.06	0.0042	3.8	13	774	0.18	19.68	0.0062	4.2	16	822	0.19	11.50	0.0097

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Note 1: Cropping system abbreviation and management histories are provided in Table S1.

Note 2: OM, organic matter; P, phosphorus; Al, aluminum; PSR, phosphorus saturation ratio; SPSC, soil phosphorus storage capacity; fDRP, annual flow-weighted mean dissolved reactive phosphorus concentrations.

Supplementary Table 3

Field data (empirical dataset) used to generate the theoretical dataset and for the calculation of phosphorus index values. Treatment (cropping system) abbreviation and management histories are provided in supplemental Table 1.

Plot #	Treatment	Water year	STP (mg kg ⁻¹)	FPR (lbs P ₂ O ₅ A ⁻¹)	FPA (unitless)	OPR (lbs P ₂ O ₅ A ⁻¹)	OPA (unitless)	SE (unitless)	SR (unitless)	SDP (unitless)	DTW (unitless) §§
1	Prairie	2011	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
1	Prairie	2012	26	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
1	Prairie	2013	29	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
2	MS-R2	2011	15	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
2	MS-R2	2012	17	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
2	MS-R2	2013	26	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
3	CM	2011	20	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
3	CM	2012	26	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
3	CM	2013	28	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
4	CM-SpM	2011	59	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
4	CM-SpM	2012	83	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
4	CM-SpM	2013	92	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
5	MS-R1	2011	16	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
5	MS-R1	2012	16	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
5	MS-R1	2013	28	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
6	Sorgh	2011	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
6	Sorgh	2012	17	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
6	Sorgh	2013	32	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
7	CM-FM	2011	62	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
7	CM-FM	2012	88	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
7	CM-FM	2013	76	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
8	SM-R1	2011	20	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
8	SM-R1	2012	23	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
8	SM-R1	2013	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
10	Switch	2011	22	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
10	Switch	2012	22	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
10	Switch	2013	23	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
11	Mxg	2011	26	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1

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11	Mxg	2012	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
11	Mxg	2013	25	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
12	CM-RR	2011	27	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
12	CM-RR	2012	32	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
12	CM-RR	2013	26	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
14	MS-R2	2011	27	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
14	MS-R2	2012	24	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
14	MS-R2	2013	32	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
15	CM-SpM	2011	89	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
15	CM-SpM	2012	79	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
15	CM-SpM	2013	104	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
16	Sorgh	2011	25	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
16	Sorgh	2012	37	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
16	Sorgh	2013	36	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
17	Prairie	2011	23	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
17	Prairie	2012	26	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
17	Prairie	2013	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
18	Switch	2011	23	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
18	Switch	2012	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
18	Switch	2013	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
19	SM-R2	2011	41	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
19	SM-R2	2012	51	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
19	SM-R2	2013	52	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
20	SM-R1	2011	31	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
20	SM-R1	2012	31	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
20	SM-R1	2013	33	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
21	CM	2011	43	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
21	CM	2012	48	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
21	CM	2013	50	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
24	CM-FM	2011	59	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
24	CM-FM	2012	73	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1

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24	CM-FM	2013	81	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
25	CM-SpM	2011	74	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
25	CM-SpM	2012	91	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
25	CM-SpM	2013	73	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
26	Switch	2011	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
26	Switch	2012	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
26	Switch	2013	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
27	SM-R1	2011	16	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
27	SM-R1	2012	11	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
27	SM-R1	2013	11	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
28	CM-FM	2011	38	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
28	CM-FM	2012	41	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
28	CM-FM	2013	41	18.96	1	81	1	1	0	4	1
30	CM-RR	2011	11	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
30	CM-RR	2012	12	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
30	CM-RR	2013	21	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
31	CM	2011	13	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
31	CM	2012	13	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
31	CM	2013	16	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
32	Mxg	2011	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
32	Mxg	2012	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
32	Mxg	2013	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
33	MS-R2	2011	10	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
33	MS-R2	2012	11	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
33	MS-R2	2013	12	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
34	SM-R2	2011	11	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
34	SM-R2	2012	10	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
34	SM-R2	2013	17	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
35	MS-R1	2011	12	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
35	MS-R1	2012	12	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
35	MS-R1	2013	16	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1

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36	Prairie	2011	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
36	Prairie	2012	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
36	Prairie	2013	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
37	CM-SpM	2011	56	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
37	CM-SpM	2012	68	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
37	CM-SpM	2013	64	0	0	81	1	1	0	4	1
39	Sorgh	2011	34	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
39	Sorgh	2012	31	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
39	Sorgh	2013	28	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
40	MS-R1	2011	33	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
40	MS-R1	2012	33	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
40	MS-R1	2013	28	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
43	Mxg	2011	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
43	Mxg	2012	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
43	Mxg	2013	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
44	Switch	2011	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
44	Switch	2012	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
44	Switch	2013	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1
45	MS-R2	2011	25	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
45	MS-R2	2012	21	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
45	MS-R2	2013	20	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
46	CM-RR	2011	22	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
46	CM-RR	2012	17	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
46	CM-RR	2013	25	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
47	SM-R1	2011	20	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
47	SM-R1	2012	15	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
47	SM-R1	2013	19	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
48	SM-R2	2011	26	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1
48	SM-R2	2012	25	57.00	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
48	SM-R2	2013	26	18.96	1	0	0	1	0	4	1

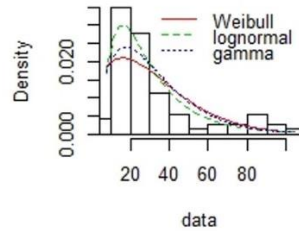
Note 1: STP, soil test phosphorus; FPR, inorganic phosphorus fertilizer rate; FPA, inorganic phosphorus fertilizer application method and timing; OPR, organic phosphorus fertilizer rate; OPA, organic phosphorus fertilizer application method and timing; SE, soil erosion; SR, surface runoff; SDP, subsurface drainage potential; DTW, the distance to water body.

Note 2: Swine manure was applied at rates meant to supply ~ 228 lbs N ha⁻¹ yr.

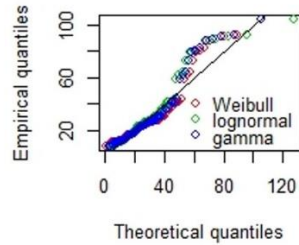
Supplementary Figure 1

Histogram and theoretical densities, Q-Q plot, empirical and theoretical cumulative distribution functions, and P-P plots for continuous variables in the testing dataset (a) Mehlich 3 soil test phosphorus, and (b) Phosphorus saturation ratio.

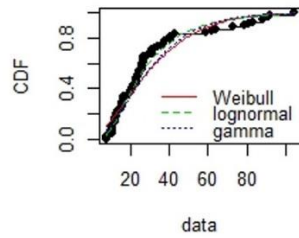
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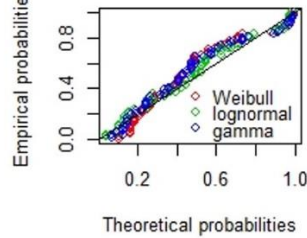
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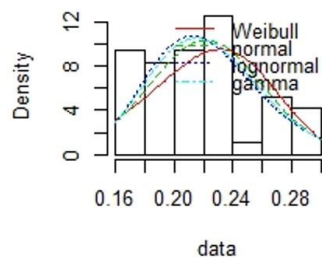
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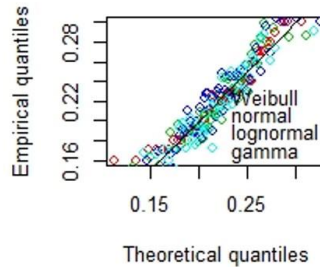
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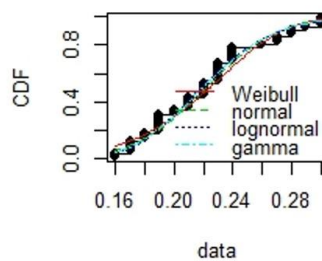
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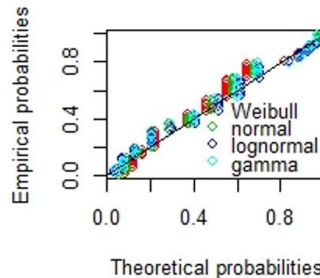
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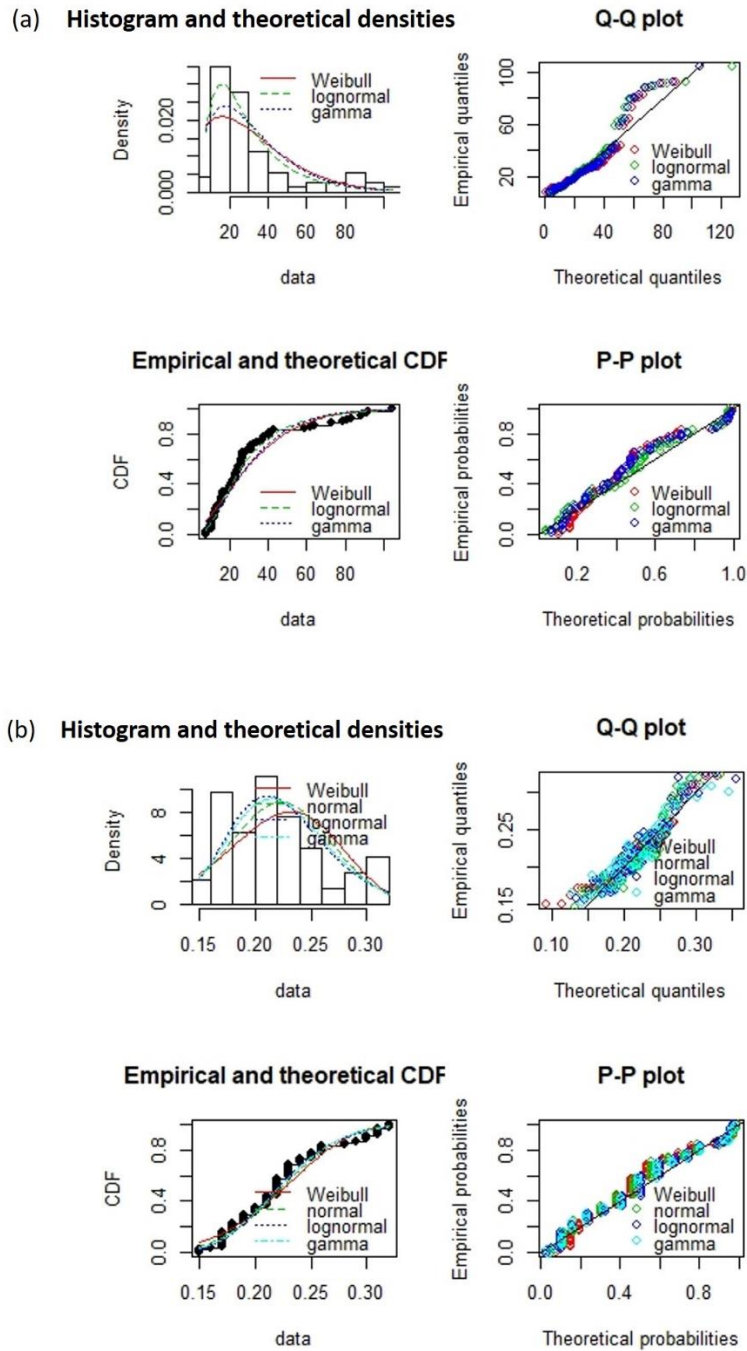


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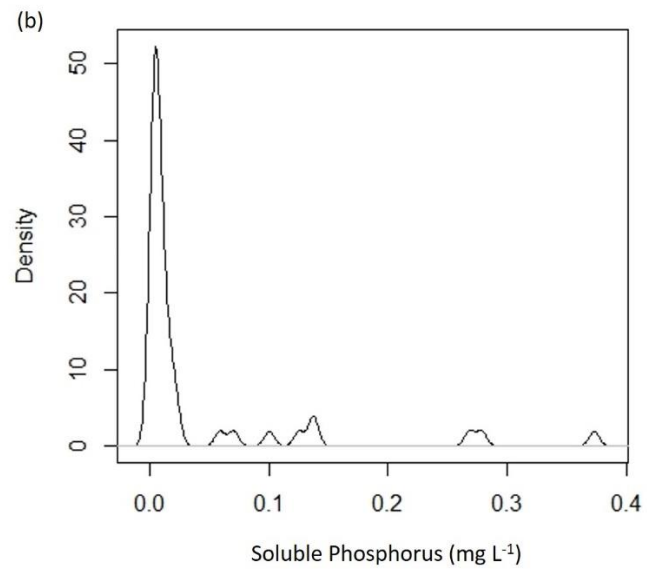
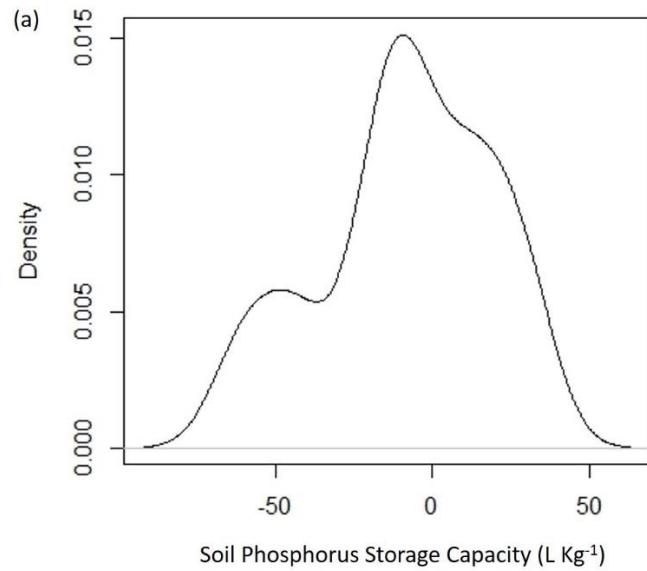
Supplementary Figure 2

Histogram and theoretical densities, Q-Q plot, empirical and theoretical cumulative distribution functions, and P-P plots for continuous variables in the training dataset (a) Mehlich 3 soil test phosphorus, and (b) Phosphorus saturation ratio.



Supplementary Figure 3

Density plots for continuous variables in the testing dataset (a) Soil phosphorus storage capacity, and (b) Soluble phosphorus.



Supplementary Figure 4

Density plots for continuous variables in the training dataset (a) Soil phosphorus storage capacity, and (b) Soluble phosphorus.

