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# Res. Agr. Eng.

Wlodarczyk T., Szarlip P., Brzezinska M., Kotowska U.: Redox potential,

# nitrate content and pH in flooded Eutric Cambisol during nitrate reduction

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Topsoils from 16 arable Cambisols developed from sand, loam and silt were used to study soil ability to nitrate reduction under flooding conditions. The strongest drop of redox potential (Eh) wa observed during the first day of soil flooding. Decreasing tendency in pH values was observed of alkaline and neutral soils, and an increase in pH of acid and strongly acid soils, accompanie by a fall in Eh values. Redox potential was negatively correlated with the pH values (R2 = 0.3041; p < 0.001). The fall of NO<sub>3</sub> – varied from 20 to 100%

depending on the type of soil and on the time of incubation. With a decrease of nitrate content within the range from 100 to 10 mg NO<sub>3</sub>--N/kg, the value of redox

potential decreased from 250 to 190 mV. The highest reduction of nitrates

coincided with Eh values within a narrow