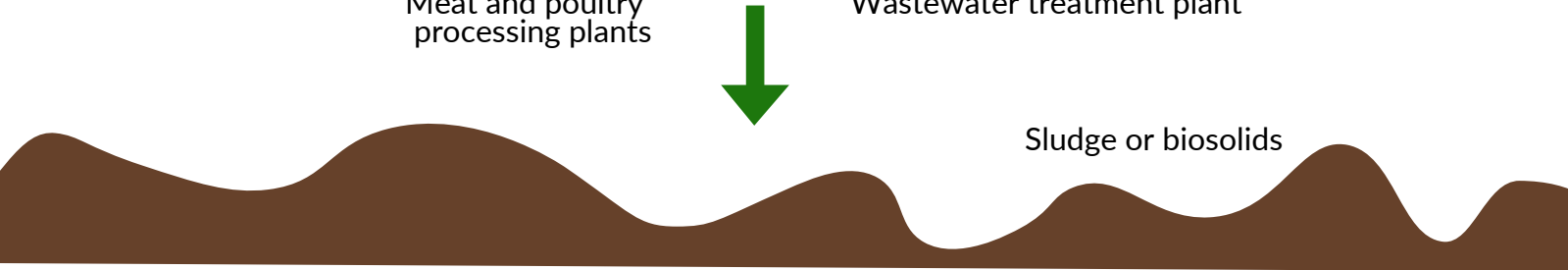
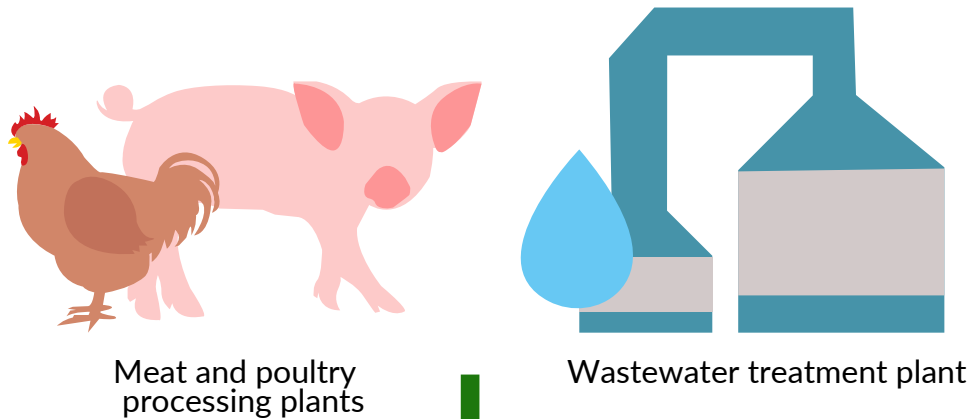
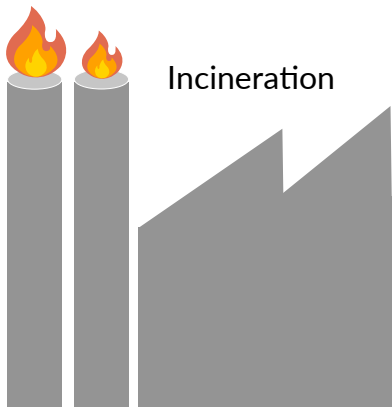


The sludge cycle

Sludge can come from a variety of sources, including meat and poultry processing plants, wastewater treatment plants and other industries. Sewage sludge, also called biosolids, is what's left behind when liquids are removed from from municipal wastewater.

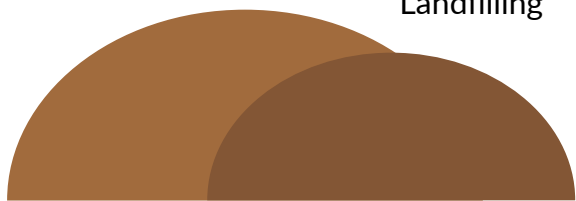


Sludge or biosolids



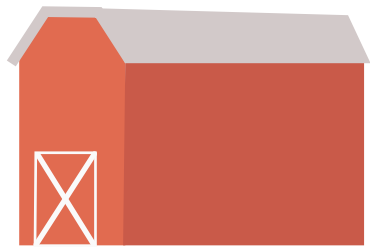
Incineration

Incineration burns material in a combustion chamber, leaving only ash.



Landfilling

Sludge can also be put in a landfill.



Land application

Sludge can be spread on land to fertilize crops, but it also contains contaminants.