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McGill, Dru 2014. Insights from the Analysis of Angel Mounds Potter Trowels. *Southeastern Archaeology*: 33, pp. 189-205.

Pottery trowels are fired-clay artifacts from the pre-Columbian Southeast and Midwestern North America. McGill outlined a new method for the analysis of pottery trowels that aimed to capture the wide variability present in these artifacts. Using a sample of 188 pottery trowels from the Mississippian site of Angel Mounds, McGill developed 12 categories of measurement of the trowels. Using these categories of measurement, McGill made statements about common form and size categories, and likely functions of the pottery. McGill also analyzed the variability to address broader questions about the craft practices at the site, such as the chronology of the practices.

McGill primarily used basic descriptive statistics to analyze the data on the trowels. McGill also used a Pearson's correlation to examine the relationships between the variables and to determine whether or not these relationships were statistically significant. This use of basic analytical techniques made the work accessible to a broader audience. As a non-expert reader, it was easy for me to understand how McGill reached their conclusions, and how this study's findings may have broader applications.