

**15A NCAC 02B .0255    TAR-PAMLICO RIVER BASIN - NUTRIENT SENSITIVE WATERS  
MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: AGRICULTURAL NUTRIENT LOADING  
GOALS**

All persons engaging in agricultural operations in the Tar-Pamlico River Basin, including those related to crops, horticulture, livestock, and poultry, shall collectively achieve and maintain certain nutrient loading levels. A management strategy to achieve this reduction is specified in Rule .0256 of this Section. These Rules apply to livestock and poultry operations above certain size thresholds in the Tar-Pamlico River Basin, in addition to requirements for animal operations set forth in general permits issued pursuant to G.S. 143-215.10C. The nutrient loading goals to be met collectively by the persons specified here are as follows:

- (1) a 30 percent total nitrogen net loading reduction from 1991 loading from agriculture to the basin; and
- (2) no net increase in total phosphorus loading over 1991 levels.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 143-214.1; 143-214.7; 143-215.3(a)(1); 143-215.6A; 143-215.6B; 143-215.6C;  
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