

State of North Carolina  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Division of Water Resources

**Animal Waste Management Systems**  
Request for Certificate of Coverage  
Facility Currently Covered by an Expiring State Non-Discharge General Permit

On September 30, 2014, the North Carolina State Non-Discharge General Permits for Animal Waste Management Systems will expire. As required by these permits, facilities that have been issued Certificates of Coverage to operate under these State Non-Discharge General Permits must apply for renewal at least 180 days prior to their expiration date. Therefore, all applications must be received by the Division of Water Resources by no later than April 1, 2014.

*Please do not leave any question unanswered. Please verify all information and make any necessary corrections below.*

*Application must be signed and dated by the Permittee.*

1. Facility Number: 240094 and Certificate of Coverage Number: AWS240094
2. Facility Name: Michael & Michelle Luhrs Farm
3. Landowner's name (same as on the Waste Management Plan): Michael Luhrs
4. Landowner's mailing address: 4900 Majestic Prince Ct 513 Meadow Sweet Lane  
City/State: Raleigh NC Zip: 276064269 Waxhaw, NC 28173  
Telephone Number (include area code): (919) 851-2943 E-mail: 919-630-1084
5. Facility's physical address: 1436 Edmund Rd  
City: Evergreen State: NC Zip: 28438
6. County where facility is located: Columbus
7. Farm Manager's name (If different than the Landowner): Jerome Smith Maurice McLaurin
8. Farm Manager's telephone number (include area code): 910-874-0445
9. Integrator's name (if there is not an integrator write "None"): Murphy-Brown LLC
10. Operator in Charge (OIC) name: Maurice McLaurin Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ OIC # AWA 22572
11. Lessee's name (if there is not a lessee write "None"): NONE
12. Indicate animal operation type and number:

**Swine**

Wean to Finish  
Wean to Feeder  
Farrow to Finish  
Feeder to Finish 7920  
Farrow to Wean  
Farrow to Feeder  
Boar/Stud  
Gilts  
Other

Horses - Horses  
Horses - Other

**Cattle**

Dairy Calf  
Dairy Heifer  
Milk Cow  
Dry Cow  
Beef Stocker Calf  
Beef Feeder  
Beef Brood Cow  
Other

Sheep - Sheep  
Sheep - Other

**Dry Poultry**

Non Laying Chickens  
Laying Chickens  
Turkeys  
Other  
Pullets  
Turkey Poults

**Wet Poultry**

Non Laying Pullets  
Layers

Mail one (1) copy of the most recent Waste Utilization Plan (WUP) along with the field maps for this facility with this completed and signed application as required by NC General Statutes 143-215.10C(d) to the address below. The WUP must be signed by the owner and a certified technical specialist.

As a second option to mailing paper copies of the application package, you can scan and email one signed copy of the application and the WUP to: [animalpermits@ncdenr.gov](mailto:animalpermits@ncdenr.gov)

I attest that this application has been reviewed by me and is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that, if all required parts of this application are not completed and that if all required supporting information and attachments are not included, this application package will be returned to me as incomplete. Note: In accordance with NC General Statutes 143-215.6A and 143-215.6B, any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any application may be subject to civil penalties up to \$25,000 per violation. (18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides a punishment by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both for a similar offense.)

Printed Name of Signing Official (Landowner, or if multiple Landowners all landowners should sign. If Landowner is a corporation, signature should be by a principal executive officer of the corporation):

Name: Michelle J. Luhns Title: Owner  
Signature: Michelle J. Luhns Date: 3/25/14

Name: MICHAEL S LUHNS Title: OWNER  
Signature: Michael S Luhns Date: 3/25/14

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**NCDENR-DWR  
Animal Feeding Operations Branch  
1636 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1636**

**Telephone number: (919) 807-6464  
E-mail: [animalpermits@ncdenr.gov](mailto:animalpermits@ncdenr.gov)**

# Nutrient Management Plan For Animal Waste Utilization

## 10-13-2011

This plan has been prepared for:

*L4 Farms, LLC*  
*Michelle Luhrs*  
*4900 Majestic Prince Court*  
*Raleigh, NC 27606*  
*919-851-9243*

This plan has been developed by:

*Ronnie G. Kennedy Jr.*  
*Agriment Services, Inc.*  
*PO Box 1096*  
*Beulaville, NC 28518*  
*252-568-2648*



Developer Signature

Type of Plan: Nitrogen Only with Manure Only

### Owner/Manager/Producer Agreement

I (we) understand and agree to the specifications and the operation and maintenance procedures established in this nutrient management plan which includes an animal waste utilization plan for the farm named above. I have read and understand the Required Specifications concerning animal waste management that are included with this plan.

*Michelle Luhrs*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (owner)

*11/12/11*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (manager or producer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This plan meets the minimum standards and specifications of the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service or the standard of practices adopted by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

Plan Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Technical Specialist Signature

*10/13/11*  
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Date

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# NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Grower(s):	Tony L Shaw
Farm Name:	T.L Shaw farms
County:	Columbus
Farm Type:	Feed-Fin
Farm Capacity:	7920
Storage Structure:	Anaerobic Lagoon
Storage Period:	180 days
Application Method:	Irrigation

The waste from your animal facility must be land applied at a specified rate to prevent pollution of surface water and/or groundwater. The plant nutrients in the animal waste should be used to reduce the amount of commercial fertilizer required for the crops in the fields where the waste is to be applied.

This waste utilization plan uses nitrogen as the limiting nutrient. Waste should be analyzed before each application cycle. Annual soil tests are strongly encouraged so that all plant nutrients can be balanced for realistic yields of the crop to be grown.

Several factors are important in implementing your waste utilization plan in order to maximize the fertilizer value of the waste and to ensure that it is applied in an environmentally safe manner:

1. Always apply waste based on the needs of the crop to be grown and the nutrient content of the waste. Do not apply more nitrogen than the crop can utilize.
2. Soil types are important as they have different infiltration rates, leaching potentials, cation exchange capacities, and available water holding capacities.
3. Normally waste shall be applied to land eroding at less than 5 tons per acre per year. Waste may be applied to land eroding at 5 or more tons per acre annually, but less than 10 tons per acre per year providing that adequate filter strips are established.
4. Do not apply waste on saturated soils, when it is raining, or when the surface is frozen. Either of these conditions may result in runoff to surface waters which is not allowed under DWQ regulations.

5. Wind conditions should also be considered to avoid drift and downwind odor

problems.

6. To maximize the value of the nutrients for crop production and to reduce the potential for pollution, the waste should be applied to a growing crop or applied not more than 30 days prior to planting a crop or forages breaking dormancy. Injecting the waste or disking will conserve nutrients and reduce odor problems.

This plan is based on the waste application method shown above. If you choose to change methods in the future, you need to revise this plan. Nutrient levels for different application methods are not the same.

The estimated acres needed to apply the animal waste is based on typical nutrient content for this type of facility. In some cases you may want to have plant analysis made, which could allow additional waste to be applied. Provisions shall be made for the area receiving waste to be flexible so as to accommodate changing waste analysis content and crop type. Lime must be applied to maintain pH in the optimum range for specific crop production.

This waste utilization plan, if carried out, meets the requirements for compliance with 15A NCAC 2H .0217 adopted by the Environmental Management Commission.

#### AMOUNT OF WASTE PRODUCED PER YEAR ( gallons, ft3, tons, etc.):

7920 animals      X      986 gal/animal/year =      7,805,160 gallons

#### AMOUNT OF PLANT AVAILABLE NITROGEN PRODUCED PER YEAR (lbs):

7920 animals      X      2.30 lbs/animal/year =      18,216.00 lbs

Applying the above amount of waste is a big job. You should plan time and have appropriate equipment to apply the waste in a timely manner.

*\* See  
Narrative  
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The following acreage will be needed for waste application based on the crop to be grown, soil type, and surface application.

Tract	Field	Soil Type	Crop Code	Yield /Ac	lbs N /unit	Acres	Lbs N/Ac Residual	Lbs N /Ac	lbs N Required	Time to Apply
420-1	1	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	3.5		275.0	962.50	Mar-Oct
420-1	2	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	3.8		275.0	1045.00	Mar-Oct
420-1	3	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	2.1		275.0	577.50	Mar-Oct
420-1	4A	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	4.4		275.0	1210.00	Mar-Oct
420-1	4B	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	2.2		275.0	605.00	Mar-Oct
420-1	5A	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	4.4		275.0	1210.00	Mar-Oct
420-1	5B	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	4.4		275.0	1210.00	Mar-Oct
420-1	6A	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	3.5		275.0	962.50	Mar-Oct
420-1	6B	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	2.0		275.0	550.00	Mar-Oct
420-1	7	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	4.0		275.0	1100.00	Mar-Oct
420-1	8	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	3.9		275.0	1072.50	Mar-Oct
420-1	9	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	3.0		275.0	825.00	Mar-Oct
420-1	10	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	2.8		275.0	770.00	Mar-Oct
420-1	11	AuB	C	5.5	50.00	1.0		275.0	275.00	Mar-Oct
	ALL	AuB	K		50.00	45.0		50.0	2250.00	Sep-Apr
						<b>Total</b>	45.0		14625.00	
						<b>Available N</b>			11545.37	
						<b>*Difference</b>			-3079.63	

Can graze  
S.G. - 5/1  
Cows m  
to remove  
by April  
9/11  
C-17

~Indicates that this field is being overseeded (i.e. interplanted) or winter annuals follow summer annuals.

\*A negative number reflects the total lbs of additional nitrogen needed to achieve yields on acreage listed in chart. A positive number means additional acreage is required to utilize the nitrogen produced by the farm.

#### NOTE:

This plan does not include commercial fertilizer. The farm should produce adequate plant available nitrogen to satisfy the requirements of the crops listed above.

The applicator is cautioned that P and K may be over applied while meeting the N requirements. In the future, regulations may require farmers in some parts of North Carolina to have a nutrient management plan that addresses all nutrients. This plan only addresses nitrogen.

In interplanted fields ( i.e. small grain, etc, interseeded in bermuda), forage must be removed through grazing, hay, and/or silage. Where grazing, plants should be grazed when they reach a height of six to nine inches. Cattle should be removed when plants are grazed to a height of four inches. In fields where small grain, etc, is to be removed for hay or silage, care should be exercised not to let small grain reach maturity, especially late in the season (i.e.

April or May). Shading may result if small grain gets too high and this will definately interfere

with stand of bermudagrass. This loss of stand will result in reduced yields and less nitrogen being utilized. Rather than cutting small grain for hay or silage just before heading as is the normal situation, you are encouraged to cut the small grain earlier. You may want to consider harvesting hay or silage two to three times during the season, depending on the time small grain is planted in the fall.

The ideal time to interplant small grain, etc, is late September or early October. Drilling is recommended over broadcasting. Bermudagrass should be grazed or cut to a height of about two inches before drilling for best results.

The following legend explains the crop codes listed in the table above:

<u>Crop Code</u>	<u>Crop</u>	<u>Lbs N utilized / unit yield</u>
A	Barley	1.6 lbs N / bushel
B	Hybrid Bermudagrass - Grazed	50 lbs N / ton
C	Hybrid Bermudagrass - Hay	50 lbs N / ton
D	Corn - Grain	1.25 lbs N / bushel
E	Corn - Silage	12 lbs N / ton
F	Cotton	0.12 lbs N / lbs lint
G	Fescue - Grazed	50 lbs N / ton
H	Fescue - Hay	50 lbs N / ton
I	Oats	1.3 lbs N / bushel
J	Rye	2.4 lbs N / bushel
K	Small Grain - Grazed	50 lbs N / acre
L	Small Grain - Hay	50 lbs N / acre
M	Grain Sorghum	2.5 lbs N / cwt
N	Wheat	2.4 lbs N / bushel
O	Soybean	4.0 lbs N / bushel

Acres shown in the preceding table are considered to be the usable acres excluding required buffers, filter strips along ditches, odd areas unable to be irrigated, and perimeter areas not receiving full application rates due to equipment limitations. Actual total acres in the fields listed may, and most likely will be, more than the acres shown in the tables.

See attached map showing the fields to be used for the utilization of animal waste.

## SLUDGE APPLICATION:

The waste utilization plan must contain provisions for periodic land application of sludge at agronomic rates. The sludge will be nutrient rich and will require precautionary measures to prevent over application of nutrients or other elements. Your production facility will produce approximately 0.36 pounds of plant available nitrogen per animal per year in the sludge based on the application method listed earlier.

If you remove the sludge every 5 years, you will have approximately 14256.00 pounds of PAN to utilize. Assuming you apply this PAN to hybrid bermudagrass hayland at the rate of 300 pounds of nitrogen per acre, you will need 47.52 acres of land. If you apply the sludge to corn at a rate of 125 pounds per acre, you will need 114.05 acres of land. Please be aware that these are only estimates of the PAN and land needed. Actual requirements could vary by 25% depending on your sludge waste analysis, soil types, realistic yields, and applications.

## APPLICATION OF WASTE BY IRRIGATION:

The irrigation application rate should not exceed the intake rate of the soil at the time of irrigation such that runoff or ponding occurs. This rate is limited by initial soil moisture content, soil structure, soil texture, water droplet size, and organic solids. The application amount should not exceed the available water holding capacity of the soil at the time of irrigation nor should the plant available nitrogen applied exceed the nitrogen needs of the crop.

If surface irrigation is the method of land application for this plan, it is the responsibility of the producer and irrigation designer to ensure that an irrigation system is installed to properly irrigate the acres shown in the preceding table. Failure to apply the recommended rates and amounts of nitrogen shown in the tables may make this plan invalid.

The following is provided as a guide for establishing application rates and amounts.

Tract	Field	Soil Type	Crop	Application Rate in/hr	Application Amount * inches
420-1	all	AuB	CK	0.60	1.00

= 27,154  
in Col amount  
0.60/AC

\*This is the maximum application amount allowed for the soil assuming the amount of nitrogen allowed for the crop is not over applied. In many situations, the application amount shown cannot be applied because of the nitrogen limitation. The maximum application amount shown can be applied under optimum soil conditions.

Your facility is designed for 180 days of temporary storage and the temporary storage must be removed on the average of once every 6 months. In no instance should the volume of the waste stored in your structure be within the 25 year 24 hour storm storage or one foot of freeboard except in the event of the 25 year 24 hour storm.

It is the responsibility of the producer and waste applicator to ensure that the spreader equipment is operated properly to apply the correct rates to the acres shown in the tables. Failure to apply the recommended rates and amounts of nitrogen shown in the tables may make this plan invalid.

Call your technical specialist after you receive the waste analysis report for assistance in determining the amount of waste per acre and the proper application prior to applying the waste.

## Additional Comments:



This plan is based on actual irrigation records for 1998-2001. The yearly PAN produced is calculated as 1.5 times the average produced in these years to account for unusual weather events, hurricanes, etc. The yearly volume of waste irrigated was averaged to be 3,346,483 gallons at an average 2.3 lbs/1000 gal.

#1A 3.5ac

#4A 2.0ac

#5A 4.4ac

#5B 4.4ac

#4A 4.4ac

#4B 2.2ac

#10 1.4ac

#3 2.0ac

#9 3.0ac

#2 3.8ac

#8 3.4ac

#1 3.5ac

#7 4.0ac











