

Protection of Waters Against Agricultural Pollution Through
Establishment Of A Monitoring And Reporting Methodology For The
Nitrate Action Plans
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE PROTECTING WATERS AGAINST AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION

CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES OF AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION IN TURKEY

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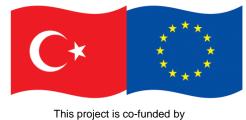












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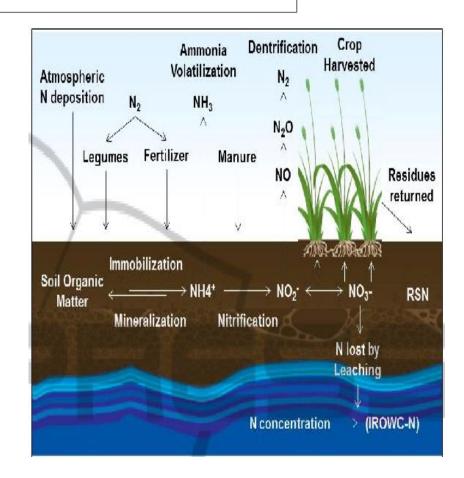


NITROGEN CYCLE IN SOIL

- Presence of nitrogen in the soil;
 - changes depending on physical, biological and chemical events.
- N motion occurs in different forms with these complex events:
 - Ground entry (inputs);
 - Within the soil (conversions) and
 - Coming out of the soil (losses)
- All of these events are defined as the Soil N cycle.

The soil **N** cycle is the most important part of the overall N cycle in nature.

The end product of the oxidation of nitrogen in the soil is NITRATE.





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NITROGEN CONVERSION

Nitrogen applied to the soil, in whatever form, undergoes various transformations and eventually turns into nitrate (NO3-).





The excess nitrate (NO₃-), which is formed as a result of the application of nitrogen fertilizer more than the plant needs or when it does not need it, is washed away or leak by precipitation and irrigation waters and move away from the plant root, passes into the surface and underground waters and causes pollution.

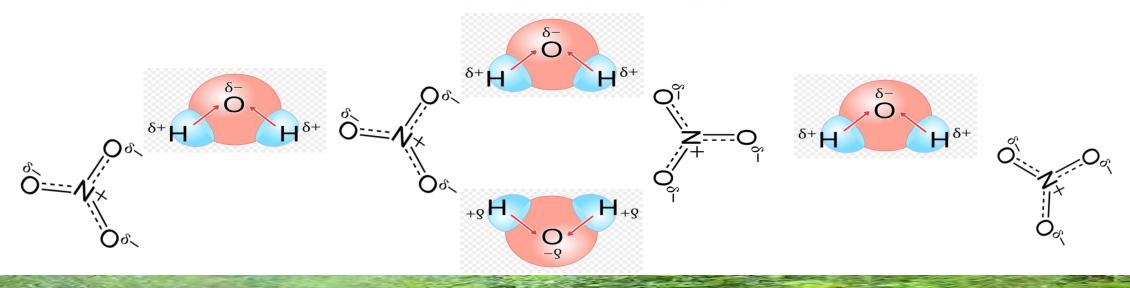






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NITRATE AND WATER

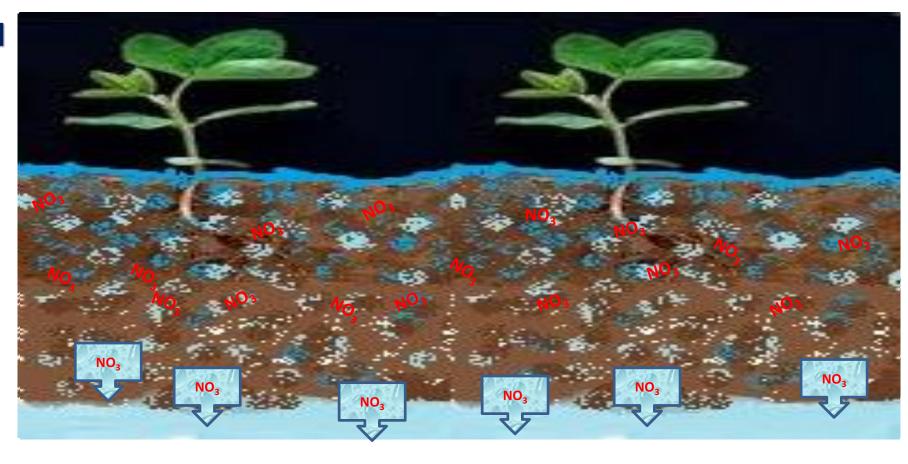




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NITRATE POLLUTION

Due to its solubility in water, the biggest pollution in waters caused by agricultural activities is nitrate pollution, which is easily displaced and permanent.





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CONSEQUENCES OF AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION

Effects on human health

Nitrate can be converted to nitrite in the stomach and intestines.

- ✓ In people who use drinking water with a high nitrate concentration, nitrate turns into nitrite in the stomach and intestines, mixes with the blood, and prevents the blood from transmitting enough oxygen to the tissues, and poisoning occurs in 3-6 months old babies, which manifests itself with cyanosis (bruising), known as blue baby disease.
- ✓ Nitrite reacts with organic amines to form nitrosamines, which are known to cause cancer and mutation.





CONSEQUENCES OF NITRATE POLLUTION

Effects of nitrate on human health

- It causes hemodynamic disorders such as disruption of fluid and electrolyte balance, blood volume and blood circulation.
- It causes an increase in esophageal, colon, prostate and bladder cancers in humans.
- It has been determined that there is a strong correlation between high nitrate concentration in drinking water and diarrhea rates.





CONSEQUENCES OF NITRATE POLLUTION

Effects of nitrate on animal health

- Decline in live weight and milk yield
- Decreased fertility
- Methemoglobinemia





NITRATE ACQUISITION IN WATER

The result of nitrate accumulation in waters is eutrophication.



The increase in nitrogen and phosphorus compounds, which are plant nutrients in water, causes deterioration of water quality and the balance of flora-fauna in the water, and the extinction of aquatic life, especially fish.



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AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION





FRIENDLY AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

This emerging environmental pollution and health problems have led to the search and development of environmentally friendly production techniques, which are alternative to agriculture, where input usage is intense in many countries.

While our country is planning agricultural production in the agricultural sector, as in all other sectors, it has adopted the widespread use of environmentally and climate-friendly practices and included in our top policy documents.

















AGRICULTURAL NITRATE POLLUTION ON POLICY DOCUMENTS



Measure 406.4. Measures to prevent water pollution originating from agriculture will be expanded.

Measure 708.2. Environmental support and incentives will be increased to increase the quality of life in rural areas and to turn the countryside into protected, livable and productive areas.





STRATEJÍK PLAN

STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2023

Objective A4	To ensure the sustainable management of soil and water resources
Target H4.1	Ensuring the protection and efficient use of soil and water resources
Performance Indicator PG 4.1.3	Number of river basins in which nitrate sensitive areas are determined and action plans are prepared (Cumulative)
Performance Indicator PG 4.1.4	The rate of analysis at stations where nitrate monitoring is performed in surface and underground waters (%)
Strategies	Nitrate pollution caused by agricultural activities will be monitored and nitrate sensitive areas will be identified and Action Plans will be prepared to prevent nitrate pollution.



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LEGISLATION AND EU HARMONIZATION



EU LEGISLATION



Turkish National Legislation

"Nitrate Directive"

Council Directive 91/676/EEC Concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources

"Regulation on the Protection of Waters Against Nitrate Pollution from Agricultural Origin" was published in the Official Gazette dated 18 February 2004 (Revised 23 July 2016).

Purpose: Detection, reduction and prevention of pollution caused by nitrate of agricultural origin in water.

BASIC PROVISIONS OF THE REGULATION

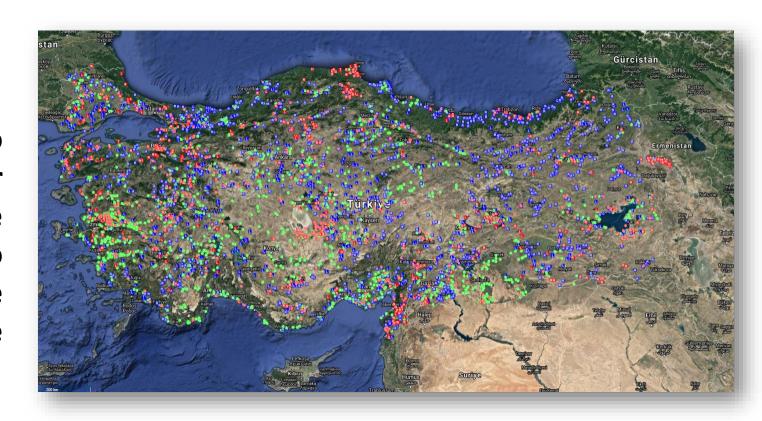
Identification of contaminated or threatened waters
Identification of Nitrate Vulnerable Zone
Preparation of Code of Good Agricultural Practices
Creation of Agricultural Action Plans
Establishment of Monitoring Network and Reporting System



DETERMINATION OF CONTAMINATED OR RISK OF POLLUTION

NITRATE POLLUTION MONITORING STUDIES

It is carried out in order to determine the polluted or threatened waters, to identify the nitrate sensitive areas and to evaluate the effectiveness of the measures implemented after the action plans are implemented.





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MONITORING INFRASTRUCTURE













Monitoring network which has up to 4.846 points

Web based Nitrate Information System (NiBiS) Mobile laboratory in 20 provinces

Nitrate pollution inspection vehicle in 10 provinces Analysis infrastructure in 81 provinces

Nitrate working team in every province



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GROUND WATER					
PARAMETER	MONITORING FREQUENCY				
Nitrate (mg/l)	once in a month				
Ortho-phosphate (mg/l)	once in a month				
Total Phosphorus (mg/l)	once in a month				
Total Nitrogen (mg/l)	once in a month				
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	once in a month				
chlorophyll-a (mg/l)	once in a month				
Secchi Disc Depth (m)	once in a month				
рН	once in a month				
EC (mS/cm)	once in a month				
Temperature (°C)	once in a month				

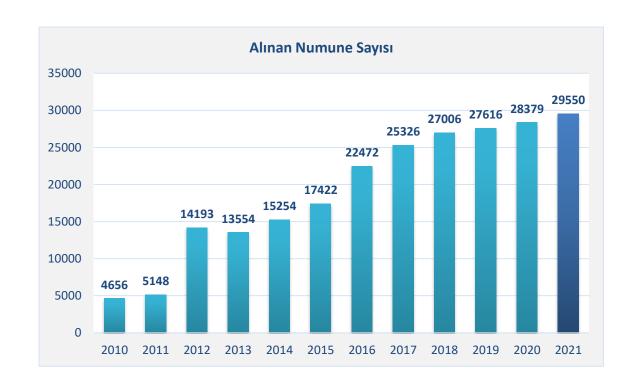
MONITORING PARAMETERS AND MONITORING FREQUENCY

GROUND WATER				
PARAMETER	MONITORING			
PARAIVILILA	FREQUENCY			
Nitrate (mg/l)	Every three month			
рН	Every three month			
EC (mS/cm)	Every three month			
Temperature (°C)	Every three month			



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With the monitoring infrastructure established in our 81 Provincial Directorates, approximately 30,000 samples are taken annually and approximately 200,000 analyzes are performed in different parameters.





NITRATE INFORMATION SYSTEM (NIBIS)

Developed to be used in pollution monitoring studies in waters caused by agricultural activities;

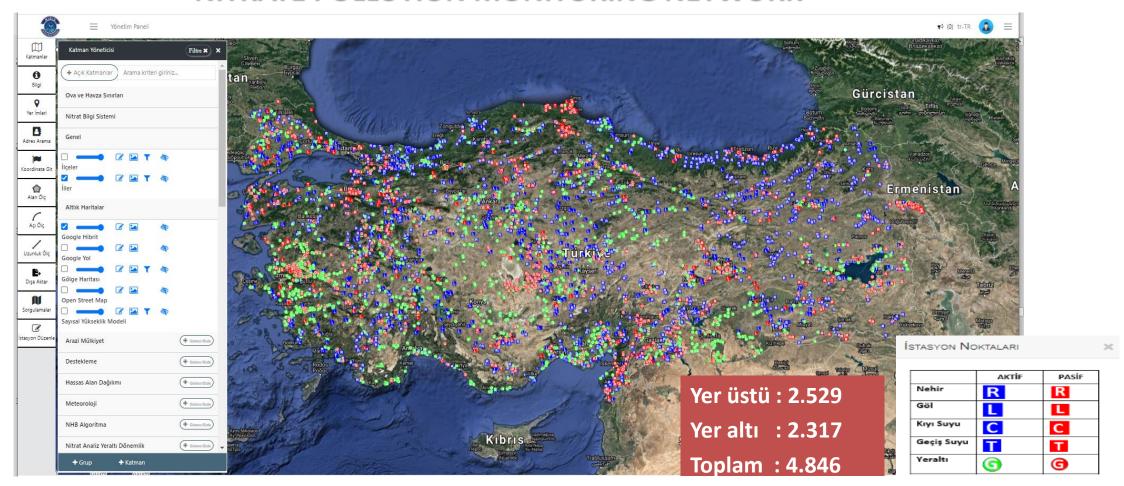
- Data collection
- Monitoring
- Mapping
- Evaluation
- Reporting



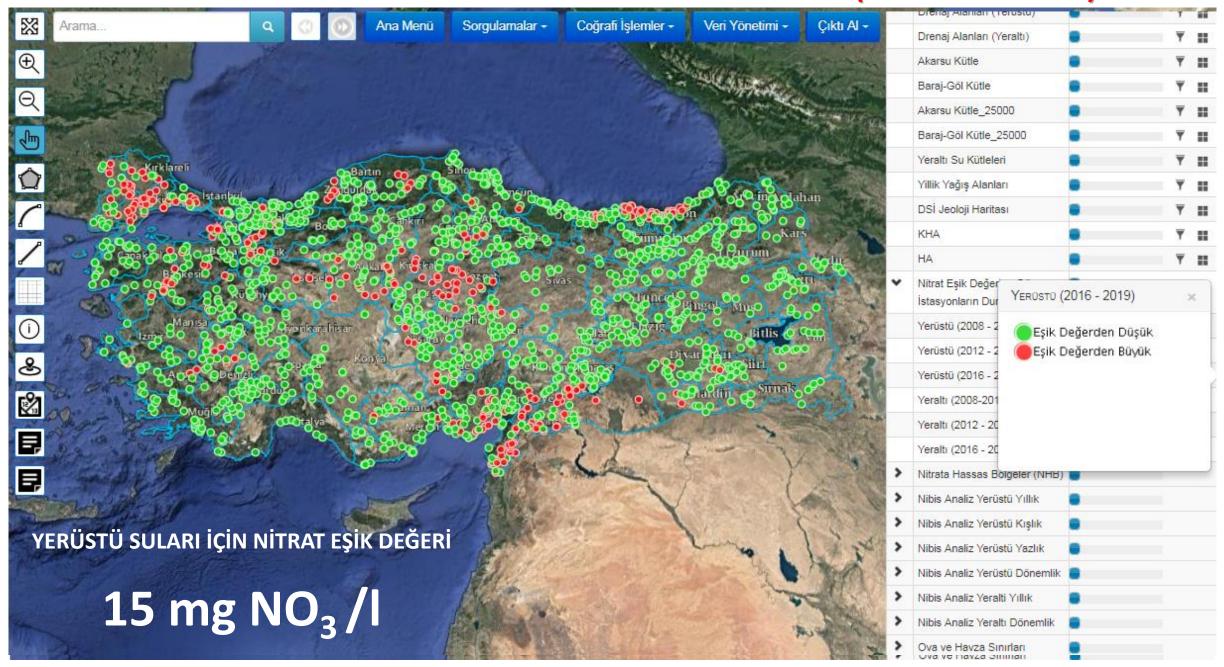


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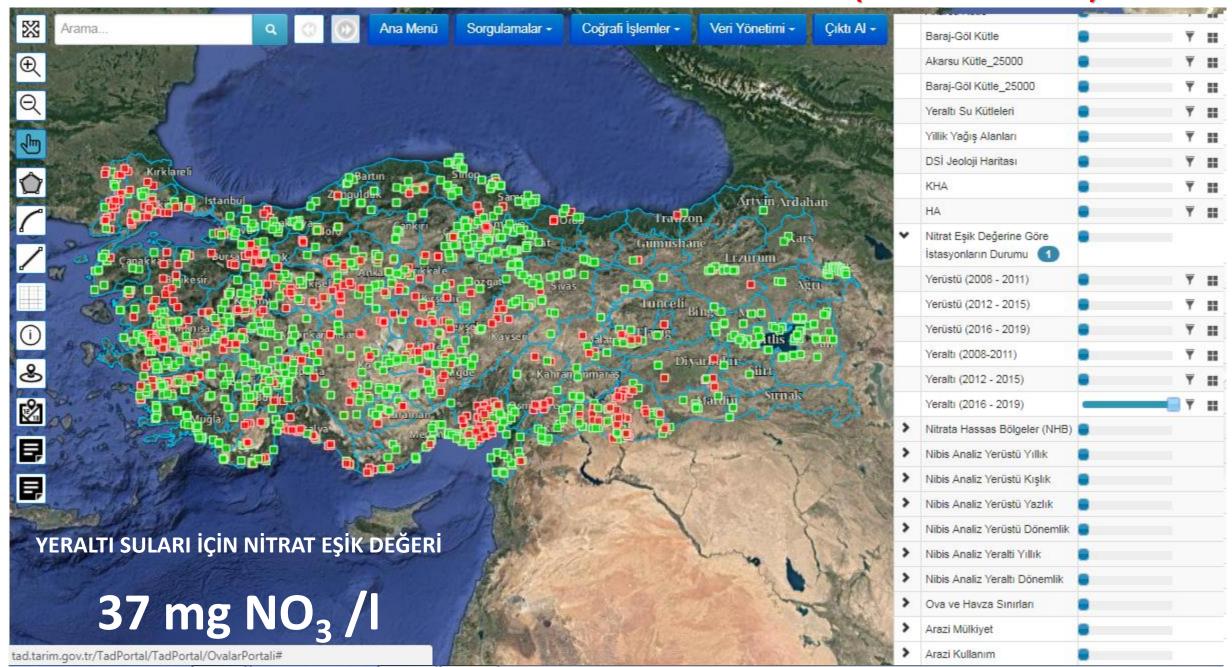
NITRATE POLLUTION MONITORING NETWORK



STATIONS SITUATIONS ACCORDING TO NITRATE THRESHOLD (GROUND WATER)

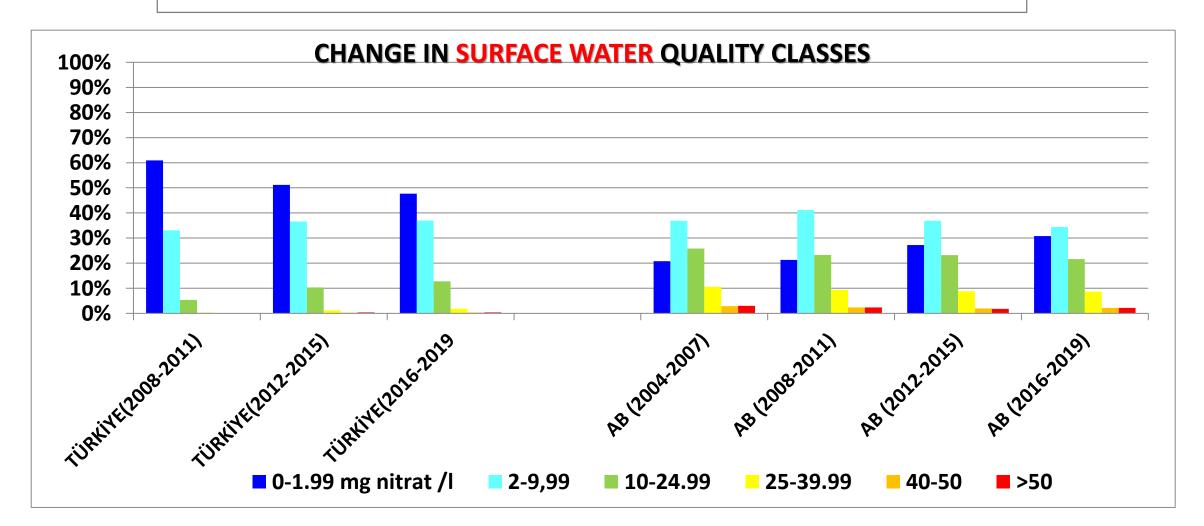


STATIONS SITUATIONS ACCORDING TO NITRATE THRESHOLD (GROUND-WATER)





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CHANGE IN UNDER GROUND WATER QUALITY CLASSES 100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% ≤ 25 mg NO3/I **25-40 40-50 ≥** 50



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CODE OF GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

It was published in the Official Gazette dated
11.02.2017 and numbered 29976 as an annex
to the Code of Good Agricultural Practices on
the Prevention of Agricultural Nitrate
Pollution Caused in Waters (Communiqué No:
2016/46)

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CODE OF GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

It is a framework document that includes measures to be taken by farmers in order to protect water resources against nitrate pollution caused by agricultural activities.







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CODE OF GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

Agricultural Land Management Plant Nutrient Management Quality and Capacity of Animal Manure Warehouses Periods when it is not appropriate to apply fertilizers to the soil Crop alteration, Minimum Vegetation, Fertilizer application conditions on sloping lands, lands close to water Erosion control and tillage, sources Mulching, Correct application amount, time and methods of chemical and animal Anız Yönetimi manure Fertilization Plans and Manure Used Records, Stubble Management



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CODE OF GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

Plant Protection Products Management

- Use of correct product
- Control of packaging waste

Irrigation Management

 Irrigation Management to Prevent Agricultural Pollution

Training, Awareness and Business Records

- Farmer training and extension
- Recording of business entries







NITRATE VULNERABLE ZONE

Nitrata Vulnerable Zone;

Terrestrial regions affecting natural freshwater lakes, other freshwater resources, estuaries and coastal waters that are determined to be eutrophic due to agricultural pollution or that may become eutrophic in the near future if necessary precautions are not taken.





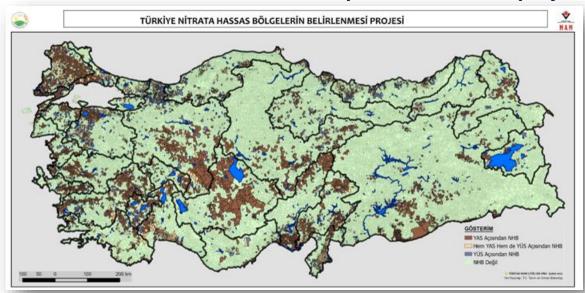
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DETERMINATION OF NITRATE VULNERABLE ZONES

Within the scope of the project carried out with TÜBİTAK MAM, with the work of many experts from different disciplines, in 25 river basins;

- Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (NVB) were determined,
- Nitrate Action Plans to be implemented in NVBs have been prepared
- Benefit/cost analysis of action plans was made

The method created in the Gediz pilot basin in the project was applied in other basins.



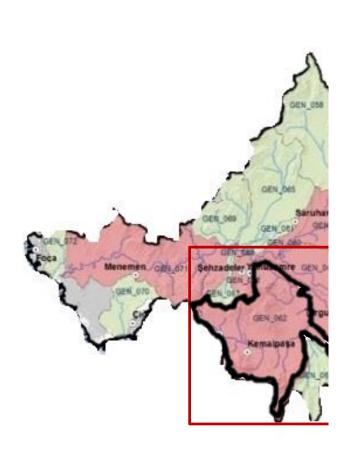


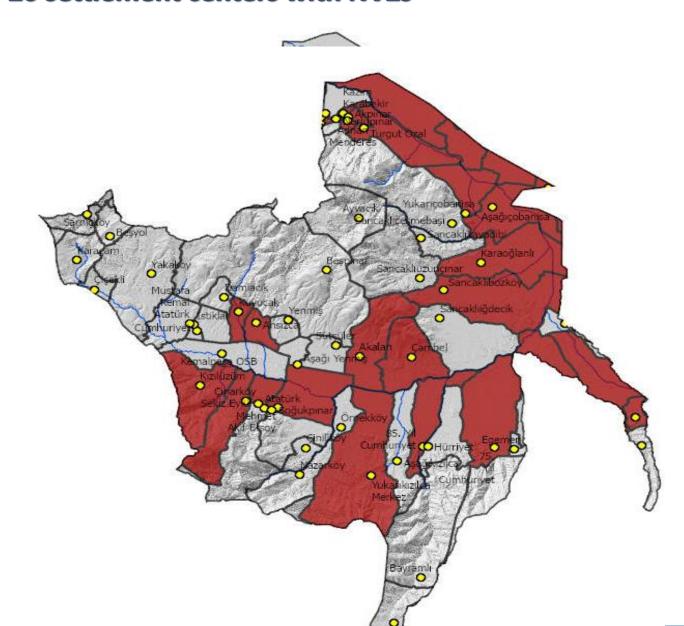




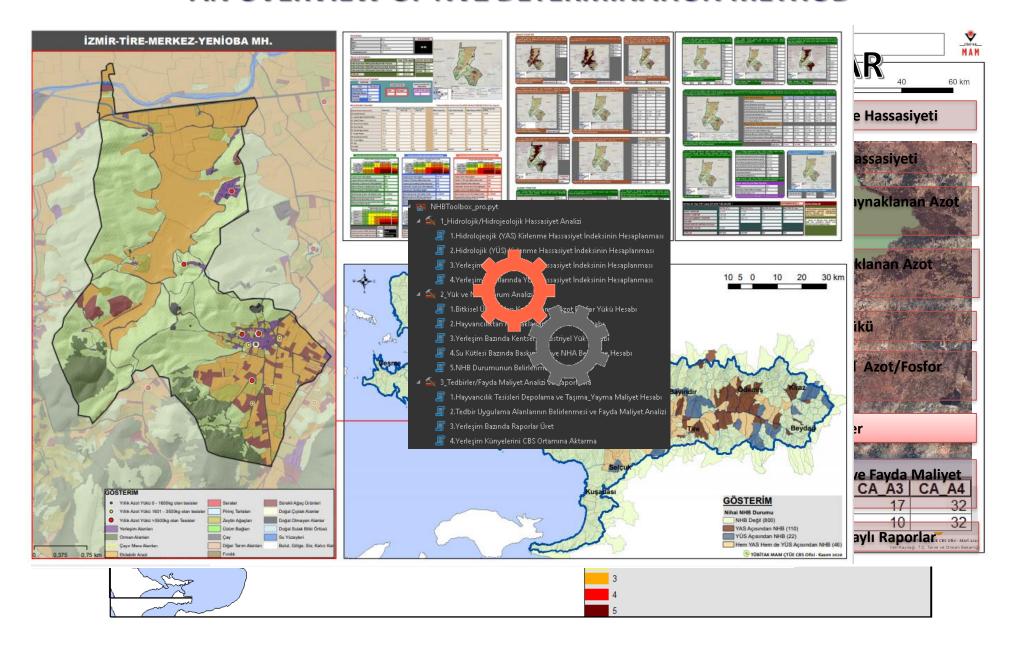


settlement centers with NVZs





AN OVERVIEW OF NVZ DETERMINATION METHOD



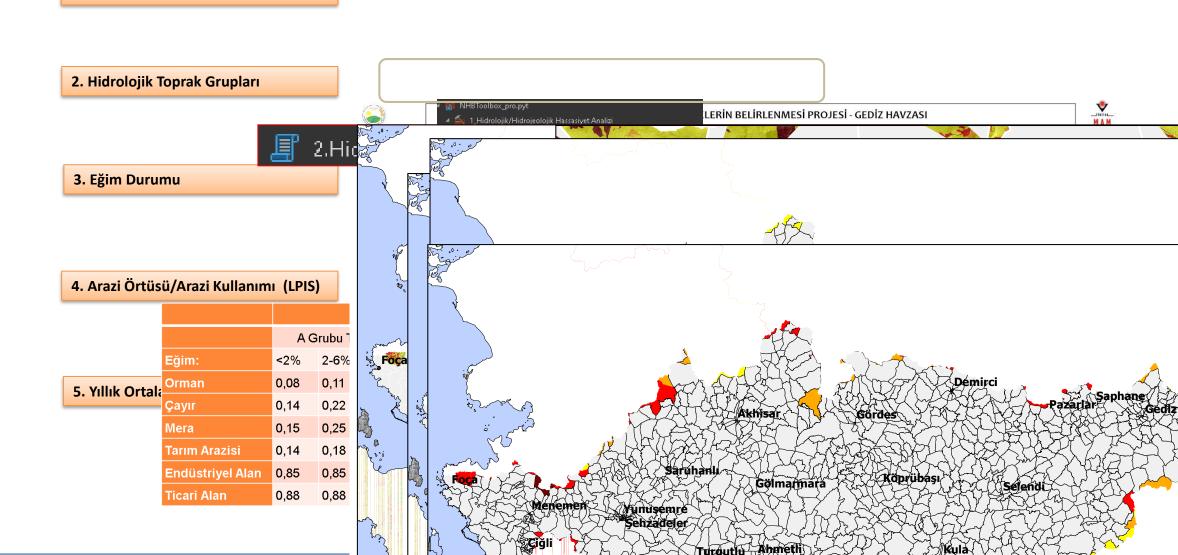
HYDROLOGICAL POLLUTION SENSITIVITY

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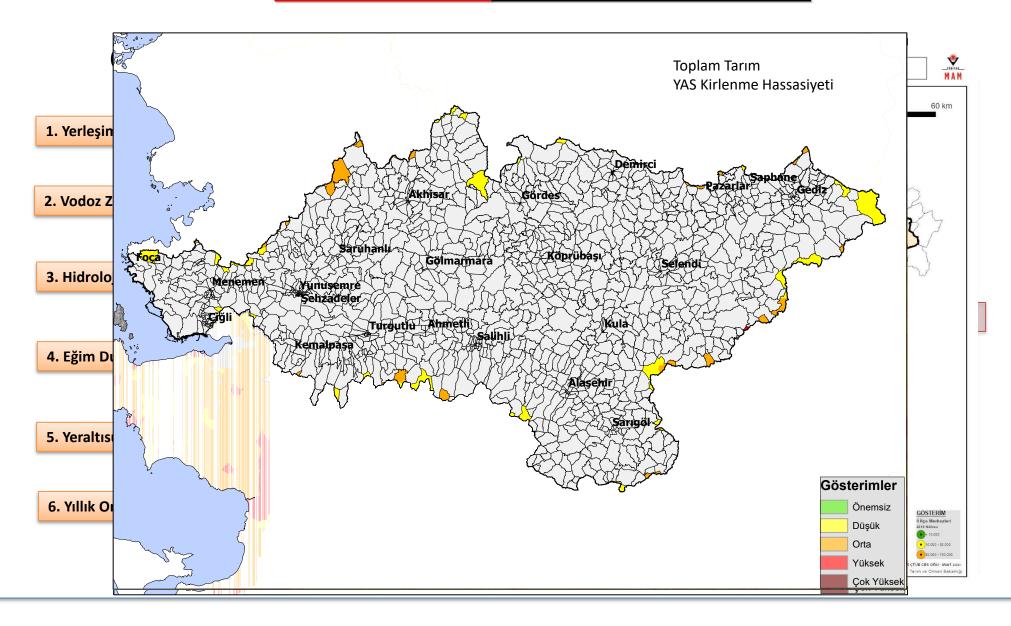
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NHBAraçKutusu

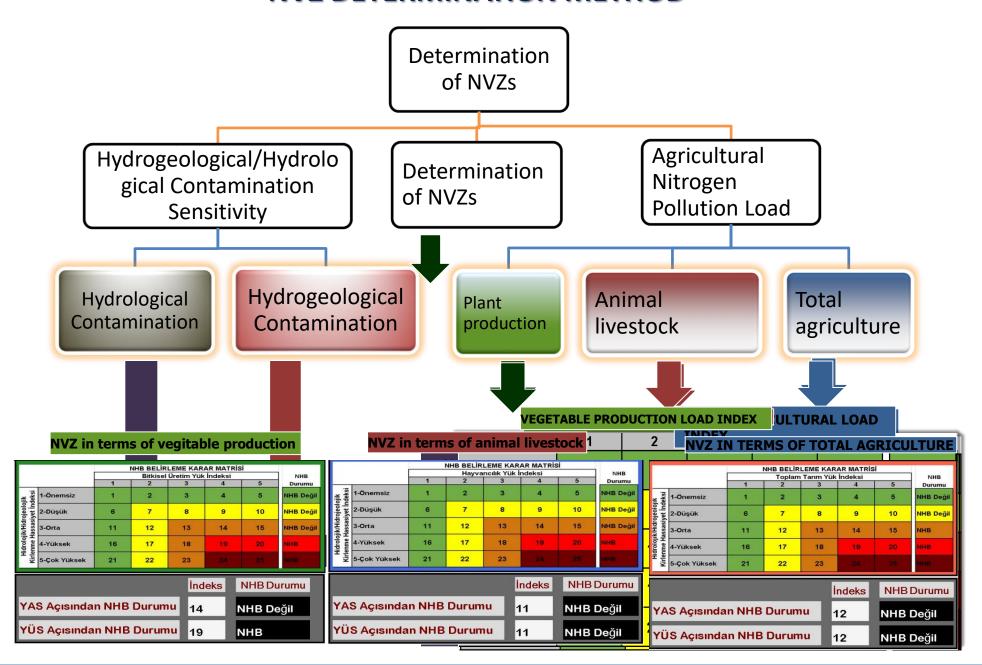
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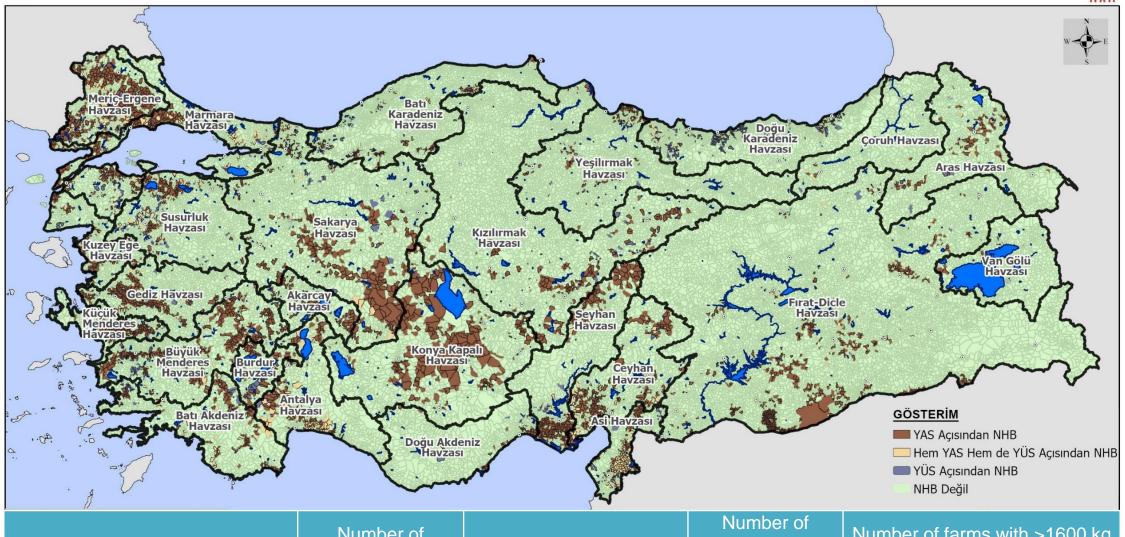
NVZ DETERMINATION METHOD





TÜRKİYE NİTRATA HASSAS BÖLGELERİN BELİRLENMESİ PROJESİ





	Number of Settlement	Agricultural field, ha	Number of Livestock Businesses	Number of farms with >1600 kg N/year
25 basin in general	50549	22.674.476,5	3.760.782	221.049
25 basin with NVZ	5499	6.647.538,8	868.583	69.594
NVZ rate in 25 basin,%	10,88	29,32	23,10	31,48



NIRATE ACTION PLANS

It includes **measures to prevent nitrate pollution** caused by agricultural activities in nitrate-sensitive areas.

- The Code of Good Agricultural Practices was taken as a basis in determining the measures.
- The measures have been determined based on the settlement.



SETTLEMENT-BASED NITRATE SENSITIVE REGION AND NITRATE ACTION PLAN

Genel Bilgiler

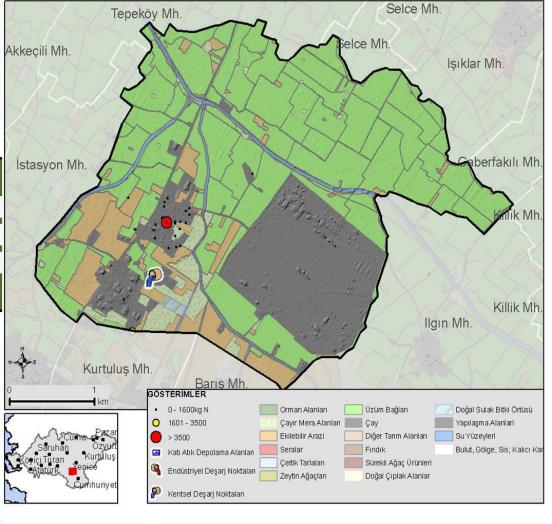


Hayvancılık Faaliyetleri

TESISLER	Adet	TN_kg/yıl	HAYVAN S	AYILARI
Yıllık Azot Yükü 3500 kg'dan Büyük Olan Tesisler	1	35.063	Büyükbaş	136
Yıllık Azot Yükü 1600-3500 kg Arasında Olan Tesisler			Küçükbaş	420
Yıllık Azot Yükü 1600 kg'dan Küçük Olan Tesisler	141	9.710	Kümes	20.625
TOPLAM	142	44.773		

Kentsel ve Endüstriyel Faaliyetler





Bitkisel Üretim Faaliyetleri

Kimyasal Gübre Kullanımı Saf AZOT (N) /Saf FOSFOR (P2O5) Yükü (kg/yıl)

Bitkisel Üretim Alanları (LPIS)	Alan (ha)	Bitkisel Üretimdeki Oranı (%)	Yüzölçümündeki Payı (%)	Bitki İhtiyacı (N)	Çiftçi Alışkanlığı (N)	Bitki İhtiyacı (P2O5)	Çiftçi Alışkanlığı (P2O5)
A0: Ekilebilir Alanlar	132,77	15,3	10,4	18.278	23.088	12.506	10.582
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SETTLEMENT BASED NVZ AND NITRATE ACTION PLANS - VILLAGE CARDS



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OUR GOAL

To contribute to the protection and sustainable use of agricultural environment and natural resources within the framework of preventing plant nutrient pollution in waters caused by agricultural activities and adapting to global climate change.



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Thank you...











