



Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

South Central MAWQCP Certification Specialist

Serving the Counties of: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, McLeod, Nicollet, Renville, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance



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AREA 6 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST
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Meetings/Trainings:

- Past:
 - December 16 Present at Renville Cover Crop Days, Olivia
 - December 21 GBERBA Technical Committee Meeting, Mankato
 - January 10 Area 5 Crop Consultants Meeting, Worthington
 - January 12 Area 5 Crop Consultants Meeting, Marshall
- Upcoming:
 - January 25-26 MN Ag Expo booth, Mankato
 - February 2 MN Independent Crop Consultant Association Booth, Hutchinson
 - February 16 Nitrogen Conference, Mankato

Workload:

- Coordinating with and training SWCD managers and staff for those who want to continue working with producers on the MAWQCP.
- Working on multiple assessments, site visits, and handing out certified farm signs.
- Attending meetings and events to promote the program.

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	10	9	4
Brown SWCD	6	4	3
Faribault SWCD	7	4	4
LeSueur SWCD	0	0	0
Martin SWCD	6	3	3
McLeod SWCD	2	1	1
Nicollet SWCD	0	0	0
Renville SWCD	3	3	1
Sibley SWCD	1	0	0
Waseca SWCD	6	6	0
Watonwan SWCD	7	5	2
Total	48	35	18

Program Updates and Information:

- MAWQCP has certified over 300 farms and including over 158,642 acres with 505 new conservation practices.
- Water quality inlets are available for interested farmers pursuing certifications (2 free for each applicant).
- Additional funding still available through GBERBA for districts to continue working on the MAWQCP with producers and assist the Area Certification Specialist.
- MDA grant application available for up to \$5,000, 75% cost-share through the MDA for producers to install new conservation practices. Please work with your Area Certification Specialist to work through the application process.
- MAWQCP RCPP EQIP applications are being accepted continuously until the first week in March 2017.