



# 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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### Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Began field verifications and will continue as harvest progresses
- Communicating with producers to help them complete the MAWQCP grant application
- Attended ACS meeting in St. Joseph on 10/16/17
- Met with area technicians at the South Central TSA survey training on 10/18/17

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	12	10	6
Brown SWCD	6	4	3
Faribault SWCD	13	5	4
LeSueur SWCD	3	2	2
Martin SWCD	8	5	4
McLeod SWCD	7	5	1
Nicollet SWCD	0	0	0
Renville SWCD	4	4	1
Sibley SWCD	2	2	1
Waseca SWCD	6	6	0
Watonwan SWCD	10	6	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>27</b>

### Other:

- \$281,313.65 awarded through the MAWQCP Financial Assistance Grant
- 5% utilized in Area 6
- Examples of practices implemented through the MAWQCP Financial Assistance Grant:
  - Alternative Drain Tile Intakes, Cover Crop, Diversion, Feedlot/Wastewater Filter Strip, Forage & Biomass Planting, Grade Stabilization Structure, Grassed Waterway, Heavy Use Area Protection, Irrigation System Sprinkler, Irrigation Water Management, Pipeline, Prescribed Grazing, Sediment Basin, Septic System Upgrade, Waste Storage Facility, Water & Sediment Control Basin, Water Well, Watering Facility, Well Water Decommissioning
- MDA is working on the format for a program review (audit). Each certified farm will be reviewed at least once within the 10-year certification period to ensure that existing practices are being maintained and new ones have been adopted. The review will likely include some self-certification and some verification of records. More to come.

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