



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

April 20, 2017

Meetings/Trainings:

- April 24 ACS conference call
- April 26 GBERBA Tech meeting, Mankato
- May 3 MDA/GBERBA program review, Windom
- May 9 Blue Earth WRAPS meeting, Blue Earth
- May 11-13 Getting Married!
- May 23 Faribault County Women in Ag presentation, Blue Earth
- May 24 GBERBA Tech meeting, Mankato

Workload:

- Working with GBERBA staff to review and complete program files.
- 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	11	9	4
Brown SWCD	6	4	3
Faribault SWCD	10	5	4
LeSueur SWCD	2	0	0
Martin SWCD	7	5	4
McLeod SWCD	4	1	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	4
Total	62	42	22

Program Updates and Information:

- MAWQCP has certified over 376 farms, including 221,217 acres with 657 new conservation practices.
- New mapping application has been released to better track applications and new conservation practices.
- Water quality inlets are available for interested farmers pursuing certifications (2 free for each applicant while supplies last).
- 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 were due March 6, 2017. Applications can be submitted anytime for next year's sign up. Eligibility and Screening for those who did apply was due April 17. Ranking deadline is May 22.