



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

May 24, 2017

Meetings/Trainings:

- May 22 ACS conference call
- May 23 Faribault County Women in Ag presentation, Wells
- May 24 GBERBA Technical Committee meeting, Mankato
- June 5 Great River Greening Meeting, St. Peter
- June 9 Last day of employment

❖ I regret to inform you all that I will be leaving my position as the South-Central Area Certification with my last day being June 9th. I have accepted a position with Olmsted County as their Water Resources Coordinator starting on June 12th. I truly enjoyed working with all of your offices and the wonderful staff you have. I wish you all the best of luck with your programs and the future of the MAWQCP in this region. Please contact Kay via email with any MAWQCP related questions or if you receive new applications.

Workload:

- Working with producers to finalize assessments and sign contracts.
- Attending meetings and events to promote the program.
- Coordinating with SWCD staff to promote program and work with producers.

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	11	10	4
Brown SWCD	6	4	3
Faribault SWCD	11	5	4
LeSueur SWCD	3	2	0
Martin SWCD	7	5	4
McLeod SWCD	5	2	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	65	46	22

Program Updates and Information:

- MAWQCP has certified over **403** farms, including **236,313** acres with **706** 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.

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