



# Greater Blue Earth River Basin

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Serving the Counties of: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, & Yellow Medicine

### Projects and Events:

- Continuing to meet with producers for assessments, create maps, & upload documents for state verification
- Field Verifications are starting up again.
- Took the Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) exam on **Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** -> Update: Passed Both Exams
- Finished Conservation Plans for RCPP EQIP applicants
- Coordinating with TSA & NRCS to design and implement conservation practices for MAWQCP producers
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- ACS Conference Call scheduled for **April 24<sup>th</sup>**
- Attended and presented at Soil Health day's in Comfrey and Marshall on **March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>** respectively
- Presented at the Cottonwood County Corn and Soybean Growers Annual Meeting **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- Presented at Pipestone's Cover Crop Field Day **April 5<sup>th</sup>**
- Planning to attend Soil Health Training webinars week of **June 19<sup>th</sup>** and field day **June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### Program Updates and Information:

- Water quality inlets are still available for interested farmers pursuing certifications (2 free for each applicant)
- **\$6000** of Additional funding is still available through GBERBA for districts to continue working on the MAWQCP
- MAWQCP has certified over **376 farms**, including over **221,217 acres** with **657 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **7,024 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **9,939 tons** soil reduced per year, **8,534 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year
- Grant application still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers
- Screening deadline for RCPP EQIP was **April 17<sup>th</sup>**

## YEAR TO DATE NUMBERS

<u>Area 5</u>	<u>Applications</u>	<u>Assessments Completed</u>	<u>Actively Pursuing Cert.</u>	<u>Certifications</u>
Cottonwood SWCD	18	16	2	10
Jackson SWCD	27	27	14	9
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	5	5	0	3
Lincoln SWCD	16	15	0	5
Lyon SWCD	7	6	0	4
Murray SWCD	6	6	0	5
Nobles SWCD	5	5	0	3
Pipestone SWCD	21	19	5	7
Redwood SWCD	15	15	2	7
Rock SWCD	8	7	1	4
Yellow Medicine SWCD	10	9	0	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>61</b>

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