



Greater Blue Earth River Basin

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AREA 5 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST

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
- Coordinating with TSA & NRCS to design and implement conservation practices for MAWQCP producers
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- Contacting producers directly from contact lists provided by local SWCD's
- Worked Farmfest with MDA **Aug. 1 & 2**
- Listened to the ACS Conference call on **Aug. 14th**
- Attended MDA Listening Session and the Water Quality Town Hall meeting in Marshall on **Aug. 17th**
- Worked at the Cottonwood County Fair **Aug. 18th**
- Attended Yellow Medicine Field Day **Aug. 28th**
- Going around to the SWCD boards to give a program update
- Presenting at upcoming Field Day in Rock County **Sept. 5th**

Program Updates and Information:

- New changes to Phosphorous and Nitrogen Scoring are almost complete for use in the online assessment tool
- New changes coming for RCPP EQIP Eligibility Forms for 2018
- Water quality inlets are still available for interested farmers pursuing certifications (2 free for each applicant)
- **\$6,000** of Additional funding is still available through GBERBA for districts to continue working on the MAWQCP
- MAWQCP has certified over **447 farms**, including over **260,720 acres** with **807 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **8,599 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **21,293 tons** soil reduced per year, **10,604 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers

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	22	19	4	11
Jackson SWCD	27	27	14	10
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	5	5	0	3
Lincoln SWCD	16	16	1	5
Lyon SWCD	7	6	0	4
Murray SWCD	8	8	3	5
Nobles SWCD	9	7	2	3
Pipestone SWCD	27	22	7	9
Redwood SWCD	23	22	5	11
Rock SWCD	9	7	0	4
Yellow Medicine SWCD	11	10	0	4
Totals	165	149	35	69

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