



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:

- Uploading documents for state verification
- Took the Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) exam on Feb. 3rd to become a certified certifier
- Crop advisor meetings were held on Jan 10th and 12th. 8 crop advisor's industry personal were in attendance.
- Follow up email was sent to the crop advisors interested in partnering with the MAWQCP.
- Working with the NRCS to create Conservation Plans as to become a Certified Planner
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- Coordinating with TSA & NRCS to design and implement conservation practices for MAWQCP producers
- Working to get RCPP EQIP Applications in before March 6th
- Attended ACS Training for the new mapping application -Feb. 8th in St. Paul

Program Updates and Information:

- Water quality inlets are available for interested farmers pursuing certifications (2 free for each applicant)
- New mapping tool is in development for consistent tracking and documentation of the program
- New updates are coming for a more encompassing online assessment tool
- \$6000 of Additional funding is available through GBERBA for districts to continue working on the MAWQCP
- MAWQCP has certified over **306 farms**, including over **175,000 acres** with **531 new BMP's**
- Grant application available for up to \$5,000 cost-share through the MDA for producers to install new conservation practices
- MAWQCP RCPP EQIP applications are available until the next **deadline March 6th, 2017**

YEAR TO DATE NUMBERS

Area 5	Applications	Assessments Completed	Actively Pursuing Cert.	Certifications
Cottonwood SWCD	17	12	4	5
Jackson SWCD	24	24	12	9
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	5	5	0	3
Lincoln SWCD	16	15	1	4
Lyon SWCD	6	6	0	4
Murray SWCD	6	5	2	3
Nobles SWCD	4	4	1	2
Pipestone SWCD	17	15	3	7
Redwood SWCD	15	10	2	6
Rock SWCD	7	6	2	2
Yellow Medicine SWCD	10	9	0	4
Totals	124	111	27	49

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