



# 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
- Trying to organize a program on the Economic Value of Manure as part of Pipestone's Cow/Calf days
- Attended Soil and Water Management field day **July 18<sup>th</sup>** in Lamberton
- Planning to work Farmfest with MDA **Aug. 1 & 2**

**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)
- **\$6000** of Additional funding is still available through GBERBA for districts to continue working on the MAWQCP
- MAWQCP has certified over **432 farms**, including over **254,142 acres** with **790 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **8,139 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **11,533 tons** soil reduced per year, **9,992 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year
- Grant application 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	10
Jackson SWCD	27	27	13	9
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	5	5	0	3
Pipestone SWCD	24	20	7	8
Redwood SWCD	23	22	5	11
Rock SWCD	9	7	0	4
Yellow Medicine SWCD	11	10	0	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>66</b>

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