



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
- Field Verifications are in full swing
- Coordinating with TSA & NRCS to design and implement conservation practices for MAWQCP producers
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- Planning to meet with other MAWQCP staff & the Southern MN Beet Sugar Council to discuss partnership opportunities
- Trying to organize a program on the Economic Value of Manure as part of Pipestone's Cow/Calf days
- ACS Conference Call on **June 14nd**
- ACS Summer Meeting in Spicer, MN on **June 27th**
- Attending Environmental Initiatives Award Event **May 25th** as a ACS representative
- Finished Soil Health Training webinars and have the field day **June 23rd**
- Finally, received confirmation that I am officially a Certified Crop Advisor in the State of MN

Program Updates and Information:

- 2 Area Certification Specialist positions are open (currently in South Central MN and South Metro area) if you know of any interested or good candidates please refer them my way.
- 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 **425 farms**, including over **249,804 acres** with **748 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **7,573 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **10,539 tons** soil reduced per year, **9,024 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

Area 5	Applications	Assessments Completed	Actively Pursuing Cert.	Certifications
Cottonwood SWCD	21	19	4	10
Jackson SWCD	27	27	14	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	22	20	7	8
Redwood SWCD	20	20	1	8
Rock SWCD	8	7	0	4
Yellow Medicine SWCD	10	9	0	4
Totals	149	143	30	63

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