



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
- Starting field verifications soon
- 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
- Line up training for partners on the updated assessment tool
- Cover Crop Webinar on **Oct. 10th**
- ACS Meeting in Saint Joseph on **Oct. 16th**

Program Updates and Information:

- Updated assessment tool is online Phosphorous and Nitrogen Scoring
- 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 **474 farms**, including over **275,543 acres** with **855 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **10,474 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **23,309 tons** soil reduced per year, **12,285 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 | 24 | 21 | 3 | 11 |
| Jackson SWCD | 27 | 27 | 14 | 10 |
| Lac Qui Parle SWCD | 5 | 5 | 0 | 3 |
| Lincoln SWCD | 16 | 16 | 0 | 5 |
| Lyon SWCD | 7 | 6 | 0 | 4 |
| Murray SWCD | 8 | 8 | 3 | 5 |
| Nobles SWCD | 10 | 10 | 5 | 3 |
| Pipestone SWCD | 28 | 23 | 5 | 11 |
| Redwood SWCD | 23 | 22 | 3 | 13 |
| Rock SWCD | 13 | 10 | 3 | 4 |
| Yellow Medicine SWCD | 11 | 11 | 1 | 4 |
| Totals | 171 | 159 | 36 | 73 |

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