



Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

South Central MAWQCP Certification Specialist
Serving the Counties of: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, McLeod, Nicollet, Renville, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance



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AREA 6 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST
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Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- MN Nutrient Management Conference – Mankato 2/20
- Down on the Farm – North Mankato 2/22
- Presenting at: Hawk Creek Watershed Information Meeting & Brown Co. Cover Crop and Precision Ag Meeting on 2/28

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	12	11	6
Brown SWCD	6	4	3
Faribault SWCD	16	6	5
LeSueur SWCD	3	2	2
Martin SWCD	8	5	5
McLeod SWCD	7	5	3
Nicollet SWCD	0	0	0
Renville SWCD	4	4	2
Sibley SWCD	2	2	2
Waseca SWCD	7	6	0
Watonwan SWCD	10	6	5
Total	75	51	33

Martin County SWCD assisted in completing an assessment leading to a certification. This producer has worked to get rid of surface tile intakes, and uses several tools to manage nutrients on the farm including variable rate fertilizer application, split nitrogen application, and nitrogen modeling. They recently transitioned to strip-till and are experimenting with cover crops.

Renville County SWCD helped complete a 3,000-acre field verification.

Faribault County continues to bring in applications and has been helping to collect maps and records needed for completing the assessment.

I have been promoting the use of GBERBA alternative intake and cover crop cost share to certified producers or those seeking certification.

MAWQCP Numbers as of 2-12-18

- 525 producers certified
- 317,886 acres certified
- 994 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 11,703 tons per year (23,406,663 lbs.)
- Soil loss reduced by 27,566 tons per year (55,131,893 lbs.)
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 13,901 lbs. of P per year

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