



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
- Assisting producers and NRCS staff with RCPP sign-up
- Helping Brown, Watonwan, and Faribault Counties with cover crop information and seeding plans for producers
- Attended SFA Soil Health Café Chat in Lake Crystal on 3/15
- Presented at Watonwan Watershed Cover Crop Meeting on 2/28 and Faribault County Conservation Tillage meeting on 3/26

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	12	11	6
Brown SWCD	8	5	3
Faribault SWCD	18	8	5
LeSueur SWCD	3	2	2
Martin SWCD	8	5	5
McLeod SWCD	7	5	3
Nicollet SWCD	0	0	0
Renville SWCD	6	5	4
Sibley SWCD	2	2	2
Waseca SWCD	8	7	0
Watonwan SWCD	10	6	5
Total	82	56	35

12 applications were received for NRCS RCPP-EQIP. Applications came from Renville, Faribault, Brown, Sibley, McLeod, and Blue Earth Counties. This program offers financial assistance specifically for producers certified through MAWQCP or working toward certification. Conservation practices in these applications included: strip-till, cover crops, nutrient management, and animal mortality facility.

MAWQCP Numbers as of 3-19-18

- 541 producers certified
- 335,924 acres certified
- 1,021 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 14,429 tons per year (28,858,503 lbs.)
- Soil loss reduced by 32,685 tons per year (65,369,933 lbs.)
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 17,432 lbs. of P per year

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