



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
April 25th, 2018

Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Assisting producers and NRCS staff with RCPP sign-up
- Working with Brown, Watonwan, and Faribault County District staff on cover crop plans for producers
- ACS Meeting in St. Paul - 4/25/18

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	12	11	6
Brown SWCD	8	6	3
Faribault SWCD	19	12	5
LeSueur SWCD	3	2	2
Martin SWCD	8	5	5
McLeod SWCD	7	5	3
Nicollet SWCD	0	0	0
Renville SWCD	6	6	4
Sibley SWCD	3	2	2
Waseca SWCD	8	7	0
Watonwan SWCD	10	6	5
Total	84	62	35

I have been working with staff in Brown, Faribault, and Watonwan counties on cover crop plans to utilize the GBERBA cover crop cost share grant. District staff have been completing the plans, and I have provided guidance as needed and technical sign-off. Currently there are 12 applicants. Many of them are already certified through MAWQCP. Some are working towards certification.

MAWQCP Numbers as of 4-16-18

- 552 producers certified
- 350,276 acres certified
- 1,032 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 14,501 tons per year (29,002,923 lbs.)
- Soil loss reduced by 32,765 tons per year (65,529,373 lbs.)
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 17,513 lbs. of P per year

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