



# 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
- Finished with initial field verifications. New field verifications are still coming in.
- 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
- Area 5 Meeting in Marshall on **Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>**
- Field Verification with MAWQCP State Staff on **Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**
- Conservation Tillage Conference **Dec. 5-6<sup>th</sup>**
- Employees Meeting Customer Service Training **Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**

### 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 **503 farms**, including over **298,661 acres** with **898 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **11,475 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **27,009 tons** soil reduced per year, **13,653 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	25	22	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	9	8	3	5
Nobles SWCD	11	10	4	4
Pipestone SWCD	28	23	4	12
Redwood SWCD	23	22	1	13
Rock SWCD	13	10	3	6
Yellow Medicine SWCD	11	11	1	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>77</b>

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