



Greater Blue Earth River Basin

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AREA 5 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST

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
- Busy with field verifications current count **10/15** completed
- 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. 16th**
- Field Verification with MAWQCP State Staff on **Nov. 17th**
- Conservation Tillage Conference **Dec. 5-6th**
- Employees Meeting Customer Service Training **Dec. 19th**

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 **485 farms**, including over **282,669 acres** with **882 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **10,554 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **23,582 tons** soil reduced per year, **12,402 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	11	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	172	159	36	73

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