



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
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- Working on scheduling training for new personnel
- **April 9th** – Tech. meeting/training soil health (**postponed**)
- **April 13th** – Eligibility and Screening deadline for RCPP EQIP
- **April 25th** – ACS Meeting –St. Paul
- **April 27th** – Integrated Erosion Tool (IET) Training - Marshall

Program Updates and Information:

- 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 **541 farms**, including over **335,924 acres** with **1,021 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **14,429 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **32,685 tons** soil reduced per year, **17,432 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 | 30 | 28 | 1 | 14 |
| Jackson SWCD | 28 | 27 | 13 | 10 |
| Lac Qui Parle SWCD | 5 | 5 | 0 | 3 |
| Lincoln SWCD | 16 | 16 | 0 | 5 |
| Lyon SWCD | 7 | 6 | 0 | 4 |
| Murray SWCD | 11 | 10 | 0 | 7 |
| Nobles SWCD | 13 | 13 | 6 | 5 |
| Pipestone SWCD | 29 | 27 | 4 | 12 |
| Redwood SWCD | 25 | 24 | 1 | 17 |
| Rock SWCD | 18 | 15 | 2 | 6 |
| Yellow Medicine SWCD | 18 | 14 | 1 | 6 |
| Totals | 199 | 185 | 27 | 89 |

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