



# 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 Workload:

- Continuing to meet with producers for assessments, create maps, & upload documents for state verification
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- Coordinating with Water Resource Specialist in Nobles, Lyon, Lincoln, Pipestone, Rock for program promotion and to reach more producers in the wellhead protection areas
- Attending/Participating in events to gain continuing education credits for CCA certification
- Homework for the Minnesota Rural Leadership Program
- Helped deliver goodie bags assisting in Cottonwood, Jackson, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, and LQP counties – estimate **at least 90%** of the almost **500** goodie bags have been delivered.
- Working on trying to have some Ag Water Quality Meetings in different counties & inviting producers

### Events:

- **Nov 30<sup>th</sup>** –Cover Crop Workshop – Windom, MN
- **Dec 4<sup>th</sup>** – Agronomy Update – Pipestone, MN
- **Dec 12-14<sup>th</sup>** – MARL Seminar 2 – Marshall, MN
- **Jan 15-18<sup>th</sup>** – MARL Seminar 3 – St. Paul, MN

### 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 **689 farms**, including over **446,694 acres** with **1,327 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **24,304 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **61,543 tons** soil reduced per year, **28,521lbs** 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

<b><u>Area 5</u></b>	<b><u>Applications</u></b>	<b><u>Assessments Completed</u></b>	<b><u>Actively Pursuing Cert.</u></b>	<b><u>Certifications</u></b>
Cottonwood SWCD	31	28	1	12
Jackson SWCD	30	26	7	13
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	5	5	0	3
Lincoln SWCD	16	16	0	5
Lyon SWCD	11	9	1	4
Murray SWCD	12	12	1	9
Nobles SWCD	13	13	1	8
Pipestone SWCD	31	30	0	16
Redwood SWCD	30	30	1	21
Rock SWCD	18	15	0	9
Yellow Medicine SWCD	22	20	2	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>109</b>

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