



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
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- **January 24th** –Heron Lake Winter Cover Crop Meeting
- **January 30th** – Cover Crop Meeting, Luverne
- **February 6th** – Nitrogen Management Conference
- **February 13th** - NRCS Area 5 Meeting – RCPP EQIP Update
- **February 15th** – SWCD Area 5 Meeting – Program and RCPP EQIP Update
- **February 26th** – Nitrogen Smart Meeting Pipestone
- **March 2nd** – RCPP EQIP Application Deadline

Program Updates and Information:

- 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 **525 farms**, including over **317,886 acres** with **994 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **11,703 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **27,566 tons** soil reduced per year, **13,901 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

Area 5	Applications	Assessments Completed	Actively Pursuing Cert.	Certifications
Cottonwood SWCD	28	23	4	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	10	8	1	7
Nobles SWCD	13	11	5	5
Pipestone SWCD	29	23	2	12
Redwood SWCD	24	22	0	16
Rock SWCD	17	10	3	6
Yellow Medicine SWCD	14	12	2	4
Totals	190	163	31	83

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