



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 contacting producers for potential new applications
- Coordinating with some SWCD's to send out some interest letters
- **June 26th** – Present at Des Moines River Watershed Event – Fulda, MN
- **June 28th** – Attend Keeping Rural and Urban together meeting – Granite Falls, MN
- **July 10th** – MN Summer Beef Expo Exhibit – Cottonwood Co.
- **July 12th** – ACS Summer Training Meeting – Zimmerman, MN
- **July 30th** – Speaking Farmer training – Redwood Falls, 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 **595 farms**, including over **374,648 acres** with **1,091 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **17,501 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **36,585 tons** soil reduced per year, **20,525 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	29	26	1	12
Jackson SWCD	30	26	7	13
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	5	5	0	3
Lincoln SWCD	16	16	0	5
Lyon SWCD	7	6	0	4
Murray SWCD	12	12	0	9
Nobles SWCD	13	13	1	8
Pipestone SWCD	30	27	2	14
Redwood SWCD	29	29	3	19
Rock SWCD	18	15	3	6
Yellow Medicine SWCD	20	18	1	9
Totals	208	193	17	102

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