



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
- **March 2nd** – RCPP EQIP Application Deadline
- **March 5th** – ACS Conference Call
- **March 16th** – Soil Health Training – Marshall
- **March 19th** – Lincoln county township meeting
- **March 26th** – Lac Qui Parle county township meeting
- **April 9th** – Tech. mtg/training soil health
- **April 10th** – Nobles county township meeting
- **April 13th** – Eligibility and Screening deadline for RCPP EQIP
- **April 25th** – ACS Meeting –St. Paul

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	28	26	3	12
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	1	7
Nobles SWCD	13	13	6	5
Pipestone SWCD	29	27	7	12
Redwood SWCD	25	24	1	17
Rock SWCD	17	13	2	6
Yellow Medicine SWCD	17	14	1	5
Totals	196	181	34	86

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