



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
- Contacting producers for potential new 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
- **Aug 15th** – Manure Expo – Brookings, SD
- **Aug 23rd** – Kernza Field Day
- **Sept 11th** – Pioneer Public TV Filming Segment
- **Sept 26th** – Environmental Fair Presentation
- **Sept 27th** – 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 **645 farms**, including over **407,534 acres** with **1,244 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **22,131 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **59,213 tons** soil reduced per year, **25,933 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	30	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	10	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	21	19	2	9
Totals	216	203	14	109

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