



Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

South Central MAWQCP Certification Specialist
Serving the Counties of: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, McLeod, Nicollet, Renville, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance



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AREA 6 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST
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Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Cover Crop Plans
- Practice Plans
- Program Reviews
- Endorsements
- Field Verifications

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	14	13	7
Brown SWCD	13	7	3
Faribault SWCD	28	23	19
LeSueur SWCD	14	9	5
Martin SWCD	14	7	6
McLeod SWCD	9	7	4
Nicollet SWCD	2	2	1
Renville SWCD	16	12	8
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	12	12	5
Watonwan SWCD	13	10	7
Total	138	105	68

Producers should apply for certification now to receive high priority for NRCS programs including the Conservation Stewardship Program, and the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) for MAWQCP. RCPP is renewed for another five years, and the first sign-up is anticipated to happen in spring of 2021.

Producers continue to use the MDA \$5,000 grant to install conservation practices that will address water quality concerns and help them gain certification.

MAWQCP Numbers as of 10-12-20

- 960 producers certified
- 671,266 acres certified
- 1,979 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 38,004 tons per year
- Soil loss reduced by 107,319 tons per year
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 47,325 lbs. of P per year
- 19 Soil Health Endorsements
- 17 IPM Endorsements
- 14 Wildlife Endorsements

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