



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	18
LeSueur SWCD	14	9	5
Martin SWCD	14	7	5
McLeod SWCD	9	7	4
Nicollet SWCD	2	2	1
Renville SWCD	16	11	8
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	12	12	5
Watonwan SWCD	13	10	7
Total	138	104	66

Certified produces will be given “high priority” for Conservation Stewardship Program funding through NRCS.

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 is beginning to offer **three new endorsements** in addition to certification. Endorsements will recognize producers who are going above and beyond in the areas of **soil health, integrated pest management, and wildlife.**

MAWQCP Numbers as of 9-7-20

- 948 producers certified
- 655,367 acres certified
- 1,948 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 37,779 tons per year
- Soil loss reduced by 106,383 tons per year
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 46,885 lbs. of P per year
- 17 Soil Health Endorsements
- 16 IPM Endorsements
- 14 Wildlife Endorsements