



Greater Blue Earth River Basin

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Serving the Counties of: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, & Yellow Medicine

Projects and Workload:

- Continuing to “meet” with producers for assessments, mapping, & uploading documents for state verification
- Podcast recording with MN Soil Health Coalition for MAWQCP promotion
- Field Verifications completed up to November 2020
- 1 program reviews to finish
- New flush of applications due to potential Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

Events:

- Nov. 5th – Podcast with MN Soil Health Coalition
- Nov. 17-18th – National Cover Crop Webinar

Program Updates and Information:

- MAWQCP RCPP EQIP applications will likely be ranked in the spring of 2021
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers
- MAWQCP has certified over **973 farms**, including over **685,298 acres** with **1,998 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **38,074 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **108,042 tons** soil reduced per year, **47,466 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year, **39,062 CO_{2-e} tons** per year
- **22** Soil Health Endorsements, **20** Integrated Pest Management Endorsements, **16** Wildlife Endorsements

TO DATE NUMBERS

Area 5	Applications	Assessments Completed	Actively Pursuing Cert.	Certifications	Endorsements		
					IPM	Soil Health	Wildlife
Cottonwood	35	33	0	15	0	0	0
Jackson	34	32	1	18	2	2	0
Lac Qui Parle	6	6	0	4	0	0	0
Lincoln	25	23	1	7	1	0	1
Lyon	21	17	2	9	0	0	0
Murray	18	18	3	10	0	0	0
Nobles	16	16	1	11	0	0	0
Pipestone	44	43	0	21	0	0	0
Redwood	35	34	1	22	1	1	0
Rock	28	23	4	14	0	0	0
Yellow Med.	29	29	0	17	0	0	0
Totals	291	273	13	148	3	2	1

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