

Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program



OUR GOAL

The MAWQCP goal is to protect and enhance water quality within Minnesota's agricultural lands by working with farmers and landowners to promote stewardship.



HOW DO ALL MINNESOTANS BENEFIT?

The program gives the public assurance that certified farms and landowners are using best management practices to protect and conserve Minnesota's lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater.



Why should farmers participate?

Farmers and landowners participate in the program to protect and improve local lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater and to honor their land legacy.

Participants receive:

RECOGNITION

Certified farmers and landowners may use their status to promote their businesses as protective of water quality and can display signs that show their role in protecting Minnesota waters.

PRIORITY FOR ASSISTANCE

Those seeking certification can obtain designated technical and financial assistance to implement practices that promote water quality.

REGULATORY CERTAINTY

Certified farmers and landowners are deemed to be in compliance with new water quality rules and regulations for 10 years.

water quality practices

Best management and conservation practices have been installed for MAWQCP certification, including:

Water and sediment control basins

GRASSED WATERWAYS

Conservation tillage

Cover crops

Nutrient management

Buffers

Grassed waterways are often used on Minnesota farms

GRASSED WATERWAYS HELP:

- > Prevent soil erosion
- > Control water movement
- > Capture nutrients from runoff water



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