

**Certify your land,
water and legacy
for years to come.**





About the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) is a voluntary program that helps farmers and landowners do everything they can to keep protecting our state's streams, rivers and lakes. Farmers are the original stewards of water and soil. They can use MAWQCP to gauge their progress in protecting water quality.

Certification gives farmers and the public greater certainty about regulatory standards, ultimately protecting Minnesota's water resources.

How certification works

1. Contact

A farmer seeking certification contacts the local soil and water conservation district to start the application process.

2. Assess

An area certification specialist assists the farmer with a field-by-field risk assessment using an online tool.

3. Meet

The certification specialist meets with the farmer to gauge current practices and recommend new ones.

4. Verify

The certification specialist conducts a field verification to ensure all risks to water quality have been treated or a plan is in place to address the risk.

5. Support

The certification specialist stays in touch as the farmer continues to make enhancements.

Why participate

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

Get started

Farmers and landowners can contact the local soil and water conservation district office.

All Minnesotans can visit MyLandMyLegacy.com to learn more about the program.

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