



“Getting certified in the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program shows the community we are doing our part to protect our natural resources.”

Chuck and Deb Uphoff
Certified Farmers



“If I’m going to be in business and carry the farm to the next generation, I have to push toward the edge of excellence in all aspects of farming – farm management, marketing, and conservation.”

Andrew Schock
Certified Farmer

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CERTIFY YOUR LAND, WATER AND LEGACY FOR YEARS TO COME.



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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.

Use the MAWQCP to gauge your progress in protecting water quality while saving money and increasing your income.

HOW CERTIFICATION WORKS

1. CONTACT

Reach out to your local soil and water conservation district office to start the application process with our area certification specialists.

2. ASSESS

We work with you to collect information like field characteristics, nutrient management practices, and tillage practices. Our specialist completes an online field-by-field water quality risk assessment.

3. MEET

We meet to review the risk assessment and recommend new practices. We work together to identify practices that mitigate water quality risks and make sense for your farm operation.

4. VERIFY

We conduct a field verification to confirm all risks to water quality have been treated or a plan is in place to address the risk.

5. FOLLOW-UP

We stay in touch as you continue to make enhancements.

GET STARTED

Contact your local soil and water conservation district office to get started.

Visit MyLandMyLegacy.com to learn more about the program.

WHY PARTICIPATE

When you certify your land in the MAWQCP, you're protecting and improving local lakes, rivers, and streams, honoring the legacy of your land, and showing others you go above and beyond for water quality protection.

There is no fee to get certified.

MAWQCP participants receive:

Recognition

As a certified farmer and landowner, you may use your status to promote your business as protective of water quality and can display signs that show your role in protecting Minnesota waters.

Priority for assistance

When seeking certification, you can obtain specially designated technical and financial assistance to implement practices that promote water quality.

Regulatory certainty

Once certified, you're viewed to be in compliance with new water quality rules for 10 years.

