2026 Quarter 3 MAWQCP Report
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Aitkin
Attended the Northeast Forage and Grassland Council summer tour at a Certified Farm. Visited 1 farm for recertification with lots of changes in management, and desire to work with the program to remain Certified.

Carlton
Worked with 1 producer on a Soil Health Financial Assistance Program (SHFAP) grant for a manure spreader. Visited Certified farmer to look at endorsements. Visited with Fond Du Lac Tribal Farm to discuss programs. Worked with Jenny on 3 reviews.

Cook

Chisago
Worked with 2 producers on SHFAP grant for a manure spreader and a no-till planter. 1 new applicant assessed and close to Certification. New MAWQCP Financial Assistance grant for alternative tile intakes on Certified Farm.

Isanti
Worked with a new applicant on a SHFAP grant for a brillion seeder. Attended/presented at a field day.

Itasca
Recertification for 1 farm with lots of new conservation practices. Attended a field day at applicant farm showing reduced tillage and cover crops implemented with SHFAP and MAWQCP FA Grant assistance in addition to SWCD/NRCS funding.

Kanabec

Mille Lacs
Working with Siena to complete 1 certification. MAWQCP FA grant for a HUAP on a Certified farm is complete.

Lake

Pine
Attended/presented at 2 field days. 1 new Certification in Pine for a beef/row crop farm. 1 new application. Heather is busy with several assessments in the works.

North St. Louis
New applicant and FA Grant (heavy use area protection) for a dairy farm.

South St. Louis
Field day with Grazing Lands Conservation Association at applicant farm we have been working with for years. Recertification for 1 farm. 1 new Certification.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

MINNESOTA WATER QUALITY CERTIFIED FARM



Pasture wetland showing good management to protect this resource at a large beef/row crop farm in Pine.



New applicant in Chisago has agreed to implement access control with fencing to protect this wetland on pasture for MAWQCP Certification.



New certified farm in South St. Louis where goats graze on new pasture resulting from brush clearing after spruce budworm killed much of the balsam/spruce.



Pig pasture with good management on Certified farm in Carlton. This producer moves the pigs daily to avoid soil disturbance.