



Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program

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The Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) is dedicated to helping Michigan's farmers protect the environment in a manner that is performance based and cost effective. MAEAP brings together training, risk assessment, technical assistance, conservation practice support, engineering, cost-share, and agency verification in an industry lead partnership dedicated to pollution prevention. It is a legislated certainty program with incentives for farmers to become verified under the program.

IMPACT FOR MICHIGAN:

Michigan is surrounded by 20 percent of the world's available freshwater. It is imperative for current and future generations that the most effective water protection strategies are implemented. Michigan's agriculture industry has taken a lead in supporting MAEAP, which is funded primarily by fees on pesticides and agricultural fertilizers.

2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

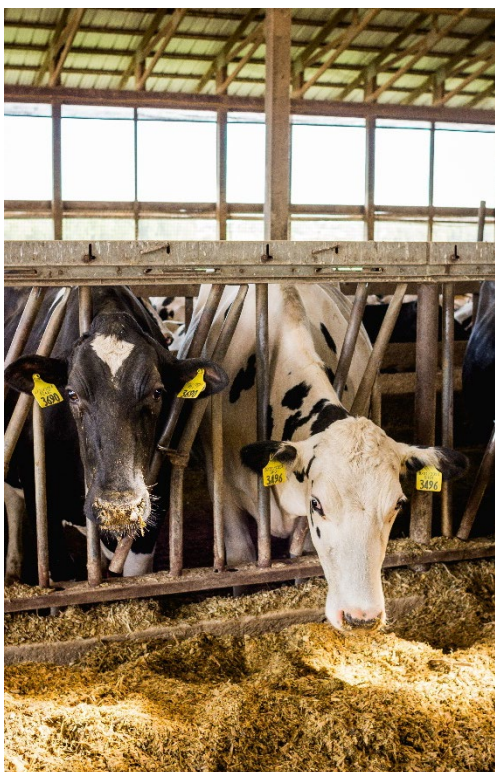
- 392 new verifications in fiscal year 2020
- 5,764 total new verifications for the program
- Additional accomplishments are detailed in subsequent reports:
 - Conservation Technical Assistance Initiative
 - Phosphorous Initiative
 - Clean Sweep
 - Education
 - Recycling
 - Spill Response
 - Water Monitoring
 - Water Use
 - Aquifer Dispute

MEASURING SUCCESS:

Metric	2018	2019	2020
Verifications	511	533	392
Completed risk assessments	1,678	1,852	1,368
Sediment stabilized (tons)	318,337	414,714	334,983
Phosphorus contained (pounds)	547,049	673,535	551,709

2021 PROGRAM GOALS:

- Implement a new database with a go-live date of February 23, 2021.
- Achieve 500 new verifications and 550 updated verifications for fiscal year 2021.
- Achieve 6,300 total verifications by end of calendar year 2021.



KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

- Farmers and agribusiness
- Michigan Farm Bureau
- Commodity groups
- Conservation districts
- Michigan residents

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

- Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, Part 82 (Conservation Practices) and Part 87 (Groundwater and Freshwater Protection), as amended
- Public Acts 1 and 2 of 2011, as amended