



## MAEAP Education for Farmers and Technicians

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The Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) is a nationally recognized proactive environmental assurance program serving Michigan's agricultural industry. Interested farmers enter the program through participation in what is known as a MAEAP Phase 1 training event. These local and statewide events provide farmers with information about participation in MAEAP, as well as associated environmental and risk mitigation topics.

### **IMPACT FOR MICHIGAN:**

Phase 1 events cover environmental practices allowing farmers to qualify for continuing education credits for pesticide use licenses. These events are offered by MAEAP partners, technicians, and online.

### **2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Held 83 Phase 1 events for farmers across the state.
- Hosted 2,488 farmers at Phase 1 events.
- Enrolled 246 farms that signed up at Phase 1 event.
- Hosted four technician specific trainings.

## MEASURING SUCCESS:

Metric	2018	2019	2020
Phase 1 trainings held for farmers	140	155	83
Attendees at Phase 1 events	13,555	6,662	2,488
Farmers/landowners that enrolled in MAEAP	623	533	246
Trainings held for technician	11	6	4

## 2021 PROGRAM GOALS:

- Restructure training coordination and facilitation.
- Increase training opportunities for technicians.



## KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

- Farmers
- MAEAP technicians
- Educational partners

## 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, and Public Acts 1 and 2 of 2011, as amended