



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 on 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.

2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Completed 140 Phase 1 trainings for farmers.
- 13,555 people attended Phase 1 events.
- Enrolled 623 farmers/landowners in MAEAP.
- Held 11 trainings for technicians.

MEASURING SUCCESS:

Metric	2017	2018
Phase 1 trainings held for farmers	137	140
Attendees at Phase 1 events	7,742	13,555
Farmers/landowners that enrolled in MAEAP	709	623
Trainings held for technician	15	11

2019 PROGRAM GOALS:

- Increase Phase 1 training opportunities through partners and online videos to reach a broader audience.
- Create and deploy a new Employee Development Plan template for conservation district technicians to complete, and identify training needs and opportunities.



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