Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP)

Water pollution comes from many sources, and some of it comes from farms. We are here to help and recognize farmers who reduce erosion and runoff from private land into public waters.

You can earn:

Recognition as a top steward in the community

Regulatory assurances

Increased access to cost share and technical assistance

An enduring sense of accomplishment and pride

We promise:

We will keep everything 100% confidential, guaranteed by state law

We will treat you and your farm with respect

We will help you with the paperwork and process

We will help you leave a legacy for your children

MAEAP recognition is:

Achievable. Thousands of farms have already earned this designation

Something to be proud of. Be among the 5% of farms who have earned this designation

Call **517-284-5609** or visit **www.MAEAP.org** to get started

"We are participating in MAEAP because we recognize the benefit to the environment, our community and our farming operation. I encourage more farms to pursue verification in MAEAP."

DOUG DARLING
Darling Farms, Monroe County

"We believe electively opting to participate in MAEAP ... will help farmers keep up with the rapid pace of environmental and sustainability-based industry changes ... The fourth generation is now learning and preparing for their future as we all try to leave our farmstead better than we found it."

BRUCE AND JENNIFER LEWIS
Pleasant View Dairy, Hillsdale County

"A big advantage of the MAEAP program is that it is a proactive approach to work with producers. I want to know that I am doing everything I can to protect the environment, and this assures me that I am doing just that."

ART LISTER
Lister Orchards, Mason County

For a full listing of more than 100 MAEAP partners, visit: **www.MAEAP.org**

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Show The Community You Care

Jeronimo and Maria Mendez
Mendez Farm, Van Buren County

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We can help you get started any time you want. There are four steps:

Learn

Attend a workshop or schedule a private meeting to learn if MAEAP is right for you.

Farm Visit

Invite us to tour your farm. A local technician will come out to visit. We will recommend practical steps you can take to reduce erosion and runoff into public waters.

Implement

Do the work at your own pace. We can help you work toward your goals and guide you to cost share.

Recognition

When the work is done, we will give you a sign to place on your farm and send you a certificate signed by the director of MDARD.

MAEAP is a voluntary program. We recognize and reward top stewards of the land. This is a statewide program delivered by conservation districts, local leaders you know.

MAEAP is open to any Michigan farmer. There are four categories of recognition:

1. Cropping
2. Livestock
3. Farmstead
4. Forest, Wetlands, and Habitat

MAEAP is free and is a good fit for both large and small farms. Everything we learn about your farm is 100% confidential. This is guaranteed by state law.

MAEAP verification is important to us to show the farming public that we as a family business do things that are environmentally friendly...and we also get compliments on our nice sign in front of the farm which is always a plus.

LUKE THORNE
Thorne Farms, Jackson County