This serves as formal application to participate in, and formal declaration of intent to achieve certification by, the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP). Formal application for certification may provide priority attention and consideration for state and federal agency decisions involving technical and financial assistance to obtain certification. Completion of this application by the Applicant constitutes eligibility for any priority status provided in support of the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program.

The data collected during your participation in the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program will only be used in support of the program. You are not required to provide MDA with this data; however, failure to do so will result in your removal from the Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program. Only people with a need to access your data in support of the Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program will have the authority to access your data unless you provide MDA with informed consent to release the data, a court orders the release of the data, or upon request of a legislative auditor to review the data.

Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certified producers must be in compliance with all existing applicable state water protection rules and regulations at the time of Certification. Producers seeking certification must confirm compliance with the following existing requirements:

1. Are you in compliance with Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 7020 – Animal Feedlots and, if applicable, do you have a valid National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/State Disposal System (SDS) permit for your feedlot operation?
   - Yes
   - N/A
2. Are you in compliance with (not cited with any unresolved violations of) the Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act (Minnesota Statutes Section 103G.221-103G.2375)?
   - Yes
   - N/A
3. Do you have a Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (septic system) that is deemed an Imminent Threat to Public Health and/or have been cited in violation of local ordinance thus requiring an immediate upgrade?
   - No
   - N/A
4. Are you in compliance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and Minnesota statutes (18B, 18C, 18D, 103H) regarding pesticide and fertilizer distribution, use, storage, handling and disposal?
   - Yes
   - N/A
5. Are you in compliance with current State rules and statutes pertaining to shoreland and riparian protection?
   - Yes
   - N/A

If you are not in compliance and free of any violations per the above questions, your MAWQCP representative can assist you with information on technical and financial assistance to resolve eligibility.

When you are able to answer each of the above questions, you are eligible for MAWQCP certification. (Note: all MAWQCP-certified parties are subject to audit of compliance with the terms of your MAWQCP certification.)

I understand that at the time of certification I must be in compliance with and free of any unresolved violations of existing applicable state water protection rules and regulations. I understand that I will have access to technical and financial assistance to reach certification.

Applicant Name (Print)  Date

Applicant Signature

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this information is available in alternative forms of communication upon request by calling 651-201-6000. TTY users can call the Minnesota Relay Service at 711. The MDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.