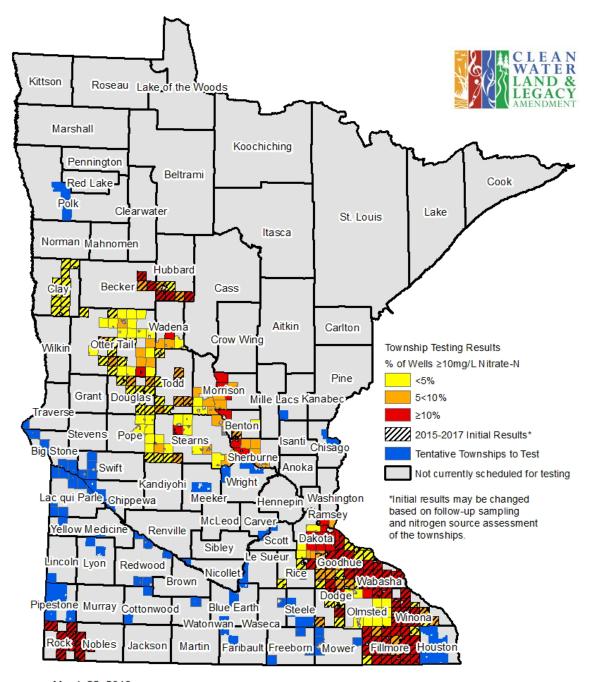


Township Testing Program Nitrate Testing Results for Private Wells as of March 22, 2018

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has designed a Township Testing Program to determine current nitrate-nitrogen conditions in private wells. Townships are selected based on their vulnerability to groundwater contamination and the percentage of row crop agriculture.

The figure presents the current testing results by township. Townships with hash lines present initial (first year) testing results and townships without hash lines are final. Final results include two rounds of sampling and a process to remove faulty wells (i.e. cracked casing) and those near potential non-fertilizer sources of nitrate. Townships noted with initial results may change based on follow-up sampling and well assessments. Detailed sampling results are available at: www.mda.state.mn.us/townshiptesting.



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