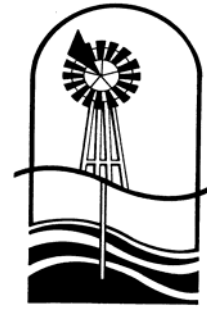


# Ottawa and Kent County Groundwater Stewardship Program



Get your farm environmentally verified with MAEAP...  
**And CASH in on the green!**

That's right. Get the peace of mind of knowing you're doing the right thing on your farm and the added security of assured Right-to-Farm protection... plus for FY 2008, qualify for an incentive payment up to \$1,500 through the Ottawa-Kent Groundwater Stewardship Program. All of this can be yours when you get your farm environmentally verified in either the MAEAP Farmstead System or the MAEAP Cropping System.

Here's how the MAEAP System Verification Incentive works for FY 2008:

- ✓ Get **MAEAP verified in one system** (either Farmstead or Cropping), qualify for **\$1,000** incentive payment.
- ✓ Get a **second MAEAP verified system** (during FY 2008), qualify for an additional **\$500** incentive payment. MAEAP verifications in subsequent years will be subject to that year's incentive payment.



Once you've been verified, simply fill out and return the *Application for MAEAP System Verification Incentive Payment*, enclosed and/or available from your groundwater technician. If you would like to get verified this year or need help getting started and/or finalizing preparations for verification, call your groundwater technician listed below ASAP!

*MAEAP System Verification Incentive funds are available on a first-come-first-served basis without regard to size, income, sex, race, religion, etc. Incentive amounts are subject to change from year to year (as decided by the local Groundwater Stewardship Advisory Team), and awards may vary pending availability of funds in the stewardship allocation budget. Verifications must take place during fiscal year for which incentive payments are sought; namely, between Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and Sept. 31<sup>st</sup> each year.*

MAEAP System Verification is a voluntary process based upon on-farm work with the **Farm\*A\*Syst** (4 RUP) and **Crop\*A\*Syst** (4 RUP). A third system is also available for Livestock Verification separate from this offer, which is based upon developing a comprehensive nutrient management plan (CNMP). If you're unfamiliar with MAEAP – fully known as the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program – contact your groundwater technician to find out more!

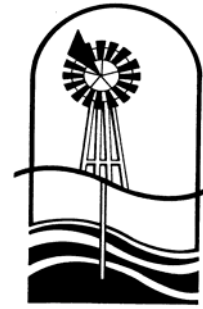
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## Application for MAEAP System Verification Incentive Payment FY 2008

<b>Office Use Only:</b>			
<b>Applicant NAME:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	<b>County:</b>	<b># Acres:</b>	
		<b># Animals:</b>	
<b>Farm Name:</b>		<b>Tax ID # (SS #, Farm #, Employer ID #, etc.)</b>	
<b>Major Farm Products:</b>			
<b>Which system has been verified by MDA's MAEAP verifier? Check all that apply.</b>			
_____ Farmstead System Verification		_____ Cropping System Verification	
<b>Date(s) of MAEAP Verification:</b>			
	<i>Farmstead System</i>		<i>Cropping System</i>
<b>Name of MAEAP Verifier:</b>			
<b>Is this your first or second system verified? (circle one)</b> First System      Second System      Both 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>			
<b>If this is your second verification, when was your first one?</b>			
<i>I hereby certify that my farm has become a MAEAP verified farm in the system(s) marked above and, as such, I am eligible for the System Verification Incentive Payment through the Groundwater Stewardship Program for FY 2008.</i>			
<b>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
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