

CLEAR WATER FARMS COMMITMENT



Water is the basis of the food system. We cannot simultaneously have healthy food, land, and water without making a commitment to farming as a form of environmental stewardship. That's why we are making this commitment. In what follows, we share some facts about our farm, record our stewardship practices and goals, and commit to communicate with others in our watershed and beyond about how we manage our land and water. River Alliance of Wisconsin supports this commitment and our progress as a Clear Water Farm.

FACTS ABOUT OUR FARM

Name:

Location:

Acreage:

Production:

Main market/consumers:

Our farm is in the following watershed:

List of any municipal or drinking water wells that we're close to, or municipal sources we have contracts with:

These are the important natural areas and water areas around us:

We're committed to water stewardship because:

COMMITMENT TO PRACTICES

In this section, we record the main water stewardship activities we use. The point is to record and explain what we do and to list our aspirations for improvement.

We are compliant with all state and federal regulations. YES (minimum requirement)

Practice	Where we are now [date]	Where we want to be by [date]
Nutrient management plan (annual)		
Water stewardship plan (annual)		
No-till planting (or minimal tillage)		
Vegetated buffer areas (type and location)		
Perennial crop acres		
Annual cover crops, percentage and type (on non-perennial acres)		

Managed grazing of livestock (percentage of herd)		
Adaptive nutrient management (managing soil fertility instead of using synthetic inputs)		
On-farm monitoring efforts		
Water use efficiency efforts		
Facility water use reductions/wastewater management		

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNICATE

Communicating with others who have a stake how we use our water is an important element of both understanding our impact and demonstrating our commitment. In this section, we identify these people/groups and how we plan to communicate with them. A “stakeholder” is anyone who affects your water, who is affected by your water use, or who you would want to know about your conservation efforts.

Stakeholder	Where we have done [date]	Where we plan to do by [date]
River Alliance Members		

We affirm our commitment to being stewards of our land and water, to pushing ourselves to be even better at it over time, and to communicating our successes and challenges openly with those who share our water.

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