

**Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program
(MAEAP)
2013 Partner Commitment**

Mission Statement

MAEAP partners commit to actions that positively promote the efforts of Michigan farms of all sizes and all commodities to voluntarily prevent or minimize agricultural pollution risks, to achieve MAEAP verification and to comply with state and federal environmental regulations.

Partner Commitment

_____ is a partner of the MAEAP program and is committed to supporting the mission of the program. We commit to actions that will help to grow MAEAP, support the efforts of the partnership and authorize the use of our logo as a MAEAP partner.

Partnership Commitment

The collective commitments of MAEAP partners form the MAEAP partnership. Partners continue to collaborate through committees and in cooperation with the Environmental Assurance Advisory Council to create promotion, information, communication resources and incentives using Partner contributions and resources. MAEAP partners individually contribute resources that further the MAEAP mission and goals, as they are able. (Please complete side two of this document.)

Signature: _____

Representing: _____

Date: _____

Signature: (Jamie Clover Adams)

Representing: Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development

Date: _____

Please return your signed agreement to the following address. After the Director's signature is added, the agreement will be returned to you.

Send to: Heather Casteel 525 West Allegan Street, PO Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909

Or electronically to CasteelH@michigan.gov.

As a MAEAP Partner, my organization/group continues our support of MAEAP. We will promote the program to area farmers as appropriate by participating in the following throughout 2013.

(Please place a check mark next to the items in which your organization/group will participate):

We will support local MAEAP technicians and Conservation Districts by:

- Providing names of farmers interested in MAEAP verification.
- Inviting the technician to organization/group educational meetings.
- Inviting the technician to the annual meetings.

We will encourage MAEAP verification by:

- Hosting a meeting to educate farmers about MAEAP (with local partners).
- Incorporating MAEAP information into our publications.
- Having our leadership who farms request that a risk assessment be completed on their farm this year.

We will congratulate MAEAP verified farmers by:

Recognizing verified farmers at public events and in publications.
Communicating with local levels of government to recognize MAEAP verified farms.
Sending a letter of congratulations to newly verified farmers.

Other Commitments (please explain):

Partner Signature

Date

Representing