



## Membership Criteria

*Goal: To recognize producers who have exhibited continuous conservation improvement on their land to preserve and protect soil and water quality.*

Required Practices (if they apply)	Check those that apply
Meeting "T" – tolerable soil loss levels on all fields over all crop rotations - as calculated by NRCS RUSLE2	
Livestock access to streams, ponds and lakes, is managed by NRCS standards	
No over-application of nutrients; nutrients are applied according to University of Wisconsin recommendations (A2809).	
Have and follow a 590 compliant nutrient management plan - annually updated with actual nutrient applications, yields and crop rotations	
Regular soil sampling (sampled within last 4 years at 1 sample/5 acres)	
In the winter, have a manure spreading plan that meets DATCP requirements as defined by the 2015 590 NM Standard	
Barnyards are properly managed with no direct discharges to ground or surface water	
Voluntary Conservation Practices	Must check at least 3
Grassed waterways are installed/maintained where needed	
Cover crops are planted after harvest to cover bare soil	
No-till farming is practiced	
Crop residues remain on fields after harvest	
Grass or woody buffer areas intercept field runoff prior to entering streams, ditches, lakes, etc.	
Fields are managed with few signs of erosion or soil being carried to field edges or water bodies	
Know where tile drainage exists on your farm and where it outflows, if applicable	
Total Boxes Checked	

**Certified by** \_\_\_\_\_ **date** \_\_\_\_\_