

Subject Establishing the agricultural water quality credit

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Overview

This bill establishes a new \$5 per acre property tax credit for agricultural property that is (1) certified under the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program, and (2) located in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha, or Winona County. Funding for the credit would come from the clean water fund.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Agricultural Water Quality Credit.
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Creates a new state paid property tax credit for agricultural property that is (1) certified under the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program, and (2) located in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha, or Winona County. The credit would be equal to \$5 per certified acre. The commissioner of agriculture would notify each county of the location of certified acres. The credit would be paid by appropriations from the clean water fund.

The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program is a voluntary program that provides participating landowners technical assistance related to practices that promote water quality. Landowners are deemed to be in compliance with any new water quality rules or laws while certified. Certification lasts up to ten years.

This section is effective beginning with property taxes payable in 2026.

2	Payment; school districts.
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Requires the Department of Revenue to certify the agricultural water quality credit amounts to the Department of Education.

The section is effective beginning in fiscal year 2027.

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3	<p>Computation of net property taxes.</p> <p>Adds the agricultural water quality credit to the computation of net property taxes.</p> <p>This section is effective beginning with property taxes payable in 2026.</p>
4	<p>Notice of proposed property taxes.</p> <p>Adds the agricultural water quality credit to the proposed property tax statement (TNT statement) that is sent out in the fall.</p> <p>This section is effective beginning with property taxes payable in 2026.</p>
5	<p>Contents of the tax statement.</p> <p>Adds the agricultural water quality credit to the property tax statement.</p> <p>This section is effective beginning with property taxes payable in 2026.</p>



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