

Engaging Agriculture in Environmental Problem-Solving



Definitions

- **Agriculture**
 - **80,000 Minnesota farmers**
- **Environmental Problem Solving**
 - **Addressing impaired waters through the TMDL process**



BMPs for Engaging Agriculture

- Learn the language
 - Clear expectations
 - Be specific
 - Practice precision
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- Recognize limitations
 - Reasonable assurance
 - Practice adaptive management



BMPs for Engaging Agriculture

- **Get out on some farms**
- **Find out just how engaged the ag community is**
- **Scale is important- Think Global and Local**
- **Recognize the complexity & diversity of the industry**



Bridge Building 101

- **Listen**
- **Learn**
- **Respect differences**



- **We are all in this together!**
- **Potential BMPs for *conversation*?**