**THE PROGRAM**:

The Field Stewards program rewards farmers for protecting water quality, helps food companies address water quality challenges in their supply chains and provides consumers the opportunity to support cleaner water with their purchases. The program rewards farmers for reaching and maintaining a high level of water quality protection on their farms. The producer works with a Field Stewards Certified Field Representative to review farm practices and meet program requirements. Only those farmers who meet and exceed the standards that protect the land and water are eligible for participation in the Field Stewards program. Maintaining the water quality protective practices necessary to meet the certification threshold on a farm requires dedication to a high level of environmental performance.

Once you have received a Request for Maintenance, you should begin to work with your Certified Field Representative to bring your farm back to the high level of environmental performance that earned your status as a certified Field Steward participant. You have 90 days to complete this process. If the Request for Maintenance has not been addressed after that time, you will no longer be eligible to receive payments under a Field Stewards contract. Thank you for making the efforts needed to meet these requirements.

The Field Stewards Administrator makes all final determinations regarding program eligibility, compliance, and complaint and appeal processes.

**YOUR PRIVACY**:

Field Stewards takes your privacy seriously. Each producer must give permission for the Field Representative to share personal and operation information with the Field Stewards Aggregator’s Office and a Third Party Verifier. Each producer must also give permission to share some information with the Program Administration, as needed to administer the program. The Program Administration will be given information about requests for maintenance submitted. Other parties will only have access to information about the Field Stewards program in general, such as overall policies and program information that does not have individual producers identified. An example of such public information would be total number of acres under contract in the program and about how often those acres are audited by Third Party Verifiers.

**THE PROCESS**:

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