

My name is Joe Otto, and I'm the new Farm Bill Technician at the Big Stone Soil and Water Conservation District. I graduated from Bemidji State University in May 2017 with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies. I spent a summer with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture in the office in Staples, MN. I grew up on a dairy farm in Lester Prairie, MN and get back home to help as often as possible. I'll be working on various programs here in Big Stone County, including the Conservation Reserve Program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Working Lands Initiative, Re-invest in Minnesota, Native Prairie Bank and the Buffer Bill. I will also be partnering with Pheasants Forever, USF&W, DNR, NRCS, FSA, Nature Conservancy, and Ducks Unlimited.

I look forward to meeting people of the community and working with landowners to achieve their conservation goals.