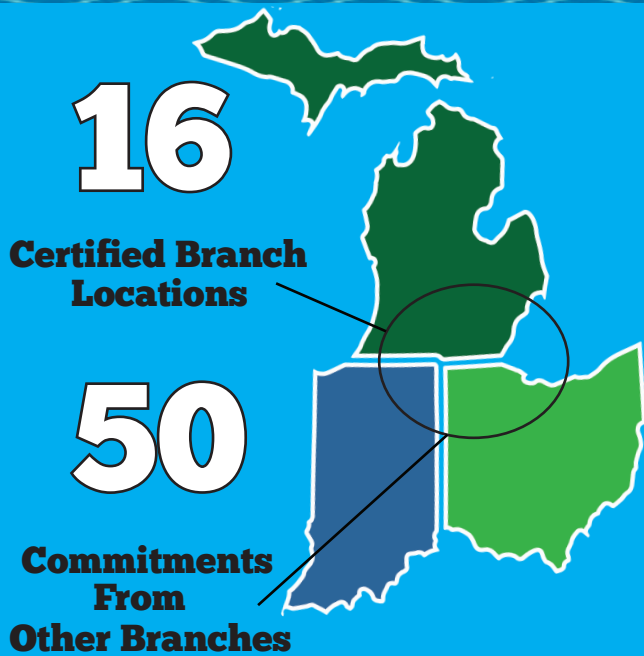


# 4R NUTRIENT STEWARDSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Western Lake Erie Basin - Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana



**Acres serviced or applied in WLEB** 636,000

**Acres outside WLEB serviced or applied** 477,000

**Total** 1,113,000

**Number of Clients Serviced in WLEB** 1,580

**Clients Serviced Outside WLEB** 1,460

**Total** 3,040



**Voluntary Program for Agricultural Retailers & Service Providers Implementing the 4Rs**



**RIGHT SOURCE**

**RIGHT RATE**

**RIGHT TIME**

**RIGHT PLACE**

**GOAL**

**To maintain agricultural productivity while improving the quality of Lake Erie and its contributing watersheds**

## CERTIFICATION PROGRAM GOALS

- Maximize crop nutrient uptake and minimize losses
- Positively impact local water bodies
- Provide up-to-date information on nutrient stewardship
- Help the agricultural sector adapt to new research and technology

## TRAINING & EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- Retail and service provider staff undergo training and demonstrate knowledge of the 4Rs
- Professionals maintain current certification in good standing
- 4R update training completed every two years
- Provide 4R educational opportunities for growers

## MONITORING 4R IMPLEMENTATION

- 3rd party audit of retailer and service provider 4R actions occur every three years
- Audits review training and education, recommendations to growers, and application records



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