

Freeborn County SWCD Board of Supervisors select Bruce and Beth Andersland as Outstanding Conservation Farmers for 2010. . . .

Each year our SWCD honors a local farming operation that we feel has done an extraordinary job of preserving and protecting their soil and water resources. This year's winners are Bruce and Beth Andersland of Emmons, MN.

They operate a 1600 acre cash/grain farm growing primarily corn and soybeans in a 50-50 rotation. They also have a Purebred Simmental Beef Cow Herd. They purchased their home farm in 1978 and started farming on that land which had been in Bruce's family since 1923.

This past spring they installed 7 – water & sediment control basins under an EQIP Contract (photo#2). They've also installed waterways, grade stabilization structures, windbreaks and have improved wetland habitat areas. They no-till all their soybean acreage and try to minimize tillage on bean stubble before corn planting. They're well aware of the benefits of conservation and strive to control erosion and improve the productivity of the farms they operate.



Bruce & Beth in front of their home in Emmons, MN



"Scenic pond creation provides multiple benefits"



"One of their windbreaks, tree care & maintenance has produced a beautiful planting"