

Freeborn County SWCD Board of Supervisors select Steve & Cindy Halvorsen as Outstanding Conservationists for 2012. . .

Each year our SWCD honors a local conservationist that we feel has done an extraordinary job of preserving and protecting their soil and water resources. This year's winners are Steve & Cindy Halvorsen of Emmons, MN.

They operate a 900 acre cash/grain farm growing corn and soybeans in a 50-50 rotation with their son Randy. Steve started farming in 1973 and a portion of the farm has been in the family since 1934.

Steve and Randy are shown here (middle right) with one of the recently installed water and sediment control basins. Steve realizes the benefits of decreased erosion and crop damage with the basins and is making plans to install more. He has two CRP farmable wetland contracts and 9 acres of CRP filterstrips. The Halvorsens no-till 75% of their beans in the spring and limit fall tillage on bean stubble to decrease wind and water erosion to save the soil for the next generation.



Steve & Cindy in front of their home in Emmons, MN



"Benefits of decreased erosion"



"no-till beans"