

Freeborn SWCD Board of Supervisors select Joel Stensrud as Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 2008



Joel & Linda Stensrud of Freeborn, Minnesota are pictured here with their son Chad and daughter Jessica. They operate a 1200 acre cash/grain farm in partnership with Joel's brother Dale, growing corn & soybeans. They also do custom anhydrous application and drain tile installation. Joel is a County Ditch Viewer and does some carpentry work in the winter months, when time allows.

The Stensruds have an EQIP Contract that includes No-Till/Strip Till, Nutrient Management, Pest Management, a Water & Sediment Basin and Upland Wildlife Habitat Management. They've installed other Basins with state cost share funds, have Filter Strips along open ditches and a Farmstead Windbreak. Their operation is productive, using the latest farming technology and equipment, yet very conservation friendly.

