

## RUNCK'S DAIRY FARM

The Reinvest in Minnesota Program (RIM) represents new legislation for the State but the concept is not new to the three Runck families that constitute the Runck's Dairy Farm of North Star Township near Springfield, Mn.

Lowell Runck and sons, Bruce and Philip are dedicated conservation farmers and during the past six years have an excellent record of conservation accomplishments. For these efforts the Runcks were selected by the Brown Soil and Water Conservation District as the 1985 Brown County Outstanding Conservation Farmers.

The 20 acre parcel enrolled in the RIM Reserve Program will be an extension of already existing conservation practices. The 50 acre meadow along Coal Mine Creek is a haven for deer. Hungarian partridge, pheasants, and many varieties of songbirds thrive in the thick cover of the sod waterways, grassed backslope terraces, hedgerows along field boundaries, farmstead windbreaks and the 58 acres of alfalfa on the farm. These conservation practices are the result of a conservation plan designed by the Runcks and SCS District Conservationist, Lester Schmidt.

Lowell and Diane Runck have three children. In addition to sons, Bruce and Philip, they have a daughter Susan, Mrs. Jim Anderson also of rural Springfield.

The three Runck families have worked out a rotation system to handle the milking of their dairy herd. Through this arrangement, Lowell, Bruce and Philip all find time to pursue their favorites pastimes which include hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and camping. Lowell has served many years as a director of the Springfield Creamery Board, Philip plays softball and basketball on the Springfield men's leagues and Bruce is a member of Ducks Unlimited.

The Runck's family farm operation is an excellent example of "Reinvesting in Minnesota."