

Dave & Linda Larson Receive Recognition for Land Stewardship



David and Linda Larson have taken measures over the years to protect the soil and water resources of their third generation rural Hanska farm. The Larsons have been selected as the 1996 Brown County Outstanding Conservation Cooperators by the Brown Soil & Water Conservation District.

The conservation process began in the early 1980's when new farmstead windbreaks were planted on each of the two farm sites they own. In 1982, 3300 ft. of field windbreaks were planted. They enrolled 19 acres in the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), in 1988. Those acres, seeded to switchgrass, benefit pheasants and other wildlife. The Larsons have also enrolled 10 acres into the permanent Reinvest in Minnesota Program. The land is located around Lake Hanska and is in native grass and wild flowers.

David and Linda farm and additional 500 acres of land with crops including: corn, soybeans, wheat, peas and sweet corn as well as operating a cattle and hog finishing operation. Linda has also been employed at Advertising Unlimited for six years. The family includes two sons, Scott and Chris.

An award banquet to recognize the Larsons and other State honorees is scheduled in conjunction with the Minnesota Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting to be held at the Radisson Hotel, Blooming, in early December.