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Stuebers named 1998 SWCD Conservation Cooperators

Russ and Lois Stueber, rural New Ulm, have been selected by the Brown Soil and Water Conservation District as the 1998 Brown County Conservation Cooperators. The Stuebers are being recognized for the land stewardship exhibited on the 220 acre farm located in Milford Township where they began farming in 1977.

The first conservation contact with the Stuebers was in the mid 1980s, when they installed a farmstead windbreak. In 1992 they enrolled 21.0 acres into the RIM (Reinvest in Minnesota) Permanent Wetland Preserve Program. In 1993 an additional 31.8 acres was enrolled into RIM under a permanent easement. This project included a wetland restoration creating a 13.4 acre pool and 18.4 acres of adjoining grass

area for upland wildlife. An avid wildlife supporter, Russ has raised pheasants for the past 10 years.

Russ operates a farrow to finish hog operation while renting out the cropland. He is also employed part time at New Ulm Telecom. Lois is employed full time at Kraft in New Ulm. The Stuebers follow the activities of their children, Mitch, 16, Scott, 15, and Stacy, 12, who are active in baseball, basketball, softball and hockey. Russ coaches basketball and softball, is a firearm's safety instructor and enjoys hunting and fishing.

The Stuebers will be recognized at the Minnesota Association of Conservation Districts annual convention scheduled for early December in Bloomington.