

WILLIAM & LUCY GLUTH SELECTED AS OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION COOPERATORS



Bill and Lucy Gluth, an Eden Township farm couple, have been selected by the Brown Soil and Water Conservation District as the **1999 Outstanding Conservation Cooperators**.

Bill started farming with his father in 1965 and took over the operation in 1979. Crops raised on the 620 acre farm include corn, soybeans, and canning crops. The

Gluths' first conservation project installed with the cooperation of the Soil and Water Conservation District was a farmstead windbreak installed in 1984. This was followed by 775 ft. of terraces in 1992, 550 ft. of terraces in 1994 and another 525 ft. in 1996. Bill and Lucy were recognized as River Friendly Farmers in 1998. Other conservation management methods practiced by the Gluths include chisel plowing and every four years doing a grid sample to ensure proper fertilizer application.

The Gluth family has always been busy outside their farm duties. They are members of the Methodist Church in Morgan. The three children, Becky Haack, Brenda, and Brian were active in 4-H and Lucy has been a 4-H leader for many years. She also serves on the Brown County Fair board. In the past, the couple hosted a foreign exchange student from Germany. Bill presently serves as Eden Township Clerk and works part time for the Farm Service Agency as a field reporter.

The couple was recognized at the State level by the "Farmer Magazine" and the Minnesota Association of Conservation Districts at the MASWCD Convention held December 5th - 7th in Duluth.