

# Brown SWCD 2012 Outstanding Conservationist - Leon Trembl

The Brown Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) has named Leon Trembl of rural Sleepy Eye as its 2012 Outstanding Conservationist.

Leon retired after 25 years of service in the Army Reserve and is a veteran of the Gulf War Operation Desert Storm. He currently works for BIC in Sleepy Eye and operates a grain farm raising corn and soybeans.

Over the years, he has installed an 800 foot grass waterway, a one acre Black Walnut planting, and a field border containing 123 Plum and 125 Highbush Cranberry plants for wildlife food. He also has 7 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts totaling 53.1 acres. This provides excellent cover for many songbirds, pheasants, turkeys, and other wildlife.

Leon and his wife, Susan, have 4 children: Tanya, Dustin, Samantha, and Lee. In his spare time Leon enjoys hunting pheasants, tending to his fruit and vegetable garden, and is a member of St. Mary's Church in Sleepy Eye.

Along with other Outstanding Conservationists from across the entire state, Leon will be recognized at the Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) Annual State Convention in Bloomington this December.

