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Lux named Brown conservation farmer

LeRoy Lux, rural Sleepy Eye farmer has been selected as Brown County's outstanding conservation farmer of the year for 1978. LeRoy and his wife, Ellen, own 365 acres north of Sleepy Eye in Home and Eden townships.

Lux became a Brown Soil and Water Conservation District cooperator in February of 1967 when he and two neighbors decided to collectively develop a group tile plan for their farms. Mr. Lux also cooperated on

another large group job with four neighbors which consisted of a gully structure, sod waterway and large tile main.

Most of the soil conservation accomplishments by Lux have been installed during the past four years with 8,300 feet of terraces, 40 acres of contour farming and three sod waterways leading the way.

In addition to this amount, during the past 10 years, LeRoy has installed over 18,000 feet of tile, 340 acres of crop rotations,

12 acres crop residue management and 16 acres of woodland and wildlife management.

His plans call for installing 10 acres of contour strip cropping, 3 gully control structures and one sod waterway during the next year on 80 acres located in Golden Gate which was purchased from Ellen's uncle William Dey.

Mrs. Lux is a native of Golden Gate, has lived in the area all her life and with the purchase of the eighty, has kept the land in her family for 100 years. LeRoy and Ellen have six children: Nick, Margie (Mrs. Jerry Weiss), Luella (Mrs. Jim Ries, Mankato) Clifford, Mary Ellen (Mrs. Douglas Hertling) and Kenneth (living at home).



Ellen and LeRoy Lux examine a quilt made for one of their grandchildren