

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS continued

Johnsons Honored

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Joan Volker

Dennis and Kathy Johnson, Farwell, were chosen Douglas County Conservation Farmers for fiscal year 1985 by the District Board. The Johnson's cash crop farm is located in Moe Township.

Dennis and Kathy were chosen for this honor because of their strong commitment to the preservation of the land. This commitment led them to invest in their own no-till drill several years ago and are now using 100% no-till in their farming operation.



Dennis and Kathy Johnson at home on their outstanding conservation farm.

Soil conservation efforts began quite some years back on the Johnson farm.

Dennis took over the family farm from his father, Harold.

Harold was one of the organizers of Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District.

Conservation practices installed by Dennis and Kathy include: terracing, sediment control structures, 100% no-till farming, farmstead shelterbelt, reforestation and woodland management.

The Johnson's were to have been guests of Douglas SWCD at the 49th Annual Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Convention in December but because of inclement weather were unable to attend.

Douglas SWCD presented Dennis and Kathy with a personalized District Cooperator sign. THE FARMER MAGAZINE presented them with a Certificate of Merit for their conservation efforts.

Cropland Reserve Program

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Larry Carlson

One provision of the 1985 Federal Farm Bill is the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). This program is designed to take highly erodible cropland out of production. From the time that CRP was introduced it was looked upon quite favorably by both soil