

LEDERMANN'S SELECTED CONSERVATION FARMERS
BY JOAN VOLKER

Jerome and Betty Ledermann, rural Brandon, were chosen Douglas County Conservation farmers for fiscal year 1986 by the District Board. The Ledermann's cash cropping operation is located in Brandon and Ida Townships.

Jerome and Betty were chosen for this honor for their good, active conservation plan applied to land and water. Ledermann's began using ridge till on a majority of their acreage four years ago and have been very impressed and satisfied with the system. In addition to ridge till Ledermann's have applied the following conservation measures to their land: no-till, terraces, farmstead shelterbelt, ag waste management system and water bank program acreage.

The Ledermann's were guests of Douglas SWCD at the 50th Annual Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Convention in December at St. Paul. Douglas SWCD presented them with a personalized District Cooperator Sign and THE FARMER MAGAZINE presented them with a Certificate of Merit for their conservation efforts.

Jerome was elected in November 1986 to fill a vacancy on the Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District Board. He began his duties in January 1987 by attending a two day orientation session to familiarize him with the policies and procedures.

CARLSON RETIRES
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After 16 years of dedicated service to the Douglas SWCD Board Larry Carlson retired effective December 31, 1986. Carlson was an active member of the Board taking a special interest in the no-till program, the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) program, tree planting program and wildlife projects such as the Lake Ina project near Melby.

The Douglas SWCD Board presented Carlson with a framed RIM poster in appreciation for his contributions in the soil and water conservation field.

Jerome Ledermann, rural Brandon, was elected to fill the vacancy created by Carlson.

The townships covered in Carlsons' and Ledermanns' nominating district include: Millerville, Brandon, Moe and Holmes City.