

The following illustrates the crop acres planted this year and the total acres planted since the program was initiated:

Alfalfa	537 acres	Small Grain	73 acres
CRP	519.6 acres	Food Plots	9 acres
Soybeans	172 acres	Sorghum/Sedan	27 acres
Grass Mix	72 acres	Peas/oats/Alfalfa	30 acres
1982	139 acres	1987	6145 acres
1983	752 acres	1988	2370 acres
1984	1255 acres	1989	3087 acres
1985	2058 acres	1990	3512 acres
1986	1576 acres	1991	1440 acres

Rex Weinmaster is in charge of the maintenance and delivery of the drills to the cooperators. He works with these cooperators to assure proper seed depth and density. Rex does an outstanding job.

CONSERVATION FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 1991

By Craig Haseman, Member, Board of Supervisors

The 1991 Conservation Cooperator of the Year Award for Douglas County went to Carlton and Twyla Johnson of rural Evansville, MN. This award is presented each year to recognize outstanding participation and leadership in implementing conservation practices which ensure the preservation and productivity of our land within the Douglas County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Johnson's reside south of Evansville on an 800 acre beef farm. Conservation practices incorporated into their farming operation include: 4,400 feet of terracing, four sediment retention structures, 3.3 acres of trees and berry producing shrubs for wildlife cover, 1.6 acres of trees planted for farmstead shelterbelts, and food plots for the wildlife to help in their survival through our long winters.

Carlton notes that "stewardship of the land" is his reason for being a conservation farmer. Carlton was a founding member of the Douglas SWCD which began in 1957 and presently includes 20 townships. The Johnson's have shown a long term commitment to the stewardship which benefits all of us.

The Johnson's were presented their award by "The Farmer" magazine at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Convention in Duluth, MN, along with other conservation award winners throughout the state. Twyla and their grandson, Darrin Quinn, who is quite interested in farming and actively involved in the Johnson operation, attended the awards banquet. Carlton was unable to attend due to a recent knee surgery and is presently doing very well. Congratulations Carlton and Twyla!